In our view

Cleanup details should be open

A new, $23 million project to clean up coal ash ponds and remove other contaminants at the Fox River's Green Bay, Wisconsin, dam will begin soon.

Details of the project have been public for almost 18 months, but the actual cleanup is only beginning.

The Fox River is a treasured resource for all of Wisconsin. It's an important source of water for drinking, recreation and agriculture. It's also home to a variety of fish and wildlife.

But the Fox River has been contaminated by decades of industrial activity. The cleanup is critical to protecting the river's health and restoring it to its natural state.

The project is expected to take five years and cost $23 million. It will involve removing coal ash from ponds and excavating contaminated soil.

The public has a right to know how this project is being carried out and what steps are being taken to protect the environment.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources should provide regular updates on the project's progress and any potential impacts on the river.

We're pleased that the state is taking steps to clean up the Fox River. But we urge the DNR to be transparent and accountable in its efforts to protect this vital resource.

There's more to Green Bay than paper and cheese

A couple months ago, the Green Bay Press-Gazette published stories about the city's economic development efforts. These stories highlighted how the city is working to attract new businesses and residents.

Green Bay has a long history of innovation and entrepreneurship. From the Bay View Brewery to the nature-based businesses on the east side, the city is home to many unique and exciting enterprises.

But Green Bay is much more than its paper and cheese industries. The city is also a hub for education and culture. It's home to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts.

We're proud of Green Bay's diverse and thriving community. And we're excited to see the city continue to grow and prosper in the coming years.