

November 10, 2020

City of St. Paul
Josh Williams, Principal Planner
25 W. Fourth Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Final Approval – City of Saint Paul MRCCA Plan

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am pleased to inform you that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approves the City of Saint Paul's Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) plan as being consistent with Minnesota Statutes, §116G and Minnesota Rules, chapter 6106.

On November 4, 2020 the Metropolitan Council authorized the City of Saint Paul to put its comprehensive plan, including the MRCCA plan chapter, into effect. This Council action clears the way for final DNR approval. Within 60 days of the date of this letter, the City must adopt the MRCCA plan. Adopting the Metropolitan Council authorized comprehensive plan meets this requirement as long as the resolution adopting the comprehensive plan states that the comprehensive plan includes the MRCCA plan chapter. The City of Saint Paul must then submit a copy of the final adopted plan (comprehensive plan containing the MRCCA plan chapter) with the resolution adopting the plan to the DNR, the Metropolitan Council, and the National Park Service within 10 days of the adoption.

Only MRCCA plans and plan amendments approved by the DNR have the force and effect of law. Once in effect, local governments must implement and enforce the DNR-approved plans.

We appreciate your efforts to develop and adopt the MRCCA plan, which provides a solid basis for future ordinance amendments and MRCCA management. **Please send the adopted plan and resolution to Matt Bauman at matthew.bauman@state.mn.us** and contact him if you have any questions about next steps.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Shillcox
Land Use Unit Supervisor

c: Raya Esmaili, Reviews Coordinator - Metropolitan Council
Alan Robbins-Fenger, National Park Service
Dan Scollan, DNR Area Hydrologist
Jack Gleason, DNR Region 3
Matt Bauman, DNR Land Use Unit