



## Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood

The Marcy-Holmes neighborhood, on the east bank of the Mississippi River, is named for William L. Marcy, an American statesman and secretary of state born in 1786 and Oliver Wendell Holmes, an American poet, essayist and novelist born in 1819. The neighborhood lies across the Mississippi River from downtown. The University of Minnesota forms its east boundary, and the west border of the neighborhood is the East Hennepin/Central Avenue commercial area. Today, Marcy-Holmes is one of the nation's top ten eco-friendly neighborhoods, according to Natural Home Magazine.



Marcy-Holmes contains [Florence Court](#), a historic landmark of nine brick townhouses, which had 47 households in 1990. Also in the area are [SE Library](#) and five parks: [Holmes Park](#), Marcy Park, Elwell Park, [Father Hennepin Bluffs Park](#), and [Water Power Park](#).



Located in Marcy-Holmes is [Marcy Open School](#), a public K-8 elementary school and international peace site, as well as the [Miniapple International Montessori School](#). Other schools include the charter [Pease Academy](#), private school [Second Foundation](#), and specialty school [Aveda Institute](#).

The neighborhood, the oldest in the city with many historic homes, provides housing for families, professionals, and downtown workers, as well as to students attending the [University of Minnesota](#). There are also many new developments of condominiums along the riverfront. One of these is the East Bank Mills Project, which will revitalize the old Pillsbury Mill and surrounding area in an eleven building plan [see figure right].

Among the many attractions that bring people to Marcy-Holmes, is the historic [Stone Arch Bridge](#) which crosses the Mississippi providing bike and pedestrian access between downtown and the university. Lying on the southern border of Marcy-Holmes is [Dinkytown](#), a shopping and arts district that includes many businesses tailored to the needs of nearby [University of Minnesota](#). Marcy-Holmes is an affiliate of the [University District Partnership Alliance](#).

