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SUBJECT: 8-80 Vitality Fund: River Balcony

Project Description

The *Great River Passage Master Plan*, adopted by the City Council in April 2013 as an addendum to the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan, calls for the creation of a River Balcony along the downtown river bluff (green/yellow line on image below). The River Balcony is envisioned as a publicly-accessible pathway connecting public spaces and bluff-side redevelopment sites from the Science Museum to Union Depot. It will be designed to accommodate walking, outdoor seating, gathering and related public activities; and to be a catalyst for economic development – all goals of the City's 8-80 Initiative.



Project Goals

The River Balcony will:

- reconnect downtown to the river visually and physically;

Attachment 4

2016	Construction of Phase 1 through the Custom House
2016	Detailed design for segment along Ramsey County West/Adult Detention Center site
2016-2017	Upgrades to existing portions of the Balcony (e.g. Kellogg Mall Park)