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## **Building demolition for downtown Onalaska project moving forward**

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ONALASKA, Wis. -- The largest in a series of buildings being demolished to make way for Onalaska's Great River Landing project may come down as early as next week.

Crews have demolished several homes and the Peter Pan Cleaners building on Highway 35 near Main Street, and will soon begin work on the former Woolen Mills building.

City officials say demolition could begin next week on the Woolen Mills building, but the demolition may be pushed back to early May, depending on weather and the contractor's schedule.

The Great River Landing project includes a new tourism and cultural center that will house a Native American archeological museum.

The city is also creating a new waterfront development along the Great River Bike Trail that will improve access to outdoor activities.

The final element of this phase is reconstruction of the downtown stretch of Highway 35.

Construction on Highway 35 and the tourism and cultural center both start in the summer of 2012. The entire Great River Landing is expected to be completed by 2016.