

# Greenway

## Annual Report

### 2025



# The year in review

There's never a dull moment in the Greenway, especially behind the scenes. The Greenway team had its hands full in 2026 with strategic planning to address evolving needs in recreation, community engagement, and policy development. But don't just take our word for it, check out some of the hot topics of 2026.

- **East Grand Forks Deer Management Program:** This was the program's second year. A three-day hunt was added for people with disabilities.
- **Phase 1 of the Downtown Gateway + Greenway Master Plan:** The project continues to move through the design and approval phase. The final design will need approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before construction bids can be sought.
- **Use of other power-driven mobility devices:** The Grand Forks City Council approved their use on the Greenway's paved shared-use paths.
- **Wayfinding sign plan:** A design palette was adopted, and an installation plan was developed. Signs will be added as funding allows.



# Vision

"The Greenway of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks is a community asset that protects residents from flooding, preserves the ecological stability of the river corridor, provides year-round recreation, and supports an active lifestyle while connecting the two cities and honoring our river history."

Updated 2024

## Greenway Facts

### 2,200 Acres of Open Space

That's 2 ½ times the size of Central Park in New York City!

### Three Property Owners

ND side: City of Grand Forks  
MN side: City of East Grand Forks and MN Department of Natural Resources each own portions

### Four Managing Agencies

City of Grand Forks  
City of East Grand Forks  
Grand Forks Park District  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



## **1** Wayfinding sign plan adopted

Navigating the city-wide bikeway system will get easier over the next few years. A design palette is in place, an installation plan outlined, and signs will be added as funding allows.

## **1** Major park renovation

LaFave Park received upgrades, including a wider boat launch, ADA-compliant kayak launch, new parking lot, sidewalks, seating area, and floating dock.

## **1** Kayak storage rack

A self-storage rack was installed near the downtown Grand Forks floating dock to store kayaks.

## **2** Playgrounds updated

Playtime got an upgrade at two Greenway parks. New playground equipment was installed at Riverside and Griggs Parks.

## 2 Pools for summer fun

Total attendance for the season:  
Riverside Pool: 7,047 Sherlock Pool: 20,026

## 4+ Public input opportunities

Public input is an important part of the planning process. There were several opportunities for public input online and in person. Stay involved and make your voice heard—sign up now for notifications at [www.greenwayggf.com](http://www.greenwayggf.com).

## 13 Public meetings held

The Greenway is a collaboration between managing partners and the public. Many residents attended public meetings throughout the year and helped shape future greenway management and development plans.

## 11,040 Campground visitor nights

That's a lot of 'Smores!



# Get involved



## Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group

Second Tuesday of the month in March, June, Sept, and Dec  
6 PM @ GF City Hall  
255 North 4th Street  
Griggs Room  
Open to all GGF residents



## Greenway Technical Committee

Third Tuesday of the month in Jan, March, May, July, Sept, and Nov  
10 AM @ GF City Hall  
255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
2nd Floor meeting room  
Open to all GGF residents



## Get social



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