

Greenway Annual Report of Activities and Achievements 2011

Did you know?

The Greenway was the location of at least fourteen 5k races and five 10k races in 2011. That's over 74 miles (74.564543068 to be exact or 393,700.7874 feet). That's a lot of running!

Not everyone in the Greenway was running though! The Greenway provided a beautiful setting for three weddings and an engagement proposal or two.

The crowd on wheels gave a good showing too. The first annual Rollin' on the River inline skating event hosted a kickoff event in Lincoln Drive Park and the UND Cycling Club hosted another successful cyclocross event in Riverside Park. Not to be outdone, winter cyclists participated in an ice-bike race in the snow and ice during Winter Fest.

An outdoor movie gave participants the chance to see a movie classic under the stars in Riverside Park.

Add the annual Christmas in the Park event, Santa Village, Greenway Ski Days, Winter Fest, END Iceman triathlon, the North Dakota State Disc Golf championship tournament, Chalk it Up, Grand Cities Art Fest, And that's not all that happened in the Greenway in 2011:

1. The cross country ski grooming route was expanded to offer a complete trail from Riverside Dam to 47th avenue south with continuous grooming.
2. A cross country ski route was added in the campground in EGF.
3. The paved trail in LaFave Park was rerouted to replace the damaged lower trail and offer spectacular views of the Red and Red Lake Rivers without closing during minimal flooding.
4. A mile marking, 911 emergency and orientation sign system was installed along the loop trail.
5. The Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group conducted a trail user visual survey to document summertime trail use.
6. The Greenway website was updated to provide better access to greenway related information. Changed the website address to www.greenwayggf.com.
7. The policy on ADA trail accessibility requirements for Other Power Driven Mobility Devices was reviewed.
8. There were several requests from greenway users to consider improvements to the system. The Greenway Technical Committee heard requests from the public for ordinance changes to allow the use of electric assisted bicycles on trails for all users, installation of bluebird boxes, a historical plaque at the railroad bridge, and installation of an orienteering course, installation of a boat house along the river and the installation of a disc golf course in Riverside Park.
9. Work began to publish an update to the original Greenway Plan.
10. Our friends at Xcel Energy and the UND Law School Environmental Law group donated funding to host tree planting projects in the Greenway.
11. Once again the Red River State Recreation Area campground broke campership records, even though opening was delayed because of high water and a state government shutdown kept the campground closed for a while in July.
12. A new campground and gathering area was installed in the campground.
13. The deck area of Riverside Pool was expanded to allow for more seating area. Attendance at both Riverside and the East Grand Forks pools remained steady from 2010, despite a cool start to the season.

14. Volunteers worked tirelessly to rebuild the Sherlock Forest playground after a fire destroyed the original structure.
15. Gladwin Lynne retired as manager of the campground. Catherine Johnson has been hired as the new manager.