

I am making this comment directly to your office because the DNR website is not responding.

I oppose several aspects of the DNR rule change proposal for the MRCCA. For many years city and state leaders have protected an invaluable natural resource we are graced to have here in Minnesota - the Mississippi River Corridor - for the use of all. It has helped to make St. Paul "The most livable city in America," as the city's website proclaims. The proposed rules eat away at this protection. This is especially true within St. Paul. The proposed building height is 65+ feet (and greater with Conditional Use Permit) will affect all but the few who will be able to afford the developments the "salivating" developers build. And really is 65 ft. a limit at all? Once the first Conditional Use Permit is given for a higher building it will be hard to say no to the next developer. Our migratory birds, already under great stress from loss of habitat, use the corridor and the proposed rules put further stress on them. Resist the urge to make a short term gain that eats away at what makes St. Paul and the MRCCA great. Preserve it for our future generations.

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