

DESIGN GUIDELINE SERVICES

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The Lowertown District context includes historic buildings with a retail ground floor and mixed-use above, walkable blocks and integrated open space.



Historic photographs of the Lowertown District provide guidance on preserving historic resources that still remain today.

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Lowertown Design Guidelines

The City of St. Paul has received an opportunity to develop tailored guidelines for the Lowertown Historic District. Work on historic structures, new development, demolition and other activity is subject to review by the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission. While the previous guidelines do provide some fundamental guidelines for public and private projects in the District, they are dated and do not include adequate illustrations, models and other visual material to ensure easy understanding and aid in interpretation.

Winter & Company is updating the design guidelines for the Lowertown Historic District. As a regulatory tool, the design guidelines will provide a basis for consistent decision-making about the treatment of historic resources and the design of new infill within the Lowertown district. These design guidelines seek to manage change so the character of the district is respected while accommodating compatible improvements. They reflect the City's goals to promote economic and sustainable development, enhance the image of the city and reuse historic resources. The design guidelines will also reflect the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The City of St. Paul hired the Winter and Company team to complete this project. The team included Cuningham Group and Landscape Research, two Twin Cities-based companies.



The Lowertown Design Guidelines Project included two community workshops and five Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings throughout the project.



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