

Greenway Technical Committee  
Meeting – March 12, 2002  
10:30AM – Grand Forks Park District Office

In Attendance: Melanie Parvey-Biby (City of Grand Forks), Dave Manthei (GF Fire Dept.), Marty Egeland (ND Game and Fish), Margaret Bouge (DNR Parks-Bemidji), Tony Walzer (DNR Trails and Waterways), Helen Cozzetto (DNR-Red River SRA), Ben Ehreth (City of Grand Forks), Anne Sandee (Friends of the Greenway), Traie Dockter (DLG), Scott McNamee (Resident), Chad Konickson (DNR Waters-TRF), Corey Birkholz (Options EGF), Greg Boppre (Floan-Sanders), Earl Haugen (GF-EGF MPO), Dale Skyberg (EGF), Steve Mullaly (GF Park District), Dennis Topp (DNR)

**Red Lake River Dam Project – Dennis Topp, MN DNR**

Video was shown on low head dams from the MN DNR. The video described low head dams as being obsolete, dangerous, and problematic to fish species. The removal of low head dams would in turn virtually eliminate maintenance costs to the dam. It is possible for the dams to be modified into a rock dam, using natural rock, creating an arc, resulting in a more natural flow.

Power Point Presentation - DNR has allocated \$100,000 for the Red Lake River dam. Ultimately the plan is to restore Sturgeon in the Red Lake River. The biggest issue is safety. Other issues include water supply, erosion, sedimentation, recreation, and fish passage. Most drownings occur at low flows when dams do not appear dangerous. Three options for the Red Lake River Dam: 1. Do nothing – safety and sedimentation issues arise, 2. Build Rapids – upstream of existing structure, 3. Modify dam to rock dam – Requires a lot of material.

Why weire over modification? – Depends on the specific situation. You have \$100,000 for the project what is estimated total cost? How high of priority is the project? – Have \$100,000, don't know exactly total cost but possibly \$250,000. Not sure how high of priority the project is. When would construction on the project begin? – Typically start in the fall or winter.

**Fishing Access Update – Melanie Parvey-Biby and Ben Ehreth, City of Grand Forks**

Melanie presented maps of fish access points on Grand Forks side. Maps don't show boat ramps. Simply show access to the river. Shows an overview.

What will the area look like? – Don't know. One thing missing is the unpaved trails. Will Lincoln Dr. stay? Some parts would be nice to leave roads in areas. Concern of Lynn Schlueter (NDGF) to have vehicle access to sites. Fire Dept.-Need to update north boat launch and would prefer to have one downtown. Lack of ramps will delay rescue time. City of Grand Forks owns land north of the boat ramp? – Not sure. What about a marina? – Could be an option. Comment – Location of boat ramps is key. Could be an option to partner with the Fire Dept. Comment – Folsom Landing be moved about a mile downstream. Comment – Looked at the boat ramp site north of Riverside Dam in Minnesota and don't particularly like it. It is too steep. A location could possibly be identified on the North Dakota side instead.

### **Non-paved Trail Plan Update – Earl Haugen, MPO**

Unfortunately, no non-paved trail plan to present. UND is using ArcView for the non-paved trail planning. Non of the major comments have been incorporated into the Non-paved Trail plan yet. There will be two options for trail plans, snowmobile trails near the river and other multiple use trails further up from the river, in conjunction with USACE features.

Note: (The plan will be distributed to the Committee members for their review and comments once it is available.)

### **Mapping Update – Helen Cozzetto, MN DNR**

Funding sources could be through EERC but the way it is set up is for setting up GIS. Could possibly use aerial photos from Engineering Dept. and the MPO. Looking at funding for a position for mapping and setting up GIS. DNR could possibly pick up half. Want an extensive mapping program. Proposal from Riverkeepers to have camp sites between Grand Forks and Fargo.

John – If DNR came up with money could other agencies come up with funding? Steve – Who can do mapping? – Right now EERC does provide services but funding is running out. Steve – There was a suggestion to get the cost for scope of funding. Is grant money available? John – no mapping money available for about a year depending on grants. Dale – What happened to TCSP grant? Can it be used for mapping project? Comment – need to define partners. Steve – Approach leadership groups to define funding. Willing to work with Melanie and Helen to come up with funding. Helen – How often are aerial photos updated? – Latest photos for Grand Forks were taken in 2000, East Grand Forks is older. (Staff of the City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks Park District, City of East Grand Forks, and Floan & Sanders will meet on Monday March 18, 2002 11 am at the Grand Forks Park District to continue discussions on the mapping)

### **Next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2002- 10:30 am at the Grand Forks Park District**

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Ben Ehreth, City of Grand Forks.