

# **Saint Anthony Park Unified Project Design Standards**

## **Introduction**

The Unified Project Design Standards have been crafted to provide planning and design guidance to all parties with a stake or role in the development and redevelopment of Prospect Park, St. Anthony Park, the Creative Enterprise Zone, and the Towerside Innovation District. These planning and design standards are based on community values and aspirations and the Eco-District Imperatives of **Equity, Resilience and Climate Protection**. A primary purpose the cities of Minneapolis and St Paul had in designating the geography of the Towerside Innovation District, located within the St Anthony Park and Prospect Park neighborhoods, was to serve as a replicable model of 21st century urban redevelopment. All projects within these two neighborhoods are charged with the responsibility of incorporating these principles and to the enrichment of this place, it's beauty and it's livability by excellence of design.

## **Infrastructure/Basic Systems**

### **District Systems**

*District wide Systems - Connect to and participate in district-wide energy, storm water, parking, and open space systems when available or under consideration. When district-wide systems are not available design for future connection to them.*

### **Green space**

*Preserve and expand viable green space on site that includes natural landscapes and contributes to an interconnected public realm, in addition to any green space required by municipality. Do not designate green space to be private or inaccessible to the public.*

### **Connectivity**

*Connectivity - Create and maintain pedestrian and bicycle paths to and through the site and enhance connections to public trail networks and district wide systems. Employ Transit Oriented Design principles and address first/last mile connectivity issues across multiple modes of transportation.*

### **Parking**

*If the development cannot participate in shared parking or district wide parking facility, provide required parking for staff, and/or residents on site, preferably within or below structures. Reduce parking needs to support pedestrian, bicycle, and transit usage.*

### **Streetscape Pedestrian Zones**

*Streetscape and Pedestrian Zone – Enhance the public realm by placing shops, restaurants, and other active uses on the sidewalk level to provide “eyes on the street.” Provide large glazing areas to make visual connections to interior spaces and invest in streetscape enhancements. Use design principles and building materials that promote quality and permanence.*

## **Sustainability & Health**

*Identify and meet appropriate performance targets for storm water, energy and water use, indoor air quality, healthy and renewable materials, construction waste and dark skies.*

## **Historical Perspective/Livability Enhancements/Improvements**

### **Historic Preservation**

*Preserve or repurpose historic structures and fabric whenever possible, whether designated on National Register of Historic Places or not.*

### **Art Culture & Design**

*Include culturally relevant public art as part of the design of the building and site, source local artists, and include community in the process.*

### **Affordable Housing & Mixed Option Housing**

*Affordable and Mixed Option Housing – In projects that are primarily housing, provide a minimum of 30% of the units to be affordable to people with incomes between 30 and 60% of Area Medium Income. Provide mixture of 1, 2 and 3 Bedroom units with appropriate amenities for populations served. A broad range of housing types, including co-housing, artist lofts and live/workspaces are encouraged.*

### **Collaborative or Maker Spaces**

*Collaborative and Maker Spaces – Create spaces in buildings, especially at ground level that can be part of the collaborative commons. When appropriate, make some portion of the building available for public use or commerce.*

### **Urban Context**

*Urban Context – Respect and reinforce the intrinsic character, scale and architectural fabric of the neighborhood and adjacent properties.*

### **Adaptability**

*Design structures to create flexible, adaptable spaces with high ceilings and long span structures for evolving future uses.*