



St. Anthony Falls Historic District Design Guidelines and Character Analysis Minneapolis, Minnesota

The falls of St. Anthony is the only major waterfall on the Mississippi River. They were harnessed to create power for what was to become the most important industrial milling complex in the nation. Although the milling industry is essentially a memory along the waterfront, some of the buildings and transportation infrastructure that developed the city into the nation's first milling and trade center remain.

Services:

- Analysis of existing conditions
- Community outreach
- Design guidelines
- Cultural resources education

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Dramatic changes have occurred in the three decades since the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission adopted the current St. Anthony Falls Historic District Design Guidelines. Access to, and interaction with the falls and river has evolved, infrastructure has been added and redevelopment has blossomed. These changes highlight the historic importance of the area as a diverse but unified cultural environment.

New design guidelines will address the many features that make up the essential character of the district, balancing objectives for preservation, restoration and rehabilitation with the opportunity for new, higher density development. They will address the complete cultural landscape of the St. Anthony Falls Historic District to steward its historic resources into the Twenty-first Century.



DESIGN GUIDELINES SERVICES

Design Guidelines Minneapolis, Minnesota (continued)



New design guidelines for St. Anthony Falls address the following elements:

- Neighborhood Character Areas (Industrial Riverfront, Historic Warehouse Area, Historic Commercial Area, Mixed use Commercial Area, Multifamily Neighborhood, Natural Riverfront)
- Archaeological sites such as the remains of the original Hennepin Avenue suspension bridges
- Transportation infrastructure such as streets, canals, rail lines and the Stone Arch Bridge
- Natural features and open space along the Mississippi River, such as the West River Parkway
- New construction

