

city of saint paul
planning commission resolution
file number 19-28
date May 17, 2019

Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Plan

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) is a land corridor along the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area comprising 72 miles of river and 54,000 acres of surrounding land in 30 jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the MRCCA is governed by special land planning requirements and development regulations contained in Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 6106; and

WHEREAS, all municipalities within the Mississippi River Critical Area must adopt, administer and enforce plans and ordinances consistent with Chapter 6106; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul is part of the Critical Area; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul's current *Mississippi River Corridor Plan* was adopted in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 473 requires all cities, counties and townships within the 7-county region to prepare a comprehensive plan every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, a new MRCCA chapter has been prepared as part of *Saint Paul for All: 2040 Comprehensive Plan*, Saint Paul's decennial update of its Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission released a draft of the MRCCA chapter for public review on March 22, 2019; held a public hearing on April 19, 2019, notice of which was published in the Legal Ledger on April 4, 2019; and kept the public record open until April 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee of the Planning Commission considered all testimony and recommended amendments to the draft document in response to that testimony;

moved by Perryman
seconded by _____
in favor Unanimous
against _____

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saint Paul Planning Commission approves the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area chapter of *Saint Paul for All: 2040 Comprehensive Plan* with the following amendments:

1. Add the following text on p. 220:
These are areas where Saint Paul will need to a strike a balance between the economic and social benefits of redevelopment and the natural, cultural and recreational resources of the Mississippi River. The City may pursue flexibility in building height and/or district designation in the MRCCA ordinance.
2. Add the following text to p. 221:
Additional information on Primary Conservation Areas can be found in Map P-1 and Appendix B in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space chapter; the regional park master plans; Map WR-1 in the Water Resources Management chapter; and Maps HP-1 through H-5 in the Heritage and Cultural Preservation chapter.
3. Add the proposed canoe/kayak landing at the top of Red Rock Road to Map CA-7.
4. Replace the phrase “high-speed highway” under “Floodplain Reach” in the sidebar on p. 221: with Highway 61 (also known as the Great River Road National Scenic Byway).
5. Amend the descriptions of Views #44-46 to more accurately reflect each view and overlook improvements proposed in the *Great River Passage Master Plan*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission forwards the amended document to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration and final approval prior to submittal to the Metropolitan Council.