

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) meeting**  
**10 AM - Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
**Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South**  
**Blue Line Club Meeting room**  
**Grand Forks, ND**  
**Meeting Notes**

Reid Huttunen, Chair  
Stephanie Halford, MPO  
Matt Aarvig, GF Streets  
Tom Reitan  
Joan Abraham

Peggy Thurin  
Sgt. Kris Brown, GF Police Depart  
George Hellyer, GF Park District  
Theresa Flitter, City of GF  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

**I. Old Business: None**

**II. New Business**

- A. Lease agreement between City of GF & GF Park District:** This item is for informational purposes only. The agreement dates back to early in the building of the Greenway. The City of GF owns the land, but its focus and expertise are in fire, police, streets, sanitation, and other services, not recreation. There was a need for a partner who specialized in managing recreation facilities. The GF Park District was interested in managing some of the facilities but didn't want to manage the entire Greenway. So, the compromise was to manage the four developed parks.

The original lease was adopted in 2007 and updated as more recreational items were added to the Greenway. The current lease consolidates all existing leases under one umbrella, except for Riverside Pool, which is covered in a Memorandum of Understanding.

- B. ND Parks & Recreation trail database:** The ND Parks & Recreation Department is developing a state-wide database of available trails. They have requested the shapefiles of the Greenway and other city trails for the project. The GF IT Department is uploading those files for sharing. Eventually, the database will include amenities like restrooms, picnic shelters, etc., but that information has yet to be available. That could be a good project for an intern this summer.
- C. Story Maps online:** Story Maps is a software program available through the ESRI company. The first published post focused on the unpaved trails south of Elks Drive. The next post will be about the Brown Family home formally located at the current Elmwood Access. The interpretive panels would be good subjects for future Story Maps.

- III. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway, Advisory Group update:** The subject of snowmobiles on the Greenway continues to surface at the meetings even when it's not on the agenda.

#### IV. Other

- A. Snowmobiles:** In GF, snowmobile traffic was heavy after the last big snowfall, especially from 47th Avenue South to 62nd Avenue. Tom asked how neighbors could get the police to patrol the area. Kris recommends reporting the activity so there is a record for future conversations. If the numbers are low, it is assumed that there is no problem.

The City of EGF and MN DNR have asked to participate in the discussion about a potential route, but the status of a committee is unknown currently. Inquiries should be directed to Todd Feland, GF City Administrator.

#### V. Agency updates

- A. City of EGF:** Reid has been named to the Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission board. This group focuses on system planning and recommendations to the legislature for grants funded by the Legacy Parks and Trails Fund to counties and cities outside the seven-county metropolitan area for parks and trails of regional significance.
- B. GF Park District:** The outdoor rinks have been closed for the season. Keeping the warming houses open this season was challenging because of a need for more available staff.
- C. City of GF:** The consultants are still working on the draft design for redeveloping the area around the downtown floodwall. The idea for an archway over the floodwall pillars has been scrapped because of concerns that it interferes with installing the stop logs.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** Catherine will be starting back to work in mid-April. Expecting that the spring flood will impact the season open.
- E. Other agencies:**
- i. MPO:** Virtual open houses are scheduled for the week of March 27 to get input from residents regarding several proposed routes in the draft plan. The meetings are intended to allow residents to hear about the proposals and give comments. The bikeway maps will be available soon.
  - ii. GF Streets:** Keeping up with the street and trail plowing needs has been challenging because of staffing issues. Every effort is made to get out there as soon as possible, but people have to be patient.
  - iii. GF Police: There have not been many calls for service in the Greenway.**

- VI. Next meeting date:** Greenway Technical Committee 10 AM Tuesday, May 16, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

#### VII. Upcoming events & meetings

- Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group mtg: 6 PM Tuesday, April 11, GF City Hall, 255 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, room A102.

**Support documents:** Lease agreement dated March 9, 2023  
Elmwood trails Story Map

## GREENWAY LEASE AGREEMENT

This Lease Agreement made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by and between the **City of Grand Forks**, a North Dakota municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Landlord," and the **Park District of the City of Grand Forks**, a North Dakota municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Tenant."

1. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Lease Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
  - a. "Greenway" shall mean the property which generally starts at approximately fifty (50) feet north of the centerline of the north pedestrian bridge, north of Riverside Dam, to the centerline of the south end drain way as more particularly shown on the Map attached as Appendix A.
  - b. "Premises" shall mean the specific parcels of land leased by Tenant from Landlord as provided in Exhibits A-F and Appendices B-H.
2. **GRANT OF LEASE.** Upon the conditions, covenants, and agreements set forth herein, Landlord leases to Tenant properties located in the City of Grand Forks, County of Grand Forks, State of North Dakota, and described in Exhibits A-F, for the term of this Lease Agreement. The parties agree to the general terms of this Lease Agreement, which shall apply to each of the properties described herein except as may be specifically modified by each attached Exhibit.
3. **RENT.** The annual rent shall be a nominal fee in the amount of \$1.00 per year and shall be paid at the time of execution of this Lease Agreement.
4. **TERM.** The term of this Lease Agreement shall be five (5) years, commencing on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2027.
5. **RENEWAL.** The term shall automatically renew for additional five (5) years upon its expiration unless either party provides sixty (60) days written notice prior to the date of expiration of its intention to not renew the Lease Agreement.
6. **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND UTILITIES.** Landlord agrees to pay any and all special assessments assessed against the Premises and the Greenway. Landlord shall provide water service and sewer services to the Premises. Tenant shall pay for the cost of operating any and all water and sewer services.
7. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.** Tenant shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the Premises unless provided otherwise in this paragraph or in each specific Exhibit attached to this Lease Agreement.

Landlord and Tenant shall consult one another for any new capital asset additions exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) that would be added to the Premises. Examples of a "capital asset addition" include but are not limited to, the following: a shelter, playground, warming house, storage building, and restrooms.

Landlord shall be responsible for the maintenance, repairs, and costs related to any infrastructure capital improvements. Examples of “infrastructure capital improvements” include, but are not limited to, the following: sidewalks, roads, waterlines, sewer lines, street lighting, storm water drainage, and levee maintenance and repair.

8. **ADDITIONS.** Tenant shall not construct, install, or place any new additions in or upon the Premises without the prior written consent of Landlord.
9. **SIGNAGE AND FENCES.** Tenant shall be permitted to erect signage on existing facilities as needed, in accordance with all applicable laws. Tenant shall work with the Landlord to erect stand-alone signage and fences, on the Premises.
10. **LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION.** Landlord shall not be liable for any injury or damages to any property of Tenant or persons on or about the Premises, and Tenant shall hold the Landlord harmless from any claims or damages thereto. Further, Landlord shall not be liable for any injury, either to persons or property sustained by the Tenant or by other persons, including, but not limited to, guests of the Tenant due to the Premises or any part thereof.

The Tenant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Landlord from any and all liabilities, costs, and expenses arising from injury to persons or property in or about the Premises or from any manner or thing growing out of the Tenant's use, occupancy, management, or control thereof.

11. **LIABILITY INSURANCE.** The Tenant agrees that it shall furnish, obtain, and maintain throughout the term of this Lease Agreement, a policy of commercial general liability insurance utilizing an insurance service office standard form with broad form general liability endorsement, or equivalent, in an amount not less than the statutory per occurrence cap contained within N.D.C.C. § 32-12.1-03 for bodily injury and property damage combined and shall insure the Tenant against liability arising out of the use, occupancy, or maintenance of the Premises. Tenant shall cause Landlord to be named as an additional insured on said insurance policy. In the alternative to the general commercial liability insurance, Tenant may participate in the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) with Landlord likewise named as an additional insured. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall be construed to waive, abrogate, or limit any immunity or limitation of liability available to either party as may be provided by law.
12. **PROPERTY INSURANCE.** Tenant shall carry, at Tenant's sole expense, property insurance for all structures located within the extents of this Lease Agreement unless otherwise noted on the Exhibits below. Structures not covered by flood insurance by Tenant may be covered by Landlord at the Landlord's option and expense.
13. **SUBLETTING.** Tenant covenants and agrees not to sublet the Premises or any part thereof during the term of this Lease Agreement, without first obtaining the written consent of Landlord, its successors, or assigns. Short-term rentals by user groups and public are permissible. Short-term rentals shall be coordinated solely by Tenant and be

at Tenant's sole discretion. "Short-term rental" shall mean any rental to a user group or third-party, such as a picnic shelter reservation, that does not close public access, by Tenant for less than seventy-two (72) hours.

14. **SALE OF PREMISES.** Landlord covenants and agrees not to sell, repurpose, alter, or significantly impact the Premises or any part thereof during the term of this Lease Agreement, without having the prior written consent of Tenant.
15. **ENTRY BY LANDLORD.** Landlord reserves the right to enter onto the Premises described herein, at its sole discretion, by giving reasonable notice, for the purpose of rodent control, construction, operation, and maintenance of utilities, stormwater management facilities, permanent or temporary flood control structures, or otherwise providing flood control protection or maintenance for residents and facilities located within the City of Grand Forks.
16. **FACILITY NAMES.** Tenant agrees not to assign or adopt official names for any facility described in this Lease Agreement, whether gratis or in exchange for funding or goods, without the prior written consent of Landlord.
17. **EVENTS.** Tenant shall coordinate the programming of large-scale events, both by Tenant and the public taking place on the Premises in cooperation with Landlord. Large-scale events are defined as any event that will impact the public's use of an area located on the Premises, either by closing an area or facilities or attracting a large number of expected attendees. The Tenant shall coordinate the rental of park shelters and community room rentals.
18. **TREE MAINTENANCE.** Landlord shall be responsible for the routine maintenance, removal, and storm cleanup for trees on the Greenway. Tenant shall conduct regular examinations of trees within the Greenway for Dutch Elm and other (spreadable) disease at no cost to the Landlord. Tenant shall provide removal and disposal services for all Dutch Elm diseased trees within the Greenway. Landlord shall pay the cost of disposing of all trees removed for reasons other than Dutch Elm disease from the Premises and the Greenway.
19. **STREET MAINTENANCE.** Landlord shall maintain, and repair all public streets located within this Lease Agreement which includes Riverside Park (Park Avenue, Lewis Boulevard, and North 1<sup>st</sup> Street), Lincoln Drive, Lanark Avenue, and Elks Drive.
20. **LANDSCAPING.** Tenant shall be responsible for the landscaping associated with the Premises unless otherwise noted.
21. **DOG PARK CLOSURE.** Closure of the dog park shall be at the mutual decision of the Landlord and Tenant.
22. **APPLICATION OF TERMS.** These general terms shall apply to all Premises described herein except as may be specifically modified by the following Exhibits attached to this Lease Agreement.

**23. TAXES.** Landlord and Tenant are both tax exempt entities. No real estate taxes are to be assessed against either party.

**24. NOTICES.** Any notice required or permitted under this Lease Agreement shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes if sent by registered mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, addressed to the intended recipient at the following address:

**TENANT:**

Park District of the  
City of Grand Forks  
Attn: Executive Director  
PO Box 12429  
Grand Forks, ND 58208

**LANDLORD:**

City of Grand Forks  
Attn: City Administrator  
PO Box 5200  
Grand Forks, ND 58206-5200

**25. MODIFICATION.** No modification or variation of any provision of this Lease Agreement shall be effective unless the modification or variation is written and signed by both the Tenant and the Landlord.

**26. SUPERSEDES PRIOR AGREEMENTS.** This Lease Agreement replaces and supersedes any previous agreements between Landlord and Tenant as such agreements may pertain to the Premises, including but not limited to, the Lease Agreement between the parties titled "Agreement" executed on June 27, 2000, the Lease Agreement between the parties titled "Lease Agreement" executed on January 31, 2007, and the Lease Agreement between the parties titled "Lease" executed on December 31, 2008.

**27. BINDING ON SUCCESSORS.** This Lease Agreement, and all the terms and provisions hereof, shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and upon their representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.

**28. LANDLORD – TENANT RELATIONSHIP.** No provision of this Lease Agreement nor any act of Landlord or Tenant shall create any principal-agent or master-servant relationship, partnership, or joint venture, between the Landlord and Tenant.

**29. GOVERNING LAW.** The laws of the State of North Dakota shall govern the terms of this Lease Agreement.

**30. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Lease Agreement, including Exhibits A – F, Schedule A, and Appendices A-G, contains the entire agreement between Landlord and Tenant as it pertains to the Premises. There are no covenants, promises, agreements, conditions or understandings, either oral or written, between Landlord and Tenant.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Riverside Park**

Park Legal Description: Lots Two (2) and Four (4), Block One (1), Riverside Park Resubdivision;  
Disc Golf Legal Description: Lot 5

Existing facilities: Warming house with restrooms, playground, basketball court, picnic shelters, swimming pool, hockey rink, two paved parking lots, and maintenance storage building.

A Joint Powers Agreement has been issued for Riverside Pool (Lot 3, Block 1) and provides all duties, responsibilities, terms, and conditions between the parties as they relate to Riverside Pool.

#### **1) Mowing:**

- a) Tenant shall be responsible for mowing the area located between the two shared-use paths.
- b) Landlord shall be responsible for mowing the areas riverward of the low levee.
- c) Landlord shall be responsible for mowing and maintenance of the levee, including the dry side of levee.

#### **2) Maintenance & Repairs:**

- a) Landlord owns and shall be responsible for the repair and maintenance of the shared-use paths.
- b) The Tenant shall be responsible for maintenance and repair of the parking lots.
- c) Landlord owns and shall be responsible for the costs of repair and replacement of all equipment associated with the disc and foot golf course located riverward of the lower levee.

#### **3) Special Considerations:**

- a) See Joint Powers Agreement for Riverside Pool.

#### **4) Snow Removal:**

- a) The Tenant shall be responsible for snow removal and maintenance in the parking lots.
- b) Tenant shall be responsible for costs associated with grooming of a multi-use snow trail within the Premises.

#### **5) Post-Flood Cleanup:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the riverward side of levees.
- b) Tenant shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the dry side of levees.

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **Kannowski Park**

Legal Description: Lot Two (2), Block One (1), Central Park Resubdivision.

Skate Park: Lots Five (5), Six (6), and Seven (7) in Block One (1).

Existing Facilities: Restrooms, playground, paved parking lot, and skate park.

**1) Mowing:**

- a) Tenant shall be responsible for mowing the area located on the dry side of the levee.
- b) Landlord shall be responsible for mowing and maintenance of the levee, including the dry side of levee.

**2) Maintenance & Repairs:**

- a) The Tenant shall be responsible for maintenance and repair for the parking lot and Rydell Skate Park.

**3) Special Considerations:**

- a) The Landlord agrees to reimburse Tenant for utility services at the restroom facility located at Kannowski Park from December 1 to April 30 in exchange for daily public access to the facility.

**4) Snow Removal:**

- a) The Tenant shall be responsible for snow removal and maintenance in the parking lots.

**5) Post-Flood Cleanup:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the riverward side of levees.
- b) Tenant shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the dry side of levees.

## EXHIBIT C

### Lincoln Drive Park

#### Legal Descriptions:

Main Park: Lot One (1), Block Two (2) and Lot One (1), Block Three (3), Auditor's Subdivision #36 to the City of Grand Forks.

Original dog park: Part of Lot Two (2), Block Three (3), Auditor's Subdivision# 36 to the City of Grand Forks described as a parcel in the north corner of said lot and approximately 27 6' x 455'.

Small dog park: Part of Lot One (1), Block Three (3), Auditor's Subdivision #36 to the City of Grand Forks as a parcel in the northwest corner of said lot and approximately 190' x 80'.

Original disc golf course: Lot Two (2), Block Three (3), Auditor's Subdivision #36 to the City of Grand Forks.

Existing facilities: Warming house with restrooms, picnic shelters, two dog parks, one full and one partial disc golf course, sand volleyball court, reflection area, playground, horseshoe pits, interpretive display with pavers, and one paved parking lot.

#### 1) Mowing:

- a) Tenant shall be responsible for mowing the area located inside Lincoln Drive (large loop) and Lanark Avenue (small loop) roads.
- b) Landlord shall be responsible for mowing the area riverward of Lincoln Drive road (large loop).

#### 2) Maintenance & Repairs:

- a) The Tenant shall be responsible for maintenance for the parking lot.
- b) Tenant owns and shall be responsible for costs of repair and replacement of all equipment associated with the disc golf course located within the original course area.
- c) Landlord shall be responsible for the repair, maintenance, and upkeep of the shared-use paths within and adjacent to the park.
- d) Landlord shall be responsible for all repairs to the water fountains located in the dog parks.
- e) Landlord shall be responsible for repairs and replacement of fencing around the dog parks.
- f) Tenant shall be responsible for all disposable items, including wood chips and pet litter bags, for the dog parks.
- g) Landlord shall be responsible for the repair, maintenance, and upkeep of the solar lights within the dog parks.

#### 3) Special Considerations:

- a) Tenant shall be responsible for costs associated with grooming of a multi-use snow trail within the Premises.

**4) Snow Removal:**

- a) The Tenant shall be responsible for snow removal in the parking lot.

**5) Post-Flood Cleanup:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the riverward side of levees.
- b) Tenant shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the dry side of levees.

## **EXHIBIT D**

### **Belmont Road Sledding Hill**

Legal Description: Lot One (1), Block One (1), Lincoln Park Golf Course Resubdivision.

Existing facilities: Paved parking lot with lighting.

**1) Mowing:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for the mowing and maintenance of grass areas.

**2) Maintenance & Repairs:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for maintenance and repair of the parking lot.

**3) Special Considerations:**

- a) Tenant shall be responsible for maintaining the sledding hill including, but not limited to, removal of jumps and other structures as well as litter control and general upkeep.
- b) Tenant shall be responsible for maintaining the lighting system including costs of electricity used.
- c) Operations of this Premises are based on time of year. The Tenant agrees to operate and maintain this Premises between November 1 and April 30. The Landlord agrees to operate and maintain this Premises between May 1 and October 31.

**4) Snow Removal:**

- a) Tenant shall be responsible for snow removal in the parking lot.

**5) Post-Flood Cleanup:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the riverward side of levees.
- b) Tenant shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the dry side of levees.

## **EXHIBIT E**

### **Lincoln Golf Course**

Legal Description: Lots Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6), Block One (1), Lincoln Park Golf Course Resubdivision to the City of Grand Forks.

Existing facilities: A nine-hole golf course, Mullally Little Links golf course, clubhouse with restrooms, maintenance building, and paved parking lot.

**1) Mowing:**

- a) Tenant shall provide mowing for the golf course and clubhouse areas.
- b) Landlord shall be responsible for mowing and maintenance of the levee, including the dry side of levee.

**2) Maintenance & Repairs:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for maintenance, repairs, and snow removal for Elks Drive, ending where the street meets the main parking lot to the golf clubhouse.
- b) The Tenant shall be responsible for maintenance and repairs for the parking lot.

**3) Special Considerations:**

- a) Tenant shall operate and maintain the golf course for use by the public. All fees collected for the use of the golf course are the property of the Tenant.

**4) Snow Removal:**

- a) The Tenant shall be responsible for snow removal in the parking lots.

**5) Post-Flood Cleanup:**

- a) Tenant shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup.

## **EXHIBIT F**

### **Sunbeam Trail Head**

Legal Description: Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Auditor's Resubdivision #40 to the City of Grand Forks.

Existing facilities: Restroom facilities and paved parking lot with lighting.

**1) Mowing:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for mowing and maintenance of grass and landscape areas.

**2) Maintenance & Repairs:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the parking lot and the building located on the parcel.

**3) Special Considerations:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for utility costs.
- b) Landlord shall be responsible to obtain, furnish, and maintain any and all property insurance insuring the building located on the parcel.

**4) Snow Removal:**

- a) The Tenant shall be responsible for snow removal in the parking lot.

**5) Post-Flood Cleanup:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the riverward side of levees.
- b) Tenant shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the dry side of levees.

## SCHEDULE A

### Lincoln Drive Park - Loop Disc Golf Course

Legal Description: Lot One (1), Block One (1), Auditor's Subdivision #36 to the City of Grand Forks.

**Tenant does not lease the real property on Schedule A – Lincoln Drive Park – Loop Disc Golf Course as described above, however, the parties desire to provide for the terms and conditions of use and maintenance of this property.**

Existing facilities: 18-hole disc golf course, gravel parking lot, and boat ramp.

**1) Mowing:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for mowing and maintenance of areas used for disc golf.

**2) Maintenance & Repairs:**

- a) Landlord owns and shall be responsible for costs of repair and replacement of all equipment associated with the disc golf course located riverward of Lincoln Drive road (large loop).

**3) Special Considerations:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for costs of repair and replacement for the gravel parking lot and boat ramp.

**4) Snow Removal:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for snow removal.

**5) Post-Flood Cleanup:**

- a) Landlord shall be responsible for log removal and debris cleanup in all areas on the riverward side of levees.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, both parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this Lease Agreement on the date as first shown above.

Landlord: **CITY OF GRAND FORKS,  
A NORTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandon Bochenski, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen Storstad, Auditor

Tenant: **PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS,  
A NORTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Skarperud, President of Board of Park Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
George Hellyer, Executive Director



# The Elmwood Restoration & Unpaved Trail Project

2003 - 2023

March 10, 2023

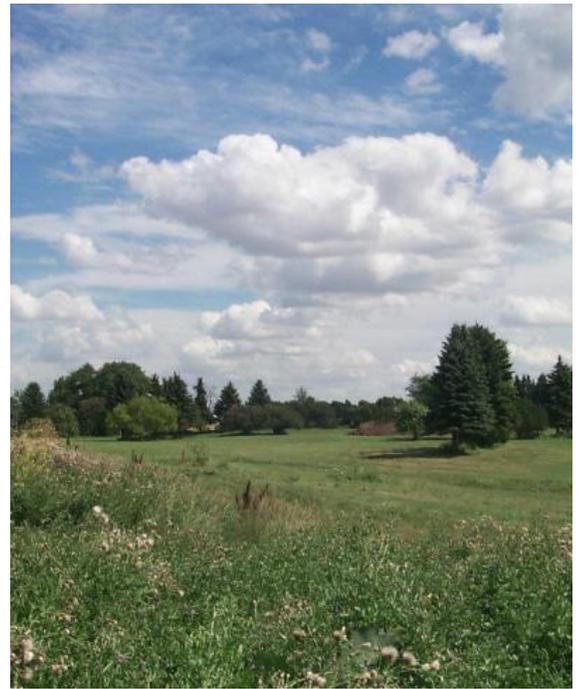
Have you ever wondered how the unpaved trails in south Grand Forks came to be? Well, we have the answer!

The area known as the Elmwood Access, off 32nd Avenue South in GF, was once an essential part of constructing the flood protection system.

In 2003, dirt and clay were moved from this area and used to construct portions of the flood protection north and south of this location. This area was referred to as a borrow pit.

Hundreds of truckloads hauled dirt and clay to worksites along the flood protection system using temporary dirt roads

along the levee and river. These roads would eventually be repurposed for an unpaved trail system.



Elmwood Access Area August 2000



Construction road heading north to Elks Drive



Construction roads coming to Elmwood from the south  
Borrow Pit



The Elmwood



Elmwood Access work area 2003

#1 Borrow pit

## #2 & 3 Haul roads

### What a difference 20+ years can make!



2000 Before construction



2003 During construction  
and restoration



2022 After construction

Riparian restoration began once the borrow pit was no longer needed. The topsoil was replaced, graded, and seeded. Willows, green ash, and cottonwood trees were planted along the riverbank, and volunteer trees were allowed to develop naturally.

This restoration project was one of several in the Greenway. It was organized in cooperation with the Red River Riparian Council (RRRC), the Red River Riparian Program (RRRP), ND Forest Service, and the ND Game and Fish Department. The goal was to establish stability on the riverbanks, provide filter pollution from runoff, establish wildlife habitat, and develop a place for recreational activities.



This site was treated with limited mowing, chemical weed control, and general maintenance. Willow stakes were planted along the riverbank on the south edge of the riverbank.

Volunteer saplings along both sides of the lower trail were allowed to grow naturally for soil stabilization and to choke out unwanted vegetation.



Foot traffic was discouraged in most of the Elmwood Access area for many years, particularly along the river. Heavy foot traffic can compact the soil when wet, making it difficult for the tree roots to absorb water and nutrients. Heavy foot traffic also limits the amount of natural regeneration, which is vital for the future of tree

stands.

Most of the original roads used to haul dirt and clay remain in place today, providing access to wildlife and river viewing. Several other trails have been opened up when the opportunity presents itself. Most often, this happens when diseased trees are removed and create an open space for a new trail.



So the next time you walk, bike, ski, or snowshoe the unpaved trails in south GF, remember you are walking through a bit of history!