

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) meeting**  
**10 AM - Tuesday, May 16, 2023**  
**Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South**  
**Blue Line Club Meeting room**  
**Grand Forks, ND**  
**Meeting Notes**

Reid Huttunen, Chair, EGF Parks and Rec  
George Hellyer, GF Park District  
Sgt. Kris Brown, GF Police  
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR

Steve Hell, GF Park District  
Matt Aarvig, GF Streets  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

**I. Old Business**

- A. Wayfinding sign plan:** Kim will meet with Jill Nelson from the GF Park District next week to discuss designing a wayfinding plan without hiring a consultant. There is enough expertise among the partner agencies to avoid the cost of a consultant.
- B. Flood cleanup updates:** Trail cleanup has been slow because the water has been receding slower the last few weeks.
  - i. The dog park will be harrowed today, and dirt will be piled in the street for removal. Wood chips will be added to the park to cover up the muddy areas. The small dog park will remain closed probably into June because it's so wet.
  - ii. There have been a lot of logs in the campground, but the crew is making progress on removing them.
  - iii. The water is still too high to install the docks on the Red Lake River. The river Heights trailhead opened for the season last Friday.

**II. New Business**

- A. Pollinator gardens and Mayor's Monarch Pledge:** GF submitted a pledge for this program. The program is free, and you can opt-out at any time. It's more of an opportunity to highlight community projects supporting Monarch Butterflies.
- A. International Trails Summit 2023 report:** Kim participated in two tracks at the conference. One track focused on sharing the trail with motorized vehicles, and the other focused on equity and equality when planning and managing parks. The discussions about sharing trails with motorized vehicles were sometimes contentious. The biggest concerns from non-motorized users and park managers were poor etiquette by some riders and destruction or unauthorized trails being established. The International Mountain Bike Association supports and recommends using a public process to discuss allowing motorized vehicles on shared-use trails.

Enock Glibbon, a disabled athlete, adventurer, motivational speaker, and advocate for others with disabilities, presented how to design outdoor facilities that don't take away the challenge for people with mobility issues. His message is that even people with physical limitations sometimes want more than an ADA-compliant trail has to offer.

The Slow and Say Hello campaign was used in Marion County, CA. It was developed to address safety concerns about runners, walkers, and equestrians using the same trails. It has successfully reduced the number of accidents and poor etiquette by trail users.

**III. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway, Advisory Group update**

- A. Pedicabs:** This idea was mentioned at the May 9 meeting. Kim explained that this would be a service provided by a third-party vendor. Anyone who wants to be a vendor and provide these services should contact the finance department in GF or the administration office in GF for permit regulations.

**IV. Other**

**A. May is Biking Month**

- i. Motorized vehicles brochure:** Copies of the brochure were distributed to the group.
- ii. Billboard campaign:** The city of GF has been posting safe biking and etiquette tips on several electronic billboards this month.

- B. Bird scooter rentals:** Is there a system for where the scooters are supposed to be docked? The scooters are being left in random places and sometimes blocking access to the trails and warming houses. Kim will look for a contact with the Bird company.

**V. Agency updates**

- A. City of EGF:** The LaFave Park Project is out for bids. The bids will be opened on May 31. Arbor Day will be celebrated on June 8.
- B. GF Park District:** Both pools are open for the season. Lifeguard numbers are still small, so the pool schedule might be staggered like last year.
- C. City of GF:** The requests to donate trees and benches has been heavy this month.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** Campership is off to a slow start but will pick up as the campground is cleaned up. The floating dock on the Red Lake River won't be installed for at least a few weeks because of the river levels and mud. A cooper's hawk has been nesting in the campground.
- E. Other agencies:**
- F. GF Police:** Troy Vanyo and April Brock have been appointed mental health liaisons within the department. They will be working with homeless people and others that need mental health services.

**Support documents:** GF Mayor's Monarch Pledge program and action items  
Motorized vehicle informational brochure

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway specialist, city of Grand Forks



**MAYORS  
MONARCH  
PLEDGE**

## **Mayors' Monarch Pledge**

The monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans.

We, the undersigned mayors and heads of local or tribal government, are deeply concerned about the decline of the monarch butterfly population. Both the western and eastern monarch populations have experienced significant declines. Less than one percent of the western monarch population remains, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent. Monarch scientists attribute the population decline to degradation and loss of summer breeding habitat in the U.S., and loss of winter habitat in south-central Mexico and coastal California.

Cities, towns, counties, and communities have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly. Municipalities can provide habitat at public parks, median strips, community gardens, schools, and municipal buildings like recreation centers and libraries. Events such as community workshops, native plant giveaways, and monarch festivals, can educate residents about the cultural significance of monarchs and how to create habitat. Simple changes in landscaping ordinances or other policies can make a big difference for the monarch too.

We recognize the importance of creating monarch and pollinator habitat at parks, gardens, and other green spaces, that every member of our community can equally enjoy. Our work to help save the monarch butterfly intentionally engages all parts of our communities, ensuring that historically marginalized communities are not left out of the work or the many benefits this work will create.

When mayors speak up and take a stand, our communities notice. Therefore, we hereby commit to help restore habitat for the monarch and encourage our residents to do the same, so that these magnificent butterflies will once again flourish across the continent.

Sign the pledge at [www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge](http://www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge)

# City of Grand Forks

Grand Forks, ND

Mayor Brandon Bochenski

## Pledge Summary

Grand Forks, ND, is located on the Minnesota border, across from its sister city of East Grand Forks, MN. The city was named for its location at the fork of the Red and Red Lake Rivers. Grand Forks boasts a population of 59,166. Combined with its twin city of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, it forms the center of the Grand Forks, ND-MN Metropolitan Statistical Area, often called Greater Grand Forks. Over the past five years, several agencies have embraced the opportunity to provide wildflower and pollinator gardens throughout the community. The city of Grand Forks has built partnerships with Audubon Midwest, the University of ND, and GF Park District to establish restoration projects along the English Coulee.

## Action Items Committed for 2023

## Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Brandon Bochenski	2023	4/28/2023	

## Action Items

## Selected Action Items



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## Action Items

### Communications and Convening:

Action #	Action
1	Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
2	Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
3	Engage* with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
4	Engage* with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.
5	Engage* with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters, other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.
6	Engage* with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.

Action #	Action
7	Engage* with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning process to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.
8	Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.
9	Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

\*Engage includes: in-person meetings, conferences and summits, trainings, or regular communication through email, phone, social media, etc.

### Program and Demonstration Gardens:

Action #	Action
10	Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
11	Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
12	Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
13	Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.
14	Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants in medians and public rights-of-way.

Action #	Action
15	Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).
16	Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).
17	Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.
18	Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
19	Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar producing plants in community gardens.
20	Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.
21	Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.
22	Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

**Systems Change:**

Action #	Action
23	Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
24	Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
25	Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
26	Direct city property managers to consider the use of native milkweed and nectar plants at city properties where possible.
27	Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
28	Change ordinances so herbicides, insecticides, or other chemicals used in the community are not harmful to pollinators.
29	Adopt ordinances that support reducing light pollution.
30	California Specific: Pass a resolution to protect over-wintering monarch butterfly habitat on public or private lands.





# Let's be courteous

Whether riding on a shared-use path, street, or sidewalk, please obey all applicable laws and be courteous to your fellow traveler.

The options for alternative transportation are changing rapidly, and city ordinances are shifting to accommodate these new devices. Nonmotorized travel offers a way to save money and fuel for travel or as an opportunity to exercise and enjoy the ride. But sharing the trail, sidewalk, or street with other users means following the rules so everyone can enjoy the experience.

This guide is provided as an overview of most traffic laws affecting nonmotorized travel. New riders should consult local websites and authorities for the latest laws before starting your ride.

- Signal your intentions. A quick “passing on your left,” ringing bell, or hand signal (required on the street) will let other path users know your intentions.
- Give some room. Always ride single-file on streets and when encountering others on shared-use paths. Motor vehicles should give cyclists at least 3' of room when passing.
- Watch your speed. Fast speeds are great on streets but not on shared-use paths. .

# But where can I ride?

## A Guide to Motorized & Non-Motorized Vehicle Use in Greater Grand Forks

### For more information:



EGF Police (218) 773-1104  
GF Police (701) 787-8000



[www.bikingtheforks.com](http://www.bikingtheforks.com)





**PEDAL & EBIKES**

**MOTORIZED BIKES**

**MOTORIZED SCOOTERS**

**ATVs**

**UTVs**

**GOLF CARTS**

Both have two wheels, a seat and handlebars. Pedal bikes are powered by the rider pushing pedals. An electric bicycle has an electric motor that can be used to assist propulsion.

A motorized bike has two wheels, pedals, handlebars, and a seat. It has a gas-powered engine that can run the bike at higher speeds, or a person can pedal. Also applies to mopeds

Scooters feature a footboard mounted on two wheels and a long steering handle. Push-propelled scooters are propelled by human power. Motorized scooters are propelled by gas or electric motors

Class II off-highway vehicles are 52" or less in width, weigh 1,200 lbs or less, and travel on three or more nonhighway tires, or is 65" or less in width, weighs two thousand pounds or less, and travels on four or more nonhighway tires.

All UTVs within the city limits have one rearview mirror, operating horn, speedometer, odometer, brake lights, headlamps, turn signals, operating mufflers, at least four rubber tires, steering wheel, working brakes, seatbelts, and windshield.

A golf cart is a small vehicle designed to carry two golfers and their golf clubs around a golf course.

Where you can use:  
Both GF and EGF - sidewalks -streets (follow rules of the road/obey traffic signs) -shared-use paths/bike paths/greenway

- Where you can use:  
Both GF and EGF - streets only (need to follow rules of the road)

Where you can use:  
-Grand Forks

- sidewalks (except downtown)
- street- must follow the rules of the road
- shared-use paths

-East Grand Forks

- Not allowed on sidewalks

Where you can use:  
Both GF and EGF  
-Not allowed on city streets, sidewalks, or shared-use paths  
- Can only be used on personal property.

Where you can use:  
Grand Forks  
-Streets only (need to follow rules of the road)  
East Grand Forks  
-Streets, but NOT allowed downtown US HWY 2, Hwy 220, nor shared-use paths.  
-Permit required.

Where you can use:  
Both GF and EGF -only allowed on golf courses as allowed by park district

Valid drivers license required.

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