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To: Miner, Pamela S
Cc: Cooper, Bob I; Calvert, Ann E.; Annette Webb; Doreen Bower; Knutson, Rosemary; Scott Vreeland
Subject: Response to email about Mississippi River Critical Area Plan
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Dear Ms. Miner,

I have comments. First, FYI, the link under "Purpose" in this email took me to a DNR site that said it was an "outdated bookmark"

My comments mostly have to do with "Bluff Street Park" on the West Bank in Cedar Riverside, and I will attach information that you may find relevant to my comments. Thank you for doing this work and for considering my comments.

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III. B-3 Views of and from the River:

Specific sites to be addressed should include Bluff Street Park (see attached info – MPRB has said we can apply to the "Adopt-a-

Park" program

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III. C-5 Erosion:

The rate of runoff from parking lots, roads, and trails..... This section should include bridges. The runoff from the 35W and 10th Ave bridges on the West Bank appears to be causing major erosion and to be flowing, in places, directly into the Mississippi.

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III. G-1 Recreation Variety:

This would indicate that Nicollet Island should be maintained as park/open space and not be used for private purposes.

III. G-2: River Oriented Recreation:

This should include mention of the birds, especially the eagles and falcons. The River is a major migratory path.

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III. G-3: Continuous Parkway:

Mention should be made of the Rail Road Pedestrian Bridge, just south of the 10th Ave Bridge, that ties together the West River Road, and the East and West Banks of the U of M.

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III. G-5: Access Routes to the River:

Include Bluff Street Park as a "point of particular interest" or "node". Pedestrian/bicyclist path brings together the West River Road,

U of M East and West Bank campus at an 8 acre Mississippi River Bluff. Bedrock Bluff Prairie that provides an overlook of the

River and eagle, falcon, etc sightings.

<<Bluff St Pk Adopt a Park 3-06.doc>> <<Bluff St Pk Resolution-WBCC-05 &partners 2.doc>> <<Bluff St Pk U of M Plan.pdf>> <<BluffStreetPark est John Slack2(4 9 2005).xls>> <<Bluff St Pk-John Slack letter to park board (2).doc>>

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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P.S. Don't keep me a secret!