

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) meeting
10 AM - Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South Blue Line
Club Meeting room
Grand Forks, ND

Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Old Business
 - A. Wayfinding sign plan update
 - B. Proposed enhancements to area between 47th and 62nd Avenue South, GF
 - C. 2023 Annual Report draft
- III. New Business
- IV. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway, Advisory Group update
- V. Other
- VI. Agency updates
 - A. City of EGF:
 - B. GF Park District:
 - C. City of GF:
 - D. Minnesota DNR:
 - E. Other agencies:
- VII. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee 10 AM Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.
- VIII. Upcoming events & meetings
 - Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group mtg: 6 PM Tuesday, February 13, GF City Hall, 255 North 5th Street, room A102.
 - Greenway Technical Committee Staff 10 AM Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Support documents:

- GF City Council staff report for January 8, 2024, enhancements to area between 47th and 62nd Avenues South
- Draft 2023 Annual Report



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole – January 8, 2024
City Council – January 16, 2024

Agenda Item: Proposed enhancements to area of the Greenway between 47th and 62nd Avenues South

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist
Melanie Parvey, Water Works Director
Todd Feland, City Administrator

Staff Recommended Action: Review and consider report and provide direction to administration on further actions to include a future design plan and funding application submittals.

Committee Recommended Action:

Council Action:

BACKGROUND:

The project area is part of the Greenway and is located between 47th and 62nd Avenues South. The city owns the property, part of The Greenway, as defined in Grand Forks 14-0402 city code (Exhibit A):

*Greenway refers to the physical space controlled by the city council generally described as the wet side of the toe of the levee adjacent to the riverbank, excluding areas leased to the park district and flood protection features such as floodwalls, levees, and pump stations.
The greenway 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 drainway as more particularly shown on appendix A*

Over the years, there have been problems with vandalism and bullying of other users in the undeveloped area. This project aims to improve public access to public land, enhance a fishing area for all users, and provide easier access for law enforcement and emergency responders.

A portion of the project area was originally outside of the city limits when the flood protection system was built after the 1997 flood. The neighborhood east of the project, commonly called the Shady Ridge area, was annexed in 2014.

The property in the project area has been largely undeveloped, and residents have discovered the benefits of this quiet, public space. A small clearing on the riverbank at the stormwater outfall has become a popular area for fishing and river viewing. This area has also attracted unwanted behaviors and vandalism.

The staff has received reports of inappropriate, intimidating, and troubling behaviors coming from various ages of juveniles. Excessive trash, property damage and theft, and bullying of other users have been problems for many years. Trail cameras meant to deter vandalism were stolen, and many trees have been cut down. (Exhibit B) Residents have reported unattended fires and attempts by others to limit public access to the area. The seclusion of this area presents challenges for law enforcement and emergency responders because spring flooding and summer rains make driving vehicles in that area difficult.

Staff worked with KLJ Engineering to develop concept drawings for potential improvements to this area. Those improvements included extending the paved trail south from 47th Avenue South, clearing the area around the fishing site, adding benches and trash cans to the fishing area, adding a small parking lot at the pump station on Desiree Drive on the dry side of the levee, and a trail connection from the parking to the fishing areas. (Exhibit C)

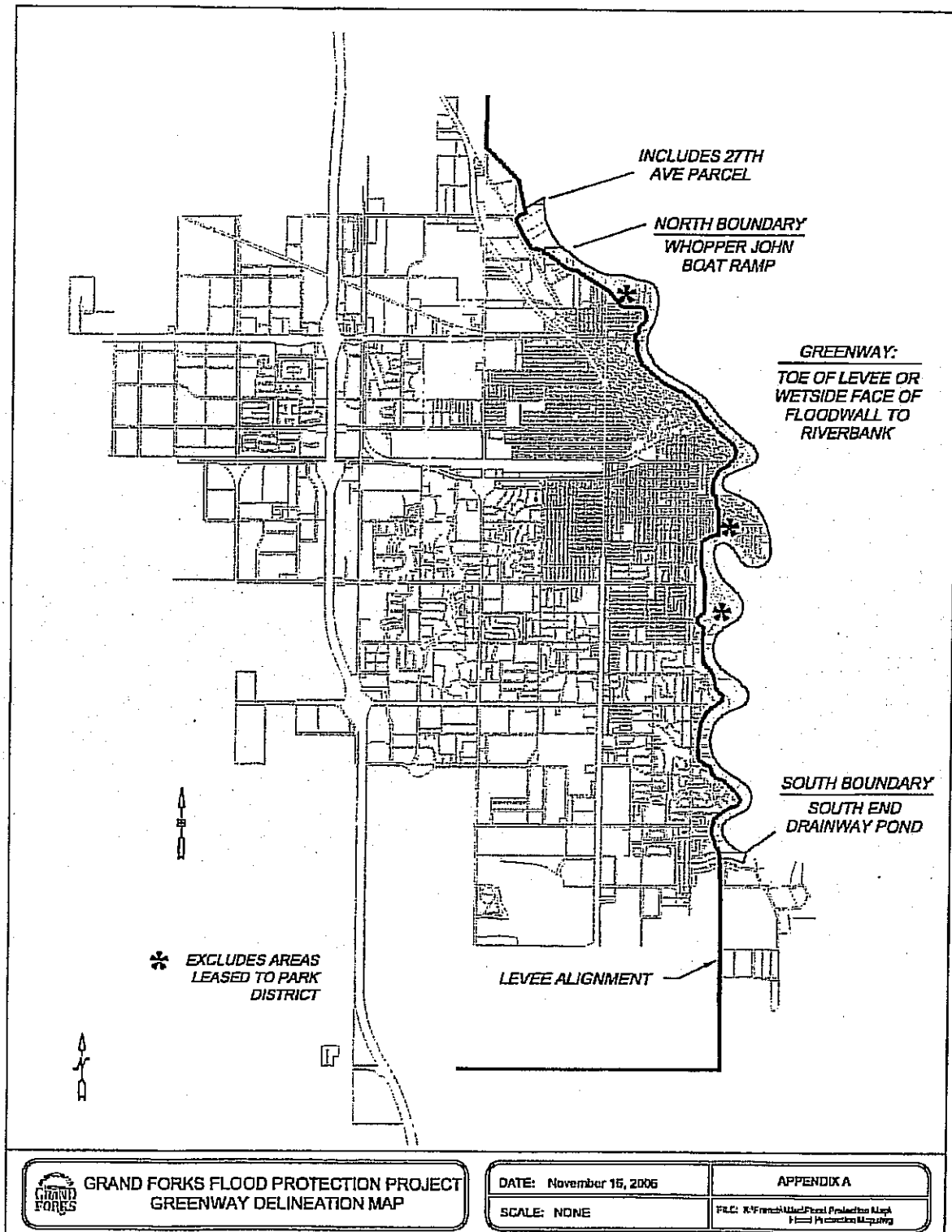
An online survey was made available to residents living adjacent to the proposed project area. A notification letter about the project and survey was sent to 179 residential homes in July 2023. That letter contained project information and a webpage for taking the feedback survey. A follow-up postcard with similar information was sent to the residents one week before the survey closed. Fifty-eight responses were collected. (Exhibit D) Of those collected, one survey was determined to be from someone outside the survey area. The survey allowed for multiple responses from an IP address and device. This allowed households to submit more than one survey.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Overall, respondents supported four items in the survey. These totals do not show those who answered “neutral” on the survey, but that information is available in the full survey response report.
 - 64% support adding benches and trash receptacles along the trail and at the fishing area.
 - 55% support clearing a larger area at the fishing site.
 - 46% support replacing the current metal retention wall at the fishing site (asked twice on survey).
 - 46% support a paved trail from 47th Avenue South to the fishing area.
- Two items received a split response.
 - More defined unpaved trail 38% support, 30% neutral, 32% dislike.
 - New playground facilities 34% support, 27% neutral, 39% dislike.
- Two items were scored high in dislike by residents, especially from those living on the dry side of Desiree Drive.
 - Expanded parking at the nearby pump station on Desiree Drive
 - Overall results: 30% support, 16% neutral, 54% dislike.
 - Only residents on Desiree Drive: 17% support, 9% neutral, 74% dislike.
 - A paved trail over the levee from the pump station to the new paved trail
 - Overall results: 38% support, 14% neutral, 48% dislike.
 - Only residents on Desiree Drive: 13% support, 4% neutral, 83% dislike.
- Potential funding sources include the Greenway Capital Improvement Fund, ND Outdoor Heritage Fund and ND Game & Fish.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Exhibits A – D
 - A) Greenway map from city code
 - B) Photos of vandalism
 - C) Drawings from KLJ
 - D) Survey results



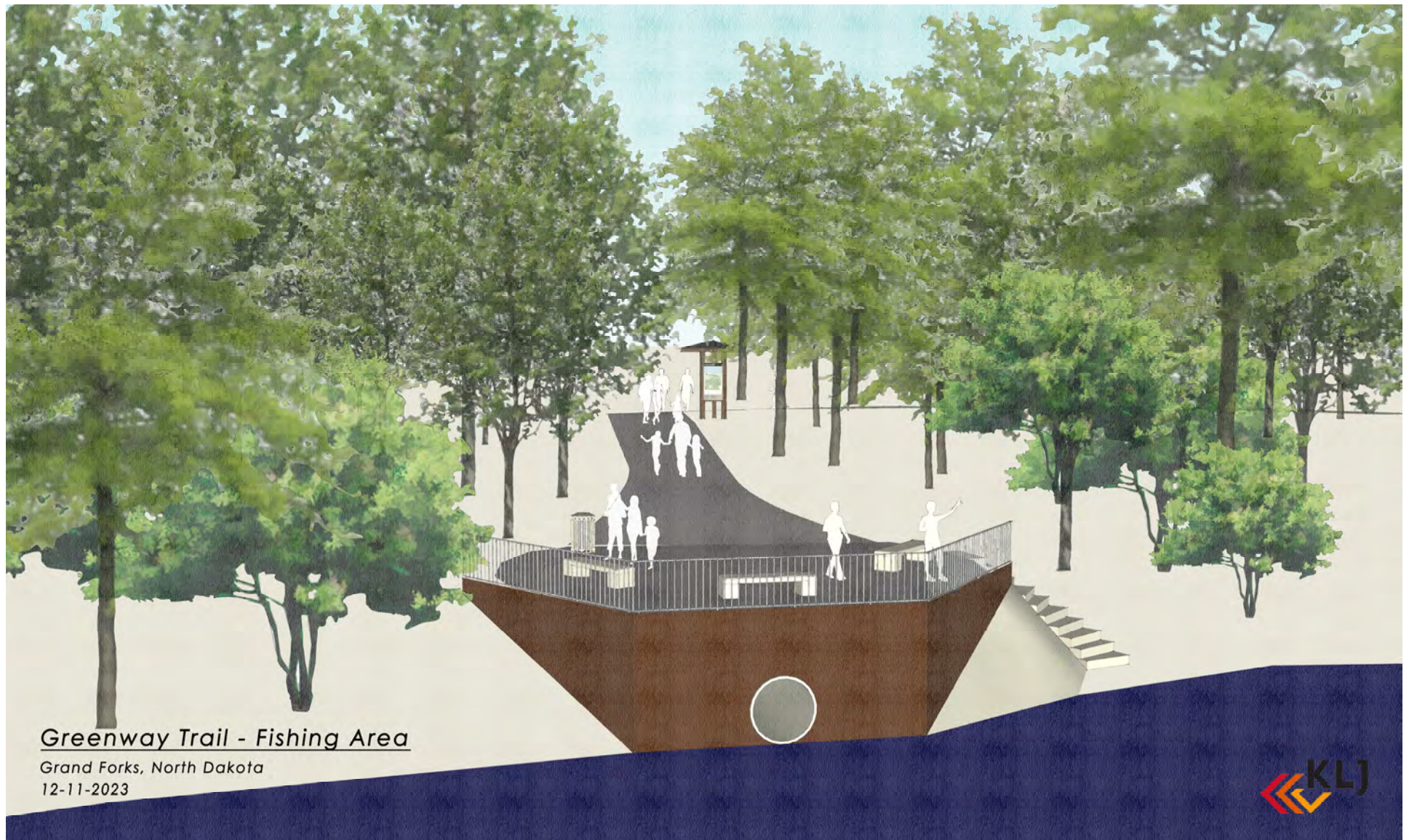
**Fishing area near stormwater pond outfall
Vandalized trees, posting on public property, trash**



Fort near Rivers Edge Drive 2023









Greenway Trail - Fishing Area

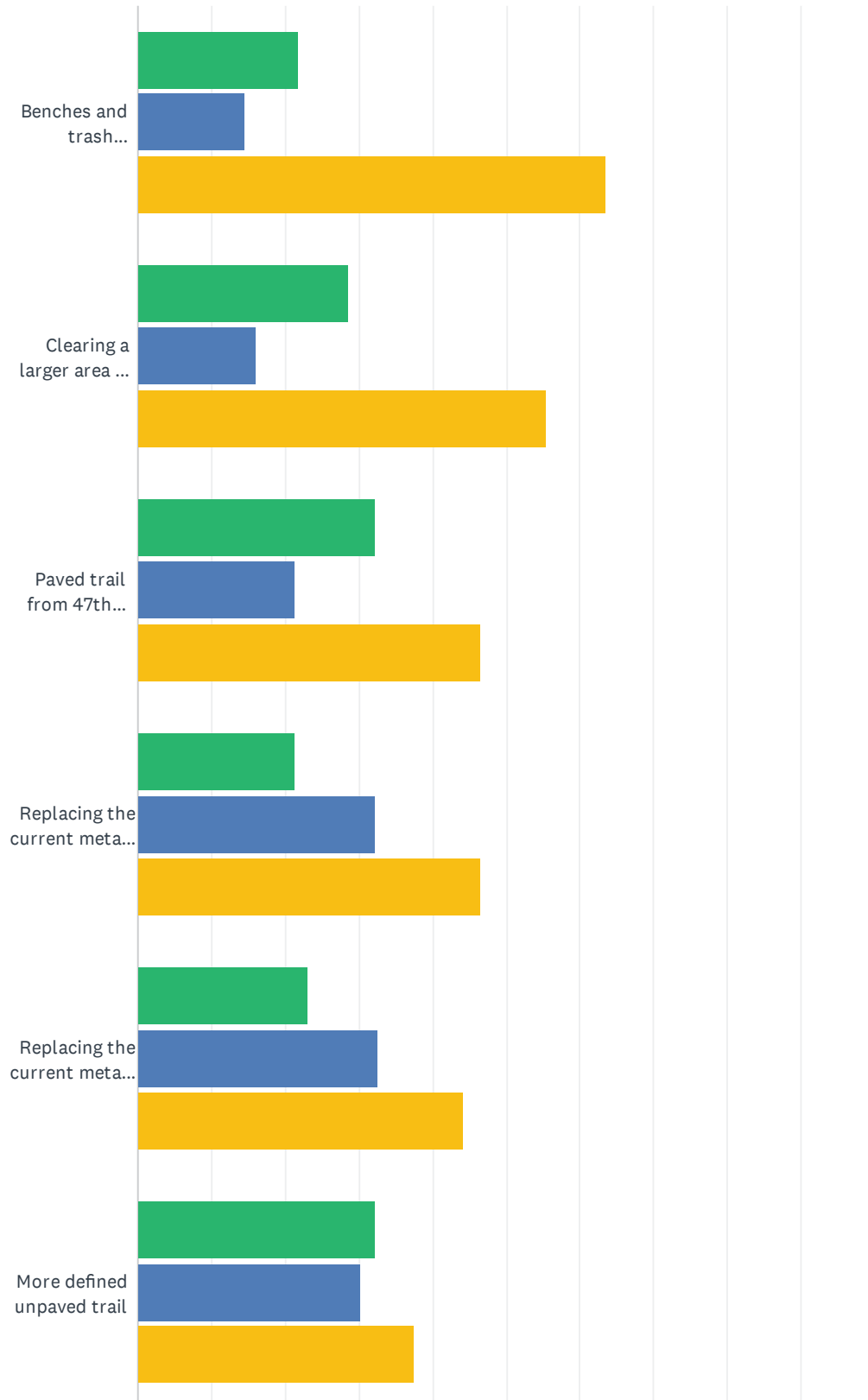
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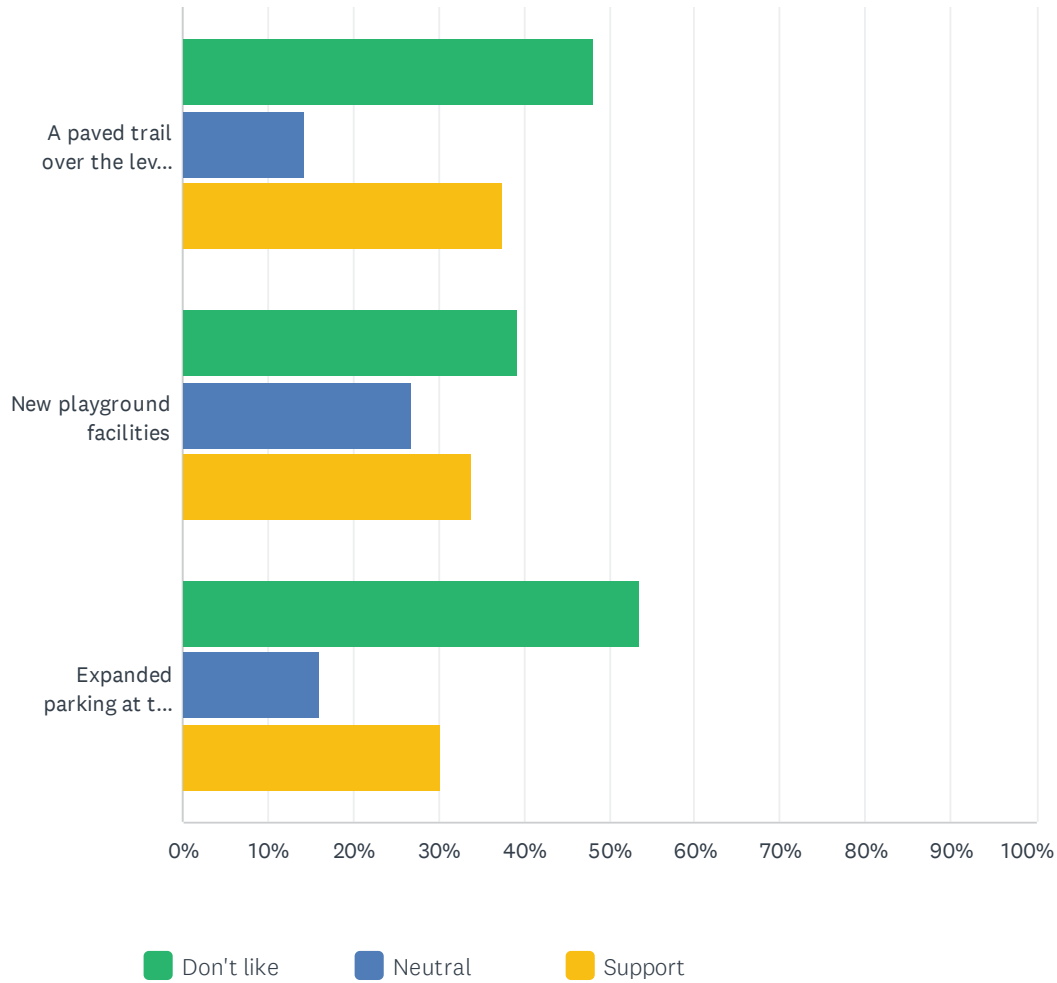


Q1 Using the rating chart below, what is your opinion on the listed features for this project?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 0



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| | DON'T LIKE | NEUTRAL | SUPPORT | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
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| Benches and trash receptacles along the trail and at the fishing area | 21.82% 12 | 14.55% 8 | 63.64% 35 | 55 | 2.42 |
| Clearing a larger area at the fishing site to allow better visibility for law enforcement | 28.57% 16 | 16.07% 9 | 55.36% 31 | 56 | 2.27 |
| Paved trail from 47th Avenue South to the fishing area | 32.14% 18 | 21.43% 12 | 46.43% 26 | 56 | 2.14 |
| Replacing the current metal retention wall at the fishing site with a higher wall | 21.43% 12 | 32.14% 18 | 46.43% 26 | 56 | 2.25 |
| Replacing the current metal retention wall at the fishing site with a higher wall | 23.08% 12 | 32.69% 17 | 44.23% 23 | 52 | 2.21 |
| More defined unpaved trail | 32.14% 18 | 30.36% 17 | 37.50% 21 | 56 | 2.05 |
| A paved trail over the levee from the pump station to the new paved trail | 48.21% 27 | 14.29% 8 | 37.50% 21 | 56 | 1.89 |
| New playground facilities | 39.29% 22 | 26.79% 15 | 33.93% 19 | 56 | 1.95 |
| Expanded parking at the nearby pump station on Desiree Drive | 53.57% 30 | 16.07% 9 | 30.36% 17 | 56 | 1.77 |

Q2 Do you have feedback you'd like to share about the proposed plan?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 14

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
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| 1 | <p>We have lived in our home since 2015 and the open area, greenway space and natural environment all contributed to our decision to make our home here. Today we watched a fox. Two baby deer with their mother also in the back yard. We have experienced firsthand many of the issues listed above and have sadly earned the reputation in our neighborhood as being "the jerks" because we have asked kids to not access the area by going up our driveway or through our yard. I have allowed people to bike, walk, snowshoe, cross country ski across the bottom of my property without issue. It is those that feel my yard is part of the greenway that creates the problems. Several years ago kids where ordered pizza delivery to our driveway or address to bring down to the fishing area. Two years ago 5 young boys came to our home one Sunday evening. They had 911 on their phone. I spoke to the police. Apparently, men with guns told them to leave the fishing area. Police found the 3 college age men in camo outfits with black airsoft guns. I took the boys in my home until police arrived. Parent's picked them up but not one family talked to me or said thank you. On the west "dike" side of my home is a 20 foot "easement" as part of the drain way. There is a large culvert under this. When I first moved in full sized pickups, 4 wheelers ect actually drove down this path. My then neighbor Cam Tweenen and I had the city out and Cam and I agreed to put in grass and maintain this 20 foot area. There are different maps that define the land differently. There are those who feel this is a public access. We have met with city engineers and staff who have agreed this area is city owned, but not public property. This led to a no trespassing sign being installed several years ago on the south end by Desiree drive by the sidewalk. This will allow the police to enforce as needed. If you look at a map, there are drain easements or public property in the entire neighborhood. Just east of me two homes there is another 20 foot city owned property. Another to the east. For some reason the one on the west edge of my home gets the most attention. Some of this is due to the fact I have not yet fenced in my yard. For those who have fences the space appears more limited and much less inviting. There is also the lazy factor! My lot is right above the fishing area. We had asked to plant a few trees along this area and were told OK as long as we understood that if underground drain needed to be dug up our trees could be in the way. We decided to take the chance only to be asked 8 years later by the city to remove the trees even without the need to access any drains. The tree's where about 6 inches off my property! This has left the area looking more open and more inviting...not helpful. Another concern not mentioned above is the fact that each spring and each time there is significant rainfall the area can completely fill with water. This can occur in a matter of hours. Should we be making this area more inviting? Safety is a huge concern and liability to the city. When the center drain is covered with water there is a huge current pulling to the center. This attracts even more spectators. I have observed on many occasions young kids stand on top of the cement drain. If people would use the public area in consideration, then a better path and access may be helpful. However, for those who like to travel through my yard, it seems to be a tough fix! I do not want to look out and see big blue garbage cans and God forbid and outhouse! There are many walkers, dog walkers, bikers and such that quietly use the area and are very respectful. It is mostly very young boys, unattended or not supervised that create the majority of the issues. What parent let's there 8-year-old or any other age drive the golf cart or 4 wheeler on the dike, greenway and drain way? There are to be no motor vehicles on the above areas. The laws are very clear in regard to this. Enforcement is a major issue. No law enforcement is present in this area. I have seen the police 4 wheeler one time in 8 years. I respect that they are busy, and this is not always on the top of their list of issues! Just another reason to question if more activity is needed in this area. Do the police have the resources to help monitor. The city actually had placed cameras a few years ago and someone threw them in the river! Many nights if the air and wind are just right we can hear every word being said in the fishing area! Some of the context and language is terrible. There is also disruption to the wildlife. Especially with the snowmobiles in the winter. When there is Christmas break some of the kids will drive in the drainway until midnight! Again, no one to enforce the noise or no motor vehicle rules. For those parents who provide these snowmobiles and Cans or loud mufflers, keep them in your yard! Again, plenty of rules and laws. My main issue is with the parents who allow this!</p> | 8/11/2023 2:59 PM |

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| 2 | Support it all! | 8/10/2023 10:03 PM |
| 3 | This area has continued to get worse and worse over the years. Police have ever right to monitor it now. There are ATVs and UTVs on it constantly including the issues you noted. We hear it constantly. Paving it and making it more accessible are only going to increase the traffic. Police used to be called to the area a few years back and it was under control and now it is a complete free for all which is why the issues are what they are. There is wildlife is this area that is constantly being chased out. People purchased lots because they loved the peaceful views and seeing wildlife not paved trails, fights, drugs, and ATVs. | 8/10/2023 6:28 PM |
| 4 | I think the proposed plan sounds wonderful! Our children utilize the fishing area daily and it would be great if that area was improved (ie, paved and defined trail, playground facility, clearing of the area so it's more visible not only for law enforcement but also for parents, replacing the metal retention area so it's higher/safer, benches and trash receptacles). The proposed plan is spot on! | 8/10/2023 3:13 PM |
| 5 | Possibly have law enforcement patrol area twice daily or at least once without all the added paved areas or making it more inviting. Part of the perk of the area is it's a hidden gem. | 8/10/2023 11:10 AM |
| 6 | I think the city has lots of playgrounds. Why not have some quiet areas to sit and play? How will a playground be cleaned yearly after the river recedes? Maybe just seating or just leave it for wildlife. | 8/10/2023 7:51 AM |
| 7 | I don't think this is necessary. We already have wonderful bike paths. | 8/9/2023 8:07 PM |
| 8 | If you can do the above WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL taxes, levies, fees, specials, or any additional funding from the taxpayer, then YES by all means do it. HOWEVER....if the taxpayer has to spend even \$.01 extra than NO DON'T DO IT!!!! | 8/9/2023 6:51 PM |
| 9 | I do not like or want a parking lot at the end of desiree dr. We already have parking in the empty culdsac. This will become a high traffic street, not the reason purchased a home on this street | 8/9/2023 6:05 PM |
| 10 | I don't think we should encourage kids to be using this area by the River. It is not safe. I also don't think a private cul de sac should have a parking lot at the end of it. | 8/9/2023 2:10 PM |
| 11 | Living in the area of the proposed improvements, I have observed the number of school-age children that fish in the river. It is a very popular pastime and one which should be encouraged as a healthy outdoor activity for the city's youth. If it can be made safer...all the better. On the other hand, I don't think a playground is needed or a wise use of the greenway. We have playgrounds located all over the city which seem to be rarely used. High river levels would create additional maintenance issues for city personnel. Most of all, I value highly the peace, quiet, and beauty of a mostly undeveloped green space running the length of the city. The greenway has been a haven for flora and fauna to be appreciated by all ages. Please let it continue to be Green. | 8/8/2023 10:05 PM |
| 12 | I strongly oppose the idea of adding a parking a lot at the end of a private residential cul de sac. I also don't think kids should be down at the river fishing anyways, especially without supervision. It is not safe; especially with the strong current. Making it more accessible will only bring more kids down to the river. Having it more patrolled will not outweigh the negative affects of bringing more people down to the river, in my opinion. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to give our opinion. | 8/8/2023 4:33 PM |
| 13 | The playground area is fun but the thought of potentially having unsupervised children by the River is scary | 8/8/2023 12:42 PM |
| 14 | I think your ideas are great | 8/7/2023 5:06 PM |
| 15 | What would this do to the integrity of the levee? Wouldn't a new playground be on the wet side of the levee & get flooded? | 8/7/2023 3:48 PM |
| 16 | Why would you take a premier upscale neighborhood and degrade it into an access. | 8/6/2023 7:42 PM |
| 17 | I think the proposed ideas are excellent and would help a lot with issues that have occurred in the area. Many kids do enjoy fishing there, so making it a safer environment all around is appreciated! | 8/5/2023 9:17 AM |
| 18 | Support from neighboring landowners and residents should be requirement before proceeding with any proposed plan. | 8/5/2023 8:04 AM |

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| 19 | I'm all for this project as long as my property taxes don't increase. | 8/4/2023 4:33 PM |
| 20 | Yes, a parking lot in this area will ruin the natural beauty of the spot. | 8/4/2023 2:44 PM |
| 21 | There's an existing paved bike path for most of the way now. Do we need a second path? A play ground that close to the river doesn't seem very safe. Why not just raise the retention wall in the fishing area verses replacing it. | 8/2/2023 7:32 AM |
| 22 | Could we do a playground at the pumpstation at the end of desiree or one at the 47th greenway access? Preferred 47th. So many young families are in the area & it would also increase family usage if the greenway if there was a playground to prompt families to use greenway. | 8/1/2023 1:52 PM |
| 23 | As a concerned homeowner, I am against this project. My primary concern is a decreased valuation of my property as well as an increase in crime/vandalism due to these proposed improvements. I live close to this area and have first hand experience with the problems with the fishing area and the dike culverts. Daily we deal with speeding down our residential streets; drug use, graffiti and fireworks in the dike culverts; and the most recently abandoned scooters that are left on the boulevard by kids accessing the fishing spot. Providing easier access to these areas, will likely result in increased mischief. The police department already has easy access to the lift station and the culverts, but these areas are not patrolled very often. I am afraid to confront individuals causing issues for fear of retaliation to our property. Lighting is not very good on the greenway/walking path, and allows for lots of concealment. In addition to the items already noted, I also have concerns with noise and the amount of lighting that would be necessary for a safe place. These would have a direct negative impact to me, my family, and our neighbors. | 7/31/2023 6:23 PM |
| 24 | I do not support a parking lot at the end of Desiree or additional access from there. We already get plenty of non resident traffic of delivery vehicles and cars looking to get to the Desiree Drive on the other side of the dyke only to find out it is not a through street and speeding back out to Belmont. Additional traffic would be a safety concern. This commercialization of the greenway near these neighborhoods will negatively impact residents' property values with additional activity, safety concerns, and visual reduction of the view of nature to accommodate a parking that that will require maintenance and monitoring and unsightly view of vehicles instead of "nature". | 7/31/2023 8:38 AM |
| 25 | We live on a Desiree Dr and paid a lot for our lots to have a quiet neighborhood safe for our kids and grandkids. Traffic would be high flowing. As I sit in my backyard tonight I'm looking at your proposed parking lot which will remove our beautiful view. To put a park on the other side of the dyke that deals with flooding would not be the ideal place for a park. I would be very disappointed and upset to see my view change. | 7/30/2023 9:01 PM |
| 26 | There's already a paved trail that runs from 47th to past Rivers Edge on the dry side of the dike. I don't think it makes sense for the city to have and maintain 2 paved trails through that stretch. | 7/29/2023 11:44 AM |
| 27 | The idea of a playground area on the south end is a good idea as there are limited playground opportunities. This appeals to a larger audience within the community, such as families. It also provides families with more outdoor opportunities that all ages can enjoy and potentially help in GF continuing to grow. All this would be paid through tax payer dollars and the fishing area project would only appeal to a smaller population of the community. There are already several options to fish that aren't as frequently used compared to family areas such as a playground. Another takeaway, at any given time there are 6 GFPD patrolling. Clearing out the trees by the fishing area may make a difference but it still would not be readily accessible by police on a basis to patrol such as Lincoln park. Creating a larger, more accessible area by 47th or even 62nd would allow the city to plan to have increased access for all parties involved. | 7/26/2023 8:06 AM |
| 28 | I don't want my taxes increased! They are already ridiculous! | 7/25/2023 10:22 PM |
| 29 | I fully agree as my children have been the recipient of the harassment of older teens. In addition there has been issues with teens after hours going down there to drink. I have cleaned up empty beer bottle and boxes on the curb on Rivers edge drive. | 7/25/2023 9:08 PM |
| 30 | Parking is limited. Playground not safe near river. Parents won't watch children. Free for all. | 7/25/2023 3:25 PM |
| 31 | There is already ample parking at the end of Desiree in the cul-de-sac. We do not want the addition traffic in our neighborhood. 47th Ave east of Belmont had plenty of parking and that street is wider to handle the additional traffic. | 7/25/2023 1:42 PM |

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| 32 | You asked the same question twice. Your web site didn't have a place for input as your flyer indicates. I hope you pay more attention to the details of the project then the above issues. I shouldn't have to use aQR code | 7/24/2023 2:52 PM |
| 33 | Great idea! I walk on the greenway trails every day in that area and would enjoy access to additional trails. | 7/22/2023 7:44 AM |
| 34 | Horrible idea, flooded every spring. Waste of money. Ongoing maintenance cost will be astronomical. Any and everything built on the wet side of the dike will be destroyed every spring. | 7/21/2023 5:00 PM |
| 35 | Desiree Drive is a cul de sac. Don't like the idea of increased traffic due to access from pump station. The height of the wall replacing the metal needs to be higher for safety but not so high it restricts fishing opportunities for youngsters. That area is used by young area fishermen extensively. The maintenance of unlaced trails through the woods is again a great learning experience for youngsters. | 7/21/2023 7:06 AM |
| 36 | Thank you for asking for input. I despise this idea. I live on Desiree Dr and bought a home in this location as it was a cul-de-sac, hoping that traffic would be minimized. This project would increase traffic significantly. Our police department is fantastic, but has limited resources. The only time there is police presence on our road is if there is trouble. Young people, in particular, already speed by our home at speeds in excess of 40 mph. I don't want extra traffic on our street nor do I want a place for kids to loiter that is difficult to patrol. Please don't proceed with this project. | 7/20/2023 9:24 PM |
| 37 | I live directly across from the pump station. We bought this lot at a very elevated price three years ago solely because of the privacy that came with being the last house on the end of the cul-de-sac. We have many young families with very young kids that live in this end of Desiree Drive and already have to deal with many teenage kids speeding down our road on their way to the fishing hole. Adding this parking lot will only increase the traffic and safety concerns for everyone affected by this proposition. My family and I oppose this proposition as it will make our neighborhood less desirable. | 7/20/2023 9:09 PM |
| 38 | This is a dead end road with families living on each side of the street , traffic with one way in and out now doubles cars past my house, two children who ride their bikes up and down this street and the reason for purchasing on this road was less traffic... not to mention a parking lot at the end of a very quiet street has increased potential to cause issues on the block. | 7/20/2023 8:49 PM |
| 39 | I would like to see every effort made to keep this accessible to area kids who like to fish in the spot. | 7/20/2023 6:55 PM |
| 40 | The pump station location is not and should not be a parking lot for people wanting to fish the River. Residents of these neighborhoods did not buy and invest in property and pay property taxes to see parts of their neighborhoods become parking lots for recreational activity. If youth/individuals on bikes or foot would like safe controlled access to the greenway or Red River, then that is a reasonable plan. We do not need more vehicular traffic. I have friends and neighbors who fish this location. They walk over the dike, stay off private property, carry their equipment, and conduct themselves appropriately. Evidently a large number of others do not. | 7/20/2023 5:55 PM |
| 41 | I think this would be a great thing | 7/20/2023 5:07 PM |
| 42 | Will our taxes be raised? | 7/20/2023 2:51 PM |

Q3 Do you have ideas not already mentioned that should be considered in the proposed plan?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 31

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
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| 1 | Again, my property is the first one east of the drain way and runs to the river. People must think it is public! Signs and fences look terrible and again are only for those respectful enough to follow the rules! Unless the whole area is fenced off, I don't feel anything will stop the wondering out of the drain way. City needs to address how the spaces of land between homes are labeled. Many of the people who insist this land is for public use are reading off various maps. I might consider a fence if things don't improve. Can this be run to the neighbors and essentially close off the 20 foot easement on the west? Or could I coordinate with the city and have a matching fence done with the city doing the 20 feet? It would have to be removable to allow city access for maintenance or as needed. I really don't want to spend the money but am fed up with constant traffic in my yard. If something is done, it will have to be able to withstand flooding. Cement benches maybe. Anything else could be floating on a moment's notice if it rains. Remember the graffiti in the cement drain way? Hard to believe this will not be on any other structure like benches, I say clean up the fishing approach and make it better. Maybe a tar path. I don't think any more money should be placed in a flood area. I am not sure the logs from the spring flood have been cleaned up. I am not sure how to handle garbage. I see a huge issue with this. For sure a garbage site in parking area. But, not along the woods. Everything the city has put down there including the cameras have ended up in the river. | 8/11/2023 2:59 PM |
| 2 | Create a graded fishing spot north on Belmont by the pump station near Lincoln where there is already an established parking lot and significantly distracts less houses. | 8/10/2023 6:28 PM |
| 3 | As a parent, I worry about older kids bullying the younger kids and although we haven't experienced that, we have experienced adults in the area who live nearby who yell and swear at the kids (even though the kids are on public land). I would like to know if the "greenway property" lines on the map are public access now and/or if they will be considered public access in the future. I left my identifying information below and would like to be notified of that and would be open to assist/volunteer with this project if needed. | 8/10/2023 3:13 PM |
| 4 | Walking and watching wildlife is pleasant. Promote as a wildlife watch area. Have yoga classes or meditation on the greenway. Don't make more concrete. Fishing area is very sensible. Love seeing the young people riding bikes to the fishing area. That's what our city is about. Family and community. Let's keep open and green spaces. | 8/10/2023 7:51 AM |
| 5 | How about drones? | 8/9/2023 8:07 PM |
| 6 | Can you do this without additional funding from the taxpayer? If yes, than let's do it. If you can't then NO WAY!!! | 8/9/2023 6:51 PM |
| 7 | Have a fishing area accessible by the end of 47th or by the pump station that already has a parking lot off Belmont in between 32nd and 47th. | 8/9/2023 2:10 PM |
| 8 | parking lot at the end of 47th Make the fishing pond in Grand Forks more desirable for people to use. It is more safe for our kids. | 8/8/2023 4:33 PM |
| 9 | Why can't the problematic area be rectified on the side of the levee where the problems are? Why would the area be expanded to the other side of the levee that could cause new problems to different neighborhoods? Concerned about increase in vandalism & theft in our neighborhood. | 8/7/2023 3:48 PM |
| 10 | Put it south of city limits | 8/6/2023 7:42 PM |
| 11 | Cameras needed - this upgrade will attract shady ppl, just as the one by the ND Mill Park area does. Will bring home values down in the area if not carefully planned for protecting the high valued homes next to it. | 8/6/2023 9:59 AM |
| 12 | This is likely a suggestion for later, but putting hours of appropriate time to be near the river | 8/5/2023 9:17 AM |

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would help as well. Also, the woods are littered quite a bit from over the years. If there is an organized clean up time where all trash is removed from the area, please include local residents - we would be happy to be involved.

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| 13 | Alternatively, increase law enforcement presence (even if no infrastructure improvements) to respond to conduct issues. | 8/5/2023 8:04 AM |
| 14 | I believe there should be a bit more security on the greenway. I use the greenway most days all year long. | 8/4/2023 4:33 PM |
| 15 | There is already plenty of access to the river. | 8/4/2023 2:44 PM |
| 16 | Will there be restrooms anywhere in the plan or just do as the bears and dogs do? | 8/2/2023 7:32 AM |
| 17 | Fishing is the not the only use of the space by young individuals. This is also a party spot. Building a safer wall will not prevent these individuals from finding alternative fishing spots along the shoreline. This idea is simply promoting the very things it is trying to prevent. | 7/31/2023 6:23 PM |
| 18 | Look for access and parking from a neutral area that won't affect existing homes. Enhancing the greenway is fine, please don't do it at the expense of those that have intensionally purchased lots with the idea of living on a quieter street with easy greenway access. | 7/31/2023 8:38 AM |
| 19 | Public restrooms near the fishing area. | 7/29/2023 11:44 AM |
| 20 | The playground option may be better suited right off of 47th on the greenway with a smaller parking lot. A main road access is ideal for families to access. All other parking options and public areas in Grand Forks are located off main roads (Lincoln 13th, water station parking on Belmont, etc.) which increases use and access for all. This could potentially allow parking to be closer to the playground facility. As a mom, the closer parking lot would be ideal for smaller children. Another option would be to potentially put the parking lot on the back side of rivers edge, where the current paved trail joins the sidewalk. By removing 1-2 trees you could create several parking spots. This would be closer to the initial proposed playground area, making it easier to access for families. | 7/26/2023 8:06 AM |
| 21 | Do not build a parking lot at the end of Desiree! Use the street on 47th Ave east of Belmont. | 7/25/2023 1:42 PM |
| 22 | STOP This plan from proceeding is the ONLY OPTION. | 7/21/2023 5:00 PM |
| 23 | Yes. Please formulate a plan to clean up the Desiree Drive pump station concrete "tunnel" graffiti that includes the phrase "rape" (amongst other off color references) with an arrow pointing to tunnel that our neighborhood sees everyday. If we are going to address vandalism, then don't be selective and address it all in our neighborhood. A plan for ACTUAL scheduled patrols and enforcement needs to be disseminated to residents. Unauthorized motor vehicle and UTV use on greenway continues to happen regularly and in 4 years I've never seen law enforcement on/around the greenway. We already have to deal with constant unlawful snowmobile usage along the dike/greenway in the winter that goes unchecked and is a noise and safety nuisance. Now more public access/traffic is proposed with the "promise" of more regular patrols and better access to law enforcement. Something more tangible and specific needs to be enacted for the security and safety of the public and neighboring homeowners if this project actually moves forwards. | 7/20/2023 5:55 PM |
| 24 | No | 7/20/2023 2:51 PM |
| 25 | The OTHER under how this will be paid for needs to be told to all! I am all for improving the Greenway and access, but before this plan is approved I want to know exactly how it will be paid for? If any of us a taxed, then absolutely No approval from me! After the school referendum, lowering of Belmont Rd. Etc., we are taxed to the Max! | 7/20/2023 2:30 PM |

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New Ways to Play

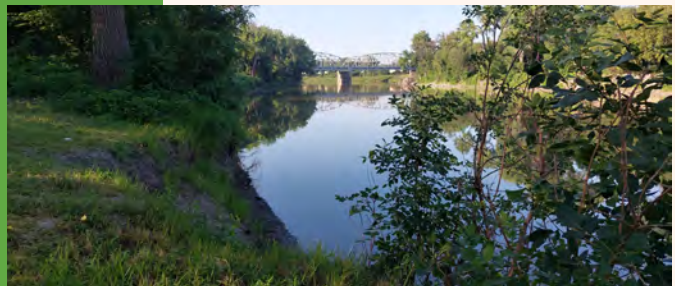
The newest game in town is a hit for all ages. Riverside Park is now home to a combined disc and footgolf course. This 18-hole course accommodates both sports in one place for some great fun.

The GF Park District added permanent foosball, bean bags, checkers, ping pong, and other games to Lincoln Drive Park. These games are located near the horseshoe pits and will surely be a hit for years to come.



LOOKING AHEAD? LAFAVE PARK??

WOULD NEED A PHOTO OF PARK



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By the numbers

100,000+ Number of visitors to the Red River State Recreation Campground. That's the 3rd highest number of reservations since opening in 2004.

11,341 Total campsite reservations.

3 Number of baby coopers hawks hatched at the campground.

2 Coopers hawks

6,534 Number of paid attendance at Riverside Pool.

----- Number of paid attendance at Sherlock Pool.

----- Trail miles repaired (-- EGF, -- GF).

1 New Director. Welcome Jeremy King, EGF Parks and Recreation director. And thank you to Reid Huttunen for your service to the Greenway and community.



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THE BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & GREENWAY ADVISORY GROUP

Second Tuesday of the month
(except July)

6 PM @ GF City Hall

255 North 4th Street

Room A102

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GREENWAY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Third Tuesday of Jan, March,
May, July, Sept, Nov, and Dec

10 AM @ Icon Sports Center

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