

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

The Memphis Landing is a historic resource of fundamental value to the heritage of this city, and of the nation. Although it has been in continuous use for 136 years, since the first paving stones were laid on its surface in 1859, the Landing has stood up well in service to the City and has endured in spite of the ravaging waters of the Mississippi River.

Stewardship of the Memphis Landing is the responsibility of the City of Memphis and, to an almost equal degree, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Although this Preservation Plan for this resource recommends some changes in the way this historic place is treated, the opportunities offered by adherence to the plan far exceed the minimal difficulties posed in the immediate future.

If there is to be an intensified use of the Memphis Landing, the success of any such project will rely on the project's qualities and attention to detail, particularly the attention given to the appearance of the historic resource and its setting. If residents and repeat visitors are expected to be the mainstay of the Landing in its future form, the project and its setting must present qualities that are appealing and unique. Ignoring the issues of maintenance, visual appeal, and the commercial value that the historical interpretation of the Landing can contribute to the success of a proposed project would be a substantial shortcoming in the project's conceptual design and programmatic administration. Given the risks inherent in locating on the Landing, such a project may not survive long enough to correct its errors.

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