

Greenway, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (GBPAC)
Formerly the Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 7:00 PM
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102

Meeting Notes

Bruce Kieffenheim
Nelson Rosit
Nikki Seabloom
Bob Seabloom
Dave Lambeth
Matthew Spoor
Wes Rogers

Richard O'Connor
Art Young
Stephanie Erickson, GF planning
David Kuharenko, GF engineering
Jairo Viafara, MPO
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Guest speakers

- A. **Review of Christmas Bird Count 2015** – Dave Lambeth shared the history and results of the 2015 count (attached). The count began locally in 1961 and now provides a valuable overview of long-term trends in bird routines. The count area is centered west of Grand Forks and includes a lot of grassland. One notable trend has been the increase in the increased number of water fowl staying here over the winter. This could be influenced by the open waters created by the lagoon discharge. The number of species has increased over the years and the 2015 count tied the local all-time record for count week. On another note, two peregrines have been spotted on the water tower on UND campus. The female is not Terminator but the male appears to be Marv. This may cause a problem if Terminator returns to the nest.
- B. **Overview of local Audubon group** – Matthew Spoor gave a short history of the local Audubon group. Previous Audubon groups have had structured meetings with meeting notes and Roberts Rules of Order. The group was restarted by Rolf Paulson as an Audubon “Lite” structures, with more focus on discussion and group sharing. The group hosts monthly organized talks but there are no meeting notes or voting. The mission of the National Audubon focuses on citizen science and lobbying. The local group does not participate in the lobbying aspect. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in a meeting room at the back of Aalto’s Restaurant in the Canad Inn. The next group activity will be a field trip to see the prairie chicken mating ritual at the Rydell Wildlife Refuge on April 23.

II. Greenway items

- A. **Downtown trail & dock project update:** This project will go out to bid on Saturday, with bid opening on March 29. The completion deadline was moved back to July 15 because of the delay in bidding. There are contingencies built into the contract for weather and water delays to completion.
- B. **Euclid Drive repaving project:** This project is currently out for bids and will be opened on March 21. Traffic for the dog park will be diverted to the large loop road (the road will be temporarily changed to two-way). Traffic for the disc golf course will park in the parking lot.
- C. **Lincoln Drive mill & overlay project:** A mill and overlay project will be done this summer on Lincoln Drive from Belmont Road to Almonte Drive. The old asphalt will be removed and replaced with 2” of new asphalt. Phase 1 will be done on Belmont Road from 5th Avenue South to Lincoln Drive/13th Avenue South. The road will be open but flaggers will direct traffic. Phase 2 will be done on Lincoln Drive. The road will be closed for two days for the paving. During that time traffic to the park will be diverted to Almonte Drive.

III. Bikeway items

A. GF Planning

- i. **Simonson Trail Project:** This project is a continuation of planning that started then stopped in 2015. The property owners have determined that it will need to build a larger multi-family housing unit to make the project financially feasible. They have proposed a four story apartment complex with seventy two units. The building is "L" shaped and will block the current trail running through the property.

The group reviewed two options for rerouting the trail. Option one would route the trail between the apartment building and flood protection system. Option two would route the trail along North 3rd Street. This option would be a shared-use path on the east side of the street. The group supports Option two as the most desirable connection for this property.

B. MPO

- i. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update:** Staff is working to update the update the Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Jairo is still working on the logistics for a training session on designing for non-motorized transportation. Details will be coming soon.

- C. **Bikeway updates from February meeting:** David reported that the construction project on Columbia Road from 9th to 14th Avenue South includes a shared-use path on the west side of the road. The construction for the project was bid in February.

IV. Next meeting date: 7PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2016, GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: 2015 Christmas Bird Count results
Aerial view of downtown trail & dock project
Euclid Drive project map
Aerial map of former Simonson Lumber site

SUMMARY
Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC
December 20, 2015

Note: The three numbers shown for each species are the number reported for Minnesota followed by the number for North Dakota, and then the total for the count. Names of several of the more unusual species are boldfaced.

Canada Goose	2500-370-2870	Common Raven	CW (5 th record)
Mallard	145-9-154	Horned Lark	0-3-3
Green-winged Teal	0-2-2 (2 nd record)	Black-capped Chickadee	37-171-208
Redhead	1-0-1 (1 st record)	Red-breasted Nuthatch	0-1-1
Ruddy Duck	CW (2 nd record)	White-breasted Nuthatch	15-49-64
Gray Partridge	22-68-90	Golden-crowned Kinglet	CW
Ring-necked Pheasant	0-35-35	Townsend's Solitaire	0-1-1 (6 th record)
Sharp-tailed Grouse	0-123-123	American Robin	0-4-4
Greater Prairie-Chicken	0-11-11	Varied Thrush	0-1-1 (6 th record)
Wild Turkey	0-2-2	Gray Catbird	1-0-1 (2 nd record)
Bald Eagle	6-10-16 (new high)	Brown Thrasher	0-1-1 (5 th record)
Northern Harrier	0-1-1	European Starling	38-116-154
Sharp-shinned Hawk	CW	Cedar Waxwing	0-8-8
Cooper's Hawk	CW	Lapland Longspur	0-5-5
Rough-legged Hawk	0-1-1	Snow Bunting	70-25-95
Rock Pigeon	146-705-851	American Tree Sparrow	13-1-14
Eurasian Collared-Dove	0-22-22 (new high)	Song Sparrow	CW
Mourning Dove	0-4-4	White-throated Sparrow	0-6-6
Great Horned Owl	1-6-7	Harris's Sparrow	0-1-1
Snowy Owl	1-1-2	White-crowned Sparrow	CW (5 th record)
Short-eared Owl	0-21-21	Dark-eyed Junco	126-156-282 (new high)
Northern Saw-whet Owl	0-1-1	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	4-2-6
Red-bellied Woodpecker	0-1-1	Northern Cardinal	0-3-3
Downy Woodpecker	7-30-37	Western Meadowlark	0-3-3 (8 th record)
Hairy Woodpecker	4-22-26	Common Grackle	0-1-1
Northern Flicker	0-3-3	Brown-headed Cowbird	0-3-3 (3 rd record)
Pileated Woodpecker	0-3-3	Purple Finch	0-2-2
American Kestrel	2-1-3	House Finch	48-92-140
Merlin	0-1-1	Red Crossbill	CW
Northern Shrike	0-4-4	Common Redpoll	84-240-324
Blue Jay	7-18-25	Hoary Redpoll	0-7-7
Black-billed Magpie	0-2-2	Pine Siskin	46-94-140
American Crow	54-187-241	House Sparrow	140-254-394 (new low)

Species Summary: On Count Day, total of 57 species plus 1 race (Oregon Junco). Eight additional Count Week species giving a total of 65 species. Total number of individuals = 6432.

Observers: 26 observers in field in 15 parties (4 observers in 2 parties in MN, 22 observers in 13 parties in ND), plus 14 observers at feeders (2 in MN, 12 in ND).

Time and Distance: 8:00 AM to 5:15 P.M., except for owling. Total party-hours by Field Participants = 67.95 and total party miles = 565.85 (10.25 hours and 19.85 miles on foot; 53.7 hours and 534 miles by car; 1.5 hours and 6 miles on skis; 1 hour and 3 miles on snow shoes; 1.5 hours and 3 miles nocturnal birding (“owling”). 46.5 hours were spent by 14 observers watching feeders. (For EGF part of count: 2 feeder watchers for 10 hours; 6.25 hours and 62 miles by car; 3.5 hours and 5 miles on foot).

Participants in Field:

In Minnesota: Terry and Joanne Johnson, Dave Lambeth, and Bruce Keifenheim. *In North Dakota:* Sandy Aubol, Carl and Shelby Barrentine, Betsy Batstone-Cunningham, Charlie Christianson, Jane Croeker, Tim Driscoll, Will Gosnold, Deb Hanson, Mary Jane Henneman, Mike Jacobs, Catherine Johnson, Gary Masilko, Merle Mikkelson, Rolf Paulson, Bob and Nikki Seabloom, Matthew Spoor, Anne Walker, Art Young, Bill and Deb Zaks.

Feeder Watchers:, *In Minnesota:* Tim Aubol, Sandy Martens. *In North Dakota:* Julie Abrahamson, David Berg, Ken Drees, Ann Flower, Julie Gladwin, Tom Hill, Gordon and Trudy Iseminger, Cec Lambeth, Keith Trzynka, Julia Wallin, Matt Wallace

Weather: Temperature range: 12 to 18 deg F. Wind northerly, 7-13 mph. Cloudy skies. No precipitation. 5 inches snow on ground. Still water frozen. There were areas of open water in Kellys Slough, Grand Forks Lagoons, below Riverside Dam on Red River, below dam on Red Lake River, and Crystal Sugar lagoons in MN.

Comments:

This was the 55th Grand Forks – East Grand Forks CBC. The Count Day total of 57 species was the second highest, exceeded only by 62 in 2012. The Count Week plus Count Day total of 65 equaled the previous record, also set in 2012.

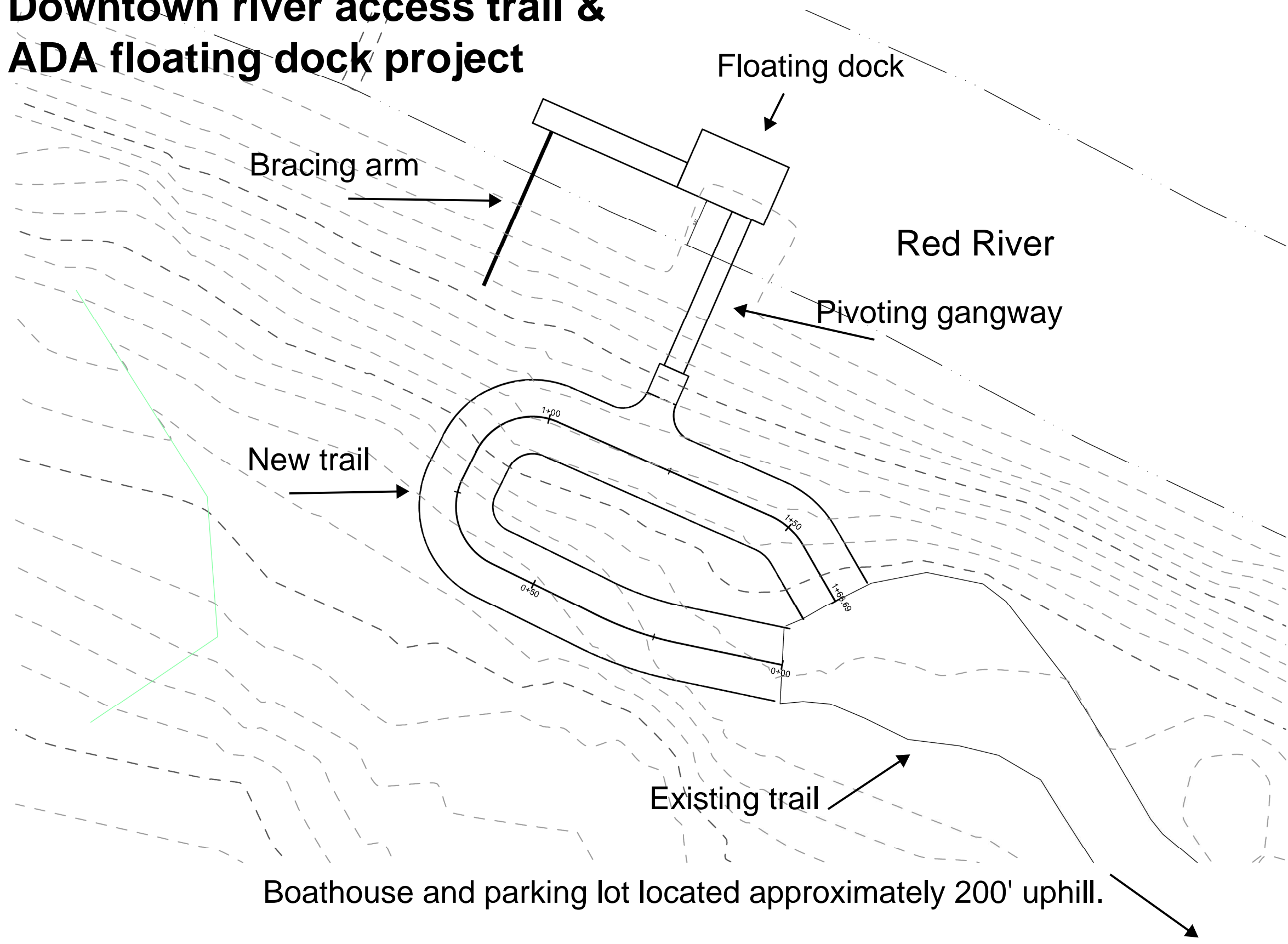
The 2015 CBC was preceded by an unusually mild fall with temperatures consistently well above normal. The snow cover of 5 inches of snow came just two days before the Count Week began. This along with much colder temperatures may have caused some displacement of birds from open country to roadsides and city feeders. Varied Thrush, Brown Thrasher and Harris’s Sparrow were all seen in A.J. Miller’s yard northeast of campus. Townsend’s Solitaire, Red-bellied Woodpecker, and Red-breasted Nuthatch were observed in the Abrahamson’s yard in the 3400 block of Belmont Avenue. The Gray Catbird was photographed by Terry Johnson at the East Grand Forks Heritage Center. The Redhead was found in the Crystal Sugar ponds. Most of these unusual species seemed to show up just after the snowfall and colder temperatures.

The Cooper’s Hawk seen by Julia Wallin at the beginning of Count Week had a blue band. This provided another winter record for one of Tim’s birds, and so far all mid-winter Cooper’s have been females. Two Chukars seen by Tim Driscoll in the Kellys Slough area were not included in the count because they are not an established breeder here and not likely to migrate to our area on their own. The high count of 12 Bald Eagles may be the result of delayed migration due to the late freezeup of lakes in Canada.

This report and other CBC-related information are archived under the Christmas Bird Count link at <http://grandcitiesbirdclub.weebly.com/>. Count data will be submitted to the National Audubon Society.

Grand Forks, ND Downtown river access trail & ADA floating dock project

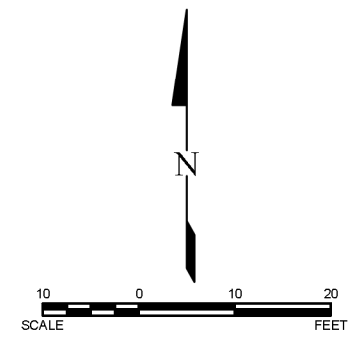
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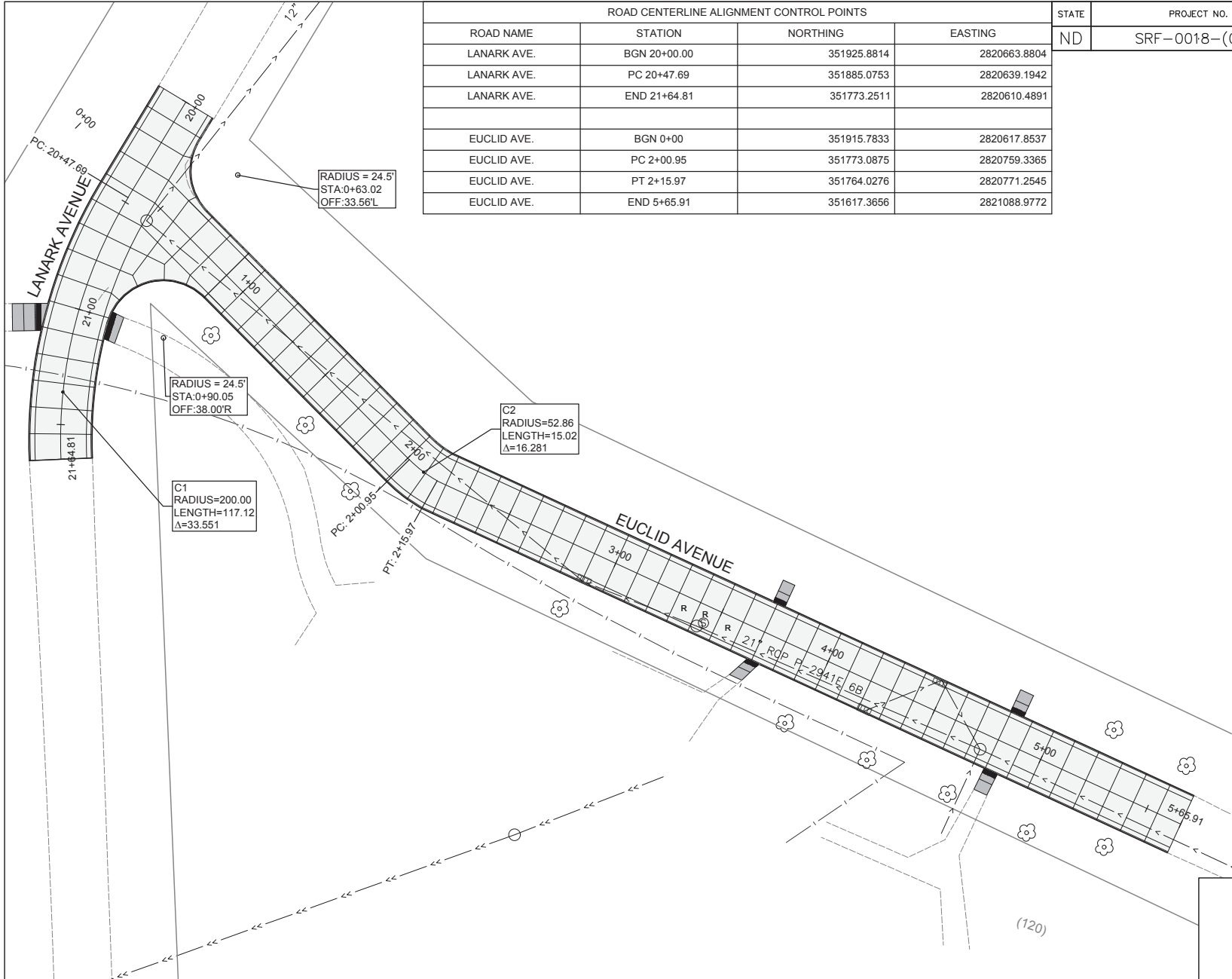
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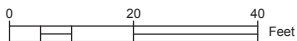


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LANARK AVE.	END 21+64.81	351773.2511	2820610.4891
EUCLID AVE.	BGN 0+00	351915.7833	2820617.8537
EUCLID AVE.	PC 2+00.95	351773.0875	2820759.3365
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Simonson Multi-use Trail

