

# DNR Rulemaking: Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA)

Saint Paul City Council

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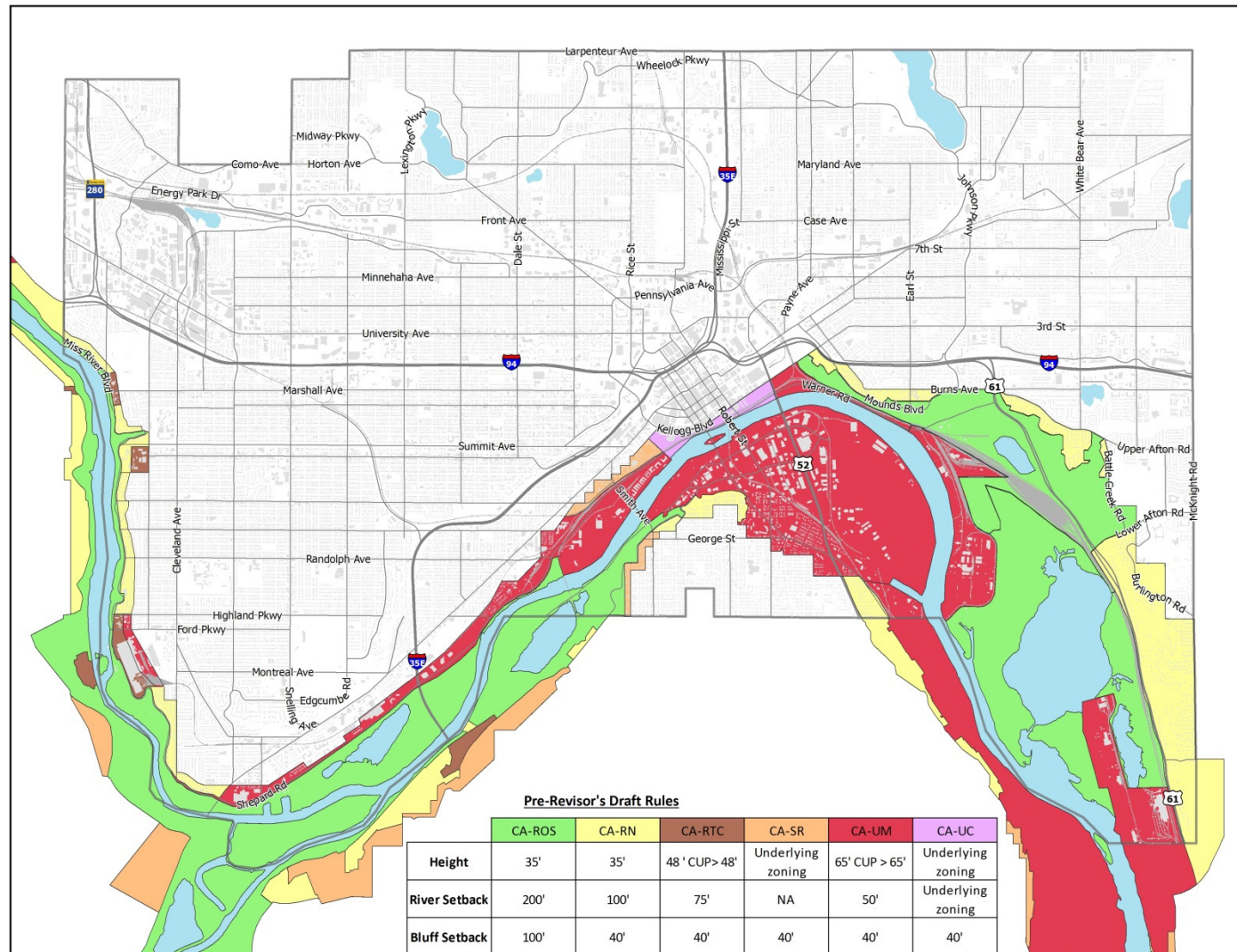
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# MRCCA Rules: Basics

- Mississippi River corridor from Dayton/Ramsey in the north to Hastings in the south (about 72 miles of river; coterminous with the Mississippi National River Recreation Area)
- Intent of MRCCA is to balance protection of natural systems with existing and future development (where appropriate)
- Management tools in rules include dimensional standards (setbacks and building heights) and development standards (stormwater, land disturbance, vegetation management, etc.)
- Communities in MRCCA will be required to adopt ordinances consistent with rules

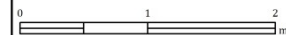
# MRCCA Rules: Basics



MRCCA Rules  
Proposed Districts

Map 1

- CA-ROS (Rural & Open Space)
- CA-RN (River Neighborhood)
- CA-RTC (River Towns & Crossings)
- CA-SR (Separated from River)
- CA-UM (Urban Mixed)
- CA-UC (Urban Core)
- Water
- Building
- Railway



# Brief History

- MRCCA established in 1979 by Governor's Executive Order
- No current state rules
- Saint Paul adopted current ordinance in 1982
- DNR previous rulemaking authority expired in 2010
- Current rulemaking effort began in 2013

# Process to Date (DNR and City)

- DNR staff met informally with various stakeholder communities beginning in 2013, held open houses and other public meetings
- Saint Paul Planning Commission held a public hearing on the a draft of the rules in October 2014
- Planning Commission made recommendations to Mayor and City Council regarding formal City comments on the proposed rules (August 2015)

# Formal Rulemaking

- DNR initiated formal rulemaking on April 11, 2016
- **City Council hearing (May 18) to further inform formal City comments**
- DNR public hearings to be held in June 2016
- Rulemaking public comment period on rules to close July 6, 2016
- Administrative Law Judge report on rules due in August 2016
- Adoption of rules likely before the end of 2016

# Implementation of Rules

- DNR staff have indicated they will spend about a year after adoption of rules on implementation planning
- First round of communities (including Saint Paul) to be asked to begin planning and ordinance development about 1 year after rule adoption
- Rules provide one year from DNR notification for communities to plan and adopt ordinances pursuant to rules