

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**10:30AM – Tuesday, September 15, 2015**  
**Icon Sport Center, 1060 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Blue Line Club Room**

**Present:**

Bill Palmiscno, Chair

Catherine Johnson, MN DNR

Stephanie Erickson, GF Planning

Dr. Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center

Wes Rogers, Greenway Advisory Committee

Lt. Jeff Burgess, GF Police

Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec

Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway

**Old Business**

**Special Project Request Updates – River Access in Downtown GF:**

- Boathouse: The boathouse will stay in its temporary location at the boat ramp in Lincoln Drive Park until the trail and dock project is complete next spring. The estimated cost of completion is \$167,000 for the project. Search for outside funding is being looked at to help supplement this cost. The trail and dock for the boathouse will be completed, whether or not outside funding is received.
- The river level is low and people are struggling to load and unload into the watercraft without getting all muddy. Moving to the boat ramp will help with that problem.

**New Business**

**Trail Count Project Results:**

- Please note that there is approximately one hour of data missing on June 27 due to a tornado warning in the area.
- The count is approximately 600 users lower than in 2013.
- Age groups have remained relatively close to the same.
  - There is a 5% increase in users between the ages of 19 – 40 and a 2% increase in users between the ages of 41 – 60.
  - A 7% decrease was noticed in users between the ages of 3 – 18.
- Males are using the trails more than the females.
- Helmet use has seen an increase of 5% since 2013.
- Data from this Trail Count was initially used to show politicians that the trails were being utilized and how residents were using them.
- Note: When comparing the data between two different years, weather should also be noted to help see what types of conditions may be affecting the number of residents utilizing the trails.

### **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group Update:**

Stephanie Erickson will be going to Copenhagen with a small group from Grand Forks to study/research their biking and walking community. The city has a high percentage of residents that bike or walk as a means of transportation.

### **Agency Updates**

**City of EGF:** The City of EGF is busy mowing now that their seasonal staff has left for the year. The City received the permission needed to place stainless steel gutters for the pool. The Annual Craft Show will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **City of GF:**

**Dakota Science Museum:** Scouts are starting this week. Scouts need to fulfill an overnight camping stay, but some families do not have tents. The EGF Campground has three tents available for use. Looking at adjusting some of the photo posts for different views for the photos. Laura will work on this with Kim.

**GF Park District:** The Park District is busy closing the pools. They saw an increase of 6,500 swimmers this summer. Influx was due to the EGF pool being closed. The paint on the Riverside Pool that was just replaced is peeling already. Will need to look into what can be done to remedy this situation. Hockey boards will be going up shortly for the open rinks.

**Greenway:** Downtown Development, CVIC, Northland Rescue Mission, NEHSC, Kim, and some downtown businesses met regarding a "Homeless" group of 17-26 individuals in the area. This large group is very intimidating to residents using the Greenway. The group showed up on the Greenway this summer. CVIC and NEHSC have had some contact with them. Northland's Rescue Mission will also try to make contact to find out their plans for the upcoming cold months. They will not be able to stay at the Mission as most have an addiction that prohibits them from the premises. It is not a criminal offense to be homeless. The individuals would have to be in the process of a criminal activity for the Police Officer to arrest them or a citizen's arrest could be completed also. As of right now, the individuals are mainly victimizing within their own group.

**Minnesota DNR:** Express workers for the sugar beet season will be coming soon. They will take up 60 of the 85 sites available. Dates to note: Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Trail heads will close, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – water will be shut off, and Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Campground will close for season. The campground will have approximately 300 Girl Scouts for a meeting next week. A couple of issues to note: The rope swing is being used again to jump into the river. A branch has been tied to the top rope that had been cut shorter and a secondary rope has been added to the branch to increase the

length. Signage has been talked about for liability purposes. Group brought up that the City Attorney should have information on the ordinance that addresses swimming in the river. The Mud Run did not have a hose set up this year for the participants to use at the end of the race. This caused a problem with racers using the bathhouse to clean off after the race.

**Police Department:** The department is helping with a fundraising event for EGF Police Officer Alex Schilke, who was diagnosed with cancer. “Alex’s Cycle for Survival” Relay Bike Ride will be held Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. The ride starts in EGF with a stop at Ulland Park. The ride continues to Hillsboro with a stop at Central Valley School. On Saturday, the ride begins again at Hillsboro and continues to the Fargo Dome.

**Other:**

- Open House for Steve Crandall’s Retirement will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 1pm – 4pm. The celebration will be located in the Woodland Lodge at Turtle River State Park in Arvilla. Steve was an excellent resource for the Greenway.
- The Wild Hog event is on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- HS Cross Country meets will be happening over the next month. Letters were sent out to notify residents of the area’s increased traffic flow and lane closures.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supplemental documents: Overview – 2015 Trail count

## 2015 Observational Trail Count Results Grand Forks, ND & East Grand Forks, MN

NOTE: There is approximately 1 hour of data missing from the 6P - 8P count on Saturday, June 27 due to a tornado warning in the area.

Weather: Most days were mid 70's to lower 80's, with cloudy skies off and on throughout the week. Winds were generally less than 10 mph.

Sorlie Bridge was under repair and trail traffic was rerouted.

	Male	Female	Infant	3 to 12	13 - 18	19 - 40	41-60	60+	Walking	Biking	Running	Blading	Other	Yes	No
Riverside	292	231	13	29	54	270	119	38	125	306	35	28	29	133	205
Eagles Point	230	149	2	29	101	184	43	20	34	287	23	29	6	92	221
South ped bridge	512	406	17	51	124	455	220	51	112	653	68	44	41	245	461
Sorlie Bridge	766	562	40	73	85	691	368	71	606	561	59	38	62	145	453
7th Avenue North	404	301	11	27	61	355	176	75	165	423	62	24	31	140	317
<b>TOTAL USERS</b>	<b>3853</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1955</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>2230</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1657</b>

Note: Categories in bold show increase from 2013.

Highest use by age group					
	2,015		2013		2011
<b>19 - 40</b>	51%	19 - 40	46%	19 - 40	54%
<b>41 - 60</b>	24%	41 - 60	22%	41 - 60	19%
13 - 18	11%	13 - 18	16%	13 - 18	12%
3 to 12	5%	3 to 12	7%	3 to 12	9%
<b>60+</b>	7%	60+	6%	60+	3%
Infant	2%	Infant	3%	Infant	3%

Use by gender		
	2,015	2,013
Male	2,204	2,632
Female	1,649	1,829
	<b>3,853</b>	<b>4,461</b>

Highest use by activity *trails only					
	2,015		2013		2011
Biking	58%	Biking	58%	Biking	67%
<b>Walking</b>	27%	Walking	25%	Walking	16%
Blading	6%	Blading	7%	Running	8%
Running	4%	Running	6%	Blading	7%
Other	4%	Other	4%	Other	2%

Helmet use		
	2,015	2,013
Yes	31%	26%
No	68%	74%