

## **EXHIBIT A - File No. 070124**

### ***Milwaukee River Greenway Corridor Interim Study Overlay District***

- a. The Milwaukee River Greenway Corridor Interim Study Overlay District (MROD) consists of the parcels outlined in the attached map. This study overlay was initiated by the Milwaukee River Coalition, consisting of a diverse group including the Urban Ecology Center, Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers, River Revitalization Foundation, the Milwaukee County Conservation Coalition, the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, and other agencies, riverfront businesses, and individuals.
  
- b. The area covered by the MROD basically consists of the Milwaukee River Corridor from the former North Avenue Dam to City limits at Silver Spring Drive. This portion of the Milwaukee River Corridor is predominantly natural and forms an important natural resource, education, and recreational asset for the community. The purpose of the MROD IS is to permanently protect existing natural areas along the Milwaukee River primary environmental corridor, floodplains, and river bluffs, and improve public access to this natural resource. These areas are important in protecting water quality, providing migratory pathways for wildlife, and minimizing flooding. It will also study establishing building setbacks, height restrictions and design guidelines for new multifamily residential, multi-lot, and commercial developments in the immediately adjacent neighborhoods that will preserve the natural character of the greenway corridor and watershed, and enhanced guidelines to control erosion and stormwater run-off from entering the river.
  
- c. The MROD is being created to provide an opportunity to develop the Northeast Side Area Plan that will provide strategies and guidelines for new development projects that are compatible with the goal of maintaining a natural greenway along the Milwaukee River, and to recommend a site plan review process.
  
- d. The Northeast Side Area Plan will be a two year planning process directed by the Department of City Development and guided by a Contract Management Team, Plan Advisory Group, constituents, Aldermen, businesspersons, and other interested parties. The area planning process would develop a vision for a preferred future of the district in addition to strategies for these areas in a variety of subject areas, including regulatory tools, development preferences, transportation issues, and open space priorities. A full scope for the district planning process is available from the Department of City Development at: [www.mkedcd.org/planning](http://www.mkedcd.org/planning).
  
- e. The MROD would be effective for a period of up to twenty-four months following its date of adoption by Common Council. We anticipate that the MROD interim study could be complete within a year however. It is anticipated that the Northeast Side Area Plan will be complete by 2008.
  
- f. For parcels within the MROD, all permitted uses for new construction, except for planned developments, building additions on the same level or under 40 feet, alterations and accessory structures for dwellings (i.e. residential garages, sheds) would become

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special uses and require approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA), per Chp. 295-7-166, special use findings relating to protection of public safety, health and welfare, protection of property, traffic and pedestrian safety and consistency with the comprehensive plan.

g. Proposed developments that have begun the development review process prior to the effective date of this MROD by applying for a special permit; variance; zoning change or planned development, or beginning a plan review process shall continue to be governed by the use table in the current zoning district and are exempt.

h. Special Use Permits in the MROD: For parcels within the MROD, any applicant for a special use permit shall be required to obtain an additional finding that they meet MROD Interim Guidelines. The applicant shall provide BOZA with design drawings that show building elevations from the center line of the Milwaukee River, and indicate the building setback from the primary environmental corridor.

These Interim Guidelines shall include the following:

- Construction of new principal buildings shall not be permitted within or encroach within the primary environmental corridor, as delineated by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC).
- ¶ Uses: encourage land uses and activities along the river corridor that maintain a natural greenway corridor without infringing on existing land uses or unreasonably restricting future uses on adjacent land
- Activities, such as clear cutting existing vegetation, that exacerbate erosion and runoff entering the river are prohibited.
- Preserve existing native vegetation, fisheries and wildlife habitats along the river corridor.

i. Underlying Zoning: In all other ways the underlying zoning districts shall continue to apply to parcels within the MROD. In cases of conflicts between this overlay district and the remainder of the Zoning Code requirements, the overlay district shall govern.