

## District 13

### Union Park

#### Boundary:

North: University Avenue  
 East: Lexington Parkway  
 South: Summit Avenue  
 West: Mississippi River

#### Main Roads:

North-South: Cretin Avenue, Cleveland Avenue, Fairview Avenue, Snelling Avenue, Lexington Parkway  
 East-West: University Avenue, Interstate 94, Marshall Avenue, Summit Avenue

#### Description:

Union Park is a large district that stretches from the Mississippi River to Lexington Parkway. It is composed of residential neighborhoods and mixed commercial districts with industry located along the Interstate 94 corridor. The district is well connected to the rest of the city by major transportation routes and parkways. The University of Saint Thomas and Concordia College are located within this district.

#### Tree Species:

Maple, ash, and linden are the most commonly planted trees on public right of ways. Many of Saint Paul's remaining large elm trees are located in this district and require additional maintenance due to their large size and the potential for Dutch elm disease.

#### Urban Forest Management:

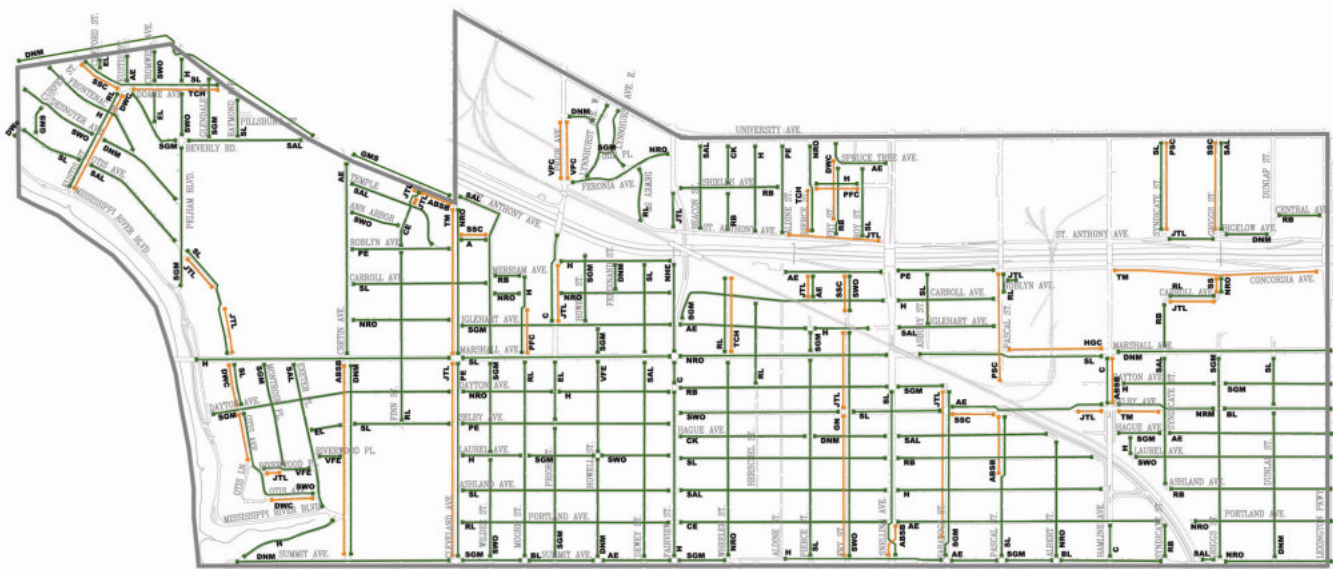
Summit Avenue is a heavily traveled parkway that contains a large planting median and forms the southern boundary of district 13. This east/west route is valued for its aesthetic and historical character and many of the trees have reached mature size and are entering senescence, increasing maintenance requirements.

The Mississippi River Boulevard corridor is one of the most highly used parkways in the city and includes separate bicycle and pedestrian pathways overlooking the Mississippi River. A number of mature oak trees along the west side of the boulevard are in poor condition due to root damage that occurred during the construction of the bike and pedestrian paths. City right of way and tree management operations extend into the boulevards on the east side of MRB.

## District Descriptions

A landscape master plan for Merriam Park was developed by the neighborhood in 2008 to guide planting and park development.

The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit line being developed along University Avenue will travel along the northern boundary of district 13 and inform the street tree planting and maintenance operations adjacent to the rail corridor.



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