

July 8, 2019

Alisa Salewski, Chief Information Officer
Hennepin County
417 North 7th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Re: Final Approval of Hennepin County MRCCA Plan

Dear Ms. Salewski:

I am pleased to inform you that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approves Hennepin County's Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) plan as being consistent with Minnesota Statutes, §116G and Minnesota Rules, chapter 6106.

On June 26, 2019 the Metropolitan Council authorized Hennepin County to put its comprehensive plan, including the MRCCA plan chapter, into effect. This Council action clears the way for final DNR approval.

Within 60 days of the date of this letter, Hennepin County must adopt the MRCCA plan. Adopting the Metropolitan Council authorized comprehensive plan containing the MRCCA plan meets this requirement as long as the resolution adopting the comprehensive plan states that the comprehensive plan includes the MRCCA plan. Hennepin County must then submit a copy of the final adopted plan (comprehensive plan containing the MRCCA plan), with the resolution adopting the plan to the DNR, the Metropolitan Council, and the National Park Service within ten days of the adoption.

Only MRCCA plans and plan amendments approved by the DNR have the force and effect of law. Once in effect, local governments must implement and enforce the DNR-approved plans.

We appreciate your efforts to develop and adopt the MRCCA plan, which provides a solid basis for MRCCA management. Please send the adopted plan and resolution to Matt Bauman at matthew.bauman@state.mn.us and contact him if you have any questions about next steps.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Shillcox
Land Use Unit Supervisor

c: Raya Esmaeili, Metropolitan Council
Alan Robbins-Fenger, National Park Service
Jason Spiegel, DNR Region 3 Area Hydrologist
Matt Bauman, DNR Land Use Unit