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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES AMBITIOUS RIVERFRONT RENEWAL

Historic warehouses to become public spaces by 2028

After months of deliberation, the Northbridge City Council unanimously approved a long-anticipated riverfront renewal plan late Monday evening. The proposal outlines the transformation of the industrial east bank into pedestrian promenades, cultural venues, and mixed-use developments, aiming to create a vibrant space that blends history, community, and innovation.

Councilwoman Margaret Linton, a longtime advocate for urban revitalization, described the project as "a chance to honor our past while shaping a future that belongs to everyone." She emphasized that public input played a crucial role, with hundreds of residents participating in workshops and surveys over the past year.

According to planning officials, the project aims to balance preservation with progress. Brick façades will remain, maintaining the area's historic character, while interiors are designed to be flexible—cafés and artisanal shops today.





MEASURED OPTIMISM LOCALLY

Steady growth, cautious optimism, and a focus on resilience

Despite global uncertainty, Northbridge businesses report steady growth and cautious optimism. While many cities face volatility in international markets, Northbridge appears to be navigating challenges with measured confidence, leaning on its diverse local economy.

Analysts note a significant uptick in investment in local manufacturing, artisanal production, and creative industries. "What we're seeing is a community that values resilience over rapid expansion," said economist Dr. Clara Hensley of the Northbridge Economic Institute.

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