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Subject: Minneapolis Mississippi River Critical Area Plan

To Whom It May Concern;

At its regular meeting on April 11, 2006, the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association (MHNA) Land Use Committee recommended that the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association Board support the Draft of the Mississippi River Critical Area Plan dated March 22, 2006.

The Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association recognizes and appreciates that many parts of the Mississippi River Critical Area Plan reinforce the MHNA Master Plan. The river is an asset to both the City of Minneapolis and the neighborhood. The MHNA particularly supports the following:

- w Preservation of the St. Anthony Falls Historic District
- w Improvement and expansion of the riverfront greenway system
 - Extension of existing Main Street to connect with East River Parkway at the University of Minnesota (also known as the ³missing link²)
 - Continuous off-street regional trail corridor (for both walking and biking), remaining at the river's edge where possible
- w Public access to the river, ideally through park property, or via extensions of the existing street grid (perpendicular to the river)
- w Development of a whitewater park in the St. Anthony Falls area

The neighborhood recognizes that more intense residential development along the river is appropriate. As this development evolves the neighborhood supports the following:

- w Development of ³points of interest² where adjacent neighborhoods such as Marcy-Holmes have lateral entry to the river
- w Design of buildings developed along the river corridor to avoid the appearance of walls, emphasizing river views and accessibility as key design components

The Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association looks forward to using the Mississippi River Critical Area Plan to guide development of our riverfront.

At the April 18, 2006 MHNA Board of Directors meeting, the above recommendations were unanimously approved.

Sincerely,

Brian Biele
MHNA President

Jo Radzwill
MHNA Land Use Committee Chair

Melissa Bean
MHNA Executive Director