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Iowa Whitewater Coalition Receives Non-Profit Status

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Iowa Whitewater Coalition has received tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service, kicking off a new phase in efforts to raise funds for a proposed whitewater course in downtown Des Moines, for dam safety education statewide, and for other river restoration and protection efforts in Iowa.

The whitewater run is on the Master Plan for the Principal Riverwalk. It will be located on the west side of the river built with a portage trail, offering two alternative routes around dangerous Center Street Dam. Iowa Whitewater Coalition also advocates makes both Center Street and Scott Street dams safer by modifying the dams themselves

Iowa Whitewater Coalition in September assisted the Polk County Conservation Board in applying for a \$25,000 grant to create a water trail on the Des Moines River. The \$31,000 project brings together partners that hold land along the river, including the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department, City of Pleasant Hill, Polk County, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The anticipated grant will include funds for safety signs and cabling at Scott Street Dam, as well as for public education about low-head dam safety.

IWC members are working with the Des Moines Water Works to create a safer alternative to a proposed dam on the Raccoon River, and with officials in the Waterloo area in similar efforts there.

Members of the public can learn more about IWC efforts, as well as make donations or purchase Iowa's Rivers Cookbooks at www.IowaWhitewater.org.

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