

Proposed Disc Golf Course for Riverside Park

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the Greenway Staff considering adding a disc golf course to Riverside Park? A request was made to the Greenway Technical Committee by a local disc golf player to place a 9 or 18 hole course on the riverward side of the trail in Riverside Park.

Who is the Greenway Technical Committee? This is a committee of the managing agencies of the Greenway for Grand Forks, ND and East Grand Forks, MN and addresses proposed projects for the Greenway. In order to have a project approved the Greenway Technical Committee reviews the request and fills out an assessment form which is used to determine whether or not the proposed project is feasible for the Greenway and can technically be placed in the proposed area.

What is a disc golf course? Disc golf is a [disc game](#) in which individual players throw a [flying disc](#) into a basket or at a target. According to the [Professional Disc Golf Association](#), "The object of the game is to traverse a course from beginning to end in the fewest number of throws of the disc."- Wikipedia

Are there others in our community? Yes, there are two 18 hole courses located in Lincoln Dr. Park in Grand Forks and one 12 hole golf course in East Grand Forks, MN. Individuals can be seen playing disc golf in these local courses 12 months out of the year.

Who will manage the course? The course could be managed either by the City of Grand Forks or the Grand Forks Park District. This decision has not yet been made.

The land in the greenway is owned by the City of Grand Forks although there are a number of areas in the Greenway that are managed by the GF Park District for the City of Grand Forks, including Riverside Park and pool.

Where will the course be located? The 9 hole course is proposed to be placed on the riverward side of the trail that surrounds Riverside Park. This space can be seen on the attached drawing. There is no proposed design for a course at this time.

What if this activity causes an increase in traffic flow to the Park? Adding this amenity to the park could cause additional vehicle traffic flow to the park. The City will look at additional traffic control measures to slow the traffic in the park. The positive side of the potential of increase in traffic is that bringing additional people to the park can be a deterrent to illegal or unwanted activity.

How would this proposed project be funded? The funding has not been determined at this time but the project requestor has proposed that this be funded through sponsors and fundraisers. The Park District would consider using the baskets they currently have in stock for this proposed course to minimize the initial startup costs for the course.

When will a decision be made on this proposed project? The Greenway Technical Committee reviewed the proposal on October 11, 2011 and has had follow up discussions with the Park District staff and the local Disc Golf Association representative, Travis Haugen. The Greenway Technical Committee staff reviewed the proposed project on Tuesday December 13, 2011 and has forwarded the project to the Greenway Technical Committee for approval at their January 10, 2012 meeting. These meetings are open to the public and held at the Grand Forks Park District office. If approved by the Greenway Technical Committee the project will be forwarded to the appropriate approving bodies which will likely include the City of Grand Forks Service/Safety Committee and the Grand Forks Park Board.

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