Milltown Dam Project Bids and Funding Update

The Milltown Dam bids have come back and are substantially higher than any original or revised estimates. This is likely due to a multitude of reasons, including but not limited to, our current inflationary environment and supply chain issues since the original inception of the project circa 2015/2016. Army Corp of Engineers, DEP, and permitting issues have all contributed to a severe delay from the original timeline.

The lowest bid just received in 2023 for a full Milltown Dam Rehabilitation per the existing plan is \$5,496,000, including no contingency. That is a 41% increase versus 2022. It is 133% higher than the 2018 estimate.

Roughly \$550K has been spent on the project since 2018, primarily on engineering. Not included in any of these estimates are the cost of pedestrian bridges, asphalt, and additional engineering charges.

Bids were submitted with 2 separate options and pricing. Option One is just the dam work and grass seeding. Option Two is the complete passive park rehabilitation plan. Below I present these options with all costs included from both the lowest and highest bidder.

Low Bidder	Description	Amount to Pay		High Bidder Description		Amount to Pay	
(Flyway Excavating, Inc.)	Engineering	\$	364,111	(Ecotone, Inc.)	Engineering	\$	364,111
	Bridges & Asphalt	\$	329,804		Bridges & Asphalt	\$	329,804
Option 2	Construction B	\$	5,496,100	Option 2	Construction B	\$	9,142,156
	Contingency (15%)	\$	873,886		Contingency (15%)	\$	1,420,794
	Subtotal Cost Remaining	\$	7,063,900		Subtotal Cost Remaining	\$	11,256,864
	Total 2017 Bond Remaining	\$	1,926,830		Total 2017 Bond Remaining	\$	1,926,830
	Grants Awarded	\$	915,000		Grants Awarded	\$	915,000
	Total Need	\$	4,222,070		Total Need	\$	8,415,034

	Description	An	Amount to Pay		
	Engineering	\$	364,111		
Option 1	Construction A	\$	993,100		
	Contingency (15%)	\$	148,965		
	Subtotal Cost Remaining	\$	1,506,176		
	Total 2017 Bond Remaining	\$	1,926,830		
	Total Need	\$	(420,655)		

	Description		Amount to Pay			
	Engineering	\$	364,111			
Option 1	Construction A		2,505,767			
	Contingency (15%)	\$	375,865			
	Subtotal Cost Remaining	\$	3,245,743			
	Total 2017 Bond Remaining	\$	1,926,830			
	Total Need	\$	1,318,913			