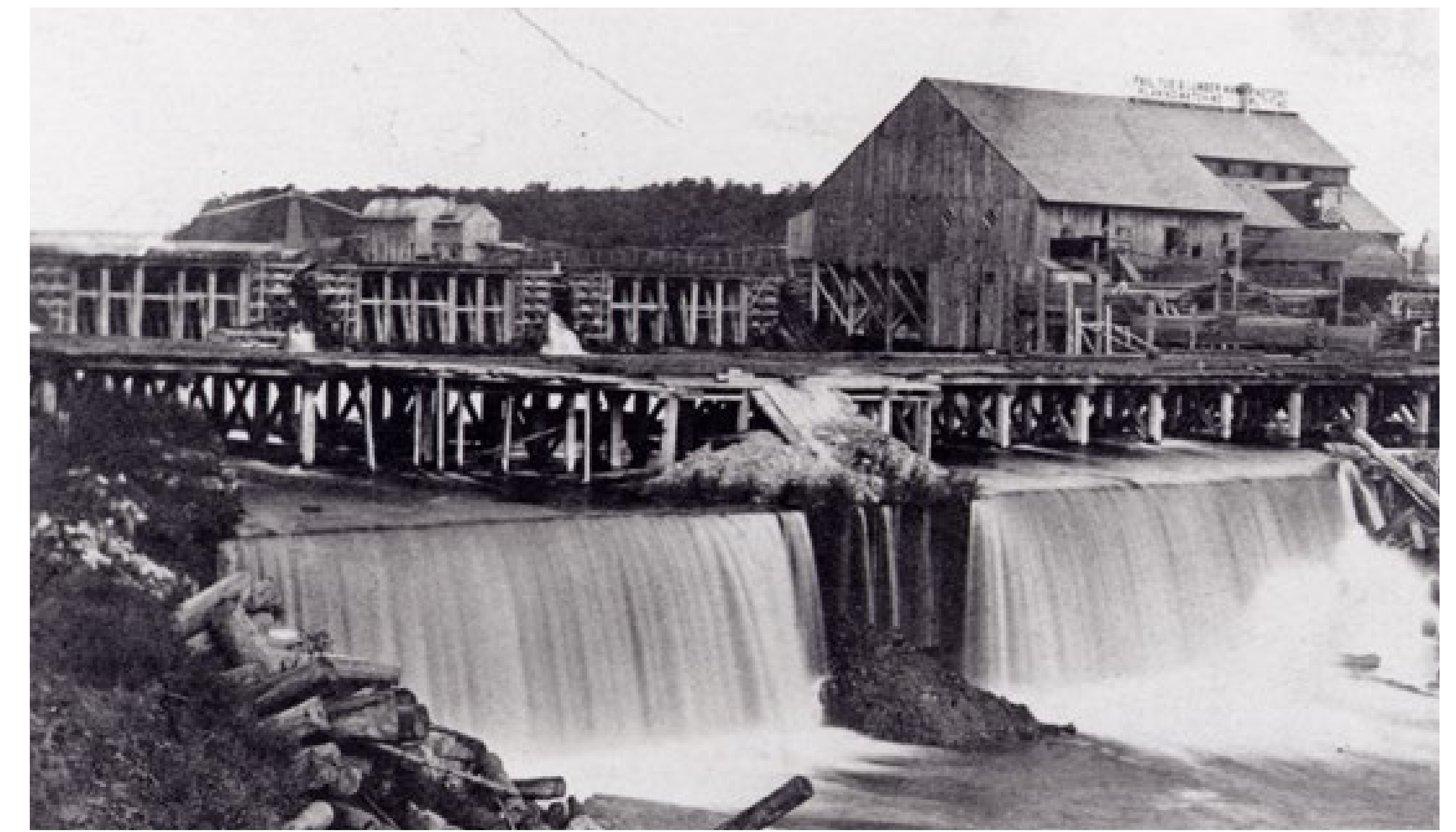


A Powerful Place

Wakan, “powerful”: The spiritual and physical power of the Owamni has always existed and continues through time

Timeless Spirit of Owamni

A disruption: Industrialization of the Falls
(late 19th c - late 20th c)



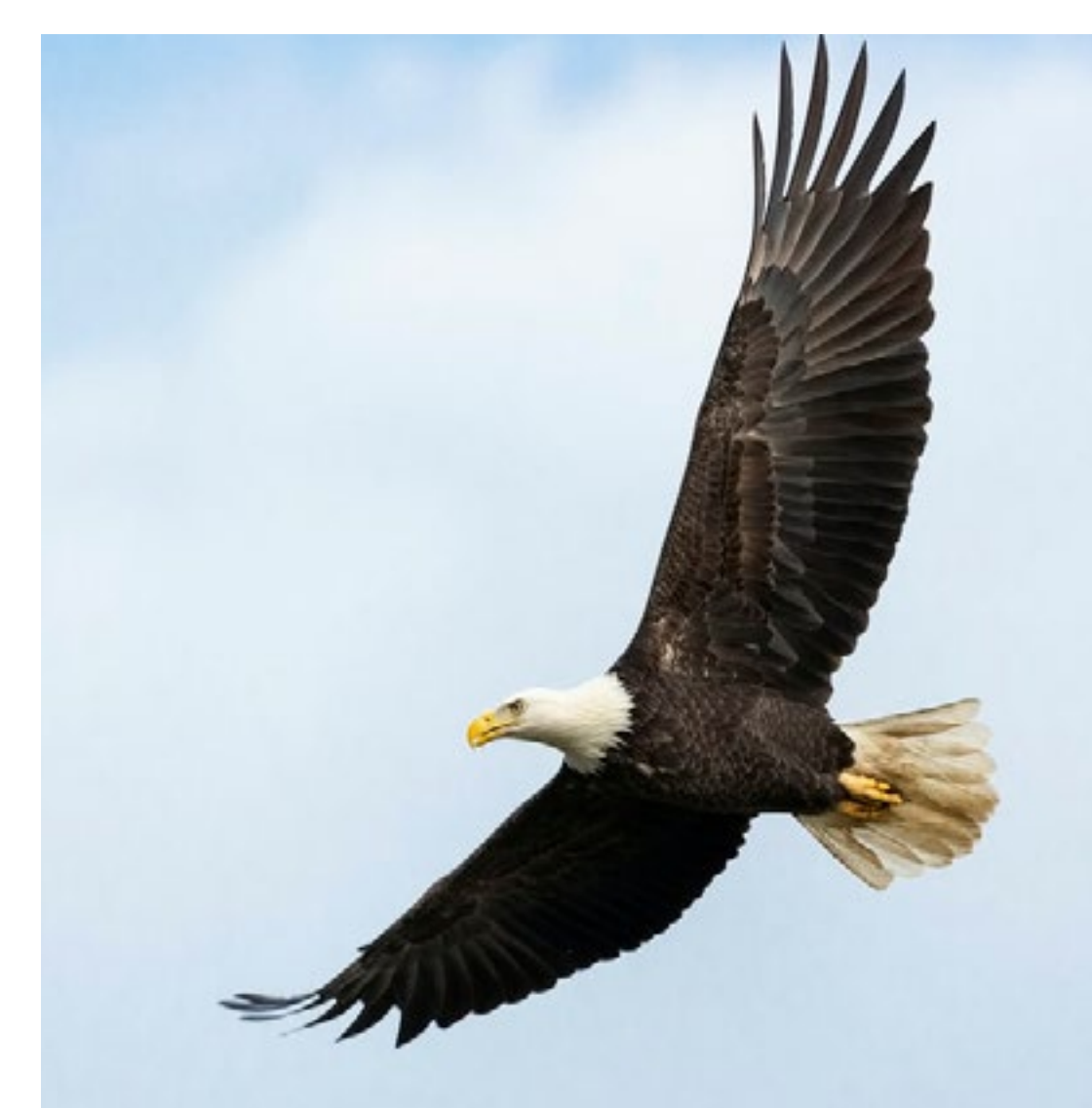
A disruption: hydrologic power of the Falls attracts colonial and industrial extraction which leads to the collapsing and engineering of the Falls. (Image credit: Minnesota Historical Society)



Wita Wanagi (Spirit Island) is a spiritual place where Dakota women gave birth to generations of children. The island was demolished by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers in 1960 to dredge the site for boat passage.

What is the Power of the Falls for the Next Generation? What We've Heard:

- A place to honor the power of Mitakuye Owasin, “all my relations”
- Demonstrate the Rights of Water
- Presence/experience of Dakota culture in this place
- Healing and medicine
- Community strengthened through engagement
- Education for visitors
- A place to continue a conversation and learning together
- A place to learn about Power
- A process and model to share with others
- National and international awareness
- To hear, see, and feel the the power of the Falls



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