

Greenway Annual Report of Activities and Achievements 2012

2012 was a busy year in the Greenway. A dry winter prevented much winter activity but spring came early and warm weather activities soon followed. Hundreds of people enjoyed an outdoor movie under the stars this summer in Riverside and Lincoln Parks.

Perennial events like Christmas in the Park event, Santa Village, Greenway Ski Days, Frozen Feast, "Bicycle" race, END Iceman triathlon, Chalk it Up, Grand Cities Art Fest, Wild Hog ½ marathon, and dozens of 5 & 10K races proved, once again, that the Greenway is the place to be in all four seasons!

And that's not all that happened in the Greenway in 2012:

1. There were several requests from greenway users to consider improvements to the system.
 - o Add a disc golf course in Riverside Park – pending
 - o Redesign the course in the lower Lincoln Drive Park disc golf course
 - o Install a bird house for Purple Martins near the Lincoln Drive Park sledding hill – approved
 - o Install an orienteering course in Lincoln Drive Park – installed
 - o Add bocce ball and horseshoe courts near 7th avenue north – pending
2. The original Greenway Plan was updated to reflect the work that has been done in the Greenway to date.
3. Volunteers were an important part of the operations of the Greenway. We owe a great debt of appreciation to the members of the Adopt-a-Trail Program and others who volunteered their time and talents for cleanup projects.
4. Many thanks to our friends at Enbridge Pipeline for their generous donation to support the installation of covered bulletin boards for the parking lots along the Greenway.
5. The Red River State Recreation Area campground had another great year of near-capacity campership. Congratulations!
6. Another hot, dry summer brought near-record attendance to Riverside & Sherlock Park pools.
7. The Greenway Technical Committee elected Steve Mullally as the new chairperson. Steve replaced past chairperson Lonny Winrich, who served as chair for four years. Thank you, Lonny, for your dedication to the project and good luck in your new life in Maine and welcome back, Steve. We look forward to working with you.

There are already plans for updates and additions to the Greenway in 2013.