



Impacts of Building Height on Views of Saint Paul's River Gorge

View from Lake Street - Marshall Avenue Bridge

In Upland areas, the general character of the existing silhouette of lower-profile buildings along the edge should be maintained. Development should also respect the mature tree canopy at the bluff edge of the Uplands with buildings forms that do not dominate the canopy's natural height. However, occasional, modest exceptions to the silhouette with medium-scaled landmark buildings are allowed."

-- *Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan, Mississippi River Chapter, Policy 7.2.7*

A **48 foot maximum height** would be allowed under the Planning Commission proposal, about equal to the building height shown in the photo above, which dominates the mature tree canopy at the bluff edge, in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.

A **40 foot maximum height** is allowed under the existing St. Paul Critical Area code

A **35 foot maximum height** is allowed along the Minneapolis side of the River Gorge