

## Meeting Information

**Date:** 9/29/2016

**Location:** Supreme Marine, Main Entrance, 3456 North Washington Avenue, Mpls

**Time:** 5pm – 8pm

**Invitations sent:** MPRB and City communications

**Number of attendees providing input:** 40+/-

## Input and Discussion

### What does a successful Upper Harbor Terminal project look like?

*Comments on boards and shared with staff*

- Multi-use recreation-all seasons. Commercial, retail, hospitality, other business.
- Good mix of housing NOT a business park –multi-park

### What qualifications should a development team have?

*Comments on boards and shared with staff*

- Have worked with water front developments successfully- multi use –large systems, housing , housing alone with various type of development, large green space a natural habitat.

### What other questions should we ask the community? What other information should we share with the community?

*Comments on boards and shared with staff*

- Share all info with community
- This might not be very difficult. Need to have multi-pronged communication effort

### What would bring you to the riverfront?

*Comments on boards and shared with staff*

- Nightlife options, enjoy a beer on the river front
- Recreation, bike trail
- Small community owned business, NO BIG BOX

### How can the engagement and planning process increase equity, particular racial equity?

- School presentations on neighborhood organizations
- Emphasizing civil engagement with demographics in the area already and involving local knowledge in the planning process as much as possible.

### **What are existing inequities in the project area?**

#### **What are the root causes?**

- Lack of income for residents-we need to attract good paying jobs not just low income jobs such as retail. We need far more middle income residents to stabilize the neighborhood.- this can be done by:
  - Increase income of current residents
  - Attracting more middle income persons (of all background) to area
- Above can also be done by housing- home ownership in area , all price points
- Lack of clean air, industry in the area are constantly violating MPCA standards. Air in the area smells bad, who would ever want to be outside in a park where it doesn't feel good to breath? What business would take a risk here when the air isn't clean?

#### **What are opportunities for park and development to address existing inequalities?**

##### **What disparities can be best addressed on the Upper Harbor Terminal site**

- Economic opportunities for Northside Entrepreneurs
- African American contractors on development projects
- Resource/learning site for Cityview School across the freeway
- Area should offer a diversity of mixed incomes low, middle and high
- Area should offer a diversity of Housing low. Middle, high, rental, condos and town homes-home diversity
- Bring clean air back to the north riverfront . Get MPCA to act tough.
- Area should provide space for small businesses form the community (North Side) SM create jobs.

# How did we get here?



The RiverFirst Initiative seeks to place the Mississippi River and public green space at the heart of North and Northeast Minneapolis.

The City and Park Board completed joint master plans and coordinated community engagement for the Above the Falls area master plan updates.

Extensive engagement was done and included attendance at events, meetings, open houses, focus group outreach, surveys, and more.

### Key Community Input:

- Mobility, water, health, green economy
- Transform the river from a barrier to a connector
- Re-focus the city toward the river
- Establish parks as the engine for economic development

### Regional Park Key Community Input:

- People want to EXPERIENCE and ACCESS the river
- People want to RESTORE and IMPROVE the river
- People want EQUITABLE development

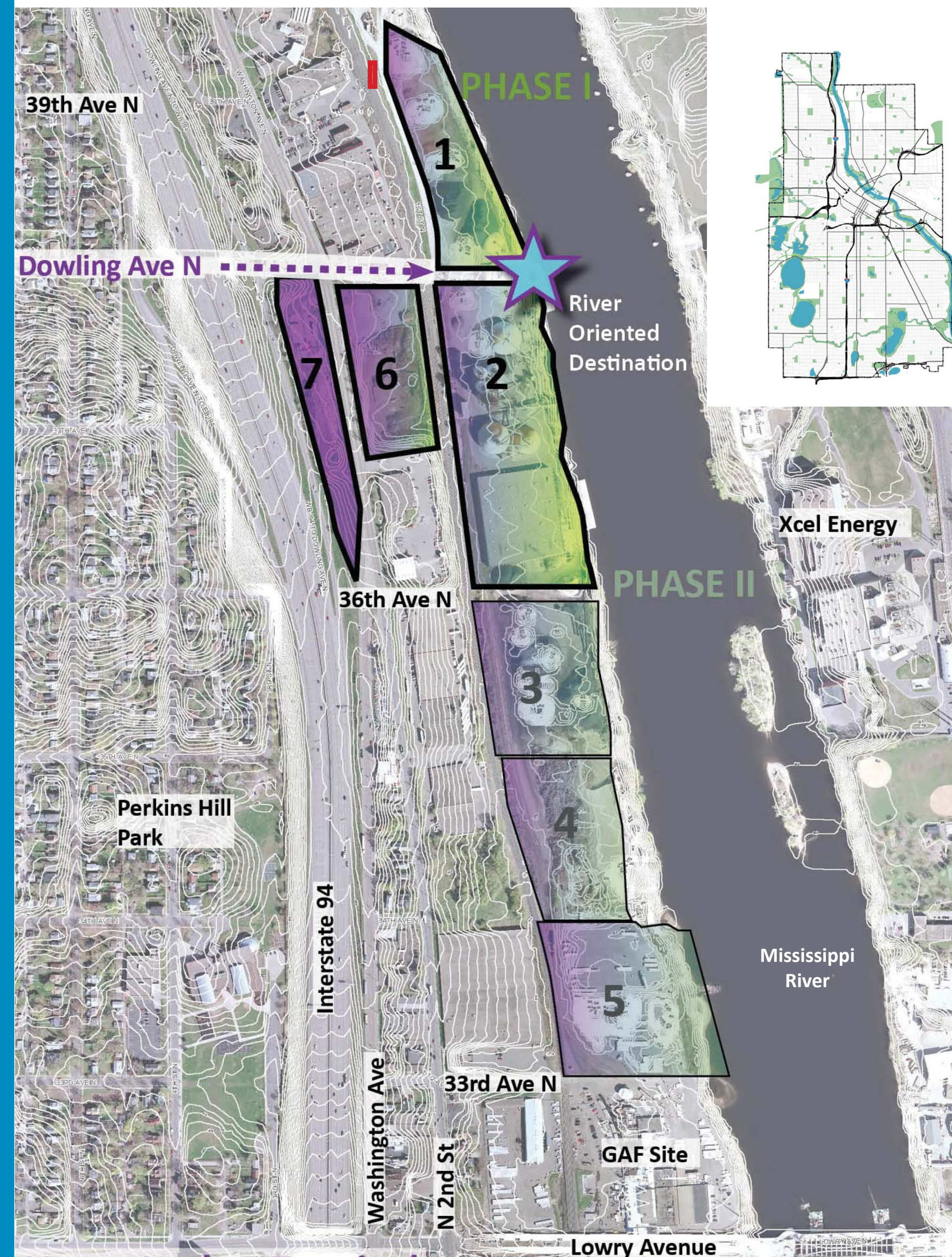
### City Plan Guiding Principles:

- Provide public access to the river
- Create linkages to neighborhoods and parkway system
- Support environmental restoration
- Link the upper riverfront to the Grand Rounds system
- Realize the potential for community and economic development
- Establish design guidelines and standards

### 2015 - 2016 Engagement so far . . .

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North First</li> <li>• Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee</li> <li>• North Side Neighborhood Council</li> <li>• Northside Housing Services</li> <li>• Victory Neighborhood Meeting</li> <li>• Community Connections Conference</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Council for People with Disabilities</li> <li>• HAMAA &amp; LaoAssistance</li> <li>• Urban League Open House</li> <li>• Folwell Ice Cream Social</li> <li>• Juneteenth</li> <li>• SE Asian Soccer</li> <li>• Folwell Open House</li> <li>• Juxta Ride</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Somali Independence Day</li> <li>• Community Meeting #1</li> <li>• Riverfest</li> <li>• Lowry Harvest Fest</li> <li>• Urban League Family Day</li> <li>• Community Organization Round Table</li> <li>• Open Streets Broadway</li> <li>• Community Meeting #2</li> </ul> |
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# Upper Harbor NOW



## Site Facts

- Owned by the City of Minneapolis
- 48+ acres and 7 parcels
- Nearly 1 mile long and generally 500 feet wide
- Currently adjacent to industrial land uses
- Existing structures are eligible for historic designation
- 2+ miles from downtown Minneapolis
- No known significant environmental issues

# What's Next?



Staff summarized and synthesized input into the Request for Qualifications. Once we receive developer responses, staff will seek input on how well responses meet community defined criteria.

During the fall, we invite interested community members to help staff establish an authentic planning process and standards for equitable outcomes.

- Nov. 3rd at Folwell Park (Tentative time)

Once we have selected a developer, we will begin a planning process with the community, City, Park Board, and developer.

2017 Planning Process Begins