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The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Study

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
I know nothing about the river. I lived
too far away and therefore so you have
lived further out.

→ PS: I HEARD JOHN DEBUS (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.

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 SPAT FROM A WOODEN SLUICeway OR RAMP THERE. I ALSO DID A SHORT ("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 BOOY FISHED OUT SWIM IN IT ONCE - BUT LAKE NOKOMIS BEATS THE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

RIVER & GUESS MOST ALL LAKES WILL BE BETTER FOR SWIMS.
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POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE.

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 part.

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

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

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

I oppose the Federal Gov't controlling the Miss,

an important river, known to the world -
often ignored or unknown to local people -
exciting to see barges, locks + dams -
Confirms visitor idea of river, supports Miss-
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 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 of people walking along the banks cause erosion and we should have good trees watching the river stay 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 aquatennial 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!

Sharp

IN THE 3 1/2 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.

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I feel the River was here long before any of us and the twin cities started to grow from the beauty of the River and it should be kept up. Our natural Resources have been destroyed by man other than 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.

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

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our family has traveled the ms. River from Anoka to Hannibal, MO.

comments.

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

I'm so pleased the
city council won't be allowed
to adulterate the scenic
beauty. I'd like to see more
educational plaques, markers,
brochures - especially about
the history of the town,
the Falls, 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[¢] 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 to the
area. We need to improve.

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

It is obvious that
I need to "bone up" on
the river & its impact
on 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 firt free as possible

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. Basically, I don't have a great deal of knowledge about the river.

In 1956 thru 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
can not afford to reclaim the
river for ourselves + posterity

Some years back there was a proposal
Coast Terminal - to be built on Big's Eye Locks
for a conveyor line across the river to
the river; the bay line, N & P, B & H
and St. Paul Port ~~already~~ supported it.
We organized the Big's Eye Locks
to oppose this and ~~building~~ ^{building} with the river, 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 spent the year
in Algeria & 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
most 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 area.

comments.

I would like the Mississippi area to be a joy for young & old alike - where one could be able to enjoy in safety with a cleanliness like Disney Land. I wish there was some way to move the railroad tracks Shigaba & 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 would be changed to a more beautiful & better selection of trees. The cotton in Spring is devastating & the seeds sprout up all over in unwanted 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 M'hahe
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. Makes it hard to understand that sort of problem.

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 South east Minneapolis
near the River - it's my favorite area
in the Twin Cities - I love my walks
around Nicoll's Island and down Main
Street - they are very nourishing and
spiritually satisfying - I run like my
drive across the river to and from my job
in downtown Minneapolis - I definitely
have increased use 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

Sunny

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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 condoms 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 livable 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 IT DOWN (ST CAN) DOWN THE
MISSISSIPPI, I FOUND THE GOODY CUNNINGHAM. ALSO, I BOATED
ON THE MISSISSIPPI MARK WAS WUNDERFUL.

In my early years we enjoyed the
area at Fort Snelling, the falls,
canoe kept below the Mendota
Bridge at Clarkson's canoe storage ~~etc~~
& 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 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
of St Paul. Swam in the River (CLEAN)
Below High Bridge as a young Teenager.
Swam in Lake Pichard (Skinny Dipper)
as a Boy. Skated on LAKE PICHARD
for Humboldt "Indians" Hockey team
had to sit out Lake 1ST!! NO INDOOR
Pools
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 Twin Cities are enhanced by its mere location and owe its existence 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 ^{other than} 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 its comments.

Scenic Beauty is Most Important

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 PLYMOUTH 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 VIBRANCY OF THE RIVER COMBINING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, SCENIC, 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.

Sorry - I didn't get this to you
sooner - I was out of town -
Have lived within '1/2 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 Senior Bldg - 2 blocks
away - It, in this Bldg - get a lot
of enjoyment from Riverplace - The Bldg
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 outdoors than in Mpls (Parks, lakes, etc) Subaccess 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 couple
of "Good Dunks" in it.

Let's 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.

I live in Wayzata. I seldom go near the river. I would like to be able to walk along it altho. 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 of the river NOT all to 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.

It's 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 Reare 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 welcome.

RECREATIONAL USE ALONG
THE RIVER HAS CONSISTED
OF RUNNING (BOTH SIDES)
AND CLIMBING CONCRETE AT
ST. ANTHONY KATHIN.

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 perceived quality of the
River and adjoining 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!

Fiveplace 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 ride the one on Boon 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 rents 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 Cottage 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 Hiemel plank area
the graveyard

Barges are hazardous to young
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)

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I happen to be a very strong supporter of the National Park Service. I've lived in this country just for the last two years, ~~but~~ I have had the good fortune to have travelled widely within it. On my travels, my favourite destination is a National Park or a historic site. I am very much a conservationist by nature and apparently it were much, when I see, & 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. ~~but~~ 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 securing 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 stated my views and opinions by filling in the questionnaire.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! GOOD LUCK!

comments.

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

Enjoyed the river from St Paul to Hastings for many years until my husband's 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

encouragement to utilize all available human resources

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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; ~~the~~ line 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 Arthritis
and don't have any use of the
River. Don't go very ~~little~~ much.
Hard to get around

The Mississippi is our
greatest asset. Let's do
anything and every thing to
preserve and enhance (protect)
it. But let's do it Now
not in 2010 !!

Good luck

I very much enjoy biking along
both the east + west river ~~side~~ roads. (in Maple Hill)

Unfortunately, I have not found time to
explore other aspects ^{that} of the river corridor.

I am also aware of the picnic
sites, etc that are mentioned in the

questionnaire. I would definitely be
in support of cleaning up the industrial
dumping that is "uglying" 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 Pige Eye area: I don't want to disturb them, but a long distance view would be nice (overlook, etc.)

In favor of fully utilizing all of the natural resources for the benefit of all citizens.

The river is the lifeblood of the
Twin Cities!

I enjoy & seeing the procession of the seasons from year to year. The Mississippi banks have a timeless beauty, especially in the Fall. I like to view 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, ~~Harriet Island~~ 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
City is tied to the state of the Mississippi
and its quality of water and vegetation
should be maintained

Good luck with your survey

COMMUNICATOR
The have enjoyed living
near the river and watching
barges & boats going up &
down and the St. Paul Park
Swimming Bridge open to allow
entry.

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

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 ~~at~~ anything about the river. Where do you find info? ~~There's~~ Inform the local residents more!

Thanks.

comments.

At this time the walking trails are much more preferable 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 the Memphis area and better 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 in the river.

I live near the river at Hennepin (I've owned)
most of my impressions are from many
walks in the area and picnicking at
Brown Island — Excellent facilities
so far and I would like to see them
extended — also would like to see a
regular cleaning 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
greatly impressed by the Park. We also rode
down the Mississippi from Campton to the
Minnesota River about 6 years ago
and were impressed with the views
and that there were some boat landings,
parks, etc. I think local residents should
be highly encouraged to beautify the river.

its not well cared for garbage cans over the
park police not around enough and people do not
~~to~~ follow leash laws 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.

Drawn environmental
activists 6

92
67
25

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 ~~through~~ 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 maps 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~~ 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 DIDNT LIVE VERY CLOSE TO IT.

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

I live near the ^{St Paul} River, Minn. which is beautiful on both sides of the river - a good place to walk.

comments.

Lived along it all my life...

WE ENJOYED THE UNDEVELOPED AND UNDISTURBED
AREA BY THE UNIVERSITY + DARTMOUTH (FALLS)
AREA OF THE MISSISSIPPI AS A LOT MORE FROM
THE CITY.

THUS IT IS A IMPORTANT GEOMORPHIC FORM AS
HISTORICAL
REMAINDER OF THE CITY'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE FOR
BUILT IN ITS PLACE. ITS A CONNECTION TO OTHER
IN MINNESOTA AND THE WORLD BY ITS WATER WAY
TRAVELING THE U.S. AND TO THE GULF.

IT GAVE ME A PRESENT FEEL OF THE HISTORY
PROVIDE OF TIME, LIKE THE LOOK OF THE RIVER
SCENES.

THERE APPEARS TO BE A
GENERAL LACK OF DIRECTION
AS TO WHERE A FAMILY COULD
(SHOULD) GO TO ENJOY THE RIVER.
STILL WATER 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 Mnpls. 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 found to be of value in tourism.

We've used the river primarily for boating. The river ~~is~~ 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 ~~for~~ 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 port Snelling and the Ford plant.

There are many areas to the South of St. Paul that are virtually unknown, some of these areas are unaccessible 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 haven for the busy world, a place to return to nature, gentleness, and peace. It should be treated in the same manner. It has its own power and flow and really belongs to no one person or organization. It is there for everyone and the opportunities to use it should be shared from industry to pleasure. The Mississippi's 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, AVAILABILITY
TO PERSONS OF ALL AGES, ~~AND~~ 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 ~~THE~~ COMMERCIAL ~~DEVELOPMENT~~ DEVELOPMENT
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 ENJOYMENT
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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
Separate!

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~~ Commercial
& Recreational & Natural) ~~is~~ what is really
important. I think the new Road between
the west bank & Davenport unnecessarily 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 relations
to the River. Mpls is still

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

trying to get connected to the river. I wish the Pigs
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Eye area PLEASE RETURN THIS BOOKLET IN THE ENCLOSED
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South of Davenport St. Paul was easier
to get to for Bird Watching & I need more info on it.

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 (upls.),
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 + ALSO 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
~~an~~ nature experience which is
nice to a close escape from
the city hassle, hassle.

I DO NOT PERSONALLY USE THE RIVER
FOR RECREATION & PLEASURE, BUT AS A SPORTSMAN,
I HAVE STRONG FEELINGS RELATING TO
THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & 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 ~~an~~ student at a college in St. Paul & my life here in the cities has revolved strongly around the local community. I do ~~so~~ 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 aiding environmental
protection efforts. -----

comments.

I WAS RAISED on THE River in AREA B.
Brooklyn Cts 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 1/2 THAT I HAVE GIVEN IN EPLAN,
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 "SPRUCE UP" A BIT
(REMODELLED FACILITIES, REVERSED PARKING, ETC.).

The Mississippi River is covered by recreational water
rinks area in the Metro area & Hidden Falls → St. Paul
(St. Anthony → Fort Snare) There is frequent lake conflict
between canoes & motor boats on this segment. Furthermore,
much of the entire vegetation throughout the T.C. area
of the Mississippi has been destroyed by little by little
erosion management plan, people taking their own
trail down to the river & creation of erosion & lack of well-
maintained and adequate numbers of recreational trail
and area to accommodate the sheer numbers of people
as well as in key areas. Government agencies who have
been responsible for managing the river have done little
to solve access agencies to solve some of these problems.

Recently there has been improvement to create a reservoir
for the good of the river. We must not forget that the river
is not just a recreational or economic resource.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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Planning will be to destroy one of the best river areas in
the area.

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POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE.

I find it odd in your survey that you ask about "public" access to
the river. It is along the Mississippi. I would like to
see more children's adult ecological programs started at the river.

It would be a great thing if the public interactive center would have more
other interpretive facilities shown & located at key areas to
the people to learn about how they can to good stories of the river
while visiting, even the "other" trees.

I really don't qualify ^{best} for these questions
due to the fact I've been ~~permanently~~ and
total disabled since 1974 so I don't get around
very often. Sorry!

I grew up in Kansas where
films were minored - not very scenic +
brown in color. We are fortunate in
The Timber Center to have such beautiful
water resources - I think careful + planned
management for environment + tourism
is important. The river + lake contribute
to the overall quality of life in M.A. town -
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.
(Acquatic) 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 unmanged areas of the river

I also feel the river would be better off without the Barge 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 every 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 beginning 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 probably haven't used the River area that much yet. Our Children are reaching school age and we will be visiting the river and its 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 tastefully and without the almighty dollar (acquisition) being a prime concern, the Twin Cities ^{of} can have a beautiful, useful and economically 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, camping and trails attract people like a magnet. We have just traveled 5,000 miles thruout the west & Northwest. Water is considered as valuable as Gold to these areas. We are very lucky to have access to water in our state.

10. Any other comments about the wilderness area are welcome. Please write them in this space.

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 of it.

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 ever abuse what the Creator has given us.

Everett Schram

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Living most of my life on the West
side, I am most familiar with the river here
and just south. It is of great concern that
Hollydale be left wild with little, preferably
no commercial development. These areas are
wild life sanctuaries that make for the quality
of life I enjoy here: seeing raccoons, deer, herons
etc while still be close to the city. Hollydale
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. Every one is extremely curious and
probably like to visit the caves but because of
the mystery of what goes on there, it is a fearful
place and shouldn't be. (A personal desire that I
have always wanted, was to
have 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)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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It is rumored that teenagers who dabble in devil worship
hung 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
recognize it as a unique factor in
the quality of life of the TC area.

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

It is a natural beauty for all to enjoy,
develop but do not over develop.

There is no reason natural beauty
couldn't be used to develop more & better
recreational sites along with business
to help employ our people for benefit in
social & industrial work sites.

comments.

There 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 than it has. The park
near downtown Mex (Fr Hennigan Park) is
nice except for the smell (sewer etc)
A little clean up/fix up would make
this a valuable resource 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 MWC 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 those 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 abolish 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 be developed as a Rec Area and Natural Wildlife Preserve. The island in the river main is excellent Nature Preserve and some things should be done to preserve this area -

- FINISH THE FINE TRAILS INTO DOWNTOWN AREAS, U OF M, ETC.
- USE FINE 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 FINE.
- PROVIDE MORE PICNIC TABLES.
- TEACH CLASSES TO KIDS & ADULTS ON HOW TO USE A FINE, 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 Riverfront for shopping, entertainment, etc. Although a good start has been made.

Am currently spending much time in a desert area of the country - 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. A 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 too much commercial
Industry and is a ~~of~~ Environmental
Problem, ~~and it is~~

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: water quality,
protection & environment
Other enhancements may be superior
we can't afford more

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Thank you!

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS IN THIS BOOKLET.

I feel comments about birds & wildlife would be appropriate.

I have a love for the river and would like to see playful access to the water near Lake St Bridge - canoe rental. I do not know about impact of development on quality so any 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 ~~to~~ with over developed parks. Too much man created scenery is a detractor. Bottle Creek park looks inviting. Land sloping along Hwy 61 so has been a plus, 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

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 an isar of it. I hope we chose the former. I believe the best way for our generation and future generations of farmers as well as all other citizens/species of the natural river community to

(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. Numbered

③

access should be emphasized.

Such as Walking, Hiking, Canoeing,
Kayaking, Skating, Sealing,
Swimming, Fishing, X-Country

Skating, Bicycling,
Entertainment and Education.

Local 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. ⁽⁵⁾

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 on 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 river's 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 Havick.

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

I would encourage construction of the "RIVER ROAD" and walking paths, recreational area, ect to as large degree as possible 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 'THRU' 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.

When 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.

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~~ motorized water equipment (i.e. 5 mph through "tourist" areas - no Ski jets, etc. in heavy population picnic areas,

(etc) THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

4) I am sorry I cannot give you my name &
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because I would like to be part of the decision
making for a Great Mississippi Rec. area.

More quite open spaces along
river where you can picnic,
bike, & throw a frisbee around.
It's 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 window overlooks 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. St. Paul and So. St. Paul could do so much more to improve the shore quality of the river. I hope this happens.

Development from Mpls South, some commercial, some more service use. Town etc to create commercial centers.

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 boating or other waterway resident activities. This state provides great abundance of variable activities for tourists and residents alike. Any additional plans to to end 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

17 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

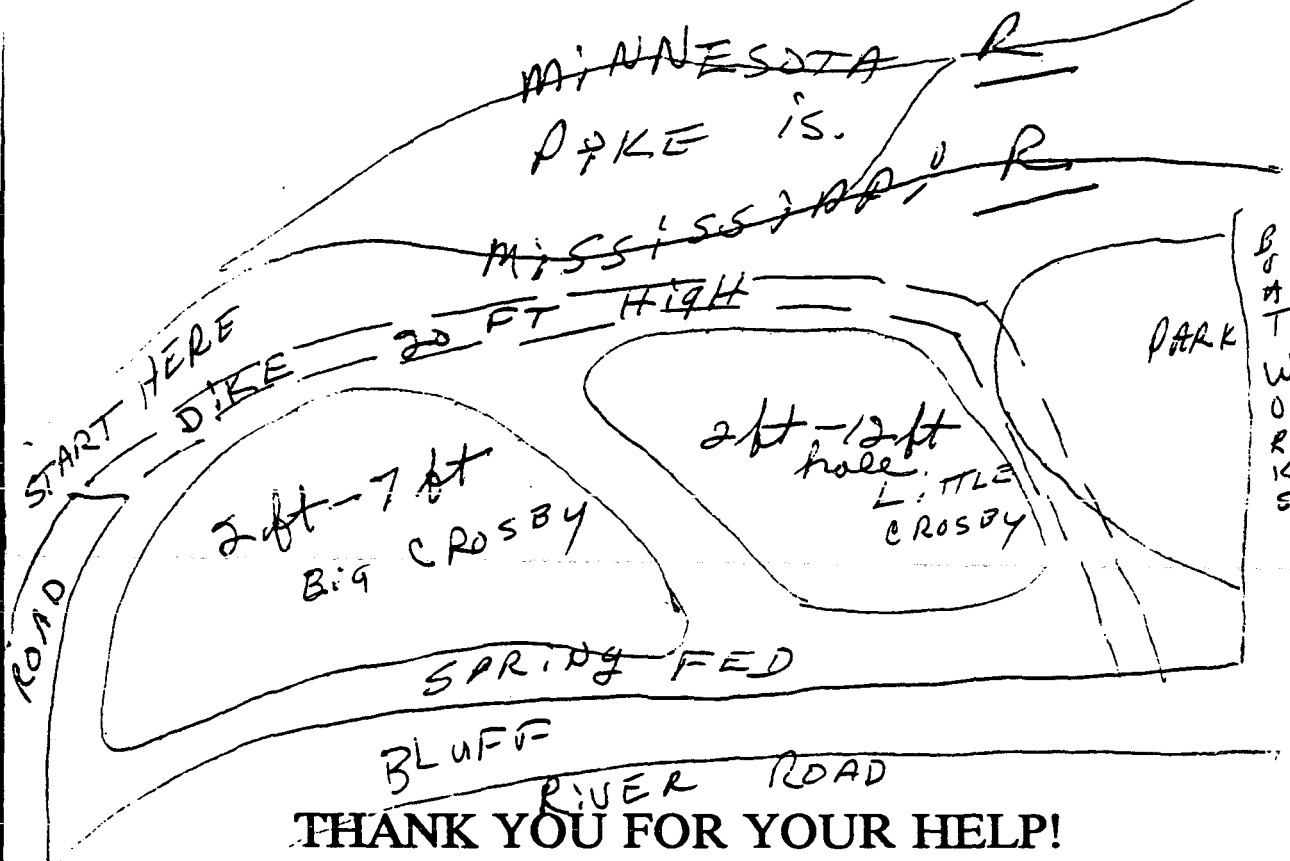
13. How long have you lived at your current residence? 25 years

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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ENVELOPE

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 levees open along the river and
to find out how the levees 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 have 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.

INQUIRY RATHER THAN TOURISM WILL RESULT IN
BETTER PAYING FOR USE OF RIVER IS WRO FOR
COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

TOURISM NEEDS CLEAN SHIP FACILITIES FOR
ADULTS & CHILDREN - NOT AVAILABLE NOW.

MINNISCOTT

THE MINNISCOTT IS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD AND CAN STAND MUCH IMPROVEMENT
IMPROVEMENT AS EVIDENCED BY MINNISCOTT
PLAZAS FOR GEMICS - NEAR LOCATED
DISTRICTS - WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE
FOR THE BENEFIT OF NON-CAR OWNERS -
HAVING BEEN RAISED IN NW MINN - THIS
RIVER - HAS BEEN ONE OF PRECIOUS
MEMORIES - IS ONE OF THE GREATEST
IN THE WORLD - MORE IMPROVEMENT
OF A PLACE FOR RECREATION & OUTINGS
FOR FAMILIES - PARTICULARLY WITH THE
KIDDEREN - MN HAS DOWN A GOOD JOB
OF HAVING DEVELOPED FINE REST
AREAS ON MANY FREEWAYS -

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

MINN IS A BEAUTIFUL STATE AND

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NATURAL BEAUTY

WHICH NATURE HAS GIVEN US TO ENJOY

- I think the river area should remain as natural as possible while expanding trail is considered.
- The paths are getting over crowded & there needs to be better segregation of 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 receive information on the program to be able to volunteer.

I think around Boom and Dand 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 it.

comments.

THE CURRENT Bike trails Available,
are mostly on Flat - semi paved or tarred
roads or trails. With most ~~of the~~
Bikers I know ~~having~~ Mountain Bikes ~~on~~
Flat trails are Extremely Boring. ~~It would~~
~~be extremely~~ IF we (Bikers) could get
~~into~~ a trail just through the woods, cut (no pavement)
I guarantee people would come. IN Grand Forks
North Dakota they have one and everyone uses it from
Bikers to joggers.

DO THIS!!!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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YES!! YES!!

Small Hills, (curves)
Dirt gravel etc,

My daughter + son of Law have a ~~place~~
place ~~in the river~~ and I love our trips
on the river but I do think things can
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~~ 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 areas, the property adjacent to or quite near the river is owned by industry or occupied by roads resulting in very little access area and hardly any scenic reward. Activities to improve 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 scenic and peaceful. I prefer to take that route on my way to work -- I could be tranquilly 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 HE KEEPIN WO'NT BE COMPLETELY CONFUSED, SHOULD HE SEE

COMMENTS. THAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN LET IT AGAIN.

I Like undisturbed
Natural habitat

I have run along the river for 10 years. Ten years ago the paths were unpaved and were dirt paths between the 2nd 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 areas, 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.

Last summer we traveled the entire Mississippi River from St. Louis to the Gulf of Mexico. We traveled through the Kentucky Lakes and in Missouri we saw the Mississippi was beautiful and wild looking. Even when we went through cities that seemed to be made of steel and iron, parks and I mean it - all the bridges from the water, many times I was amazed at the views from around the St. Paul Lock and Dam. In the river, that when we arrived at St. Paul and saw the city - the water I was shocked. The roads on the right of the river were all new grass and parks, there are junky looking houses along the banks, there are cement walls & fences on either side of the river. St. Paul there are some houses on small islands in the river. In Missouri at St. Paul (a city in the river) from the water we saw that there are some of the natural beauty of the river. That doesn't mean that it makes it a mess and people can't enjoy it. It's a mess of a river.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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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
& Recreation 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 preserving
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 have missed
a better opportunity to ship more goods
via the river transportation. The Mississippi
seems to be more prevalent in the economy's
of St Louis & New Orleans.

comments.

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

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

Like Levee Place area
development. Isn't
that enough development?
Good if Hastings brought up to
similar or high level. Megamall
will

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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River near Hog M.
seems to smell less than in
1960

make
this an
important
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 twin cities through the various Councils, agencies, 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.

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 taxpaying commercial developments. ~~The~~ 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 our future treasure 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.

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
problem's better than building more
launch sites. If you can't park legally
you have to look elsewhere to land
& launch your boat. Out of state's
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 than 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. George
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!

WELCOME ANY
ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP, IMPROVE
AND ENJOY 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 don't
~~pollute~~ foul the water.

I would like to see development along the river similar to San Francisco, Ghioelli Spinn - Fishermen's wharf etc. We have wasted a lot of potential & seem to lack vision on how best to use the great natural resources even here blessed with. Haphazard planning results in patch work 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 elements will also increase the risk of crime and pollution. There are no easy answers, God's hand writes, "Without Vision - the people perish".

WE LIVE WITHIN 1/2 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
GLIMPSE THE RIVER MORE OFTEN AND APPRECIATE ITS
BEAUTY. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE MORE FISHING
AREAS. BELIEVE THAT THE POTENTIAL OF THE
MISSISSIPPI COULD BE DEVELOPED MUCH MORE FULLY.

— THANK YOU!

Some development - boat
ramps - parks etc is
desireable

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 involve decreased 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 I feel Minneapolis sewers do not harm. Can all of Minnesota industrial businesses located on the river. Note. 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 I have made means 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 certain 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 those 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 our state and federal government.

Try to get a
good balance between
recreational, cultural
and commercial interests
for use of the river.
Don't allow any large
"view-picking" commercial
buildings on the
river banks!

The River is definitely A GREAT
NATURAL RESOURCE. BUT WHAT
ABOUT THE WILD LIFE TOO!
LET'S START BUILDING MORE WILD
LIFE CONSERVATION AREAS WE
NEED THESE AS WELL AS
THE ANIMALS AND FISH AND BIRDS

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

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 but don't meddle.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Commercialization
(Dams, Quilts, etc.)

Developing natural resources that promote low impact use of the river should be encouraged. Biking, hiking, canoeing, should be encouraged. Boats (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 than using the river as a target.

Let's 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 pristine 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 pre-searing

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 a museum along the river (probably at the U of M - even the museum of natural history) where fish, mammals, and other things ~~they~~ could be displayed. I would even donate artifacts and other things from the Museum that were brought up when the Museum was closed for years and years.

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

To protect and retain a minimum
natural state of the river is our most
important job. I want to go along
the Mississippi River, even in winter
time. The beauty of the river
of seasons is remarkable. The quality
of life because of it is very
high.

SOME DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE GOOD,
BUT LEAVE MOST OF IT IN ITS NATURAL
STATE.

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

comments.

I think the river in the Twin Cities 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.

1. *Chlorophyll* *a* and *b* contents were determined by the method of Arar and Johnson (1977).

1. 19. The same rule would apply
 between all such
 points. The only difference
 would be - perhaps in the
 localities. It is not
 possible to say whether
 the rule of which I speak is
 the rule of which the other speaks - the

[illegible]

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 ~~are~~ 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 PERIODS. 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 VIOLATORS. NO USE OF
MICKY MOUSE STATE SENTENCING GUIDE LINES. IF
THE RAILROADS WOULD NOT HAVE RUN THE COUNTRY INTO
A STAMBLE YOU COULD BURN 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.}

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A LOST VIRTUE

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I hope they will never again make the mistake they did in allowing high rise apartment to be built so close to the river at almost historical part of the Mpls 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 Riverwood across from Boom Island. Also the development on Nicollet Island is great.

Dredge the river all the way to
the Coon Rapids dam. —

Continue Hickine trail
from downtown St. Paul
Natl through ~~twisted~~ ^{95'}
mpls. to Coon Rapids
dam. <sub>0021
0078
0072
0071</sub>

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 & HISTORY. PARKS
SHOULD BE DEVELOPED SO THEY
REQUIRE LOW MAINTENANCE 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 use river along the river - would hate
to see it overdeveloped.

Thom

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 encouraged. and any future
management of the River should give
equal consideration to their needs
and the environment.

comments.

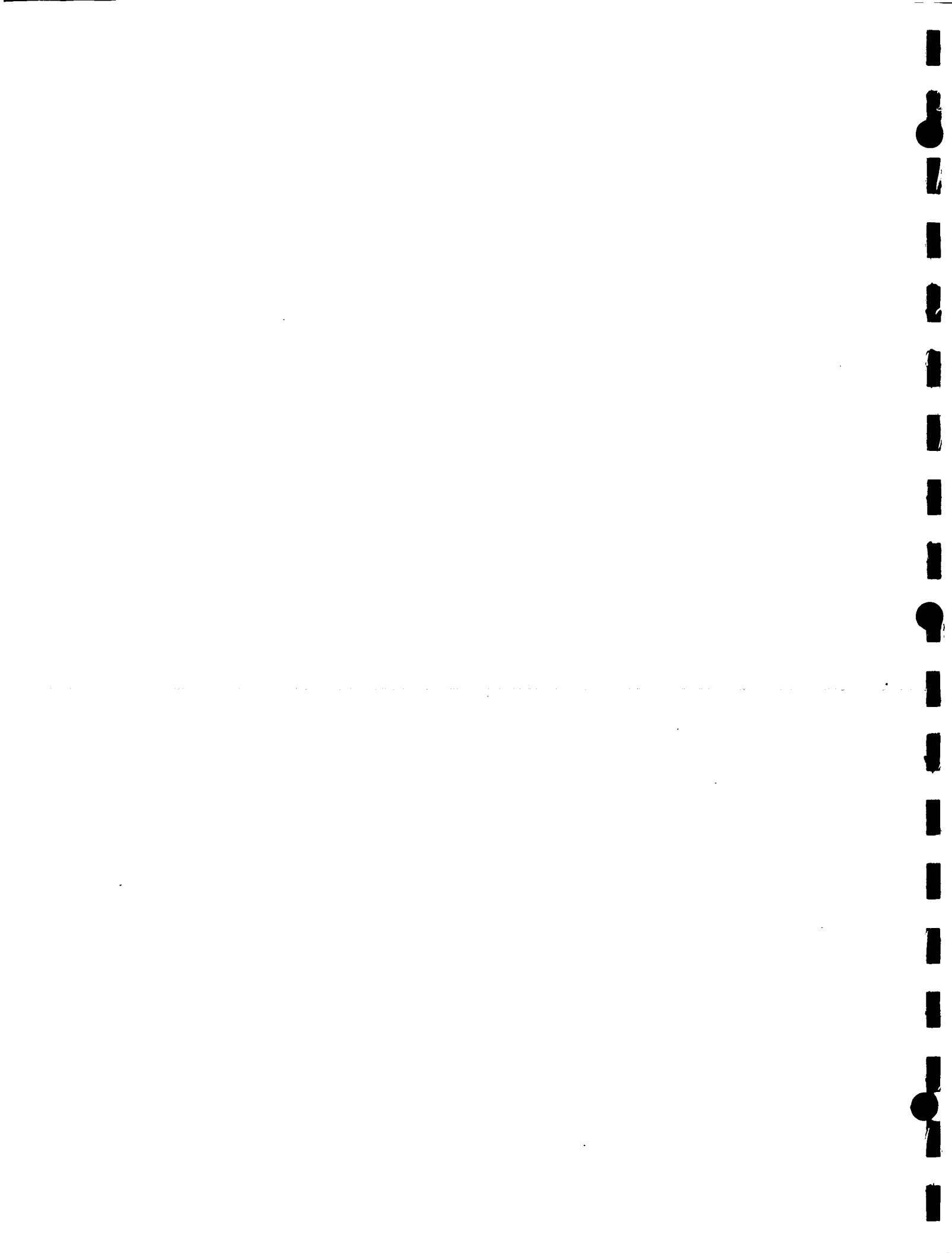
I would like to see riverfront development
such as the city of Baltimore has
undertaken to enhance the overall quality
of life in the city.

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 a chamber of commerce mentality!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

CLEAN IT UP.

SO I CAN SWIM AND EAT THE

FISH !!
oo

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 River town
- 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 alot 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 QUANTITY.

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.

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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.

LET'S 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 to believe, once again, that the River is the connective ribbon that irrigates 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 improvement in and around the Mississippi. 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. Anyone that spends anytime on the river has 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 Miss. 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 beginning 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.

Clean UP WATER I'm A Diver -
And I've Never Seen Anything So filthy AS
WATER I DIVE THE RIVER I HAVE NO PLANS
TO EVER DO ANYTHING NEAR OR ON THAT
FILTHY WATER WAY TAKE A LOOK AT
JACQUES COUSTEAU'S STUDY ON
THAT RIVER AND CLEAN 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 seem 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 river
would be better if more pack, 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 FORIST 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.) *Red White LLC*

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 FOR YOUR HELP!

*Thank
you.*

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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 populations 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 too late but I guess that's 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 economic 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 downtown Mississippi River park & do all my exercising & leisure activities there although safety has sometimes been a concern. Natural

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

trails should also be preserved & sparingly enhanced.

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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 extend 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/ Combed areas from Alma W. to St. Paul - I applaud any/all coordinated 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 - highways parks or rivers and enforce it. Tired of picking up everyone's trash.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

A lot of tourists states are a lot

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Cleaner

than ours!
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Canoe down the Mississippi from
Marble 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
~~the~~ 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.

I grew up in NE Mpls near
the river. I remember as a
child a total disregard to
the quality of the river. Folks
and - area considered the Slams.
I did fish & Boat until
I became disable in 1985.
Now I live near the Minnesota
River bird reserve. I enjoy
wild life immensely -

I am please that attention
is being given to the quality
of the river water and
land.

The Mississippi River is one of Nature most beautiful
features. It has been built to accommodate
its cheap labor and chemical waste. Also, why can
there not be a camp spot along the Mississippi
the "Horn of Africa" - if any, properly by Great Falls
County Board Management. The word is a terrible
to local families with children who can't afford to take
long trips - But could find their children along nature
+ camping weekenders would be home -
Thank you!

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~~ 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 ordinator, 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!!

What disturbs us most is the water quality of the river - it is not only from tourists that litter but commercial pollution 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.

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 abundant!

I wish it was cleaner and quieter and I wish the fishing was better so my grandchildren could enjoy it. I believe a commitment by the people in this state could result in a cleaner more attractive river.

For starters I would like to see HUGE FINES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

levied against any all cities counties business

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for putting anything at all liquid or solid, polluted

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or non-polluting either INTO or OUT of any river or lake in this state. That's what would make me happy!

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} ~~the~~ 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 ~~in~~ because it smells & looks so dirty.

As a water floating ~~debris~~ debris 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.

Havent much at all to do with Mississippi River, but do think that 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
pollution.

my Biggest concern is the quality of water.
Runoff 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.
Then we have plenty of nice lakes & parks to
go 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 than in our own back yard.

Mississippi River Appearances Day.

Thank You.

Pollution is the biggest problem I see
with the river -

This question is far too long
and quite redundant.

We took a rafting trip with some
friends last summer near Dayton.
I 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 pollution 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 vs. 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.

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

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 Volunteers 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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comments.

Get rid of all the junk yards for
starters. Make companies using the river
for shipping & receiving barges clean their areas
& keep them that way. Any Company & business
camp that dumps in the river be fined &
close the door. We have too many polluters on
the west side from downtown all the way to
Camden. Fix up the East Bank from downtown
(Shannon Ave) to the Coor Rapids Dam.

We must use every means at our disposal to clean up the river.

25 years ago the colic count was 21,000 per mile liter. It is probably worse today. Imagine 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 dumpings be it from farmers with use of pesticides or big bussiness not being monitored or controled, should be enacted. Thank you

We can't clean it up quickly enough!

If the Mississippi River were cleaner & had better banks - 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 management 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 litter pick-up
and maintenance along
the Mississippi mile
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 environmental practices

comments.

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

I think the Mus. are impressed
in water quality over the years &
would like to see it get even better.

I wouldn't want the Mus. to
turn into another St. Lawrence. But
would like to see the quality of
fishing to improve.

15 minutes to the completion -
Comments

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 what I fear it is
in trouble, I don't like it a V.L. I don't
think the Mississippi river should be covered
with trash Industry waste! I remember
when I could bath in the ^{Mississippi} river, or when
you could fish and not worry if the fish
was good and not diseased, it's disgusting
(Man) Whakele, 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 BOTTOM, 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 their junk
run wild in the river twelve months
of every year mainly in the winter when
it's under the ice and not noticed, it
really bothers me, greatly, mainly
back refining of pine wood, spring lake,
back waters of the Mississippi & back old
pit, look at it! we do, every summer.

comments.

Please Clean up The River
There is To Much dumping 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 ^{DAMM} STATE DOWN IT & START
OVER.

Quality of water needs improvement,
before tourism could be encouraged.
It is a majestic ~~view~~ view
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.

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.

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

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

Therefore no response to ques. 11.
Generally speaking the river is of
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! ^{important}
great importance. Tourism is also but can
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be all done which I ~~do~~ strongly
disagree with. Keep it classy & in good ^{taste}

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.

16. Any other comments about the Mississippi River are welcomed. Please use these
comments.

Protect the water quality

comments.

Some of the Questions I Have No
Answers to & Some others 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 and
maintain the water quality of
the Mississippi and preserve
the NATURAL beauty.

The River should be kept
AS CLEAN AS IT POSSIBLY CAN.

Probably should be cleaned
up a little, just like
the rest are parks and

recreational places. Some parts
of the river look like they
have never been
cleaned along shore line.

The most important thing to me because I used
to live in Mpls. is the water quality

NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS SHOULD
BE THE TOP PRIORITY.

The pollution of the river should be minimized.
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 waves, especially when the river is high, wash away a lot of shore line for people of moderate means who cannot afford extensive protection measures. Jet skis create a lot of the noise ^{this is} a problem.

Otherwise, we love the environment. 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 river.)

comments.

ITS important WE ~~PLEASE~~ TAKE

CARE of our NATURAL RESOURCES!
Young, middle age & SENIOR wise ones

CAN all benefit from the
Mississippi River & its sur-
roundings !!

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 opportunities there. I feel the rivers should be kept clean and beautiful and accessible to many people.

The littering is appalling in our river. In front of our homes (measites + I) we removed water heaters, tires, cycles + motor cycles and numerous other things - at our expense. A very large fine should be imposed on these people.

You must influence the government to clean up the river.

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. I 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 per
dollar is being used for water control projects.

Thank you for asking the public's opinion.

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

TOO MANY QUESTIONS!

just expenditure so much -
moreover on recreation studies
etc. Revenue & marketing etc.
and a listing of improvements
needed and estimated on
projects, when needed and
how to be done there is

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.

~~Scriver~~
JAS
too long.

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

Lazy Mississippi
on sunny timing ever
watch mankindly flow

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

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comments.

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 -

[REDACTED]

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 know's". They were too vague. However, ^{ever} basically this was well prepared. Keep up the good work.

Thank you for allowing me to give an opinion

Respectfully,

Reservancy TE

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
Minneapolis and St. Paul. The answers include a recognition
that the H H H stadium, the Ordway, Mead park, 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 ONLY FOCUS
OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE. ARE THERE
OTHER WAYS TO IMPROVE THE
QUALITY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE?

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 GENERAL.
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
INTERVIEWS / SPECIFIC PLANS TO
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!
PROPERLY RESPOND.

Since I do not live near the river,
I did not file 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 experiences 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 ^{SAMPLE} ~~POPULATION~~ 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 ~~BIASED~~ DATA.

Please do not waste additional
money for "studies":

Put all available funds to use in
improving the Mississippi, not into the
pockets of "Studies".

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 other's comments

HE IS BLIND.
LEGALLY
SORRY

I wish you had picked someone else for this survey

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

KEEP UP THE GOOD JOB !! ☺

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

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

Please Don't let river boat gambling 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
along 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 & refreshments.

I love living in St Paul. It is beautiful, & so many nice
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~~ have been to St Louis, Missouri and
enjoyed very much its places of eating on the
McDonald - Burger King and also a more sophisticated
eating place aboard 2 different 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 stops along
its 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/science areas ~~which~~ ^{name and significance of} which attract many tourists. The Mississippi River ~~is~~ ^{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 level. An elevated trail on pilings on the water edge that could be used for walking or riding would be ideal. The Ganges 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 the
keep tourism in line and keep the
River somewhat clean of litter & trash
but we need to control it right away
as we keep growing in our
busy city. We need a lot 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 pollution 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

The river affords quiet pleasures best
suited to nature. Tourism shouldn't 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, ~~more~~ 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 footpaths and bike
paths and increased the density around
completely the natural beauty of the
Cottonwood - Harriet and I were
disappointed to see that happened to
the Mississippi. I want to
be protected from commercial interests
and people in transition

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.

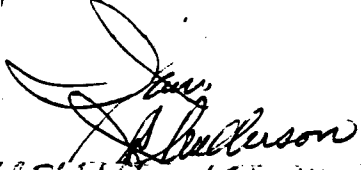
Events ~~along~~ on mississ. should be advertised more details? how to get there also what facilities? how charges to expect? food or lodging available? Date the special events take place, also

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


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
clearing 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 stretch 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. That a very relaxing boating trip.

I have no interest in boating or fishing the river.

I certainly wish speedboats with their disruptive noise + wakes would be banded from the Mississippi River within the cities. SB

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

I think the Coast Guard Access permit was 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 -

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

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

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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, i.e. boater, hiker, camper etc. non-boating camper vs. boater or fishing... camper?
- Do they prefer solitude, few people in an area or don't care?
- No opinions defer about urban use from rural?
- More boat slips should be allowed
- Mufflers mandatory, Db noise rate at 50 FT established
- DWI boater should have boat impounded until court disposition
- Is speed zone question in high density urban, city property, 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 a fee
to go through the river.

Misses Appleton & Son are a wonderful
business. My husband & I have traveled
the whole distance of the St. Louis river
river. It surely has some mankind
well & we should do our best
to preserve this River.

I grew up on the Mississippi River in
Brooklyn Center $\frac{1}{2}$ 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. Parks are open only certain hours that exclude fishermen. Boaters in Mpls area are young & overpowered & too fast. All govt agencies wish to do is build walkways, light fixtures, inefficient parking lots and a 10th entrance 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 Mpls - North

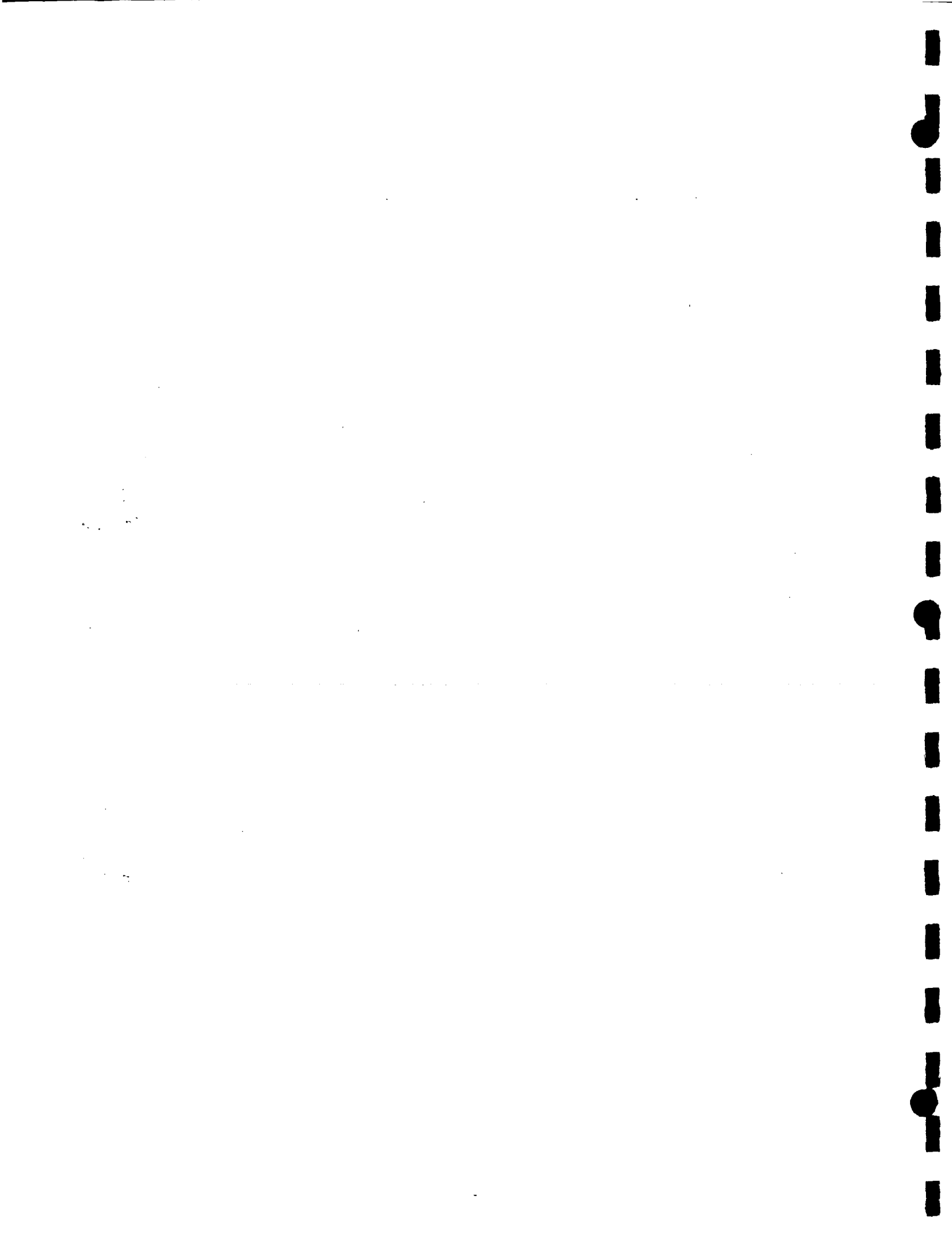
comments.

I don't use the river because of
larger boat traffic on weekdays,
the water is dirty & has a lot of floating
debris. I don't fish there because
I don't know the river well
enough.

I live near the St. Clair River.
The biggest impact to tourists
on the Mississippi have for me is to
lessen the traffic being moved on
the St. Clair. 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 to loud & ensure to feel safe or use to many of them.

I am not at all familiar with the Mississippi River use in Minneapolis, and just a little familiar with 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 drug use and violence. 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 2ⁿ 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 live 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
'tracks 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. Disgusting! I'm about putting a little
effort into solving this problem.

We have small children that we would
love to be able to show the river
to but are afraid for our safety
in some of the areas.

We have felt very fortunate to have the
Mississippi within walking distance
of our home. The river keeps along
the shore for years to come. The
first morning, a large crowd
was watching and waiting.

Having been employed recently
at a bank in a building overlooking
the river, it was convenient to
watch the changes in the river
from our home and then see the
boatmen. Unfortunately, the river
was not as wide as it used to be
and the water was very shallow.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

It would be nice to see the river.

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The river is less than one mile from
my area, which includes two grade school,
two nursery schools, one high school.
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 patrols,
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 lone female - if 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.

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