

Its Elements

- A park built upon the foundations of mill ruins
- A landmark mill, stabilized as a ruin, a place to explore and to enjoy
- An museum and visitor center with classrooms and public programs
- Trails, scenic views, and recreational opportunities
- The West River Parkway integrated into the park
- Private development including housing and related business

Its Outcome

- A place for people to live, work, and play
- A place for people to gather, learn and enjoy
- A park built upon historic resources and stories
- A gateway to the river and a riverfront frontyard for the city

St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board
Minnesota Historical Society
West City of Minneapolis
Minneapolis City Council
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission
Minneapolis County Board of Commissioners
Minnesota Millers Museum
Mill Ruins, Restoration Office
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West Side Milling District

*A New Kind of Community
Built on the Power of the Past*



Washburn & Mill Ruin

Work is underway to stabilize the ruin of the National Landmark Washburn & Mill, damaged in a 1991 fire. A museum and visitor center will be built within the ruin.

New Housing

The fourth floor Washburn Mill and the Utility Building are being adapted for loft housing. New housing will be constructed in between.

West River Parkway (Great River Road)

The segment of the parkway through the mills district will be designed as part of the Mill Ruins Park.

Mill Ruins Park

Mill Ruins Park will become a gem in the city's famous park system. Ruins of the old mills will be excavated and adapted for exploration. Visitors will be able to watch archaeological digs, and tunnels will be open for people to explore.

Canal and Gatehouse

As a later phase of the Mill Ruins Park, the gatehouse will be reconstructed, allowing water to flow into Mill Ruins Park.