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# MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## REPORT

TO: Minnesota Legislature  
FROM: St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board

DATE: December 21, 1989

The Laws of Minnesota 1988, Chapter 684, Article 1, Sections 13-18 [138.761] established a St. Anthony Falls Heritage Interpretive Zone and a St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board with the purpose of developing "a comprehensive plan to interpret historical resources in that area to start the process of encouraging development of that area's historical resources. Sections 13 to 17 provide incentives for a joint board to develop and implement a comprehensive interpretive plan for the St. Anthony Falls area, complementing existing planning and development activities on the riverfront by using state, federal, and local funding for historic interpretation." (see attachment I)

The St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board hereby issues this report, as required in Section 15, subdivision 2:

### St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board

Section 15[138.763] states that the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board shall consist of ten members with the director of the Minnesota Historical Society as chair. The members include the mayor, two members each from the city council and park board, and one each from the preservation commission, the preservation office, Hennepin County Historical Society and the Minnesota Historical Society.

#### Members of the Board, as designated by member agencies:

Nina Archabal, Director, Minnesota Historical Society  
Mayor Don Fraser  
Kathy O'Brien, Minneapolis City Council\*  
Sharon Sayles Belton, Minneapolis City Council  
Naomi Loper, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board  
Patricia Hillmeyer, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board  
Thomas Holman, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission  
Linda Mack, Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office  
John Baule, Hennepin County Historical Society  
Ian Stewart, Minnesota Historical Society

\*Replaced by Anthony Scallon upon her resignation from the City Council in June, 1989.

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Pursuant to 1988 Laws, ch 684, Art 1  
Section 15, subd 2

Summary of meetings and actions taken by the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board:

1. August 4, 1988:

Approved recommendation that Elisabeth Doermann, Minnesota Historical Society, be named Heritage Zone Coordinator, in accordance with Section 17 of law.

Established a subcommittee to determine appropriate planning processes and procedures.

2. September 22, 1988:

Approved a statement of goals and planning process.

Approved budget (attachment II)

Appointed Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to represent board members in planning process.

3. November 1, 1988:

Approved position description for project coordinator.

Authorized the Minnesota Historical Society to act as its agent in acceptance and disbursement of funds, in accordance with authorized budget and with board review and approval of expenditures.

Agreed to follow procurement and contracting procedures of the Minnesota Historical Society in conformance with applicable state and federal laws.

4. January 10, 1989:

Accepted recommendation of TAC to contract with Thora Carlidge as project coordinator. Adjusted budget to cover costs for search.

Received report that matching funds had been received from the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board: that agency agreements were in place; that the project was operational.

5. March 13, 1989:

Approved work plan for project.

Reviewed RFP for major contract to develop comprehensive interpretive plan.

Discussed approaches to public involvement.

6. April 27, 1989:

Adopted RFP for development of a St. Anthony Falls Interpretive Plan.

[Public Information Meeting, held on June 15, 1989 at the University of Minnesota Hydraulic Laboratory.]

7. June 15, 1989:

Approved selection of a team of consultants led by Ellerbe Becket Inc. to undertake the development of the interpretive plan.

[Contract drawn with Ellerbe Becket Inc. following meeting.]

8. September 12, 1989

Accepted Phase I Theme report with request for modification.

Reviewed presentation of Phase II Concept Development. Public input to be sought at:

[Public Meeting, held on October 5, 1989 at the Minneapolis Public Library.]

9. October 2, 1989

Discussed Phase II Concept Development report.

Acceptance deferred for further refinement.

10. November 10, 1989

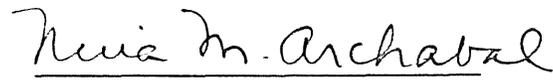
Accepted Phase II Concept report with revision.

Considered next steps. Agreed to move into a second year of planning and implementation with expectation that funding would be secured through matching of funds from the Minnesota Historical Society, the City of Minneapolis (through its MCDA), and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Requested preparation of budget and plan for 1990.

11. December 8, 1989

Approved Budget and annual plan for 1990, to refine planning, coordinate programming, prepare for initial implementation.

  
Nina M. Archabal, Chair  
St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board 12/22/89

  
Elisabeth W. Doermann, Secretary  
St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board  
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## COMPREHENSIVE INTERPRETIVE PLAN

Budget  
September 22, 1988

### SOURCES OF FUNDS:

1. State Appropriation	\$40,000
2. City of Minneapolis	40,000
3. Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	40,000
4. Minnesota Historical Society	22,450
5. Federal Funds -- MHS allocation	20,000
6. Minnesota Historical Society, in-kind clerical support)	<u>(10,000)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$162,450</u>

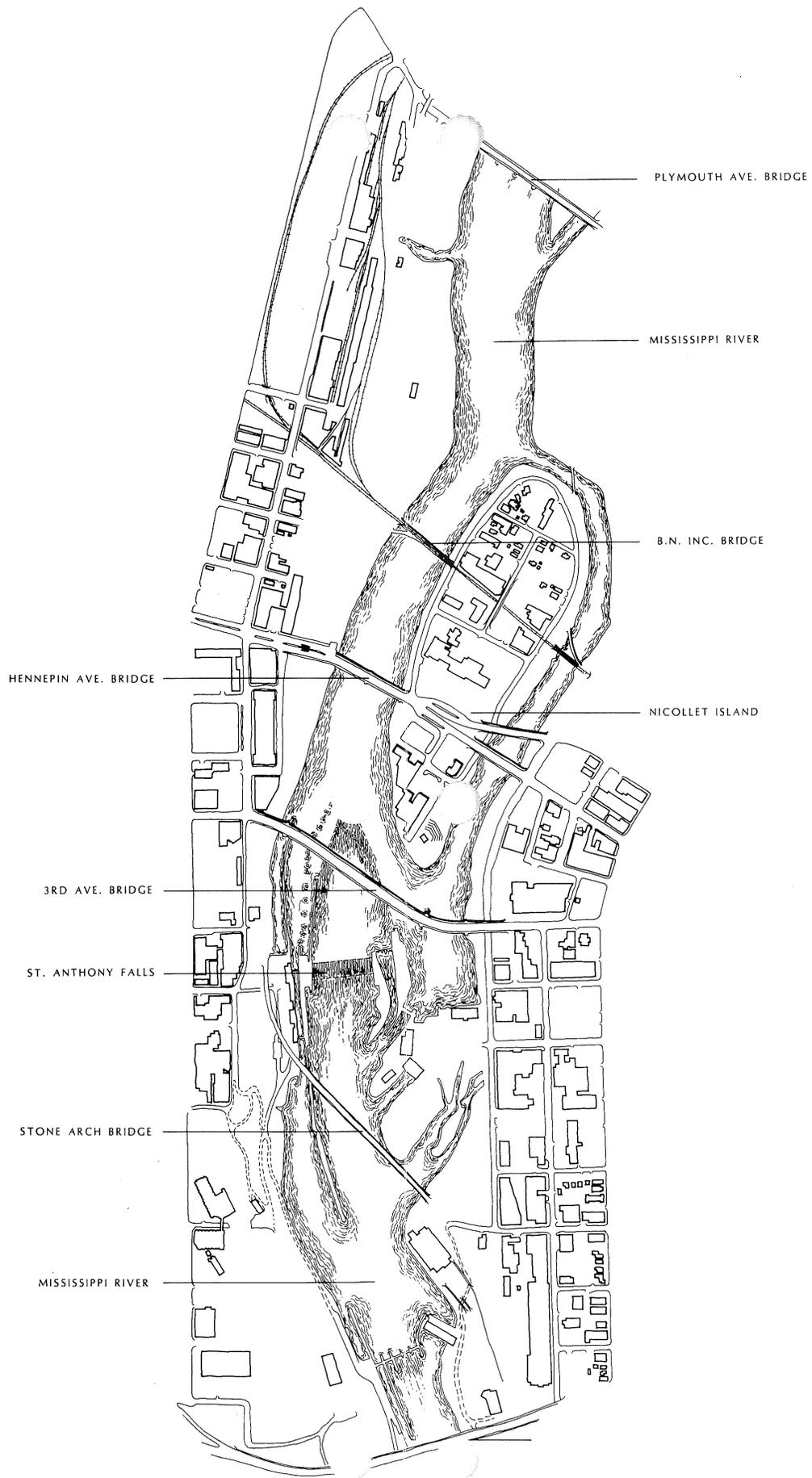
### PROPOSED BUDGET:

1. Technical assistance		
a. Consultants, to include interpretive planners, landscape designers, architectural and/or urban planners, exhibit designers, historians, researchers.	\$95,000	
b. Planning coordinator responsible to SAF Board: on contract for job (no benefits). For period of job (note 2).	est 28,000	
c. Survey of National Register District, Federal allocation on contract through SHPO.	<u>20,000</u>	
sub total		\$143,000
2. Board expenses and per diem as per legislation: \$35/day for eligible members; expenses		1,500
3. Supplies and materials mailings, copying costs, materials for Board and public presentations		3,000
4. Printing and binding of final report		5,500
5. Zone Coordinator to support operations of the James J. Hill House when Elisabeth Doermann, Hill House Site Manager is released to work as Zone Coordinator of the St. Anthony Falls project		9,450
(6. Clerical support -- MHS in-kind contribution)		<u>(10,000)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$162,450</u>

Note 1: Budget relates to budget outline submitted to 1988 legislature.

Note 2: Budget assumes completion of plan within one year.

Note 3: MHS will set up a dedicated, restricted fund account to deposit all funds into and to pay all project costs from.



ST. ANTHONY FALLS HERITAGE INTERPRETIVE ZONE



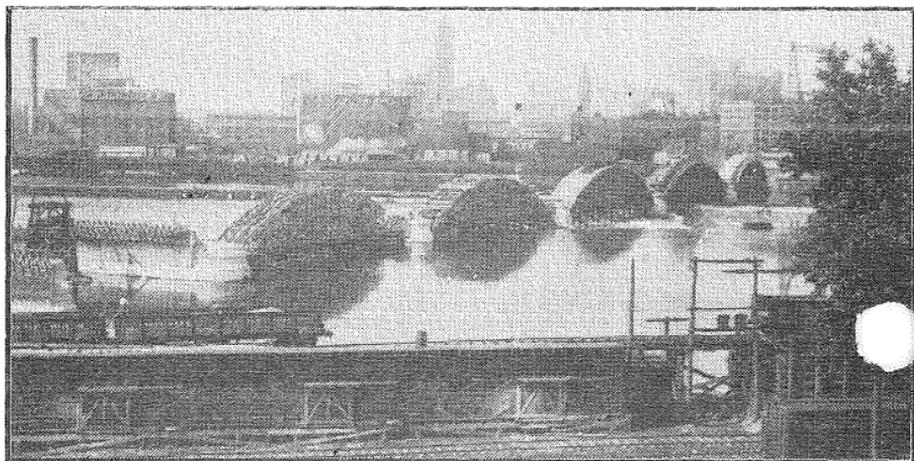
# St. Anthony Falls History Comes Alive

The history of St. Anthony Falls and the Mississippi River in central Minneapolis comes alive with a plan to develop what is possibly the most significant historic district in the State of Minnesota.

The St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board represents many public agencies supporting production of a comprehensive plan for a system of interpretive features and park facilities which will draw residents and visitors alike to the riverfront. The historic setting of St. Anthony Falls will become a place to enjoy and discover the unique natural and built history of Minneapolis where it happened, at the Falls.

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the riverfront was heavily industrialized and centered on the considerable water power of St. Anthony Falls. For much of this period, Minneapolis led the world in flour and lumber production. Today, much evidence remains at the river's edge of the city's industrial history and the people who made it work. This dynamic landscape is richer for the mill ruins, power plants, bridges, archaeological sites and geological features which define its special character.

The interpretive plan is scheduled for completion by year's end 1989 and will serve as a framework for developing the historic riverfront even as the area undergoes change.



Minnesota Historical Society

Building the Third Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis, Ca. 1917

**Sponsored by the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board**

Member agencies include:

- City of Minneapolis
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Hennepin County Historical Society
- Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office

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