

# 2020 GREENWAY ANNUAL REPORT

## IT WAS AN INTERESTING YEAR (TO SAY THE LEAST)

We can't talk about 2020 without mentioning COVID-19 and its impact on our community and the Greenway. The restrictions put in place to stop the spread of the coronavirus sent people looking for ways to stay active outdoors. The Greenway fit the bill for many residents looking for ways to get outdoors and stay active.

### WINTER RECREATION

The 2019 - 2020 had to be one of the best seasons for winter recreation in recent memory. Heavy snowfall in late December 2019 set the stage for some great skiing and sledding, while cold temps provided perfect ice conditions for the skating rinks.

### POOL TIME!

Strict COVID-19 regulations delayed opening the pools for the 2020 season. Those lost dates and pool capacity limits didn't prevent a successful season, though.

#### **Sherlock Pool in EGF pool attendance**

14,614 total swimmers

#### **Riverside Pool in GF pool attendance**

8,457 total swimmers

### CAMPGROUND ROUNDUP

Camping was one of the many ways people could be outdoors and still practice safe social distancing. A delayed start date of June 1 and 50% fewer sites available cut into camping rentals. However, it was still a great summer at the Red River Recreation Area Campground! A total of 6,331 units were rented for season, down 3,925 from 2019 season.

### IMPROVEMENTS

It's hard to improve on perfection, but we always try.

- Charles Thurber Memorial Plaque: A long-overdue memorial to lynching victim Charles Thurber was installed in downtown GF.
- Trail overlays and repairs: Crews repaired trail cracks along the southern portion of the EGF Red River trail. A new overlay from the north pedestrian bridge to 7th Avenue North in GF paved the way for a smoother trail experience. Sorry, we couldn't resist the pun.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Plans are taking shape for several improvements in the Greenway.

- Riverbank stabilization at the dock in downtown GF: A permeable concrete system will be installed to stabilize the riverbank and make maintenance easier.
- Kannooski Park fishing and river access: Vegetation has been cleared away for better access from the trail and signage directing visitors to the site will be coming this spring.