

2017 Greenway Annual Report

Grand Forks, ND & East Grand Forks, MN

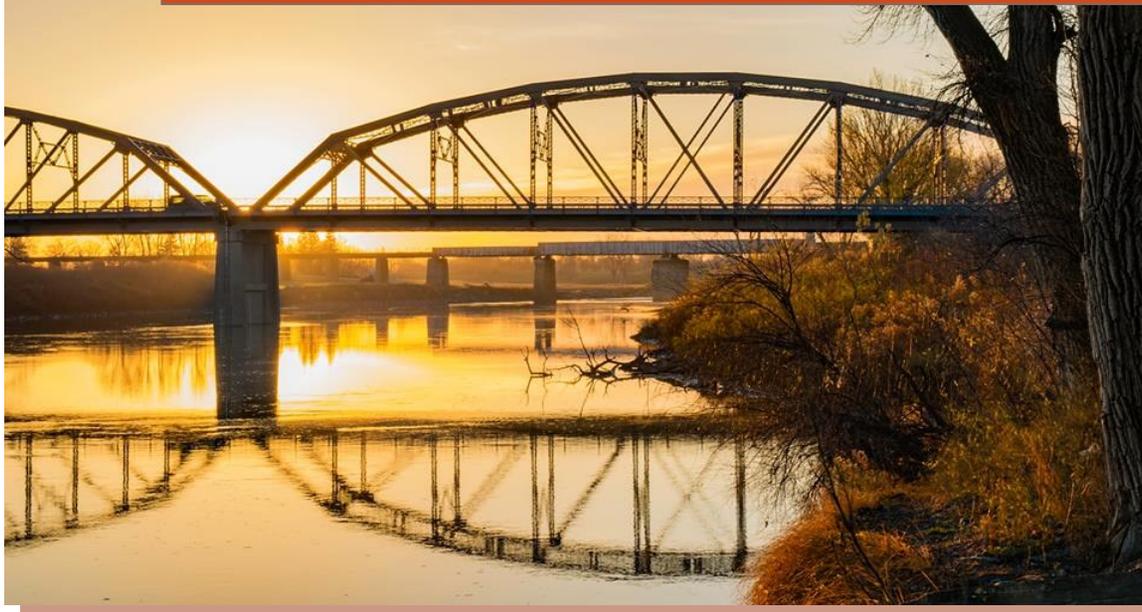


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The Red and Red Lake Rivers Greenway will protect residents of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks from flooding, provide opportunities for economic growth, improve and restore ecological stability of the river corridor, link residents and tourists to four seasons of recreation and transportation facilities, provide linkage between the cities, preserve and promote the history and culture of the region through education, and improve the quality of life for future generations.

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Riverside & Sherlock Swimming Pools

Plenty of swimmers took advantage of the pools during the hot summer. Attendance at Riverside Pool was up from 2016 by just over 1,600 swimmers.

Sherlock Pool repairs kept Sherlock Pool closed for the season.



Red River State Recreation Area & Sherlock Campground

It was another record for occupancy in the campground, with 130 more campsites rented compared to the previous year. The ever-popular visitor program continued to draw participants. More than 400 people attended the 14 programs and events on bird identification, star gazing, and more.



River access and boat ramps

Finding access to the river is getting easier every year. Both cities continue to make improvements to existing river access sites. Vegetation was cleared at several access points to provide better access and expand the green areas.



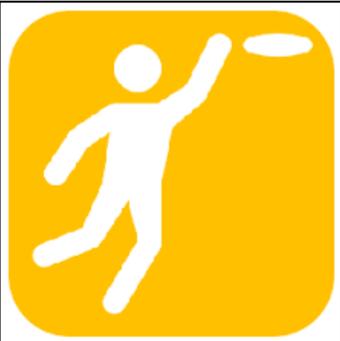
River Keepers Award

River Keepers of Fargo Moorhead honored The Greenway with their 2017 Good Neighbors Award. This award recognizes individuals or organizations whose property touches the Red River and whose efforts help maintain the integrity of the Red River, enhance the river or the enjoyment of the Red River, or any unique effort to befriend the Red River. We are humbled by the award and pleased to have such a great relationship with our neighbors to the south as we work to promote and preserve the Red River.



Winter Recreation

Work on the Kennedy Bridge rehabilitation project caused a few changes to the snowmobile route this season. The snowmobile route in GF was closed, while the route in EGF was rerouted. The Kennedy Bridge project also caused a need to change the ski in GF. Loop trail systems were groomed in Riverside Park and the downtown area to avoid the construction area to campground.



Disc Golf

A disc golf advisory group was formed at the beginning of the year for the purpose of working with a broad group of players to update the courses. This year new baskets, tee and map signs were installed in the courses in Lincoln Drive Park. Concrete tee pads were installed at the loop course.



Skate Park

There's a new feature coming to the Greenway in 2018 and we're super excited!

The construction the Housing First project at the previous skate park site sparked a need to move the skate park to new location and the Greenway provided the perfect fit!

The new skate park will be located on the dry side of the levee north between the Point Bridge and Kannowski Park. Construction will begin on the new park sometime in the spring of 2018. This new site can accommodate a facility up to 10,000 square feet square in size.



Bicycle Repair Stations

Fixing a flat bike tire in The Greenway just got easier. Many thanks to our friends at Scheels for their donation of two bicycle repair stations. The station are located in and front of Restaurant Row in EGF and Lincoln Drive Park in GF (to be installed in spring 2018). The MN Department of Natural Resources also installed a bicycle repair station near the campground



Deer feeding ordinances for East Grand Forks (EGF)

Our wildlife friends love the Greenway just as much as the rest of us. Unfortunately, that can create some user conflict.

The EGF City Council passed an ordinance to prohibit feeding deer within city limits. This was in response to concerns from citizens regarding deer on roadways and in backyards. GF has a similar ordinance in place.



Facility Improvements

We just can't help it; we love to update and improve the Greenway user experience.

Rotary Park in downtown GF got a facelift. A vinyl gazebo replaces the old wooden one and the bronze park plaque was refurbished. The flower beds around the gazebo were refurbished, as were the flower beds along the floodwalls on DeMers Avenue .



Trail installations and overlay repairs:

East Grand Forks: trail overlay on approximately 1.65 miles of Greenway Trail in the area of Crestwood Trailhead and Eagle Point Trailhead, including the scenic loop which runs alongside the Red Lake River.

Grand Forks: 7th Avenue North to DeMers Avenue and the Elmwood access.



Special Events

Special Events: The Greenway is a great place to host events, both large and small. The list of annual events held in and near the Greenway continues to grow.

- Frozen Feat 5 & 10k
- "Bikecicle" Fat Tire Ice Bike Race
- Dewey Kvidt Duathlon
- Art on the Red
- Run for Your Buns
- Diva Dash
- END – WET
- Ground Up Family Adventure Race
- Cats Incredible
- Rollin' on the River
- Uff Da Mud Run
- Wild Hog full and half marathon
- Sertoma 4th of July celebration
- Altru YMCA Firecracker 5 & 10k
- Movies in the Park
- Chalk it Up!
- Dog Jog
- Frosty Bobber
- Vintage snowmobile show
- ND Disc Golf Tournaments
- Pedal for a Purpose
- Weekly yoga classes
- Battle of the Borders fishing tournament
- Community River Canoe Paddle Event
- Weddings

New events: Greenway Takeover Festival, & Get to Know Your Greenway Day.



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