

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**10:00AM – Tuesday, November 21, 2017**  
**Icon Sport Center, 1060 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Park District Conference Room**

**Meeting Notes**

**I. Present:**

- Bill Palmiscno, Chair
- Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
- Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire
- Corey Birkholz, Options
- Reid Huttunen, EGF Parks & Rec
- Sgt. Duane Simon, GF Police
- Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway
- Tim Williamson, MN DNR

**II. Old Business**

**A. Freezeway Update:**

- Freezeway will be located in downtown GF, in the area called Community Green. This is the same area as Art Fest.
- Two UND student groups will be keeping the Freezeway clear of snow.
- The GF Park District Foundation will be the fiscal agent for the funds received.
- There have been some challenges with the coordination of the Freezeway setup.
  - ✦ Nick Jensen met with HB Sound & Light. Temporary posts were to be placed for lights by Friday. This has not been done yet. Area has been marked though. Temporary footings have not been placed.
  - ✦ Nick Jensen has not been responding to emails.
  - ✦ The stakes are not in the ground yet for the liner system with braces.
  - ✦ The only water supply to the Freezeway is located on Third Street, near DeMers Avenue. The park district has offered the use of one of their hoses but Nick will need to find the remaining length to reach from the hydrant to the course.
  - ✦ Nick does not plan on building the trail by putting the ice on in layers like the hockey rinks. Staff is concerned that this will not allow the ice to set up properly.

**B. Electric Bike Webinar:**

- The American Trails held a webinar on e-bikes. Catherine and Kim watched the webinar. The webinar explored e-bikes transportation and recreation options on public lands like the Greenway.
- An ageing population and increased interest in cycling for transportation has caused the e-bike user base to grow annually.
- There are different classes of e-bikes and motorized bicycles.

- E-bikes have no restrictions because they are propelled by humans, not a motor, and have not been prohibited from the Greenway.

**C. Updates to the Project Request & Assessment Forms:**

- Accessibility:
  - Accessibility has many definitions. It is not just for people in wheelchairs. Some examples are wheelchair, COPD, limited strength, etc.
- Adding the portion regarding accessibility to the form will get event/project planners to think about the community they will be serving and if their needs are being met.
- An example would be the boathouse. It was a great idea but it did not address the needs of physical disabilities. The installation of the boathouse required building a ramp and ADA dock to make the river accessible for people with physical challenges to utilize. That was not a part of the original plan.

**III. New Business**

**A. Changes to Ski & Snowmobile Routes:**

- The snowmobile routes will have to be closed or rerouted to accommodate the rehab project on the Kennedy Bridge.
- The snowmobile route in GF will be closed; the route in EGF might only be rerouted.
- The ski route will change in GF. Loops systems will be used in Riverside Park and the downtown area to avoid the construction area.
- A map has been included in the agenda packet for the Greenway on the Grand Forks side.
- Public Works administrative staff has been addressing postcard reminders of the snowmobile laws/regulations for Grand Forks.
- East Grand Forks will be meeting with the MN DNR today to finalize the routes. They will update the committee at the next meeting and include a map of the route.

**B. Solar Lights:**

- The City of Grand Forks will be purchasing a solar light to be placed at Public Works.
- This will probably be a two year trial to see how the solar light works in our climate.
- The solar light is LED and has a heated case. Hopefully this will address the problems of the light drawing too much power and wearing the battery down so much that it freezes. Kim will keep the committee informed on how well this pilot project works.

**IV. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group Update:**

- No report.

**V. Agency Updates**

- A. City of GF:** Race groups in the area (Wild Hog, Uffda Mud Run, etc.) are experiencing volunteer burnout. Kim will be reaching out to the planners of the larger Greenway

events to and information about their volunteers needs. She will then do a mass campaign on social media to let people know about volunteer opportunities.

- B. City of GF Greenway:** The Greenway Fund is still available through the GGF Community Foundation. Kim has a meeting today with the new foundation director to talk about the fund and how the Greenway Technical Committee would like to be included in any applications requesting funds for Greenway projects.
- C. City of EGF:** EGF Parks & Recreation has started packing the snow base for the ice rinks. Weather permitting they will start flooding the rinks next week. Nick Jenson (Freezeway) approached Reid about add an amphitheater in Lafave Park. Nick would like to fundraise for this project.
- D. GF Park District:** The skate park has received the money needed to complete phase one of the project. The GF Park District is waiting to hear when funding will be received from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Rydell's will be having a press conference this week regarding the amount raised from their annual Car Show. They were trying for \$100,000. They appear to be about \$2000 short of that goal. Manvel has requested the pieces from the old skate park to for their community. The GF Park District received a bench request for the dog park in memory of a deceased pet. Staff worked with the donor to purchase the bench.
- E. Minnesota DNR:** The campground closed the November 12. Campership numbers were up again this year (130 sites). No major issues with the homeless community at this time.
- F. GF Police:** There is a campsite In the NE part of Riverside Park that has been expanding in size. There is a rumor of up to 40 people using the site. The site is close to the water on the wet side of the dike. Tents are set up in the area. The GF Police will be sending up an unmanned vehicle to get a closer look. The police will be participating in the Holly Dazzle event this weekend.
- G. Fire Department:** The Fire Department is switching over to air boats with the weather getting colder. The fire department will be participating in the Holly Dazzle event this weekend.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

- Supporting documents:
- Special Project Request form dated 11-15-17
- GF snowmobile map 2017 – 2018

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**Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Meeting room**  
**Grand Forks, ND**

## **Agenda**

- I. Introductions**
- II. Old Business**
  - A. Freezeway update - Kim**
  - B. Electric bike webinar – Catherine & Kim**
  - C. Updates to the Project Request & Assessment forms**
- III. New Business**
  - A. Changes to ski & snowmobile routes**
  - B. Solar lights - Kim**
- IV. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway, Advisory Group Update**
- V. Other**
- VI. Agency updates**
  - A. City of EGF:**
  - B. GF Park District:**
  - C. City of GF:**
  - D. Minnesota DNR:**
  - E. Other:**
- VII. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee, 10AM Tuesday, January 16, 2018, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room**
- VIII. Adjournment**
- IX. Upcoming events & meetings**
  - Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group mtg: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 7PM. GF city hall, 255 North 4th Street, Room A102.
  - Santa Village December 7 – 10 & 14 – 17 in Lincoln Golf clubhouse. [www.gfparks.org](http://www.gfparks.org)
  - Christmas in the Park November 24 – December 31 in Lincoln Drive Park. [www.visitgrandforks.com](http://www.visitgrandforks.com)

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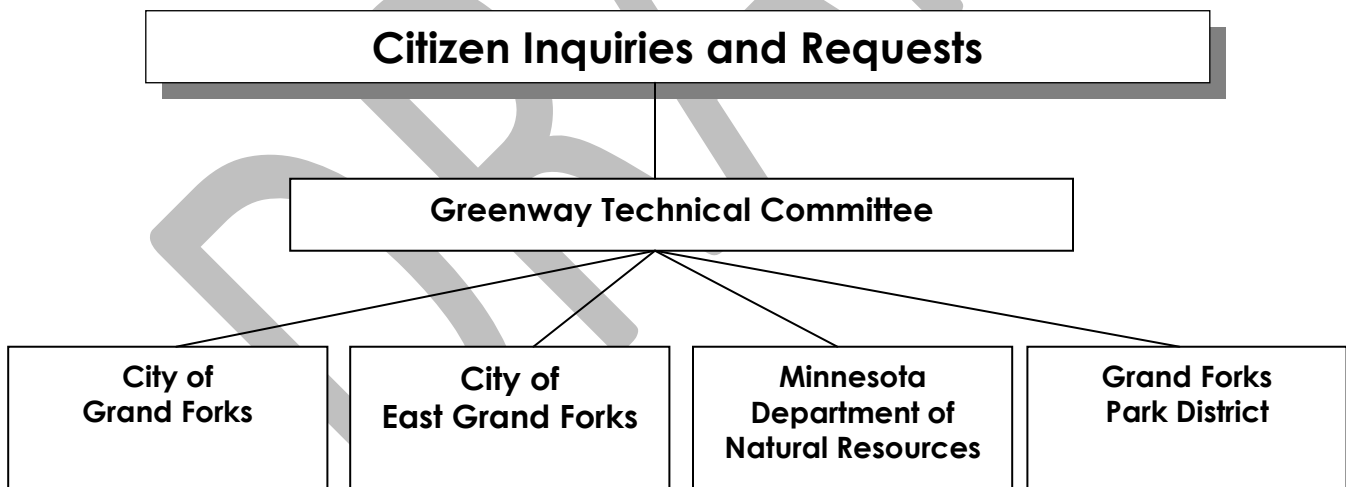
# THE GREENWAY

GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS

Thank you for your interest in the Greenway. With over 2,200 acres of natural space, the Greenway provides a wide variety of recreational, educational and environmental benefits to Greater Grand Forks residents and visitors.

Each year we receive many requests for new facilities or improvements to existing facilities. Many factors go into the decision making process, first and foremost being the role as a floodplain.

Once you have submitted a completed form, you may be asked to present an overview of your project idea to the Greenway Technical Committee for consideration. The Greenway Technical Committee is comprised of representatives of the four managing agencies as well as other parties interested in the development of the Greenway. Meetings are held at 10AM on the third Tuesday of every month. After reviewing the request the committee will determine whether the project is feasible within the Greenway and if so, which agency will handle the request. That agency will then guide the request through the proper channels of their organization.



## Greenway Project Request Form

<b>Contact name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>City</b>	<b>State &amp; zip</b>
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Cell phone</b>
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Start date:</b>	
<b>Is this request:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One time event <input type="checkbox"/> New installation <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	
<b>Brief summary of request:</b>	
<b>Support for the activity or facility.</b> How many people typically participate in this activity, is there a user group established in the area, etc.:	
<b>What is needed to facilitate this project?</b> Space, structures, etc? Please attach a diagram of the proposed layout of the activity or facility, if appropriate.	
<b>What, if any, costs are associated with this project?</b>	
<b>How will these expenses be paid?</b> Fundraisers, sponsor, etc.	

<b>Does this project require ongoing maintenance?</b>	If so, who will maintain the facility?
<b>Will this event or facility be open to the public?</b>	
<b>Does this activity or facility involve the use of harmful chemicals, excavation or fire?</b>	
If so, please describe.	
<b>Please explain how the proposed event, facility or program will ensure access for people with disabilities. Examples could include accessible parking, access to participate in the event or activity, accessible portable toilets or providing effective communication for people who have a hearing or a visual disability. For more information on ADA accessibility, contact Options Resource Center for Independent Living (218-773-6100).</b>	

**Please submit this completed form and other supporting documents to be considered to:**

Greenway Manager  
City of Grand Forks  
P.O. Box 5200  
Grand Forks, ND 58208-5200  
701-738-8746

<b>For office use</b>	<b>Date received</b>
<b>Received by:</b>	
<b>Attachments:</b>	

PROPOSAL DETAILS	
Project name:	
Proposed location:	
Submitted by:	
Desired start date:	
Is this request: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual event <input type="checkbox"/> New installation <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	

REVIEW OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS				
YES	NO	UNK	N/A	Will or does this project, activity or special event:
				Have support from a significant number of users?
				Enhance or compete with a similar activity already offered somewhere else in the GGF community?
				Introduce a new kind of recreational activity to the Greenway?
				Significantly change the level of public use?
				Be located near a heavily populated residential area?
				Be self funded?
				Require ongoing maintenance by agency staff?
				Require a change to the Greenway plan?
				Compromise greenway rules or city ordinances?
				Jeopardize needs described in other plans?
				Contribute to cumulative effects with other proposals or projects?
				Likely generate significant public opposition or controversy?
				Take place in an area that is relatively undisrupted?
				Impede the function of the Greenway as a floodplain?
				Does this the project address ADA accessibility needs? If not, explain.
				Involve development or modifications of wetlands, protected waters or water control structures?
				Introduce an organism(s) which is different genetically or species-wise from those presently or historically occurring in the Greenway?
				Affect any known archaeological, historical or cultural site?
				Involve habitat loss, alteration or fragmentation or land use changes such as planting, burning, grazing, clearing or water manipulation?
				Include the use of chemical toxicants?
				Affect any known federal or state listed species, other rare species or any designated or proposed natural or scenic waterway, wilderness area, State Natural Areas, Natural Heritage Registry site, significant natural community or private land?
				Disturb soil or result in soil erosion, deposit, compaction, and/or loss of sod or ground cover?
				Have a greater impact under certain weather conditions, especially rainy or wet conditions?
				Affect research activities or monitoring plots?
				Require permits from other agencies?
				Likely require temporary or permanent mitigation measures?
				Have any natural/cultural resource impacts not listed above?



IMPORTANT: Completion of the application assessment for the proposed project/action/special request does not constitute approval for the project to begin. Approval for the request to move ahead will be provided by the Greenway Technical Committee staff.

<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS</b>
Concerns – Describe concerns regarding application information:
Information sources & field review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- List dates and names of information sources (individuals &amp; written) consulted in this process.</li><li>- List significant native plant communities, rare species, cultural resources or other important natural/cultural elements which could be impacted.</li></ul>
Recommended course of action:
List all permits required:

**Greenway Technical Committee staff recommendation:**

- Proposal accepted. Applicant will be informed to work with designated agency for further assistance. Designated agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Proposal denied for the following reasons: Against ordinance, not the appropriate use for the trails.
- Proposal incomplete or requires more information. Staff will work with applicant to clarify the application.

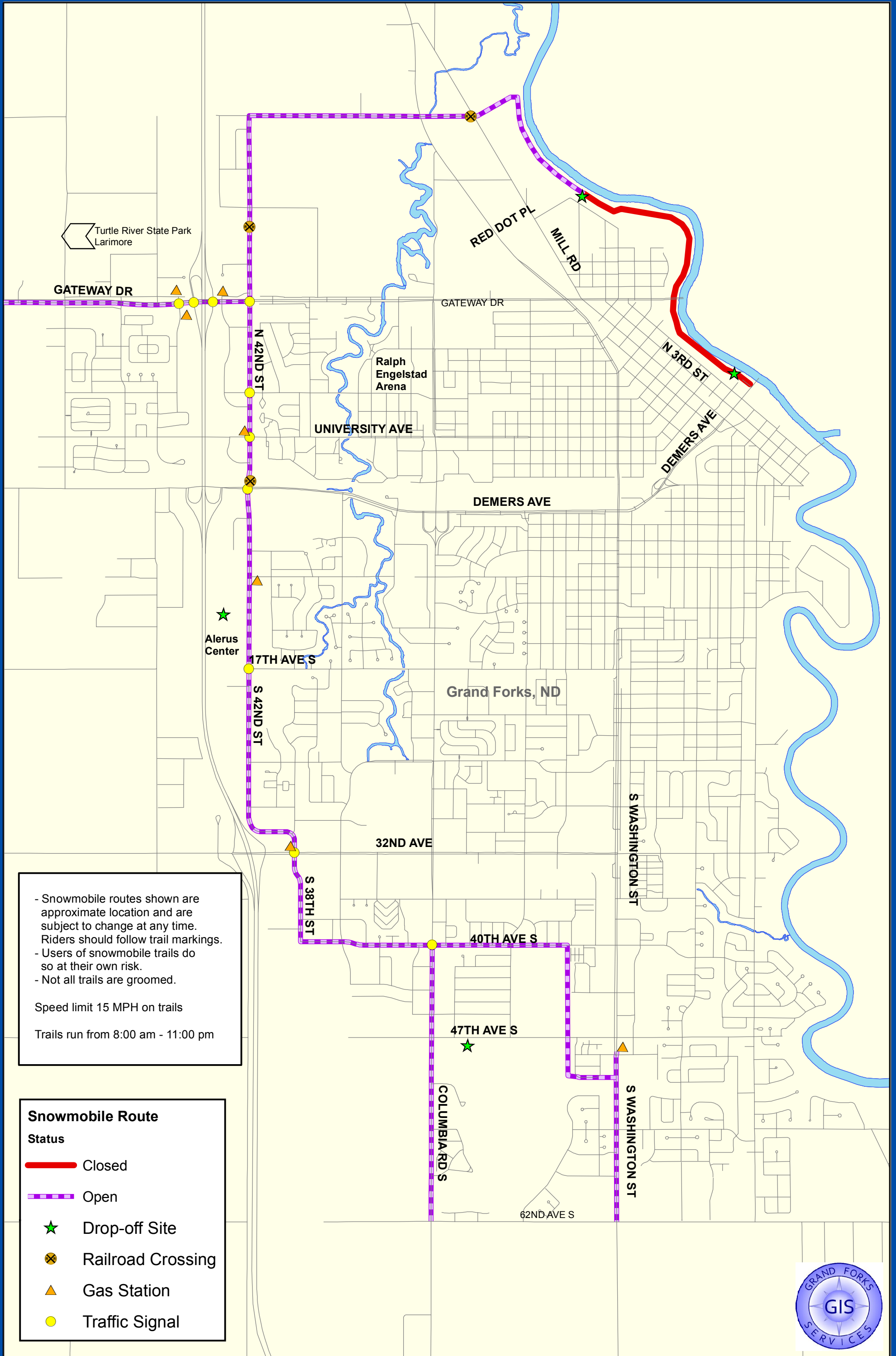
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**Signed by Greenway Technical Committee Chairperson**

**Date**

# 2017-2018 Snowmobile Route

City of Grand Forks, ND  
 Approved by Chief of Police Mark Nelson



- Snowmobile routes shown are approximate location and are subject to change at any time. Riders should follow trail markings.  
 - Users of snowmobile trails do so at their own risk.  
 - Not all trails are groomed.

Speed limit 15 MPH on trails  
 Trails run from 8:00 am - 11:00 pm

**Snowmobile Route**

**Status**

- Closed
- Open
- ★ Drop-off Site
- ⊗ Railroad Crossing
- ▲ Gas Station
- Traffic Signal

