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Report II: Respondent Comments

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Compilation of Comments

Summary

The final question of the study booklet, question 16, offered respondents a place to write any other comments they had regarding the Mississippi River. These comments were placed in one of seven categories based on the dominant subject discussed in each (Table 1) and were compiled according to category in the following pages.

Table 1. Summary of comments

Category	Number	Percent
General comments	181	35.2
Development issues	127	24.7
Pollution issues	115	22.4
Study-related comments	35	6.8
Tourism issues	24	4.7
Boating issues	18	3.5
Safety issues	14	2.7
Total	**514**	**100.0**

General Comments

My family has used the river access more for walking and viewing nature. ~~that~~ I am an avid fisherman and hope to be able to use the river for this in the future.

I am more familiar with the Mississippi near its source, since that is where I am originally from. I probably spend more time near Itasca State Park or Bemidji than I do around the twin cities, in relation to the Mississippi River. However, if things were done to make it more attractive, that could change. I don't live near the river now, but I do attend some activities on the river. My input is based mostly by my experiences and observations when at ~~the~~ some of these functions.

I would like to help you out but I know nothing about the river. I lived too far away and then at 16 yrs I moved further out.

PS: I HEARD JOHN DERUS (H.C. COMM.) TELL OF HIS WARM THOUGHTS OF THE RIVER - AS THO HE WAS SOME LOCAL TOM SAWYER -- BUT HE VOTED TO SCREW UP THE STONE ARCH BRIDGE. THANK GOODNESS HE CAN'T FULLY CONTROL THOSE KIND OF THINGS. KEEP HIS TYPE OUT OF THE PLANNING PROCESS.

12. **How many years have you lived in the Twin Cities Area?** 63 years

13. **How long have you lived at your current residence?** 25 years

14. **What is your age, in years?** 63 years

15. **What is your gender?** _____ female X male

16. **Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.** TO AGE 11

I GREW UP IN SE MPLS - ABOUT 8 BLOCKS FROM THE RIVER. (WITHOUT PERMISSION) I USED TO GET "NEAR IT" SOMETIMES AS A YOUNG BOY, AND THO IT IS MOSTLY INDUSTRIAL THERE, IT WAS NEAT. I CAN RECALL THE SLIVERS IN MY SEAT FROM A WOODEN SLUICEWAY OR RAMP THERE. I ALSO DID A STUNT ("HIGH WIRE") WALK ON A RAILING ON THE 3RD AVE BRIDGE - SE END. LUCKY RESULT, BUT DUMB STUNT!

FROM SE MPLS WE THEN LIVED IN SO MPLS AT 36TH ST & THE RIVER. IT WAS JUST ACROSS THE STREET & DOWN THE BANK. MANY HOURS SPENT IN PLAY & ADVENTURE THERE. WATCHED TOWBOATS GO UP & DOWN (1940s & 1950s). SAW A BOY FISHED OUT. SWAM IN IT ONCE - BUT LAKE NOKOMIS BEATS THE RIVER & GUESS MOST ALL LAKES WILL BE BETTER FOR SWIMS.

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THE RIVER IS OUR TRADEMARK / LANDMARK. GENERALLY IT IS STILL REASONABLY WELL KEPT - NOT FOULED UP BY RIVERBANK INDUSTRY. HOPE IT CAN BE KEPT GREEN & BEAUTIFUL.

Enjoy the river mainly for its scenic beauty and historic past.

Would appreciate it more perhaps if I were more into recreation.

The river is of concern to me for its potential and quality existance.

Hope that constant improvement will make it more enjoyable to many.

I oppose the federal govt controlling the Miss,

an important river, known to all the world - often ignored or unknown to local people - exciting to see barges, locks + dams - Confirms visitor idea of river, supports MN. economy

too much tourism is worse for environment than not enough - so is too much commercial or recreational use -

Need balance of uses including productive uses

The Mississippi is a treasure that I feel should be taken care of to the best of our knowledge. It would be wonderful to have access along the river for everyone to enjoy but not to spoil our beautiful river. I feel polluting industries have no business along the river but I feel we must keep it open for shipping. Any new residential development must be strictly monitored so they don't pollute. It would be wonderful to have a open river but realize there is a price to pay — Crowds & people walking along the banks cause erosion and we should have more areas for walking & the river stays clean. Fishing & boating should be somewhat regulated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

I remember the River to be a place to drive on Sunday afternoons -- I haven't been there for several years. Last time I was there I was disturbed by a rather loud group of teens.

I've seen a lot of small businesses fail on the River Front Downtown on Main Street, Milling District because of high rent!!

Boon Island Park very, very attractive

It appeals to the senses of Let's make time for a lazy day.

On an annual basis I have enjoyed the roar of power boats tuning up for Acquatennial boat races.

We are retired and live quite a distance from the river actually - but believe strongly that we must take good care of it and all be able to enjoy. It is a priceless asset - so let's take care!

Thanks

IN THE 3½ YRS I'VE BEEN IN MINNESOTA, I'VE NEVER GONE DOWN TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FOR ENTERTAINMENT, AND REALLY HAVEN'T HEARD ANYONE ELSE I KNOW HERE SPEAK OF DOING THIS EITHER.

THE RIVER ~~SUPPLIES~~ MY WATER SOURCE & RECREATION & VISUAL ENJOYMENT ALONG THE CHAIN OF LAKES WHICH MAKE UP THE ST PAUL WATER SUPPLY!

It's beautiful and a very important resource. Any & all steps should be taken to preserve its cleanliness, quality, & beauty.

WE LIVE A LONG WAY FROM THE RIVER.

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.

I feel the River was here long before any of us and the twin Citys started to grow from the beauty of the River and it should be kept up. Our natural Resources have been destroyed by man other then a few who see the light.

comments.

Have tended to recreate closer to our residence. If you want to promote the River for us the important elements are scenic beauty, easy access, + safety.

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possibly will use recreational areas in future, but I am not familiar enough withe the area to be of much help.

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our family has traveled the MS. River from anoka to Hannabil, MO.

comments.

I feel fortunate to have the Mississippi River running through our State.

I'm so pleased the
city council won't be allowing
- - - adulterate the river view
with
- - - ings. I'd like to see more
educational plaques, markers
brochures - especially about
the history of the land,
the Fall, etc.

Like to drive along it
Fort Snelling is fantastic!

comments.

MISSISSIPPI is A very Nice
Place to visit.

None of the bridges I have used to cross the Mississippi offers a view of the river. The same is true of the bridge approaches.

I have long been puzzled by the unwillingness or inability of governing authorities and residents of a given area to safeguard the quality of surface & ground waters. As a result many of the most polluted areas in the country are the lake, river and ocean fronts.
I do not know the solution to this problem but finding one should be a top priority for everyone

I haven't used the Miss. River in the past 20 years so I only see the problems and advantages from the news media. I think the Miss. is a great resource and hope to do some boating on it this year. I found out there is a 25^{00} fee for my boat so I doubt I will be using it for the one or two times I had in mind

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

It is a great asset & the area. We need to improve.

As Americans it is our duty to protect and improve this great natural resource.

It is obvious what I mean to "Clean up" on the river - it is important in our lives.

The mississippi is such a changing body of water, it never should be taking for granted, lets do everything we can to keep it as filt free as possably

I use the area around the river years ago when my children were young. I have used the area much in the last couple of years because I have different interests now.

With the benefits and increased use there are disadvantages. The trick is to keep the disadvantages few and benefits many.

I have never lived closer than 5 miles to the river, and I now live at least 15 miles away. I am not a boater, and I don't attend concerts. I have never encountered anyone who claimed to be a tourist that was attracted by the river. Basicaly, I don't have a great deal of knowledge about the river.

In 1956 Thur 1963 I had a
28 FT Chris CRAFT AT ST
Paul Yatch Club Harbor
Lock at Ford Dam was a great
experience For guest

My wife and I enjoy fishing and canoeing the upper part of the study area. We also take boy scouts and girl scouts to outings such as picnics and canoe trips to develop an awareness for our environment

I find that I'm pretty ignorant about recreational and tourism activities relating to the Mississippi.

It will take years + dollars to undo the damage we have permitted to occur.
But such a great potential, we cannot afford to reclaim the river for ourselves + posterity

Some of us back this was proposed by Coal Terminal - to be built on Big's Eyelets for a conveyor line across the valley to the Twins. the boys from NSP, BNRR and St. Paul Port Authority supported it. We organized the Big-Eyelet Coalition to oppose this and helped to turn the tide and won!

comments.

I REALLY LIKE THE CONCERTS BY THE RIVER. ALSO I LOVE BIKING ON THE BIKE TRAILS. PICNICKING IN THE ST. PAUL AREA IS VERY GOOD ~~HERE~~ ALONG WITH THE PUBLIC FACILITIES.

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I have lived here 27 years. I split that years in Nigeria & was born in Pennsylvania. →

I have had very little contact with that part of the Twin Cities near the River in the last 10 years. I spend a great deal of the months of May thru Sept. at my cabin so miss most of the season which finds most people using the River and surrounding [illegible]

comments.

I would like the Mississippi area to be a safe place for young & old alike - where one could use the park to enjoy its safety with a cleanliness like Disney Land. I wish there was some way to move the railroad tracks Skyland & Warner road back from the river so the land adjacent to the river would be more scenic & be able to enjoy more - I hope that the future plans to plant 500 cotton woods by would be changed to a more beautiful & better selection of Tree. The cotton in Spring is devastating & the seeds spread up all over in undesired places - hard to control. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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Great idea!

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THE RIVER IS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

We have a beautiful city we are proud to show visitors from other cities. We love Mihahe Pkwy & the numerous city Lakes, they are beautiful. Would like to see more things along the Miss River

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PROMOTE IT MORE!

We have always enjoyed the River, and seek out the unusual shops along it. We especially enjoy Red Wing, Hastings, Stillwater and Downtown Minneapolis.

We'd like it to be as clean and natural as possible with such a big population on its banks.

We live in the country, North of Cities, so don't experience the tax problems or crime of the inner cities. Make it hard to understand that sort of problem.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ITEMS

comments.

I have been a member of the Minneapolis Rowing Club (on the Mississippi) for 9 years. I also live near the river and frequent it for running & biking.

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In my younger years quite a bit of my enjoyment was around the river.

I would like to see more people enjoy the river but not damage it.

I love living in Southeast Minneapolis near the River - it's my favorite area in the Twin Cities - I love my walks around Nicollet Island and down Main Street - they are very nourishing and spiritually satisfying - I even like my drive across the river to and from my job in downtown Minneapolis - I definitly favor increased use of and access to the river - it is a very important part of our life - Thank you for including me in

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! your survey

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River needs Help -
Improved over the last 15 yrs
All groups get together +
Work together - needs are
obvious + Doable

Eagles are returning!
not nesting yet Downtown

The only problem along The Old Miss. That I am aware of and am very concerned about is the famous park in Memphis where the plastic buckets of condams are nailed to Trees and after dark sex acts are common place in the bushes! How many tourists will want To see that!

The parks + waterways make the cities liveable for me. They provide the best of both worlds in an urban setting.

I'm proud of our beautiful river and opportunities to enjoy leisure activities

The River is the Twin Cities most valuable natural resource. The Cities ~~Became~~ grew because of the River (lumber, flour, mills). There has to be a happy medium between environmentalists + those who want to profit commercially.

The Miss. River is a valuable asset to our state - where it originates - Let's keep it beautiful and share it with the rest of the world - without effecting or creating pollution or nuisance.

The "River" is extremely important to the Twin Cities + area -

It must be protected and regulated for the future good of our people -

THE FEW TIMES I HAVE TAKEN A MAN (ST CR) DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI, I FOUND THE BEAUTY OVERWHELMING. ALSO, I BOATED ON THE MISSISSIPPI WHICH WAS WONDERFUL.

In my early years we enjoyed the area at Fort Snelling, the Falls, Canoe Kept below the Mendota Bridge at Clarkson's canoe storage & just before the Minnesota River joined the Mississippi River.

Also good times with young boys as a Sunday School teacher, Picnics with our 2 sons below Pilot Knob. Was a very good view and place to have a fire.

Thank you

I would like to see improvements made along the river as indicated on these pages but I see only if they do not raise taxes in this state. The taxes in this state now are cruel.

the "gay beach" along E. River Rd. is problematic for people who live on River Rd.

It's a big problem and will take a lot of money to correct it.

Born + Raised on the West Side
& STPaul. Swam in the River (CLEAN)
Below High Bridge as a young Teenager.
Swam in Lake Pickett (Skinny Dipped)
as a Boy. Skated on LAKE PHALEN
for Humboldt "Indians" Hockey team
Had to Attend Ladies 1ST !! No Indoor Rinks in those days.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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I think the Mississippi River is vital to the area's history, economy, landscape - it is a treasure which must be cherished and protected, not simply exploited and pillaged. It is vital that we preserve and protect our Mississippi River Heritage!

The river is a great asset to those who like it for their purposes. They will find ways to do "their Thing" without too much help

Don't overdo this thing!

The Mississippi River is a source of aesthetic value. The River Cities are enhanced by its mere location and owe its existance to the beautiful natural wonder.

We owe it to ourselves to protect it foremost as a gift, and act with the greatest caution in prescribing its resources for procuring financial gain beyond its capacity to render services in its most naturalness.

In short we must use the river in such a way as to assure its life and vitality.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

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16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River and the ... comments.

Scenic Beauty is Most Important

comments.

I ENJOY RUNNING AROUND THE MINNEAPOLIS LAKES, BUT SINCE THEY ARE FURTHER AWAY AND TEND TO GET "OVERCROWDED" MY MOST COMMON RUN ENDS UP BEING ALONG RIVER FROM PLYMOTH AV TO ST. ANTHONY FALLS & BACK "MILL RUN". AND SOMETIMES EAST/OR WEST RIVER PARKWAY FROM UNIVERSITY TO FORD BRIDGE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE CONTINUOUS TRAIL ON WEST SIDE of RIVER FROM BROADWAY ON PAST ST. ANTHONY FALLS CONNECTING ALL THE WAY THROUGH. REALLY ENJOY THE VIBRANTCY OF THE RIVER COMBINING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, SENIC, HISTORICAL FACETS. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE ALL OUR LAKES AND THE RIVER.

comments.

I strongly oppose anything that increases taxes (I am middle income, which means most susceptible to get ripped off on taxes).

comments.

Larry - I didn't get this to you earlier - I was out of town - Have lived within ½ mile of the Mississippi all of my life - It is beautiful and should be given the attention it deserves - At the present time, I live in a condo Bldg - 3 blocks away - We, in this Bldg - get a lot of enjoyment from Riverplace - Thank you

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

comments.

I know very little about the Miss. river - just that it is important and beautiful to watch

Thank you

We live in St Paul where people seem less inclined to use outdoor things in Mpls (Parkways, lakes, etc) Subtleties to river-related amenities does seem very important and could be lost forever if not secured now.

We have lived on the Mississippi River for 21 years and have enjoyed it greatly every year. We Love It!!!

Take Care of "the River"
I fished it + skated on it
Boated on it + took a carpet
of "Good Drinking" in it

Lets make the river a clean, safe, area to enjoy nature.

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Grew up in Dubuque, Ia, enjoyed the river' swimming, boating and beautiful scenery

comments.

I live in Wayzata. I seldom go near the river. I would like to be able to walk along it but might not feel like driving there very often. I would like to see lots of walking paths developed + also feel it is very important to clean up the pollution in the river NOT all on it.

I feel deeply, that the river should be taken care of. it is a natural gift given to us, and it should be respected and enjoyed.

The river is a wonderful resource. Its beauty needs to be preserved & enjoyed.

I love the river. I have spent time on or near it with family & alone most of my life.

As a lifelong resident the river has simply been something viewed and passed throughout the day on the way to other things. It's never thought of as a destination or for recreational purposes. Information regarding current parks and activities would be a helpful bit of PR.

We are getting married along the Mississippi River at the Island of Peace Park on July 3, 1992! We love the River —

Much more can be done to improve the beauty of the Mississippi River, especially in the northern suburban area. However, big tax increases would not be welcomed.

RECREATIONAL USE ALONG THE RIVER HAS CONSISTED OF RUNNING (BOTH SIDES) AND CUTDOOR CONCERTS AT ST. ANTHONY MAIN.

This is a good idea if only to make people conscious of the value of the river

Most of my experience with the River has been above or below the study area. This is partly due to my pecieved quality of the River and ajorning areas in these areas. Perhaps I've been missing the enjoyment of the more urban sections.

Comments:

The Mississippi has a value that goes beyond commercial or physical or recreational. The Mississippi has a spiritual quality to me and to a lot of people I have talked to. The preservation of it in wholesome and healthy condition is a sacred trust, and an endeavor which I whole-heartedly support.

This questionnaire gives me hope that rational minds will be deciding the Mississippi's fate. Thank you for the opportunity to respond!

Riverplace was my favorite place to go to relax. I don't understand why someone can't make that place successful. It is beautiful + fun to be in.

Also, I love the riverboats. I rode the one on Boom Island 8-10 times a year.

More opportunities need to be provided for those of us who don't own boats to be on the water. How about a business that runs pontoon boats for small groups for 2-3 hours?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Keep up the good work!

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My family grew up in the inner city so going down to the river was our way of seeing big boats, the barges walking across the old High Bridge and seeing people that went to places we as kids dreamed of.

Our family canoed by Fort Snelling, we learned to water ski south of the city.

Fishing for carp made us all feel like pros. I wouldn't live anywhere else. My big move was from Cretin Hill to the West Side.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

The Mississippi River makes the Twin Cities unique – it is an important part of our identity. It seems that there is a great deal of potential for more utilization of the riverfront to improve our quality of life + tourist attractions.

disgusting is Hormel plant area the graveyard

Barges are hazardous to your weekender boaters

– More stringent laws for alcohol on river.

I FEEL THAT PEOPLE HAVE LITTLE OR NO IDEA ON HOW TO GET INFORMATION OR MAPS ON WHAT PARKS AND OTHER FACILITIES THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER HAS TO OFFER, (THIS INCLUDES MINNESOTA RESIDENTS)

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.

I happen to be a very strong supporter of the National Park Service. Though I've lived in this country just for the last two years, I have had the good fortune to have travelled widely within it. As my travels, my favourite destination is a National Park or a historic site. I am very much a conservist by nature and appreciate it more much, when I see, I visit a place of historic value. If I had to list the parks & places I've visited, I'd have no place to write much more. I do feel the National Park Service has been doing an excellent job at every place; I certainly do feel the Mississippi River has a lot of significance to the country (I am a foreigner here) and is valuable to it. People living here have taken it for granted and may not realise it. I certainly do feel that there is a very strong need to propagate it and manage it in a more efficient way, and YES, certainly encourage tourism - in that way the locals might take more pride in it and hold it dear to their hearts and respect it a lot more and realise its value.

THANK YOU for having given me the opportunity to have shared my views and opinions by filling in the questionnaire.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! GOOD LUCK.

comments.

I think the Poison Ivy sct. should be taken care of much better.

Enjoyed the river from St Paul to Hastings for many years until my husbands death in 1986 and now unable to because of health & less opportunity. Sorry I couldn't be of more help.

The river is cleaner now than when I was a child just keep up the good work

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Coinciding with what seems to be a well-designed attempt on the part of Metropolitan Transit to determine the needs of the greater Minneapolis area, the Mississippi Waterfront Study could result in a steady, long-term improvement in both desirable tourism and a better quality of life for residents in this area.

As in all areas of this country — and one might even say "the world" (not war-torn) — the population is aging. For the declining years of life to be useful rather than burdensome, a simultaneous and steady improvement in areas of safety, public service mobility, and therefore opportunity for service to the community, would be encouragement to utilize all available human resources.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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We are retired, Mr. is disabled so we don't go much, in fact he does not go at all. I like the Mississippi River, live a mile from it. I feel that it is a lifeline in our city. It was difficult to answer the questions, I hope it helps. I would like to take a riverboat trip all the way down the Mississippi.

I am crippled with Artritis and don't have any use of the River, don't go very [redacted] much. Hard to get around

The Mississippi is our greatest asset. Lets do anything and everything to preserve and enhance (protect) it. But lets do it Now not in 2010 !!

Good luck

I very much enjoy hiking along both the east + west river [redacted] roads. (in Mpls + St Paul) Unfortunately, I have not found time to explore other aspects that the river has to offer. I am also unaware of the picnic sites, etc that are mentioned in the questionnaire. I would definately be in support of cleaning up the industrial dumping that is "uglifying" the river area!

I enjoy the river and find it extraordinary that you can be strolling along in a wooded area without a house in sight - yet be within the city limits of a large metro area

Also - I would love to have better/easier access to the rookery in the Pigs Eye area: I don't want to disturb them, but a long distance view would be nice (overlook, etc.)

Inclusion of fully utilizing one of the nation's premiere [illegible] for the benefit of its citizens!

The river is the lifeblood of the Twin Cities!

I enjoy ~~x~~ seeing the procession of the seasons from year to year. The Mississippi banks have a timeless beauty especially in the Fall. I'd like to see the St. Paul side of the river.

we do NOT have opportunity To use
The MISSISSIPPI River facilities.
IN The PAST years, boat tour from
Harriet ISLAND, [redacted] so I'm NOT
A GOOD AUTHORITY ON The RIVER.

The Mississippi River is vital to
Agriculture in Minnesota
for the movement of grain
and fertilizer.

I feel that the quality of life in the
Cities is tied to the state of the Mississippi
and its quality of water and vegetation
should be maintained
Good luck with your survey

Comments:

We have enjoyed living
near the River and watching
barges & boats going up &
down and the Stone Arch
Swing Bridge open to allow
entry.

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the river is a beautiful thing, but the people are the ones that will decide what will happen to the area around them. Nature by it self is beautiful, but sometimes it needs help too. Like everything it cost money to maintane.

I think the river is a beautiful asset that we can't afford to destroy or waste. Steps must be taken to preserve it

comments.

I don't know hardly anything about the river. Where do you find info? Inform the local residents more!

Thanks.

comments.

At this time the walking trails are much more preferrable to the lakes walking trails. There is much less congestion, which I very much enjoy.

comments.

I lived not far from the M. River as a child. As an adult I've had next to no contact with activities involving the river.

I am planning to take a houseboat down the Mississippi the fall of '93. Then I will probably become reacquainted with the river.

We are out of touch with river facilities now, but when our children were young, we used it extensively for boating and water skiing and even then the quality of the water was bad, especially in Pool 4 area and litter was getting bad, even then.

As a child, I remember going along the riverbanks gathering asparagus. Later in the season, we would gather wild gooseberries. Sometimes on the Fourth of July our family would go up river and have a picnic. We took swimming lessons on the river.

I live near the river at Hennepin Ave and most of my impressions are from many walks in the area and picnicking at Boom Island— Excellent facilities so far and I would like to see them extended — also would like to see a regular cleanup of the banks.

Unspoiled beauty of river means more to me than tourism dollars.

In fact, I wouldn't oppose a moderate tax increase to improve river quality.

Comments:

We could have plays & concerts along the River.

I support your efforts for improvement But am not willing to contribute any money through taxes or other means. We are taxed to death in this ~~state~~

We had occasion to visit the Coon Rapids Dam last summer (91) and were quite impressed by the Park. We also rode down the Mississippi from Cambria to the Minnesota River about 6 years ago and were impressed with the scenic and that there were some boat landings, parks, etc. I think local residents should be highly encouraged to [illegible] more.

its not well cared for garbage cans overflow, park police not around enough and people do not ~~fail~~ follow leash laws ~~of~~ to the point their dogs scare children, ~~and~~ also to and from the park and let their dogs crap on ~~the~~ shrubs and lawns of nearby home-owners.

Keep beaurucrats out of the river.

Drown environmental activists 6

92
67
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comments.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BICYCLISTS ENCOURAGED TO USE BIKE ~~PATHS~~ RATHER THAN RIDING ON THE PARKWAY

comments.

We live relatively close to the river, so we make use or take advantage of it fairly often. We find that ~~though~~ by selecting our areas we can avoid the negative effects of inconsiderate use of the area by a small number of people.

We have encountered very few tourists in our segment probably because this area is mainly residential. I find it unusual that more people do not take advantage of what it has to offer; perhaps due to the presence of lakes in the South Minneapolis area.

Too many people at any one place would tend to decrease the appeal of the natural surroundings. However, the size of the area overall would be a balancing factor in this equation. In short, there is plenty of room for everybody. All someone has to do is come up with ideas for the economical and beneficial distribution of the development. Making the river area more commercial can be overdone, but making the river more accessible may not hurt anything.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

I like the road and the beauty along the river, from Plymouth Ave to, and under the new suspension bridge

I like the beautiful bridge very much

The river north of mpls has been a great source of enjoyment to me and my family whatever has been, or will be planned for the river, hopefully will preserve its quality as much as possible!

I guess I need to become more aware of this recreational/ Commercial center piece in the T.C.

The river is an important resource that should not be taken advantage of by industries and companies polluting it. The river is a beautiful area with tons of unique animals that should be taken care of and protected.

I welcome this opportunity to comment on the river. Here's hoping it will continue to be a vital, user-friendly resource.

MIGHT BE MORE INTERESTED IN RIVER AS RECREATION AREA IF I DIDN'T LIVE VERY CLOSE TO IT.

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THE URBAN & DOWNSTREAM AREAS OF RIVER (SECTIONS B, C, D, PAGE 3) AS RECREATION SITES GIVEN THE BARGE AND MOTOR TRAFFIC AND THE CITIES' EFFLUENT.

I live near the St. Paul [illegible] which is beautiful on both sides of the river - a good place to walk

comments.

Lived along it all my life...

I'VE ENJOYED THE UNDEVELOPED AND UNCHANGED AREA BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA (FALLS) AREA OF THE MISSISSIPPI AS A GET AWAY FROM THE CITY.

I THINK IT IS A IMPORTANT GENERIC FEATURE FOR HISTORIC REASONS OF THE CITY'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE FOR BEING IN ITS PLACE. IT'S A CONNECTION TO BOTH N MINNESOTA AND THE WORLD BY ITS WATER LINK THROUGH THE U.S. AND TO THE GULF.

IT WOULD BE A PERFECT FEEL OF THE INTACT PIECE OF LAND, LIKE THE LOOK OF THE 89ERS GAVE.

THERE APPEARS TO BE A GENERAL LACK OF DIRECTION AS TO WHERE A FAMILY COULD (SHOULD) GO TO ENJOY THE RIVER. STILLWATER IS PRETTY, BUT WHERE ELSE DO YOU GO?

Keep as much of the area as natural as possible.

The Miss. River is very important to the Twin Cities - It is our water supply in Mpls. and what is more important than a good dependable water supply. It must be maintained!
The Miss. is also a "legend" in the country and is bound to be of value in tourism.

We've used the river primarily for boating. The river is beautiful, powerful, and always brings us into another "world" everytime we go - the only place in the area where you can enter another world in a days time!

The part of the Mississippi I Mostly see & use are the River Roads from the U. M to the Falls. I use it for Biking Mostly. I also Mountain Bike Blow for Snelling and the Ford plant.

There are many areas to the South of St. Paul that are vertually unknown, some of these area are unaccesable and some are a little crowded with old and run down housing, though still lived in (So. St. Paul - Inver Grove, west side of river below old Short Line Bridge). limiting access

The Mississippi is a heaven for the busy world a place to return to nature, gentleness, and peace, it should be treated in the same manor. It has its own power and flow and really belongs to it no one person or organization it is there for everyone and the opportunities to use it should be shared - from industry to pleasure. The Mississippis future (ours) depends on this unified balance that holds respect for each other. One without the other is chaos.

comments.

I am 80 yr. old and use the River, in my Youth. The last 65 yr. I drove over it.

I WOULD URGE PRESERVATION OF THE BEAUTY, ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY, AVALABILITY TO PERSONS OF ALL AGES, [redacted] FOR WALKING, HIKING, BIKE RIDING, CANOEING, PICNICKING AND CULTURAL EVENTS ALONG THE RIVER.

THOUGH I AM NOT LESBIAN/GAY, I WOULD ADVOCATE PARTICULAR PROTECTION AND SAFETY FOR THIS GROUP AS WELL AS ANYONE. SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR NIGHT ENJOYMENT IS AS ESSENTIAL AS DAY USE.

LIMIT [redacted] COMMERCIAL [redacted] DEVELOPM
MAKE ALL PUBLIC FACILITIES A FIRST CLASS SO AS TO INCREASE THE BEAUTY OF THE AREA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

KEEP GREATER AREA FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMEN

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TAKE GOOD CARE OF THIS WONDERFUL RIVER

We must treat the river as a beautiful gift and treat it with love and respect. It can be used and enjoyed and also protected from harm.

- The aquatennial boat races are a noisy but, I suppose, necessary event.

I want More Bird Watching Separately!

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.

I think the river is VERY Important! I think the variety of activities (Commercial & Recreational & Natural) is what is really important. I think the new road between the west bank & Downtown un necessarily ruined a large wild area that should be reclaimed Kiosks w more info on the Natural History would be good! I love the new park near downtown Mpls, with the playas & landings. I prefer downtown St Paul's relationship to the River. Mpls is still trying to get connected to the river. I wish the Pigs Eye area South of Downtown St. Paul were easier to get to for Bird Watching & I need more info on it.

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Compared to the 30's - 40's 50's the river looks good

My River Experiences on the Mississippi have been Limited to Riverside Pk (mpls.), River Road (by UofM campus - both sides of River) *, Park by "Riverplace" and in St. Paul by Harriet Island Park.

IF PROPERLY / INTELLIGENTLY PLANNED + CONTROLLED THE RIVER CAN BE A LARGE POSITIVE DRAW FOR THE LOCAL TOURISM INDUSTRY + HELP FOR THE TOTAL ECONOMY.

IF you want to promote usage of the Parks + recreation areas along the river getting information to the general public might help.

maps

1. Picnic areas
2. Docking areas
3. Historic centers
4. Hiking Trails
5. Fishing
6. Public Facilities
7. Tourist Businesses

I live in Coon Rapids & enjoy the Coon Rapids Dam. My answers are based on my experience with the dam. It is a very beneficial ~~As~~ nature experience which is nice to a close escape from the city hussle, bussle.

I DO NOT PERSONNALLY USE THE RIVER FOR RECREATION & PLEASURE, BUT AS ~~A~~ SPORTSMAN, I HAVE STRONG FEELINGS RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENVIROMENT & WATER QUALITY.

MANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN THE BOOKLET MUST BE WEIGHTED AGAINST THE COST OF MAKING THE CHANGES.

I love the river for the enjoyment I get from walking along the scenic trails. I hope your survey enables us to have more access to the River.

Once the National Park Service gets its hooks into the Mississippi River, it will be all done hill with programs run by non-entities.

I am a student at a college in St. Paul & my life here in the cities has revolved strongly around the local community. I do appreciate the river & value it for its scenic beauty. I think water quality control is very important!

Let those few who use it, pay for all of its improvements.

Barges, boaters, tourists, bikers et, etc.

It's beautiful in parts.
It's historic.
There should be a plan
to preserve its dignity.
No junk development.
Save the beauty & improve
sites for people to enjoy -
not to desecrate.

What is this all about? There are many issues that cut two ways. Of course increased tourism is a potential environmental / neighborhood problem, but there are potential solutions to the environmental problems that allow the river to have increasing economic value (i.e. a tax on business benefiting from the river which goes towards ending environmental protection efforts.

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comments.

I WAS RAISED on The River in AREA B.
Brooklyn Cats 1950 – 1955

I am sorry, but I am 75 yrs. old & in poor health. I have not been anywhere near the Mississippi River for years — This booklet is for someone younger than me, to fill out — I am not able to fill this out - try somebody younger — Please —

UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE NOT HAD/TAKEN THE TIME TO DO ENOUGH ALONG THE RIVER IN THE YEAR AND ½ THAT I HAVE LIVED IN ERHAN, SO MY OPINIONS ARE VERY SKEWED.

I DO WORK IN THE RIVERPLACE BUILDING IN MPLS WHICH CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO MY ENJOYMENT OF MY WORK DAY. (THE SCENERY, THAT IS)

- PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP A GOOD BALANCE BETWEEN PRESERVING THE NATURAL ~~BEAUTY~~ BEAUTY ALONG THE RIVER AND COMMERCIALIZATION.
- MANY PARKS WE HAVE THERE NOW ARE GOOD BUT JUST NEED TO BE "SPRUCED UP" A BIT (REMODELED FACILITIES, INCREASED PARKING, ETC.).

The Mississippi River is owned by recreational users like me in the Metro area. Hidden Falls → St. Paul (St. Anthony → Fort Snelling) There is presently a conflict between canoes & motorboats on this segment. Furthermore, much of the native vegetation throughout the T.C. area of the Mississippi has been destroyed by lack of adequate management plans, sparse drainage that has run down to the river & creating erosion. Lack of well-maintained and adequate number of recreational parks and areas to accommodate the ever increasing number of people in the area. Government agencies must take responsibility for managing the river basin area to the best of their ability to solve some of these problems. Recognize these improvements to provide access equipment for the good of the river. We must not forget that the river is not just a recreational playground, but a habitat for many species of plants and animals.

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I have added my name to the mailing list to receive more information about the Mississippi River.

Ft. Snelling / Historic Fort in Fort Snelling interpretive center should have more staff. Other interpretive facilities should be located at key use areas to get people to these areas, not the case to most sections of the river. More printing, more than "Fact" sheets.

I really don't qualify for these questions due to the fact I've been permanent and total disabled since 1977 so I don't get around very often. Sorry!

I grew up in Kansas where trees were minimal - not very scenic + brown in color. We are fortunate to have such beautiful lakes + trees - I think careful planned management for environment + forest is important. The trees + lakes contribute to the overall quality of life in MI + are available for all residents.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Environmental issues and policy have often run rough shod over people and caused economic hardship. Mildly put, there is often governmental insensitivity.

There is a cost to preservation and sometimes the cost is more than the people can afford (taxes). We need to weigh the "need" to preserve each area with the ability to economically handle it. Especially when incomes are going down and expenses + taxes are going up. (pay back on the debt).

Use of park land for gay sex area should be absolutely forbidden

How can you fence off + charge for events on the river, (like the boat races) which should be public property. (Acquatennial)
We used to come to this event, bring the kids, beer, pop, BBQ. Now you gouge us with high admission cost + force us to buy expensive beer + pop. What a rip off.

We appreciate all efforts to save the beauty of the river -

comments.

It should be a place to be proud of - We have a nice city - Be proud of it.

comments.

I don't know much about the River Area but in the future I will take note!

comments.

I find that most of the problems occur at unmanaged areas of the river

I also feel the river would be better off without the Barges and the Army Engineers

I've worked a good deal out of town until my retirement at the end of 1991 and therefore do not know as much about the current situation along the river as I should. I do consider it of major importance from a standpoint to the quality of life in this area.

comments.

I really enjoy the Mississippi in Mpls, especially the Mississippi Mile and picnics at Boom Island. The scenery is terrific any time of day or night.

I like the history of the area back to the beginnings of Mpls. I also liked to take visitors on the Paddleboat ride.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS A NATURAL RECREATIONAL RESOURCE THAT AT THIS TIME WE ARE ALMOST COMPLETELY WASTING.

We probable haven't used the River area that much yet. Our children are reaching school age and we will be visiting the river and it's parks more now. I hope we can show them a clean and beautiful River area.

Many improvements to the Mississippi River can and should be made.
If these are done <u>tastefully</u> and <u>without</u> the almighty dollar (acquisition) being a prime concern, the Twin Cities can have a <u>beautiful</u>, useful and <u>economically</u> beneficial River area

Interesting survey - makes me realize how little I know about my own community.

My family would support any improvements!

comments.

Water attracts people. A clean River with easy access is a plus in every area we have TRaveled. Parks, campins and trails attract people like a magnet. We have just Traveled 5,000 miles thruout the west & Northwest. Water is considered as valuble as Gold to these areas. We are very Lucky To Have access To water IN our state.

[illegible] comments.

I love the River!!:)
Please preserve it!

Development Issues

In general, the Twin Cities does not appear to appreciate the advantages of the River. Redevelopment to enhance the area seems to be outnumbered by those more interested in commercial development + higher tax income. High-rise development should not be encouraged to hide the River from all residents of the Cities.

comments.

Most of the music is extremely contemporary, I would prefer more classical & advertising off.

I would like to see the Stone Arch Bridge open for walkers only, no buses, no vehicles.

comments.

We need the River for both recreational and also commercial benefits. But we must always be vigilant so as neither of these needs are abused. They can be compatible. Businesses must be monitored and recreational usage must also be monitored.

I do feel however that land development for homes + business enterprises must be carefully controlled or restricted. We must not permit the greed of individuals or the disrespect of the public at large in using these resources to abuse what the Creator has given us.

Everett A. Schram

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Living most of my life on the West side, I am most familar with the river here and just south. It is of great concern that Lilydale be left wild with trails, preferably no commercial development. These areas are wild life sanctuaries that make for the quality of life I enjoy here: seeing racoons, deer, herons etc while still be close to the city. Lilydale only needs to be cleaned up, and perhaps a few trails but little else. There is also the concern of crime and vandalism down by the caves. Everyone is extremely curious and probably like to visit the caves but because of the mystique of what goes on there* it is a fearful place and shouldn't be. (a personal desire that I have always wanted, was to see a ballpark on the river by Holman Field, perhaps for the new Northern league team! a beautiful spot for a park in an already industrial area)

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* It is rumored that teenagers who dabble in devil worship hang out there, and dismembered pets have been found on sites there.

Although I do not personally use many of the facilities & amenities offered by the Mississippi I recognize it as a unique factor in the quality of life of the T.C. area.

I particularly like the walking trails & would like to see more toilets & drinking fountains & benches.

It is a natural beauty for all to enjoy, develope but do not over develope. There is no reason natural beauty couldn't be used to develope more + better recreational site along with business to help employe our people for benefit of social + industrial work site.

comments.

The appears to be Areas Along The River (NSP Right of Ways. etc) Which could be USED for Small park Development. The Cities should Utilize the River Resource A LOT More then it HAS. The Park Near Downtown Mpls (Ft Hennipen PAK) is Nice Except for the SMELL (Sewer etc) A little Clean up / Fix up would MAKE this a valuable Resourse to the AREA. A Method to INCREASE private Developers to Develop Recreational Areas may work IF the CITIES CAN'T Afford the COST TO Develop Areas. Don't let the River WASTE AWAY !!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

More PARKS & Less shops would be best. Expand PARKS further North & South into Suburbs.

comments.

The quality of the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities is of importance to all of us as a commercial resource. The river provides the water supply for Minneapolis and some suburbs. The river is a primary avenue for shipping goods between the Twin Cities and other areas of the country.

But as to recreational uses, the river has never in my lifetime been considered for other than scenic and boating purposes. The MPCA and MWCC have in recent years ensured these uses. To develop the Mississippi into a fishable, swimmable tourist trap will be extremely costly; and to do so, my guess is that these costs will be borne largely by Twin Cities residents at essentially no benefit. Jobs created by tourism are for the most part notoriously low paying. The only ones to benefit from tourism, as can be seen from recent national sporting events are Curt Carlson and other millionaire hotel/restaurant magnates.

I fail to understand why the government is so interested in developing tourism as a way to bolster economic conditions in the Twin Cities. Government needs to be encouraging not discouraging businesses to locate in this state and remain here so that real jobs are created for the people instead of new vehicles for lining the pockets of a few!

the Mississippi needs to developed as a Rec Area and Natural Wildlife Preserve. the Island in the river main excellent Nature Preserve and Sanctuary should be done to preserve this unique -

- FINISH THE RIVER TRAILS INTO DOWNTOWN AREAS, U OF M, ETC.
- USE RIVER AS A CONTINUOUS PARK & BOULEVARD AREA, TO CONNECT & UNITE THE TWIN CITIES
- ENCOURAGE NEW, "NICE" MARINAS IN THE DOWNTOWNS.
- PROVIDE MORE PARKING AREAS ALONG THE RIVER.
- PROVIDE MORE PICNIC TABLES.
- TEACH CLASSES TO KIDS & ADULTS ON HOW TO USE A RIVER, ITS HISTORY, ETC.

16. **Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.**

Have been a member of Ft. Snelling State Park Association many years - feel it has contributed much to River Improvements.

Feel much more could be done to use the River Front for shopping, entertainment, etc. Although a good start has been made.

Am currently spending much time in a desert area by the Ocean - I miss the River.

Build a park near Ferry road Bridge Bloomington.

I am glad to see the development of the land next to the river near downtown Mpls. for parks and recreational areas with bike and walking paths. This needs to continue with a goal of park/public land on at least one side of the river through the 72 miles from Dayton to Hastings. An historic parkway/biking & hiking trail with signs and historic information along this stretch would really benefit everyone in the area. The history of the Mississippi River is fascinating in this area.

I think the River from NSP. Down has to much commercial Industry and is a Environmental Problem. ~~[illegible]~~

ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC/TOURIST ACCESS TOO CENTRALIZED IN MPLS. MOVE MORE TO NORTH MPLS OR ST. PAUL OR S. ST. PAUL.

THIS PROVIDES FOR LESS CONGESTION & MORE ACCESS.

Development needs to be Controlled.

Tourism doesn't have to be annoying.

First priority is water quality, protection & environment

Other enhancements may be luxuries we can't afford now

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Thank you!

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I feel Comments about birds + wildlife would be appropriate.

I have a love for the river and would like to see planful access to the water near lake St Bridge - canoe rental. I do not know about impact of development on quality so my answers may be mixed. I would like to see auto traffic limited & some transit established along river

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Develop the River's natural state. Avoid over Developing the natural feel with over developed parks. Too much man created scenery is a distraction. Bottle Creek park looks inviting. Land scraping along Hwy 61 so has been a piss, for the future when it matures. This is Development!

comments.

We need an entertainment area near the River Similar to the San Antonio River Walk

(1)

America's natural resources are one of its most valuable components. The Mississippi River is a grand resource because of its significance as an American waterway. The Twin Cities are blessed with proximity of the river. We have the opportunity to enjoy it or make use of it. I hope we chose the former. I believe the best way for our generation and future generations of homers as well as all other citizen species of the natural river community to

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(2)

Date

enjoy the river in its natural state.

While commercial use is important, I believe it should be tightly controlled to minimize environmental impact. While all people deserve access to the river I believe that tourism should also be controlled to

preserve the natural condition. Motorized access and use should be limited and kept at low speeds, sound levels, impact levels and volumes. Nonmotorized access should be emphasized (5) such as Walking, Hiking, Canoeing, Rowboating, Skating, Sailing Swimming, Fishing, X-Country Skiing, Bicycling.

Entertainment and Educational programs add a special accent. These are best done as low key events with small to moderate sized attendance.

The historical significance is important. Projects should be undertaken to provide tourists

easy and attractive access to
~~the~~ an understanding of this.
Highly commercial tourist
(4)

activities should be confined
to areas within ~~the~~ or with
close proximity to urban
centers. I do not see the
river as economically self
sustaining but as something
to be subsidized from other
sectors of the state and
federal economy.

Polluting industries along
river banks should not be
tolerated.

My ideal is scenic river
way preserved in large part

in its natural condition. Of course, human society forces a compromise of this ideal. My hope then is, that all compromises are made consciously by a society which keeps the ideal in mind.

I would like to offer my congratulations on this initiative. It is a step in the right direction.

Primarily, my family and I use the paths and trails. They are great. Extending those are both sides would be a good thing.

The river is a treasure and it needs to be treated as such. It's also important that it's accessible and available to all. But that means we need to treat it respectfully so that the next generations can also enjoy it.

Keep up the paths leading to/away from the river so those of us 5-10 mi away can get to the river. Bike & Walking paths benefit the greatest number to the greatest degree.

Some industry is needed
All industry can clean up more!!

Reg. Professional Engineer

Please keep in mind that increased development for Tourism would further tax the land around the Mississippi... the only way that the condition of the rivers water can improve is if we are able to control traffic on the actual land. Less people means better conditions. period.

MORE BICYCLING TRAILS NEED TO BE DEVELOPED ALONG THE RIVER. EXISTING TRAILS AND PATHS NEED BETTER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, ROADWAYS ALONG THE RIVER NEED MARKED BICYCLE LANES TO ENSURE SAFETY OF CYCLISTS.

I would like to see the areas along the mississippi developed for tourism & recreational purposes - It would be good for the economy & offer more advantages to local communities.

I am concerned that the river will be overdeveloped. It is a great natural area. I would hate to see it developed like a Lake Harriet.

I BELIEVE THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS A VERY VALUABLE RESOURCE THAT SHOULD BE CLEANED UP AND DEVELOPED FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL USE. THIS INCLUDES PARKS, HIKING PATHS AND WILD LIFE AREAS.

I would incourage construction of the "RIVER ROAD" and walking paths, recreational area, ect to as large degree as possable with OUT raising TAXES !!!

comments.

Our family has used the Mississippi River for recreational use for many years; hiking, biking, sightseeing in the Dayton – Bklyn Park area and for shopping, sightseeing, concerts in the Mpls – St Paul area – It would be great to have increased access to the undeveloped areas of the River – naturally, without residential or commercial industry. There is so much the River way has to offer the Twin Cities and we feel that we should upgrade the areas we haven't been able to access unless by boat, so more people can enjoy its beauty.

IN THE AREA SOUTH OF TOWN WHICH WE KNOW BEST THE RIVER SEEMS TO BE WELL MANAGED AND ATTRACTIVE TO VISIT. IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE STRETCH WITHIN THE TWIN CITIES COULD BE DEVELOPED TO MATCH SOME OTHER CITIES IN THE WORLD THRO' WHICH A GREAT RIVER RUNS. EG LONDON, PARIS, VIENNA.

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments. While I'm around it I enjoy it, but I'm seldom in the area & not much at outdoor activities. Development should be controlled, as should pollution of all kinds.

Comments:

This is a very black and white questionnaire - in general the attitude of this household is:

1) currently the river is underdeveloped as a tourist/resident recreational opportunity
2) Riverfest and other "noise" events are not the same as "cultural" events on the river — so questions are difficult to answer
3) the river is (or was) a wonderful natural wonder — and there is potential for great tourist/resident enjoyment — and it could be a glorious "quiet" atmosphere for miles without over use of motorized water equipment (i.e. 5 mph through "tourist" areas — no Skijets, etc. in heavy population picnic areas, etc.) THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!
4) I am sorry I cannot give you my name because I would like to be part of the decision making for a Great Mississippi Rec. area.

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More quite open spaces along river where you can picnic, hike, & throw a frisbee around. Its a very special feeling to find a place where you can enjoy some privacy & view nature in a public park.

I do not believe major development either economic or residential is necessary/desireable. If access is improved in a tasteful limited way, ie. biking trails, parks, picnic areas, boat launches, that would be sufficient. A major problem that must be addressed if more people, myself included, are to enjoy the river, is water quality. I have very negative impressions of the water quality, particularly from Mpls/St. Paul downtowns south. Odors often strong in downtown St. Paul.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

My apartment windows overlook the river. I recently watched a pair of eagles resting on the river. I walk the river shore as often as I can. I wish I had easier access to the river. - I live in an area where I have to cross railroad tracks to get to the river. So Ow and So. St Paul could do so much more to improve the shore quality of the river. I hope this happens.

Development from Mpls-St. Paul, more commercial, Also more Parks use Trees etc to make commercial areas.

I believe that the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities is poorly utilized as a recreational source and that it is presently being used primarily for commercial and industrial purposes.

comments.

I am fully aware of the fact that certain civic and business leaders would like to further commercialize certain areas of the river. The T.C. area is over-commercialized now. A river is a river, is a river. St. Paul is not the Texas River Walk - and weather in the plains is not conducive to commercial development other than hauling or other waterway resident activities. This state provides great abundance of variable activities for tourists and residents alike. Any additional plans to and for the river are over-kill and unnecessary. And federal tax dollars spent should be used for water quality clean-up and for better policing of pollution and enforcement to polluters. The river should be left in its natural state and not become a WPA project!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

I would love to see downtown areas more fully developed

HIGHWAY CONCRETE + MAKE BOTH CROSBY LAKES INTO ONE LAKE. APPROX. 30' DEEP.

12. How many years have you lived in the Twin Cities Area? 57 years

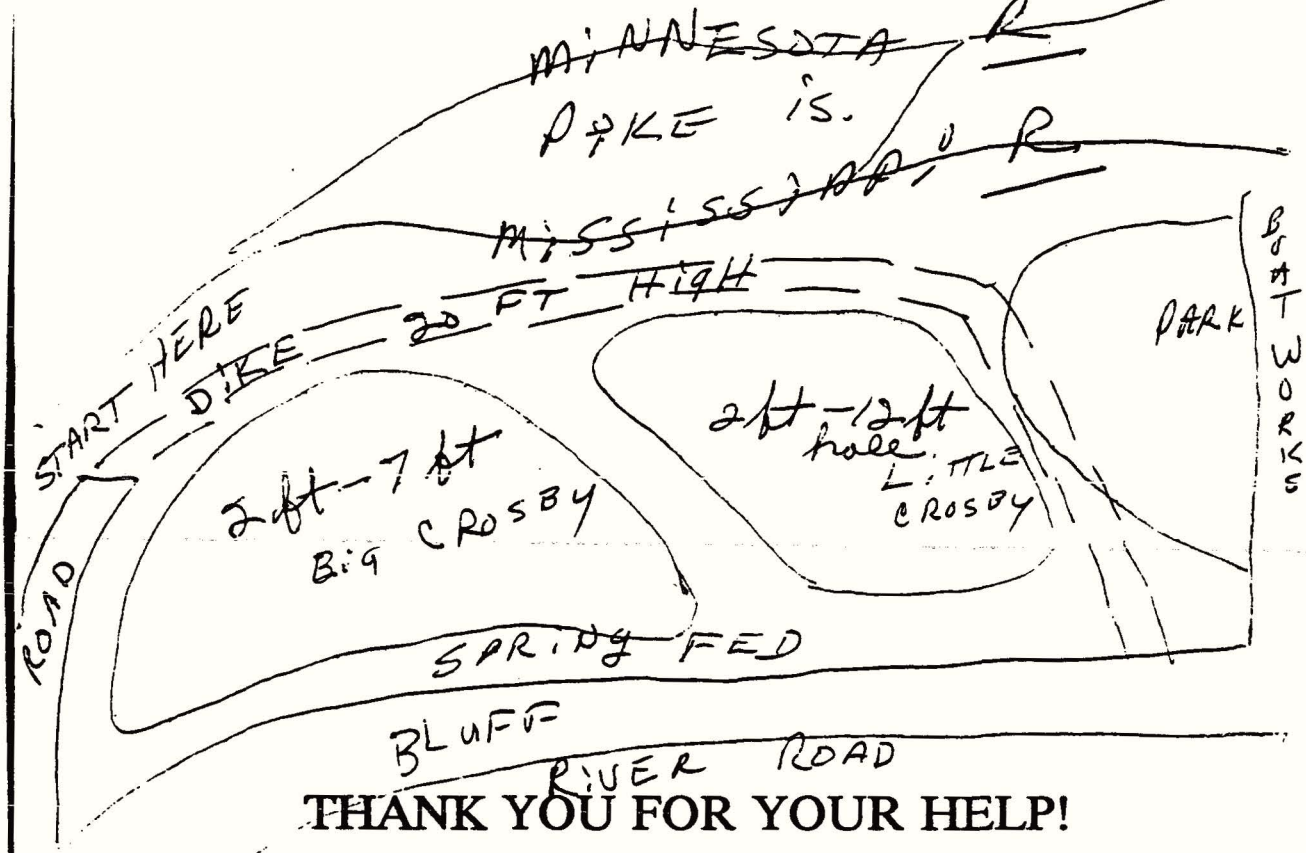
13. How long have you lived at your current residence? 25 years

14. What is your age, in years? 57 years

15. What is your gender? _____ female X male

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.

JUST LIKE THE WALL AT AIRPORT POST ROAD V.A. CEMETARY HIGH CONCRETE



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16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments. I would like to see some of the big caves open along the river and to find out how the caves were made and how some businesses used them

Areas along the river should be left or returned to as primitive or natural a condition as possible. The Coon Rapids Dam area appears to provide something for everyone along this line.

I think it should be possible to develop the land along the Mississippi so that its natural beauty is retained and people can still enjoy themselves. I would bar beer joints, billboards, rock concerts and fast food places along the river — they could be nearby but not on the river. I would encourage birds, wild flowers, picnic areas, historic sites and places to enjoy peace and quiet.

INDUSTRY RATHER THAN TOURISM WILL RESULT IN BETTER PAYING JOBS IF RIVER IS USED FOR COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

TOURISM NEEDS CLEAN SAFE FACILITIES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN — NOT AVAILABLE NOW.

Comments:

THE MISSISSIPPI IS WELL KNOWN THRU OUT THE WORLD AND CAN STAND MUCH IMPROVEMENT AS EVIDENCED BY MINNEAPOLIS PARK PLACES FOR CHICAGO—NEAR FOLLATED DISTRICTS—WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF NON-NEAR OWNERS—

HAVING BEEN RAISED IN NW MINN—THE RIVER—HAS BEEN ONE OF PRECIOUS MEMORIES—IS ONE OF THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD — MORE IMPROVEMENTS OF PLACE FOR RECREATION & OUTINGS FOR FAMILIES—DOWNTOWN AREA WITH EUROPEAN—MN HAS DONE A GOOD JOB OF HAVING DEVELOPED FINE REST AREAS ON MANY FREEWAYS—

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

MN IS A BEAUTIFUL STATE AS ANYONE WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH IT WILL ATTEST

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- I think the river area should remain as natural as possible while expanding trails is considered.

- The paths are getting very crowded + there needs to be better segregation bikers / blades & walkers →

It is a beautiful, natural area and I would like it to stay that way although I do support increased hiking / biking trails. The area needs to be better controlled from teenage drinking & vandalism. The area is very important to barge commerce and this should be protected.

I see adopt a river program on the news each summer & never recieve information on the program to be able to volunteer.

I think around Boom Onboard park the river needs two restaurants with docks & patios for people to enjoy eating out & the view.

comments.

Would like to preserve the river in its natural state as much as possible & still enjoy it. I think bringing in a lot of commercial business may destroy

comments.

IN Minneapolis & Suburbs

THE CURRENT Bike trails Available, are mostly on Flat semi paved or tarred roads or trails. With most [redacted] Bikers I know HAVING Mountain Bikes [redacted] Flat trails are Extremely Boring. ~~It would Be extremely~~ If We (Bikers) could get [redacted] a trail just through the woods, cut (NO pavement) I guarentee people would come. IN Grand Forks North Dakota they have [redacted] and everyone uses it from Bikers to joggers. DO THIS!!!! → Mountain Bike trails

THANK YOU ~~FOR YOUR HELP~~!

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YES!! YES!! — Small Hills, Curves Dirt gravel etc,

comments.

My ~~daughter~~ Daughter + Son of Law have a [redacted] ~~place on the shore~~ In Wahpeton and I love our trips on the river but I do think things could be improved on the shore etc but I don't think I would want a shore with man made bldgs on it - Keep the natural beauty.

NEEDS DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS COUNTRY SKIING TRAILS

I like to Bike along the river. The trails are very nice except for a couple of problem Spots:

1) Bridges in area (except Wash. Ave.) don't allow easy transitions from East to West (or vice versa) trails
2) Broken Glass on Bike trails.
3) The intersections on either side of Franklin Ave. do not allow easy use of trails in that area. (especially the East side).

In the metropolitan area, the property adjacent to or quite near the river is owned by industry or occupied by roads creating is very little access area and hardly any scenic reward. Activities & improvements, recreational, scenic, etc values should be directed to areas north or south of the cities.

I love the drive along the river - it's so serine and peaceful. I prefer to take that route on my way to work -- I consider it tranquility before the stormy intrusion of business affairs and concrete buildings.

I think it should be left alone and as natural as possible. Does every piece of land have to create revenue? Can't we just let it "be"?

comments.

ACCESS and CONTROL ARE THE KEY WORDS AND COVER A HOST OF SINS - WE NEED A LARGE number of ACCESS POINTS - BOTH FOR BOATS, PEOPLE, BICYCLES etc. SOME STRETCHES OF THE RIVER FOR BOATING - SOME FOR FISHING SOME BEACHES etc.

CONTROL WOULD KEEPING IT IN ITS NATURAL, ORIGINAL STATE AS much AS POSSIBLE. PROVIDING REST AREAS & SHELTERS. PICNIC AREAS, etc.

ABOVE ALL, KEEP IT SO FATHER HENNEPIN WON'T BE COMPLETELY CONFUSED, SHOULD HE SEE IT AGAIN.

comments. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

I like undisturbed Natrual hadifat

I have run along the river for 10 years. Ten years ago the paths were unpaved and were dirt paths between the sod plant and Marshall Bridge, maybe further, I can't remember. In my mind those were the good old days. Few people were there, only die hard runners. Now it's like a circus most of the time, particularly trying to fight for space with bicyclists who don't know rules.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

In my mind I enjoyed the river much

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more in those days and it suited me better then.

I would like to see a path/corridor all along the river exclusively for walking & bicycling. Easy access to & from, ample parking area, maintained restroom/picnic facilities, etc. Resident fees for use of such an area should be extremely minimal — charge the tourists.

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.

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With great effort, the Lake street bridge was changed from a concrete slab to a pleasing bridge. Now a 24-hour gas station and convenience store may be built on Marshall's Otis. This is just one more blow to the Mississippi River corridor and the attempts to preserve its scenic value.

The River IN Downtown St Paul
Should Be Developed For Commercial
& Recreational Uses - The way it is
Mostly Ignored is a Shame -
Wake-up & Look Around at other
Cities on the Mississippi, and See
what most of them have made
use of the River-Front -

limiting development & tourism
along the Mississippi would be the
only way to maintain its present beauty.
Be more diligent in prosecuting
river polluters.

comments.

I think we should Leave
the river as natural as it is now.
And not add any more parks or
Business.

Somehow it seems the Twin cities has missed
a better opportunity to ship more goods
via the river transportation. The Mississippi
seems to be more prevelent in the economy's
of St Louis & New Orleans.

comments.

I'm nearer Minnesota River, 9-mile Creek + Noir Park.

Too busy to enjoy things in our area — too little money. No boat.

Like River Place area development. Isn't that enough development? Good if Hastings brought up to similar high level. Megamall will make this one

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! important

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River near Hoyt seems to smell less than in 1960

survey.

I think the integrity of the Mississippi will be best maintained by striving for a balance between its natural beauty and developing its shores. This balance is very tenuous and needs to be maintained.

We have a treasure & value, share with everyone, & preserve for generations to come. Industrial development & waste have nearly destroyed its beauty & quality. We must care for it & treasure it.

I HAVE MOVED TO CHICAGO ILLINOIS NOV 91. THE TWIN CITIES METRO AREA SHOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED AND THATS WHY I'm CONCERNED. MORE DEVELOPMENT ON THE RIVER IS NEEDED IN MAKING THE TWIN CITIES AN EVEN MORE ENJOYABLE PART OF THE COUNTRY TO APPRECIATE. PEOPLE I'VE MEET OUTSIDE THE CITIES WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AND I'm PROUD I SPENT MY YOUNGER YEARS GROWING UP THERE. I HOPE THE TWIN CITIES CHANGES FOR THE GOOD AND NOT TURN INTO EXAMPLES OF OTHER HIGHLY POPULATED CITIES. LETS BE PROUD OF OUR CITIES AND NO WASTE THEM. I MISS MINNESOTA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME EXPRESS MY THOUGHTS TOO.

The river is a natural attraction to all of us. The scenic beauty, the power, the might of the river holds us in awe of nature. I believe the river cities through the various Councils, agencys, and government are doing their best to preserve the river as a natural and historical value to all of us. Please control the over commercialization of one of our Country's greatest natural resources.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

I enjoy the river but I don't think it will ever be a major tourist draw. I strongly believe the authorities should maintain existing parks and not build new ones. Many existing parks are practically unused. I'd like to see more ~~tax paying~~ commercial development. Lumberyards along the river don't bother me a bit, and it's nice to not have to support them. They're not just railyards and sawmills, they're future historical sites!

Please protect Undeveloped areas, they are [illegible] be in a lifetime

Our natural resources of the Mississippi should not be compromised so that people can have more picnic areas & Walking trails -

People have yards - other parks & side walks

Clean water is a very precious commodity we can't afford to waste it. - we need to clean it up.

Comments:

more trash cans would be in order. I think most people want to help the problem but there must be receptacles available. also more parking at the landings would be able to solve the problems better than building more launch sites. If you can't park legally you have to look elsewhere to land & launch your boat. Out of staters should pay more for park permits to use the fac's because we already help support in our high taxes. People on welfare could help clean & maintain our parks to do their part also minimum security prisoners to help offset the cost of keeping them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

I wish the bike trail would be continuous from Dayton to Hastings.

The Miss. R is most beautiful in its natural state and should be allowed to stay that way. Tourists will enjoy it more that way then going to all kinds of music/art/food festivals on its shores. Naturally, I'd like to see the water quality improved to the point where fish will once again be edible from it. Have you seen the shore lines between the Franklin Ave – Ford Ave bridges in the autumn? Please – don't do anything that would destroy the magnificence of those vistas!

Thanks for including me in this survey.

I suppose we are prejudiced as I love Fort Snelling and its access to the rivers. It is a beautiful place and offers so much to everyone. There should be more Parks like it along the river. The natural beauty of the river should be preserved.

The Mississippi is a fine river. Don't mess it, don't move it and don't mark it. We don't need more historical, and we don't need another program to prove we rank in the top ten of some survey when compared to other states. Help clean up the river and make it safer, that's good. But, clean it up from what and make it safer for who. It's a river don't forget.

We live near the Lake St. Bridge and do a lot of walking, hiking + bicycling along river.

I think further development of river front could be harmful to river quality.

I would like to see more Native american historical landmarks...
Also I am very concerned about our drinking water coming from the Mississippi that is being constantly polluted!

I WELCOME ANY ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP, IMPROVE & RESTORE THE NATURAL RESOURCE OF THE RIVER.

the local & State government should encourage development of the river.
More facilities for Sail Boating need to be built and activities promoted.

Sail boaters cause less damage and dont ~~pollute~~ foul the water.

I would like to see development along the river corridor to San Francisco. Historic Ferry - Fishermans Wharf etc. We have wasted a lot of potential & seem to look vision on how best to use the great natural resources we've been blessed with. Haphazard planning results in patchwork developments. We could use a lot more boldness and less timidity in using the scenic areas for the good and pleasure of our local citizens as well as out of state visitors. However - the down side is the possibility that the wrong element will also increase the risk of crime and pollution. There are no easy answers, Gods hand directs; "Without Vision - the people perish."

WE LIVE WITHIN ½ MILE OF THE MISSISSIPPI. I APPRECIATE THE MANY FACES OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER — WORKING AND RECREATIONAL. IT WOULD BE NICE IF IT WERE SOMEWHAT MORE OPEN SO THAT HIKERS, WALKERS AND BIKERS WOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE RIVER MORE OFTEN AND APPRECIATE ITS BEAUTY. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE MORE PICNIC AREAS. BELIEVE THAT THE POTENTIAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI COULD BE DEVELOPED MUCH MORE FULLY.

— THANK YOU!

Some development — boat ramps — parks etc is desirable

Parking always seems to be a problem - whether it's at a boat ramp, restaurant, for boat races, or some kind of a festival. It kind of kills the motivation to go when you have to park a mile away.

However, I think that the most important uses of the river are water supply and commercial navigation - and it should be cared for with those things in mind. Tourism is fine and enjoyable, but it should be handled with the understanding that the other 2 functions come first.

Everyone needs to learn to have more respect for the Mississippi - for it's uses, it's beauty, and it's power!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Any changes that would decrease industrial use of river can and will have a greatly negative impact on quality of life in our state than benefits derived by increased commercial (tourist) oriented development. As for pollution & fuel Minneapolis sewers do more than all of Minnesota industrial businesses located on the river. Not. Before moving to Minneapolis lived in Red Wing for 4 years fished often & enjoyed the river & feel that industry and tourism can co-exist. I do not believe that any answer & have made mean I want to see one less barge or increased regulation of industry.

Preservation of the natural state of this important natural resource should be our primary concern - not the attraction of tourists for commerce.

As a birdwatcher, I find the river an invaluable local resource. While I agree that tourism has resulted in increased accessibility to some areas, and has been beneficial, I am very concerned that overdevelopment may lead to loss of natural habitat. In particular, I am strongly opposed to additional motorized traffic on the river and would favor restricting current levels of boating.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

There is a need for more walking + biking trails along the river in the downtown area

Lake Harriet, Lake Calhoun, and Lake of the Isles attract a wide variety of people who engage in a wide variety of activities. The more the river front can be made like these lake areas the more people will be content with land/water use in the Twin Cities.

If anything is to be done it should be naturalized - NOT commercialized.

Parks - a few small stops

Eating stops - small stuff!

comments.

development of Bike Trails & walking paths throughout the mississippi would be a terrific way for everyone to access this area with a lesser impact on water quality and scenic and natural environment I am totally supportive of a management program that is fiscally responsible unlike the rest of over state and federal government

Try to get a good balance between recreational, cultural and commercial interests for use of the river.

Dont allow any large "view-blocking" commercial buildings on the river front!

The River is defenetly a great natural resource. But what about the wild life too! Lets start building moore wild life conservation areas we need these as well as the animals and fish and birds.

I think the new development along the Apple side of new streets and park areas are a nice additions to Apple.

In most cases, when government agencies begin developing things for greater availability (especially tourism), the natural beauty is destroyed, the cost, including taxes (also more and bigger bureaus) goes up, the crowds, litter, abuse, concrete and blacktop grow and the value of the experience decreases dramatically. Nature in its original form is so much richer and more inspiring than anything man can construct or create that the choice is clear. Protect our dwindling Middle

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Developing natural resources that promote "low impact use of the river should be encouraged. Biking, hiking, canoeing, should be encouraged. Boat (motor) commercial development (houses apartments, theme parks should be discouraged.

comments.

I am very interested in any development of the OLD Grain Belt Brewing Building

The River area should be improved for the people that live near it - and for environmental reasons
If the Twin Cities wants to increase tourism there are more creative ways then using the river as a target.
Lets keep the river our little secret for enjoyment.

I feel some development for commercial / industrial use is compatible with recreation. For example The stretch of West River Parkway from Broadway To downtown is quite pleasant. Efforts should be made To improve The Riverfront To This level over the long Term.

It is important to respect the river as a commercial "working river". It is not, and has not in our history been a prestine wooded, wild river corridor like the St Croix for example. The geography of our river makes it unique and sometimes difficult to work with and makes it impossible to compare to other river developments.

Leave River Natural as possible.
Have teen age community work for clean-up and preserving

STATE LAND ALONG THE RIVER SHOULD BE MANAGED FOR WILDLIFE & FORESTRY. NEW TREES SHOULD BE PLANTED IN AREAS THAT WILL SUSTAIN NEW GROWTH, JUST LIKE ALL THE TREES THAT ARE PLANTED ALONG THE HIGHWAYS.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS A RESOURCE THAT SHOULD BE ENJOYED BY ALL. IT SEEMS A SHAME NOT TO DEVELOP THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA TO ITS FULL POTENTIAL, BEING MINDFUL OF THE ENVIRONMENT & WATER QUALITY AS TRAILS, SHOPS & SITES ARE ADDED. I WOULD NOT ENDORSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF HUGE PROJECTS, AS THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, BUT SMALL AREAS WHICH WOULD KEEP THE RIVER OPEN FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

Comments:

Put in museums along the river (possibly at the U of M- over the museum of natural history) weights, stones, rocks, and other things could be displayed. I would even donate agates and other rocks from the Mines. That would bring it up to the Mines area. Ideal for field trips and such.

The most important agenda is preserving the natural environment. That will benefit the most people for the longest time.

To protect and [illegible] a mile-wide natural strip on the [illegible] of the Mississippi River. I want to see along the Mississippi River Blvd. [illegible] all winter [illegible]. The [illegible] of [illegible] is remarkable. The quality of life because of [illegible] high.

SOME DEVELOPMENT would be good, but LEAVE MOST OF IN ITS NATURAL STATE.

~~Any~~ improvements to enhance the environment, accessability and recreational facilities along the "father of waters" will be ~~very~~ very beneficial to the entire community.

comments.

I think the river in the Twincities is an underutilized recreational and scenic component of life in Mpls-St. Paul. Its banks and its beaches should be made into parklands so that everyone can enjoy it.

Environmental concerns must be addressed before more development is allowed.

I would like to see existing foot paths better lit at night. I bike along the river a couple of times a week for pleasure. I am pleased with the quality of existing bike paths.

My biggest concern over development ~~~~ is the loss of wildlife. I lead bird-watching trips along the river bank weekly during the spring; I would hate to see too many of the dense thickets & trees cleared for scenic vistas or more paths.

—Thanks for asking!

I THINK THE NEED FOR ANY SURVEY'S ABOUT THE RIVER ARE NEEDLESS. MY REASONING IS THAT THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR ANY POLLUTION IN THE RIVER AT ALL PERIOD. THIS PROBLEM SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AT LEAST 25 YEARS AGO. A MORATORIUM SHOULD BE PUT IN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ON ANY BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIAL PLANTS BY THE RIVER, CLEAN-UP OR GET OUT. NO LOOP-HOLES IN THE LAW, STIFF PRISON SENTENCES FOR VIOLATERS. NO USE OF MICKEY MOUSE STATE SENTENCING GUIDE LINES. IF THE RAIL ROADS WOULD NOT HAVE RUN THE COUNTRY INTO A STALEMATE YOU COULD BAN BARGES. IF YOU CANNOT DRINK THE WATER OR EAT THE FISH YOU HAVE A SEWER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

THERE ARE NO EXCUSES BEING RESPONSIBLE IS HARD WORK. A LOST VIRTUE

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I hope they will never again make the mistake they did in allowing high rise apartments to be built so close to the river at almost historical part of the Nyack riverfront.

The river is a real treasure and there should be much more emphasis on its beauty and importance I am glad to know that work apparently is going to be done in that direction.

-Please leave the West River Road between 85th and 93rd alone- the Wildlife in the area has already been decreased with all the developing in Brooklyn Park- leave our scenic Road alone- just lower the speed limit to 35.

We have been enjoying Main Street Boom Island and Riverroad across from Boom Island. Also the development on Nicollet Island is great.

Dredge the river all the way to the Coon Rapids dam. —
Continue Hicking trail from downtown St. Paul, ~~to~~ North through ~~Fridley~~ mpls. to Coon Rapids dam.

I FAVOR IMPROVEMENTS IN, AND ACCESS TO, THE RIVER AREAS

I DO NOT FAVOR CREATING A LARGE NUMBER OF JOBS IN THE ALREADY-BLOATED MINNESOTA DNR TO EXPLAIN AND CONTROL RIVER USAGE THISTORY. PARKS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED SO THE REQUIRE LOW MAINTENCE OTHER THAN TRASH CLEAN UP

ANY TYPE OF RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE RIVER, WITHIN LIMITS, WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO RESIDENTS OF THE TWIN CITIES ESPECIALLY NORTH OF THE TWIN CITIES

LIKE IT THE WAY IT IS BASICALLY — USUALLY USE THE LAKES FOR REC. PURPOSES. HOWEVER ON OCCASION PLEASURE RIDE ALONG THE RIVER — WOULD HATE TO SEE IT OVERDEVELOPED.

Thanks

comments.

For me, the Freighting, I.E. Barges up and down the River, are Equal ~~to~~ the natural scenic Beauty, and are the reason the Twin Cities came to Exist. They should be incaurged. and any future Management of the River should give equal consideration to their needs and the environment.

comments.

I would like to see Riverfront Development Such as the City of Baltimore has undertaken to enhance the overall quality of life in the City.

needs to be developed more attractively and new roads for less traffic

comments.

Oppose industrial development along the Mississippi, after all we drink it now don't we?

Pollution Issues

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.

I simply don't know enough to answer many of the questions as posed, but I can summarize some of my views – I favor access and use of the river by residents and tourists as long as it does not contribute to the degradation of an already stressed ecological system. My assumption is that various kinds of cleanup are already necessary. I am vehemently opposed to making it easier for developers to make a profit at the expense of public access, cleanliness, health, etc. I support efforts to manage this area that are not primarily driven by chamber of commerce mentality!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

CLEAN IT UP

SO I CAN SWIM AND EAT THE

FISH !!

I want to see our

Natural Environment remain or

become more Healthy as a

Natural Environment. ~~(not~~

- I am concerned primarily about the environmental safety of the River
- I would prefer to see tourism directed to the lakes + Malls so I can still fantasize the "feeling" of a Rivertown
- I am concerned about the safety of the residential communities along the River — there is history there and people —
- I don't believe that economic growth and environmental safety can coexist in our country We don't know how to achieve both + of the two I will always vote for the Environment

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Preserving the ecology and the scenic quality of the river is extremely important to me. It is far more important than anything else.

I believe restoring the water quality and the natural beauty of the river is and always has been important. Without it, we have no river.

comments.

THE ACTUAL WATER AND ITS CONTENTS ARE TRULY SCARY.

comments.

I think a lot could be done to improve water quality. Then it would be used more.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED NOW IS WATER QUANITY.

TOURISM HAS IT'S PLACE ON OR NEAR THE RIVER BUT OUR CONCERN FOR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE FOREMOST IN OUR MINDS.

THE MISSISSIPPI IS A LARGE PART OF OUR HISTORY AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS A NATIONAL TREASURE.

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments. I'm not sure how you could Improve water quality of the river in some places. It is a slow moving river. Now in other areas what is inputed into the river is a place to begin.

Keep it open for all people.

Keep it Clean.

LETS CLEAN IT UP FIRST!

CUT OUT THE SEWAGE.

comments.

I love the river, it is very beautiful and the area of the river is very tranquil/relaxing. I do wish the river was cleaner. I would enjoy fishing from the river if I could be certain the fish weren't contaminated.

I would like to see the natural beauty of the river be restored by hard work on all of our parts. I believe, once again, that the River is the connective ribbon that invigorates the souls that are within its watershed.

comments.

The river should be cleaned up better and increase use of the litter law. Problems with litter is getting out of hand again from the people of our area more than by tourists.

Thank You!

comments.

I am supportive of any improvement in natural environment improvent in and around the Mississipi. I think that priority should be given to improving the quality of the water in the river. I don't feel that there should be an "allowable amount" of waste products dumped into the river.

I'm happy to be involved and hope I can help.

comments. My biggest concern would be stop all the industrial waste being allowed at any levels to flow untreated into the river. ~~My~~ Anyone that spends anytime on the river has ~~sig~~ seen the signs of this kind of pollution. We need to stop these companies from using the river as a place to get rid of waste to greatly improve the quality of the environment for the next generations before too much damage is done. Thank for this chance to speak out

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

It irritates me that that state of Minn. which supposedly prides itself on be in the fore front of energy conservation, pollution controls, ecology, etc allows the pollution of a great river as the Mississippi which has its pristine beginnings in the northern part of the state & leaves the state in such a polluted condition! Let's clean it up!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

comments.

Cleen up Water Im a Diver And Ive Never Seen Anything So filthy AS Wis I Dove The River I have NO Plans To Ever Do Anything Neer or ON That filthy water way Take A Look AT Jqcques Cousteaus Study on That River And Cleen IT UP!

I encourage the cleaning of the water and the shoreline, as well as the responsible use of the natural facilities. Unfortunately, the way to encourage the polluters, vandals and other such 'scum' to be more responsible eludes me. In my opinion, the best possibility is education at all levels, especially in the lower grades.

comments.

The quality of Water of the Wis. River would be better if more park, trails, camping area were developed.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE QUALITY OF THE WATER BETTER. THAT MEANS BETTER FISHING & AN INCREASE IN FISHERMEN, RATHER THAN AN OVERCROWED RIVER WITH RECREATIONAL BOATERS IN. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE LITTER & GARBAGE ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RIVER DECREASED THIS IS MORE AN EYE SORE THAN A ~~TORIST~~ TOURIST ATTRACTION. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE 2 PROBLEMS RESOLVED WITHOUT RAISING TAXES OF RESIDENTS IN MINNESOTA. (KEEP THE RIVER AS NATURAL AND CLEAN AS POSSIBLE.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Comments:

I feel the Ole 'Miss is extremely important to the quality of life not only in the cities ~~to~~ but in Minnesota.

I sometimes think we take it for granted. We should pass along the respect for it to our children in hopes that this quality exists in the future.

I am an avid fisherman. It's sad I feel I cannot eat the fish from the river. I know our economy depends a lot on the river. I wish we can find a happy medium.

Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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My main concerns for the river involve the quality of the environment around and in the river. Concerns for water quality, fish populations, eagle donations and the general health of the river and its tributaries. I don't know much about how the river affects the economy, but I do know its vital to this area.

Thank You for asking for my participation.

This study is very important. Developing + cleaning up the Mississippi is so important It is about 30 years to late but I guess that the way we do things!

We enjoy the Coon Rapids Dam area Park very much. It is well kept + a haven for ducks & geese. They do have educational shows + talks & other nature activities there

... Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.

Water pollution is extreme and our natural resources need to be preserved. Purely econ. mic goals will not provide this. Industrial pollution needs to be cleaned up. Up river communities must also address this problem. The water quality needs to be upgraded.

With good planning, increased tourism does not have to take a toll on the environment. Jobs can be created and unique historical and cultural events could become annual events. I thoroughly enjoy the entire down town Mississippi River park + do all my exercising + leisure activities there although safety has sometimes been a concern. Natural trails should also be preserved + sparingly enhanced.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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Thank You for the opportunity to comment.

Enforcement of environmental regulations should be equally as strict with governmental polluters as it is in the private sector and equal to large + small polluters.

The river can probably support more recreational/ Tourist use. - however. detailed study should determine the peak level. The river has been part of my life since Childhood and have used/ camped areas from Alma W.I. to St. Paul - I applaud any/all <u>coordinated</u> efforts to preserve its beauty, clean it up, afford better access for all segments of the population. The river is a continuous system and impact studies shouldn't be limited to the Metro area.

This improvement is long overdue - Some of the gambling proceeds would be nice to use on this improvement Start taking the Indian Reservations where casinos are! Put in a $100-500 fine system if caught littering anywhere ~~in~~ - Highways parks or rivers and enforce it instead of picking up everyone's trash

It'd be great if ~~tourists~~ States are a lot cleaner than ours!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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Canoed down the Mississippi from North Mpls to Fort Snelling 15 yrs ago. Conditions on the river are much improved today, and could be much better in the future.

Stop mercury levels in fish
Clean up the water
no Dumping of toxic wastes
police the hangouts along the river safety is a big factor

The River in the Downtown Mpls. Area has the appearance of an effluent discharge ditch in some Areas. I have seen at least one area that had some strange "unnatural" clear Bluish water that was surrounded by dead fish mostly carp. In my opinion The Beauty of the River has been destroyed in some Areas by the concrete that goes right down to the ~~side~~ River's Bank. I also feel that many people Neglect to use the River for fishing etc. because of the real or perceived view that it is too polluted to swim in or take fish from.

The Mississippi River is one of Nature's most beautiful Resources. It breaks one's heart to see Industrial plants etc dump waste and Chemical in it. Also, why are there Not More Camp Sites along the Mississippi in the Twin Cities area? If run Properly by Good Park + Camp Ground Management. They would be a terrific asset to local families with Children who can't afford to take long trips. But Could teach their Children about Nature + Camping Wonders Very Close to Home.

Thank you!

I am pleased that attention is being given to the quality of the river's water and banks.

I grew up in NE Mpls near the river. I remember as a child a total disregard to the quality of the river. Pollution bad - area considered the Slums.

I did fish & Boat until I became disable in 1985. Now I live near the Minnesota River bird reserve. I Enjoy Wildlife Emensly.

water pollution is my main concern
I wouldn't want to swim in the
Mississippi but I ~~would~~ do swim
in the St. Croix River. Just
Knowing of all the illegal
dumping of pollutants from various
sources makes me sick!

Keep it clean!

Needs to be cleaned up + kept clean

Needs more security

Water Quality = huge Issue for residents

This survey and any plans for
more recreational areas near or
on the river will be completely
worthless if commercial polluters
like American Iron and Steel
and their proposed incinerator, and
others are not stopped from
operating now.

I have mostly enjoyed the river in St. Cloud, St. Croix, and Lake City, Mn. for recreational use. The time is now for improving the water quality of the mighty Mississippi. Pollution has got to stop!!

Comments:

What disturbs me most is the water quality of the river - it is not only from tourists that litter but commercial polution as well. I love to fish but would not eat any caught in this whole area you are surveying -

IN my eyes, The dirty WATER IS A Large Problem, That Should Be ~~Attacked~~

Sincerely,

IF Tourism is said to Be needed, Then The quality of The AREA must Be enhanced First.

It would be Nice to clean the Mississippi River up even if development along the river does not happen.

10. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcome.

Greetings from an (extreme) lover of nature —
I love to go to the river bank and read on Sunday afternoon. However, the river is now very dirty and trash is abundent! I wish it was cleaner and quieter and I wish the fishing was better so my grandchildren could enjoy it. I believe a committment by the people in this State could result in a cleaner more attractive river. For starters I would like to see HUGE FINES levied against any all cities counties businesses for putting anything at all liquid or solid, polluted or non-polluting either INTO or out of any river or lake in this State. That's what would make me Happy!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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THE TWO MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ARE ① POOR WATER QUALITY DUE TO POLLUTION, AND ② DEGRADED RIVERBANK AND ADJACENT LAND HABITAT DUE TO POLLUTION, LITTERING, AND ILLEGAL DUMPING OF GARBAGE AND TRASH.

comments.

We have a grave responsibility for water quality downstream. Also, I don't know why we rely on it so heavily for our water in Mpls. A spill upstream (hazardous) or drought conditions again will put us in a real bind. We should not need to press our neighbors to the north for releasing water and draining lakes when groundwater is available.

Why do so many storm sewers run into the river? Salt and oil etc, fertilizers cannot be very healthy for us or the environment.

We use the river for motorboating — it is discouraging we cannot swim in the water. Of course we choose not to swim because it smells & looks so dirty. As a boater floating debri is a real problem as is other boaters lack of knowledge of rules of the river. It would be nice to have a place to stop & eat or pick up sundries at a store.

Haven't much at all to do with Mississippi River, but do think all should be done to clean it up and if done right tourism should be beneficial to all.

it is beautiful, it is disgustingly dirty, I do not wish to drink the water that comes from river. because of industrial polution.

MY BIGGEST CONCERN IS THE QUALITY OF WATER. RUNNOFF AND WASTE from INDUSTRIES ALONG THE RIVER MAY BE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM. CONVERSELY, IF THE WATER IS BAD WHO WANTS TO FISH IN THE RIVER OR LIVE ALONG THERE.

comments.

My number one concern about the River is water quality.

From what I have seen the water quality of the River is low. This has been the reason for Low Knowledge of the River. If I want to enjoy water & fish is plus other outdoor activities we have plenty of nice lakes & parks to of that are in better shape.

I would fish the Miss if I could trust that the fish were clean from chemicals and pollutants.

Maybe the state could have ~~a~~ one day ~~set~~ where the river could take a break from all travel, discharges, etc, No place better to start then in our own back yard. Mississippi River Appreciation Day.

Thank You.

Pollution is the biggest problem I see with the River -

This question is for the young and quite redundant.

We took a rafting trip with some friends last summer near Dayton & couldn't believe how dirty the river was. I felt bad & sure hope something can be done to improve the water quality!

The Mississippi River is a beautiful river. Less polution will make it more beautiful.

Let the people that profit most from tourism help to pay the costs to keep the river clean.

comments. Let's clean it up. It is an essential waterway for the economy, so let's find a balance of barges U.S. natural state. Bike trails are great. Tourists suck, but their money is O.K. Let's face it, I should have been born 200 years ago.

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MOST CONCERNED WITH POLLUTION

WHEN YOU STAND ON THE RIVER BLUFF AND LOOK AROUND IT LOOKS BEAUTIFUL. BUT CLOSE UP YOU SHOULDN'T SWIM OR EAT FISH FROM THE RIVER. IF RIVERS AND LAKES DON'T GET CLEANED UP, THERE WON'T BE SUCH A THING AS TOURISM IN MINNESOTA.

would like to see River Bank Cleaned like Volenteer are doing on Highway work (signs) designating who is cleaning area

comments.

WE USED TO BOAT SWIM AND FISH THE RIVER WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN. IT GOT DIRTIER EVERY YEAR. I TENDED TO GO TO CLEANER WATERS

THE River is A unique resource and I would hope that water quality can be improved especially for that portion Below the Twin Cities

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Get rid of all the junk yards for Starters. Make companies ready old cars for shipping & recycling Barges clean their areas & keep them that way. Any Company & business caught dumping in the river be fined & close the doors We have too many pollutes on the West side from Downtown all the way to Camden. (Lexington Ave) Fix up the East Bank from Downtown to the Coon Rapids Dam.

We must use every means at our disposal to clean up the rivers. 25 years ago the colic count was 21,000 per mili liter. It is probably worse today. Imagin what it must be at New Orleans

When I was a Boy Age 12 or so, I used to be able to eat the Fishes taken from the river, Now I am affraid to even think about eating the catch. my belief is that a very strict pollution control ie; hazordus and toxic waste dumping's be it from farmers with use of pestieides or big bussiness not being monitored or controled, should be inacted Thank you

We can't clean it up quickly enough!

If the Mississippi rivers were cleaner & had better parks - I'd be more apt to "play" by it!

comments.

1 Improve water quality.
2 Why do fish in the Lake Pepin area taste and smell oily?

comments.

Clean it up & Keep it clean

To me, the most important things we can do for the River is to clean the water and protect the wildlife that depend on it.

Improving and maintaining water quality must remain the top priority of any mangement program. Water conservation at all levels and in all areas is an important means of assuring adequate flow in the Mississippi which is a major factor in water quality.

WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED. ALL OTHER USES SHOULD BE SECONDARY / SHOULD SERVE THE QUALITY ISSUE. THANK YOU FOR ASKING.

The Mpls Park board does an outstanding job of liter pick-up and maintenance along the Mississippi River where I live. Lots of trash though comes floating down the river.

I think the most important thing is that the water Quality of the river needs to be improved i.e. waste dumping - also development can be harmful if not controlled and if it is implemented it should strictly adhere to environtal practises

comments.

There is so much potential but it is so dirty and smells so bad.

I think the area has improved in water quality over the years + would like to see it get even better.

I wouldn't want the river to become industrial, but would like to see the quality of fishing to improve.

I.E. 15 minutes to complete [illegible]

I'd like to see a cleaner river. The result of this would be increased tourism and respect (for the river).

I'm glad I was chosen to participate in this study.

comments.

I do not presently live on the river but I grew up on the river. My brother lives "on" the river at this time.

The river does appear to be getting cleaner!

I don't live close to the mississippi
still I love it! but a lot of how it is
in trouble, I dont like it at all. I dont
think the Mississippi river should be covered
with trash Industry Waste! I remember
when I could bathe in the river, and when
you could fish and not worry if the fish
was good and not diseased, its disgusting
(Man) whatelse, God save the Mississippi
River.

I SPENT MY FIRST SEVENTEEN YRS
FISHING HUNTING AND TRAPPING ON
THE RIVER BY PINE BEND.
THE WATER WAS VERY CLEAR
I COULD SEE THE BOTTON, NOT ANY MORE

The river should be protected.
Dayton is one of the areas that
has been proposed for the site
of a new dump.
This area is less than 200 feet
from the river.

comments.

Every time I read about the farmers being blamed for pollution of our waterways and big business can let this junk run wild in the river twelve months of every year mainly in the winter when its under the ice and not noticed, it really bothers me, greatly, mainly Koch refinery of pine bend, spring lake, back waters of the mississippi & Koch oil pit, look at it! we do every summer.

comments.

Please clean up The River. There is To Much damping of wast From Factories along The River

Thanks

comments.

I love the River, but it has become dirty in the last few years. In Iowa near the Mo. border it is clean and smells better.

Cleaner water &
Increased efforts to
restore the natural
environment of the river
areas. is most important!

? on Boats!

comments.

ITS A OUTDOOR TOILET, FLUSH THE WHOLE DAMN STATE DOWN IT & START OVER.

Quality of water needs improvement, before tourism could be encouraged. It is a majestic ~~river~~ river but it needs cleaning up.

comments.

I think a great number of steps should be taken to stop pollution entering the Mississippi River. I also think steps should be taken and dollars spent to clean the pollution already in the Mississippi River.

~~River~~

comments.

When I look at the river I picture a normal, natural river instead of how it looks now with so much pollution.

If I catch a fish I would like to think I could eat it with no after effects.

I would like to see through the water for at least 6 inches.

I think that we should fix up the river because it is too polluted. Many events go by the river and cleaning it up will make it safer for all of us.

I am most concerned that the quality of the water in the river be clean — not polluted, recreation or tourism is not as important.

1° concern is cleaning up ecosystem, improving water quality safety of river.

Much depends on the final program — size, time, many new projects etc. (how it is administered), it seems to me the 1st priority is improvement of water quality.

Therefore no response to ques. 11.

Generally speaking the river is of great importance. Tourism is also important but can be overdone which I strongly disagree with. Keep it classy & in good taste.

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I think the Mississippi River is a very important part of the Twin Cities + Minnesota in general. I feel we should do what we can to preserve + clean up this river.

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Protect the water quality

comments.

Some of the Questions I Have No Answers to & Some there I Have Little or No Comment However I do Like the Big River Not to Make Money off of it or to Attract People to Keep it Clean and Keep it Beautiful and Leave it

I'm all for supporting any efforts to increase the water quality & maintain the Mississippi and preserve the NATURAL beauty,

The River should be kept as clean as it possibley can.

Probly should be cleaned up a little & just like the rest are parks and pleasin places. Some parts of the river look like they never been cleaned along shore line.

The most important thing to me because I used to live in Mpls. is the water Quality NEED'S TO BE CLEANED up.

ENVIROMENTAL CONCERN'S SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY.

the pollution of the [illegible] the natural beauty should be preserved.

comments. I would like To see The River cleaned up But I Think You need to start at the very Beginning of the River not in the Middle.

Increased use by boaters creates a serious erosion problem for home owners along the river. The wakes, especially when the river is high, wash away a lot of shore line. For people + moderate incomes who cannot afford extensive protection measures Jet skis create a lot of the noise problem. This is a problem

Otherwise, we love the convenient + change of living near the river. There is always something of interest to look at. Trails nearby are great.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

No questions about Industrial Pollution

comments.

The major problem with the Mississippi, as I see it, is industrial pollution. If it were a land mass it would be designated for a "Super Fund Cleanup Site"

I feel that the major problem facing the entire Mississippi is the pollution of the water due from waste treatment & farm & lawn runoffs. (The storm sewers also deposit a lot of harmful materials in the rivers)

comments.

ITS important WE ~~[illegible]~~ TAKE CARE of our NATURAL RESOURCES! Young, middle age & SENIOR wise ones CAN all benefit from the Mississippi River & its surroundings!!

We see quality of the River water being the primary concern. We seldom participate in activities along the Riverfront.

comments.

I live near the Crow River So I enjoy more opportunity there. & I feel the rivers should be kept clean and beautiful and accessable to many people.

The littering is appaling in our river. In front of our homes (my site + I) we removed water heater, tires, cycles + motor cycles and numerous other things — at our expense. I very large fine should be imposed on these people

You must influence the government to clean up the rivers.

comments.

get the water quality where it should be. Tell the bastards down stream to do their part!

Study-related Comments

If no one knows my name – why did you precode the questionnaire & envelope?

Would have been desirable to see the studies done that you have based your questions from. Good survey though – hope you are using a survey software to tabulate the results!

Survey much too long – not familiar with area enough to form opinions – Did the best I could

Most of this survey didn't apply to me = would be in favor of many of the suggested improvements if these improvements didn't raise our taxes to cover the cost. I am also concerned that our present tax dollar is being used for work on the project.

Thank you for asking the public's opinion.

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TOO MANY QUESTIONS!

IT IS DIFFICULT TO GIVE OPINIONS ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER NOT KNOWING THE COST OF EACH ISSUE TO THE TAXPAYER. FOR THAT REASON I CONSIDER MOST OF THE ISSUES DISCUSSED HEREIN TO BE RATHER USELESS SINCE MY OPINIONS OF EACH IS LARGELY INFLUENCED AS TO WHETHER THERE IS AN ASSOCIATED

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

TAX BURDEN

comments.

How did you get my name?
This was time consuming.

I was in a noisy area
noise of human activitic type
I had trouble concentrating
on the question and my answer
anyway.

Lazy Mississip
on sunny timing overs
watch mankindly flown

Did you know I Live near the St. Croix River about 15 miles from The Mississippi.

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Wish I could have been of help on this study-
Spent years - 1964 - to 1967 in Florida

You sent this to Jim - he was deceased in January - for many years he had a house boat on the Mississippi — I've known Jim for 7-8 years and spoke of the happy times he had on the house boat — I've tried to answer as he might have —

P.S. I've lived in Bloomington and since Jim's death have moved to Northern MN - didn't want you to think your correspondence was ignored —

Thank you for the privilege to fill this out. Some questions were difficult to answer — hence a lot of "don't knows". They were too vague. However basically this was well prepared. Keep up the good work.

Thank you for allowing me to give an opinion

Respectfully,

Retired Army T/E

This may rank as one of the most useless questionnaires ever. By including a 1.5 mile width on either side of the river you have incorporated almost all of downtown Memphis and St. Paul. The answers include a recognition that the HHH stadium, the Orpheum, Mud Island, and many other in-city facilities are included in your definition of "the river." What value is this information?

I would be interested in the results of your survey.

Comments:

This survey was much too lengthy, and redundant!

TOURISM IS THE [illegible]
THE QUESTIONS. [illegible]
OF [illegible]
OTHER COUNTY [illegible]
[illegible]

Thank you for conducting this survey!
I hope the information you obtain is useful.

I FOUND THE SURVEY TO BE DIFFICULT TO RESPOND TO ON MANY ITEMS. TERMS LIKE "TOURISM" & "RECREATION BASED" BUSINESSES ARE VERY GENERIC. ALSO MANY ITEMS APPEAR TO "MAKE SENSE" (QUESTION 6, 8 & 9) BUT COULD BE STRETCHED INTO SOMETHING MUCH BETTER / OR WORSE. BOTTOM LINE — MORE INFO NEEDED TO INTERPRET / SPECIFIC PLANS TO PROPERLY RESPOND.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Since I do not live near the river, I did not fill out the "Problems".

The following areas are the only places along the river I've had in mind while filling this out:

Crosby Park
Hidden Falls
Harriet Island
and
Ford DAM area.

Good Luck!!

I FOUND, IN COMPLETION OF THIS SURVEY, HOW VERY LITTLE I KNOW OF THE RIVER — THE IMPACT AND/OR OPPORTUNITY — I HOPE TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE. THANK YOU.

IT TOOK MORE THAN 15 MINUTES

I'm a very poor source to give any input about the Mississippi river. I have no personal experience or association with it whatsoever. I use the St Croix for my water recreation.

I'm afraid I have little knowledge about the river or the activities that go on there. I felt I could not give a valid opinion for most of these questions because of it.

THIS FORM IS WAY TOO LONG! I'LL BET YOU GET LESS THAN 10% RETURNED, AND THE ~~POPULATION~~ SAMPLE THAT RETURNS THEM WILL NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POPULATION. IN ADDITION, SINCE MY NUMBER IS 30054, IF THIS IS SUPPOSE TO REPRESENT A SERIAL NUMBER THAT MEANS YOU HAVE SENT OUT OVER 30,000 FORMS. THE POSTAGE ALONE IS OVER $15,000. IT SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF MONEY FOR BIASED ~~DATA~~ DATA.

Please do not waste additional money for "studies".
Put all available funds to use in improving the missing, not into the pockets of "Studies".

[redacted]

What's the # for on the front page?

Why are there no slots for "no opinion, or is that "Don't Know?"

I really don't go near the river for recreation or know anything about the facilities
I'm doing most of this by hearing others comments

HE IS LEGALLY BLIND.
SORRY

I wish you had picked someone else for this survey

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KEEP UP THE GOOD JOB!! :)

Most of the questions used in this survey can only be answered w/ a thorough economic analysis. I fail to see why they were used as opinion questions.

Tourism Issues

We live down in Burnsville. Don't know why we were sent this. Because we mostly have to deal with the Minnesota River. But, we have used the Mississippi on occasion. I Believe it is very Beautiful + some - what scary. But, I also believe some kind of tourism would definately help our Mpls. economy! -Thanks-

THANK YOU FOR YOUR I

Tourism along the river seems to be concentrated in retail developments in the downtown Mpls area. This has been very successful It would be nice to see more non-retail development in the downtown Mpls area such as parks or band shells, etc.

For Snelling is a nice attraction some railways or boat rides would be nice along the undeveloped stretches of the river.

Please <u>don't</u> let river boat <u>gambling</u> come to Minnesota

I have enjoyed all the beautiful boat trips, that I have taken on the river.
I have enjoyed all the concerts & festivals at the river. I wish there were more concerts, using local groups. There are so many talented local musicians in our area. When I first moved to St Paul, there was so much entertainment. It has been less because of the economy. I hope things will improve.
If tourism increases, there will be more people to enjoy the concerts. They will want other things available such as food & restaurants.
I love living in St Paul. It is beautiful, & so many nice people. The downtown area is specially great for the older adults. The Mississippi River & parks are close.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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It has been a pleasure to take part in this survey
Thank you very much!

We have been to St Louis, Missouri and enjoyed very much its places of eating on the Mc Donald - Burger King and also a more sophisticated eating place aboard 2 diffent paddlewheel boats - It was also nice to see the Arch and its underground museum - I am interested in a similar program for St Paul - San Antonio, Texas has an excellent river walk - boat ride and many interesting shops along it river -

I guess that I am not totally sold on the concept of bolstering an economy with the tourist dollar. However, this does not mean that I do not strongly support increased access to the river. It is not wise to judge every endeavor by its economic value. This is especially true when dealing with things like wildlife and the intrinsic beauty of any natural wonder. So what if 2,000 $5 an hour jobs aren't generated so people can buy coke, hotdogs, and overpriced "T" shirts with the words "I swam the Mississippi" printed on them. People simply need the access to get away from the tension, headache, and stress that bills, spending, T.V., etc. cause us.

Good luck

The Mississippi is a beautiful river and all efforts must be made in order to preserve it and keep it clean. I live one mile away and tourism would affect me, but I do believe some tourism would help the city, as long as strict rules were enforced to protect the river and maintain a clean environment for the community surrounding it. Good Luck to you all in your efforts.

Peace, Keeper of the Vision

It can be very beautiful through all seasons but - while expanding for tourism can be helpful in many ways, it must be closely monitored.

As a museum professional, I am particularly interested in the potential of historical and cultural attractions, and have seen (in many cities) successful integrations of commercial, cultural and natural/scenic areas which attract many tourists. The Mississippi River name and significance are recognized throughout the world, yet both Minneapolis and St Paul seem to have turned away from this rich resource.

comments.

You don't need to educate people to enjoy the River. Just make it accessible. Please don't make a historical theme park. Just clean up the river and bring activities down to the water line. An elevated trail on pilings on the water's edge that could be used for walking or biking would be Ideal. The Gorge of America deserves more reverence than we bestow upon it. Don't kid yourself that tourism is the key to MPLS future. Ask yourself would you want to live in Orlando? Not!

TOURISM ACTIVITIES MENTIONED DID NOT INCLUDE FISHING, WHICH POTENTIALLY COULD BE A BIG DRAW.

I believe there is a way to keep tourism in line and keep the river somewhat clean of litter & trash but we need to control it right away or we keep growing in our busy city. We need alot of cooperation & most of all communication on general matters at all times. Very strong dedication from all of us who live here to start with.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

The area of Tourism is a two edged sword to be able to weigh the good or the bad in this area is difficult good luck

water quality does not have to suffer because of tourism
noise polution could be a problem for some but look at the whole picture and things all across the board could be improved if everything is handled right

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The river affords quiet pleasures best suited to natives. Tourism shouldnt be a major concern. Clean it, take proper care of it, and it will attract those who know best how to enjoy and respect the river.

I think that more could be done to educate the people who do use the area in how their use affects the environment + residents nearby. Also, getting the word out that opportunities exist along the river would help improve the use of the areas, + increase support for smart use of the area.

I ROLLERBLADE AROUND MPLS. LAKES - BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS - ROLLERBLADE OR BIKE FOR A COUPLE HRS. ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, THEN HAVE LUNCH AT A MA + PA BAR OR BURGER PLACE (ON THE RIVER), THEN HEAD BACK.

I have seen the forests and [illegible] and increased use destroy and [illegible] by the natural beauty of [illegible] Nature and I [illegible] development to see that [illegible] the Mississippi. I would [illegible] protected from [illegible] and simple is [illegible]

I'm responding to the second to the last question under number 9 about residents paying higher taxes. If this is true, I don't wish for tourism to be increased at all - I'm being killed with taxes as it is. I certainly don't need any more money taken out of my checks!!!!

I AM ALL FOR INCREASED ACTIVITIES AND TOURISM ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

- THE FREQUENT REFERENCE TO 'TOURISTS' IS SOMEWHAT MISLEADING - TOURISTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY 'ALIENS' - BUT IN MANY CASES, LOCAL RESIDENTS CAN AND SHOULD ENJOY THE 'RIVER'
- THE RIVER IS FOR EVERYONE TO SHARE - TO USE AND TO PROTECT.

comments.

Events on missip should be advertised more details how to get there also what facilities. Also charges to expect & food or lodging available. Date the special events take place. Also

ON RIVERBOAT GAMBLING — LEAVE IT IN IOWA

Mr. Lime

I am sorry that my opinions are so vague. —

Tourism is very important but I use the river so seldom that I can not make a good response to these questions

Jim Pederson

We must be more selective in our choice of tourism attractions. I would like to see Mpls. as a leader in ecology, taking responsibility for cleaning up our messes. Industry seems a good place to start.

I would love to ride from the beginning to the end of the Mississippi river. I wish someone would come up with an economic means for people to do that.

Boating Issues

Although the Mississippi streach of River from Dayton to Minneapolis is Beautiful and is in Need of Development for tourism, I hope this can be done with minimal increase of Boat traffic, especially the larger, faster, speed Boats. Granted they deserve their space, But Not on the section of the river. they are, rude, ugly + Noisy, and should Be Controlled. thank you.

I boated on the mississippi River Twice both Times I found the River To be very Cluttered, Mostly Floating logs lumber, Trees, Etc. Not a very Relaxing boating Trip.

I have no interest in boating or fishing the River.

I certainly wish speed boats with their destroptive noise + wakes would be banded from the Mississippi River within the cities. SB

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I think the Coast Guard Access permit Wat a Bad Thing.

A. - Where is that money going

B - I can't go to a Store or office & pick one up if I may want to use the River this weekend.

C. Check out the Fine for Not having one.

It is B.S. Total

LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SMALL, TRAILERABLE BOATS - ALL BOATERS SHOULD TAKE A COAST GUARD OR POWER SQUADRON COURSE AND PASS A PROFICIENCY TEST AND GET A BOATING LICENSE - ALL BOATS, REGARDLESS OF SIZE, SHOULD PAY THE SAME FEES - ALL FEES SHOULD GO BACK INTO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE RIVER -

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Please mark no wake areas better, I would like to see restaurants & entertainment along the river.

I am a power boater, St. Paul To Red Wing, and have the following Thoughts:

- Respondents should identify themselves as To what Type of river use they are answering To. ie. boater, hiker, camper etc. non-boating camper vs. boater or fishing ... camper?
- Do They perfer solitude, few people in a area or don't care
- Do opinions defer about urban use from rual ?
- More boat slips should be allowed
- Mufflers mandatory, Db noise rate at 50 FT established
- DWI boater should have boat impounded untill court disposition
- Is speed zone question in high density urban, city proper, entire 10 mi mpls/St Paul area, marinas, along park shore?
- Develop "one way" canals, with mooring, camp sites or picnic area within river parks.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

- Water quality improvement should not eliminate boating BUT engine emissions should be tightened.

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- No more urban industrial development,

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I think boaters should pay [illegible] to go through the locks.

[redacted]

[illegible] & Scenic [illegible] be protected. My husband & I have friends [illegible] distance [illegible] of this development [illegible]. It surely has become [illegible] well & we should [illegible] to preserve this [illegible]

I grew up on the Mississippi River in Brooklyn Center ½ block from the river shore. I have learned to love and respect the greatest river there is. It hurts to see how parts of the river has been so badly abused. I would like to see the environment improved, I think, from growing up on the river, that recreational boats should not be encouraged because the river can be very cruel by people thinking they know how to handle the water. The river is not a lake

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

MY PARENTS HAVE A BOATING SLIP SOUTH OF THE LOCK AT HASTINGS TO BOAT IN ZONE C THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE LOCK. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT AREA HAD MORE POTENTIAL FOR BOAT ORIENTED BUSINESSES.

Experiences with the Coast Guard have been courteous.

(I have been on several boat trips along the ~~Mississippi~~ Mississippi over the past several years as well as other rivers, & lakes in the area)

We need boat landings that are free & open 24 hours a day. Locks are open only certain hours that exclude fishermen. Boaters in Nyla area are young & unemployed & toofast All govt agencies wish to do is build walkways, light fixtures, ineffecient parking lots and a 10$ entry fee so the poor can't use the parks.

16. **Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use this space to write your comments.** It would appear that in areas of the river where eagles, herons, egrets and various waterfowl nest, there should be a speed limit on power boats. I doubt that most would object to fishing boats, but racing craft at full throttle are entirely out of place.

Speed zones for recreational craft not necessary not enough traffic from Mplx North

comments.

I don't use the river because of large boat traffic on weekends, the water is dirty & has alot of floating debris. I don't fish there because I don't know the river well enough

I live near the St. Croix River. The biggest impact to humans on the Mississippi have for me is to lessen the traffic noises heard on the St. Croix. This I like.

I don't use the river a lot, But mostly because I have to wait so long to load or launch my boat.

Safety Issues

Make the parks safer and more available to older people or children. Parks are mostly filled with young people & I would & unsure to feel safe or use to many of them.

I am not at all familiar with the Mississippi River use in Minneapolis and St. Paul areas along the Mississippi, because I spend very little time in those two Cities. There is too much traffic, noise, and congestion to suit my tastes. I am also very concerned about violence in those two communities. I believe that, unless well-policed, development of the Mississippi River for tourist and general public use will lead to more incidences of druguse and violence.

Just a little familiar with

I grew up in Southeastern Minnesota in a small town and am much more familiar with recreational uses of that stretch of the Mississippi.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

More police patrols are needed to reduce the winos + derelicts who frequent the Mpls. river area.

The Mississippi is a fantastic resource. I have walked on the sand banks as a teenager by the U of M. We need to make this area safer for our young people today.

Boom Island Park is a great recreation area. Across the River from the Park is great for picnics and hiking etc. I don't live in that area, but I'm sure security for the area is a primary concern for the residents.

I like 2 blocks from the river near a beautiful undeveloped area. I enjoy walking in this area, but biggest concern is the number of "bums", drunks + druggies, ? homeless, who hang out in this area. It is impossible to walk there alone, must be in a group, + even then it is annoying to see men passed out in the shrubbery. Don't know the answer to making it more safe, outside of development (lights, etc.) which seems a shame, because of loss of natural beauty. Hope there is a solution, & enjoy the Mississippi (but don't drink the water!)

Too much crime — assaults, drinking
Rowdy behavior. Unsafe conditions
for young families. Family members
have been victimized.

My greatest concern is for personal safety on the trails along the river, especially those on the flood plain. I do not believe there is sufficient police protection down there. I am afraid to walk there alone or with my wife.

I live near the gay beach. A beautiful section of the river. It is of no value to my family or any of us in the neighborhood. We can't walk in the park. Our children can't explore the river in their own neighborhood. We continually pick up discarded Condoms from our front yard. I suggest you think about putting a little effort into solving this problem.

We have small children that we would like to be able to show the river to but are afraid after our safety in view of the crime.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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The river is less than one mile from my area, which includes two grade school, two nursery schools, one high schools. I think we are a target for trouble with outsiders moving in with drugs and trouble. The river seems like a good area for increased patroles, and yet, it could be better used with an increase of play and protection for this reason.

I know there are facilities available for recreation, but I don't know how to locate them or if I would feel safe as a female — I choose to visit facilities by myself.

I GREW UP IN THE MIDWAY SO I WAS DOWN BY THE LAKE ST. BRIDGE ALOT. HAD A LOT OF GOOD TIMES THERE I WOULD NOT GO THERE NOW FOR FEAR OF GETTING KILLED. THE COPS NEVER GO DOWN THERE TO BREAK UP PARTIES OR TO STOP TROUBLE. WE HAD MANY PARTIES THERE AND NOT ONCE DID WE EVER SEE OR HEAR ANY POLICE.

Being a young female, I don't like to go down by the river by myself at any time of the day because of the bad things that have happened to others - being assaulted or raped. I prefer to be in the company of at least one other person, and, preferably, a male. This is not a good reflection on today's society.

I completed this instead of my mother. I generally avoided the river area due to fear for my safety.