



program established in Executive Order 79-19 as management duties of the commissioner and adds “protects and preserves the biological and ecological functions of the corridor” to the list of duties. Requires the Metropolitan Council to incorporate standards established under the program into its planning, and work with local units of government and the commissioner to insure adoption and implementation of the standards.

**Subd. 3. Districts.** Requires the commissioner to establish districts with the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area and provides direction on what the commissioner shall consider when establishing the districts. (Currently there are four districts for the program, rural open space, urban diversified, urban developed, and urban open space.) Requires the commissioner to minimize the number of districts within any one municipality and take into account existing ordinances.

**Subd. 4. Standards.** Requires the commissioner to establish minimum guidelines and standards for each of the districts established in subdivision 3, including the key resources to be protected and the land uses to be allowed in the district. Requires the commissioner to take into account existing ordinances in developing the guidelines and standards. Allows the commissioner to provide certain exceptions. Requires the guidelines and standards to protect or enhance certain key resources and features, such as wetlands, bluffs, shorelines and riverbanks, scenic views, and water quality. Requires the commissioner to map the bluffs and bluff related features and provide a preliminary map based on definitions provided for bluff face/bluff, bluff line, base of bluff, steep slopes, and very steep slopes. Requires the rulemaking process to allow the preliminary map to be refined and requires the adoption of a final map.

**Subd. 5. Application.** Requires the program’s standards to be used by local units of government, state and regional agencies, the Metropolitan Council, and the commissioner.

**Subd. 6. Notification; fees.** Requires local units of government or regional or state agencies to notify the DNR of all developments in the corridor that require discretionary action (defined as all actions that require a public hearing, including variances, conditional use permits, and zoning amendments) at least 10 days before taking action on the application, and establishes a late fee of \$50. Allows the commissioner to exempt certain types of applications from the notification requirement. Requires the commissioner to recover the costs of reviewing the notification information.

**Subd. 7. Rules.** Requires the commissioner to adopt rules to meet the requirements of this section and start the rulemaking process no later than January 15, 2010. States that the program shall be administered in accordance with Executive Order 79-19 until the rules are adopted.

- 2 **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2010 from the new clean water fund for adoption of the rules required under section 1.
- 3 **Repealer.** Repeals § 116G.151, obsolete language related to environmental review for a metal materials shredding project.