

Figure I-7: Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Chapter Implementation

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) Chapter guides land use and development along the Mississippi River.

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| Critical Area | 1 | Amend the City's existing MRCCA ordinance to comply with the goals and policies of this plan, as well as with Minnesota Rules, part 6106.0070, Subp. 5 – Content of Ordinances, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. zoning regulations to protect environmentally sensitive areas, including shoreland impact zones, natural drainage routes, gorges, bluffs and bluff impact zones; b. zoning and performance standards and/or permitting processes to protect native plant communities and significant vegetative stands, areas of unstable soil or bedrock, and sites of cultural or historical significance; c. zoning to require mitigation for impacts to Primary Conservation Areas when issuing discretionary zoning approvals; d. zoning, including permit requirements, restricting clear-cutting in certain Primary Conservation Areas; e. vegetation management practices for park lands and, where feasible, promote vegetation management for screening views of buildings and other urban development from public viewing areas; and f. zoning regulations that provide for water-oriented uses. | Short-Term* | • TBD |
| | 2 | Update the zoning map to reflect new MRCCA districts. | Short-Term | |
| | 3 | Work with the Saint Paul Port Authority and other partners to eliminate any negative environmental effects of industry. | Short-Term | |
| | 4 | Work with the Saint Paul Port Authority to maintain barge fleeting and other commercial navigation operations. | Short-Term | |
| | 5 | Ensure that information on the location of Public Conservation Areas (PCAs) is readily available to property owners to understand how PCA-related ordinance requirements (such as vegetation management and land alteration permits) apply to their property for project planning and permitting. | Short-Term | |

General Timeline Guidelines:

Short-Term (0-5 years)

Medium-Term (5-10 years)

Long-Term (10+ years)

* Note that the City is required to update its MRCCA ordinance within one year of being notified to do so by MnDNR. We anticipate the Saint Paul update occurring in 2021.

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| Critical Area | 6 | Ensure that information on the location of Public River Corridor Views (PRCVs) is readily available to property owners to understand how PRCV-related ordinance requirements (such as vegetation management and land alteration permits) apply to their property for project planning and permitting. | Short-Term | • TBD |
| | 7 | Establish procedures for processing land development applications with potential impacts to PRCVs that include: a. the information that must be submitted and how it will be evaluated; b. the visual analysis approach for conditional use permits for additional height in the RTC and UM districts, as well as for variances; and c. the appropriate mitigation procedures/methods for variances and conditional use permits. | Short-Term | |
| | 8 | Actively communicate with communities that have identified important public river corridor views in Saint Paul. | Short-Term | |
| | 9 | Ensure that information on the location of natural vegetation restoration priorities is readily available to property owners to understand how relevant ordinance requirements apply to their property for project planning and permitting. | Short-Term | |
| | 10 | Establish a vegetation permitting process to ensure consideration of restoration priorities as development permits are issued. | Short-Term | |
| | 11 | Establish a process for evaluating priorities for natural vegetation restoration, erosion prevention, bank and slope stabilization, and other restoration priorities identified in the MRCCA Plan as development permits are issued. | Short-Term | |
| | 12 | Develop a system for reviewing, tracking and monitoring open space required as part of the subdivision process. | Short-Term | |

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| | 13 | Address potential conflicts between MRCCA districts, the Future Land Use districts and/or underlying zoning as part of the subsequent MRCCA ordinance work. | Short-Term | |
| | 14 | Incorporate specific design and placement conditions into local permits for solar and wind generation facilities and essential and transmission services that minimize impacts to PCAs and PRCVs. | Medium-Term | |

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