

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff meeting
10 AM – Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Meeting room
Grand Forks, ND

Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Old Business
 - A. Motorized bicycles and vehicles on trail
 - i. Educational brochure and campaign
 - 1. Hoverboards & skateboards
 - ii. Consistency in ordinances
 - B. Solar lights & lighting policy
- III. New Business
 - A. Snowmobile club request – Red River Snowmobile Club
 - B. Extended ski route in Desiree Drive area of GF
 - C. Greenway map updates – in progress
 - D. Social media accounts for individual user groups
- IV. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway, Advisory Group update
 - A. Mission statement

The goal is to provide a well-connected shared-use path system that provides a reasonably uniform surface for walking, biking, and ADA accessibility throughout the year.
- V. Other
 - A. Article in October Rails to Trails newsletter
- VI. Agency updates
 - A. City of EGF:
 - B. GF Park District:
 - C. City of GF:
 - i. Fishing area & trails behind Desiree Drive
 - ii. DeMers floodwall project update
 - D. Minnesota DNR:
- VII. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee 10 AM Tuesday, November 15, 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, November 8, 2021, GF City Hall, 255 North 5th Street, room TBD.

Support documents:

- Draft motorized vehicle ordinances brochure
- 2/12/2020 Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group mtg notes page 1 RE: Lighting on greenway
- 2/18/2020 Greenway Technical Committee mtg notes page 1 RE: Lighting on greenway
- Project request form – snowmobile in south GF
- Map – proposed snowmobile map for south GF
- Snowmobile route map for GF – 2021 – 2022 season
- Map – fishing area and trails behind Desiree Drive

Alternate transportation options are changing rapidly

The options for alternative transportation have been changing rapidly, and city ordinances are shifting to accommodate these new devices.

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.

- 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-
GF Police (701) 787-8000



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

Scoters 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 sixty-five inches 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
- NOT allowed on Greenway

-East Grand Forks

- Not allowed on sidewalks

Where you can use:
Both GF and EGF
-Not allowed on city streets, sidewalks, nor 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

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



Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 – 6:00PM

701 Coworking Space, 33 S 3rd Street, Conference room, Grand Forks, ND

Meeting Notes

I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- A. **Bike Map 2020:** Comments for additions or corrections should be sent to Earl Haugen at earl.haugen@theforksmo.org.

II. Greenway Items

- A. **Improvements to the landing area at the floating dock:** Kim is working with KLJ Engineering to design a system for easier maintenance on the riverbank around the floating dock. Keeping the riverbank vegetation manageable has been a challenge because the river level fluctuates during the season. Removing the dock has been a challenge because the riverbank stays soggy for so long.

The new system would add a permeable concrete foundation on the riverbank around the dock landing. This would allow grass to grow but make it easier to regularly scrape river silt off and clear vegetation. Plans are to bid out the project later this spring. **UPDATE: The bid process was tabled for 2020 because of a moratorium on capital projects due to COVID-19.**

- B. **Lighting policy for parks:** Grand Forks has been testing a solar light for the past few winters and have had some success with a light installed at the public works facility. The next step is to plan where they should be used within the Greenway.

The group expressed interest in lighting areas of high activity like the dog park and greenway entrances. Short posts with lights along trails for guidance would be a benefit at night. Preserving the natural setting of the area is important. Reflective tape on posts is an option for marking trails, but tape requires a source of light to reflect and show the post location. It also does not provide light beyond the post. The group did not think that lights should be placed on the unpaved trails. The main concern was the desire to preserve the natural feel of the Greenway.

Some park activities change seasonally, so lights might be needed in one area in the summer but another in the winter. Are solar lights portable enough to change with needs?

The group believes that wayfinding signs are a bigger priority. Stephanie will organize a group to review wayfinding signs and plan.

- C. **LaFave Park Planning:** The EGF city has applied for funding from the MN Legacy Fund to improve the LaFave Park area. Improvements would include replacing and possibly expanding the boat ramp, developing shorebank fishing areas, parking, and other useful features. Funding awards will be announced later this year.

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) STAFF
1 PM – Tuesday, February 28, 2020
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Park District

Meeting Notes

Bill Palmiscino, Chairperson
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Gunnar Patz, UND wildlife biology student
Sgt. Duane Simon, GF Police
Chief Mike Hedlund, EGF Police

Jason (Jay) Boulanger, UND wildlife biology professor
Theresa Flitter, City of GF
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

A. Deer count presentation

- i. Jay gave an overview of his work with deer in urban settings at Cornell University. There are a few options for managing the deer population: hands off, harvest, sharp shooter (cheapest method), and sterilization. Each of these types has pros and cons. Cost, public acceptance, and effectiveness are all factors when deciding which method to use.

Lyme disease would accelerate any action.

Jay counted at least 25 deer on his three mile run through the southend of the GF Greenway. It is possible that even more deer are "yarding up" in backyards.

Jay and Gunnar are proposing a deer population count and survey of resident living near the Greenway. This would be a way to gather baseline data. A similar survey was done in Bemidji. That survey will be used as a template.

Apple target at 20'

How would we get word out about the survey? The monthly utility bill is an option but a lot of people get the bill online and might not read the message at the bottom. A postcard might be more effective. Only people living near the Greenway would be asked to participate because opening it up to all residents could skew the data. A postcard that directs people to a website link could be sent to those residents. That would prevent the need to manually enter the responses. Kim will work with Gunnar and Jay to develop the survey questions and post online.

II. New Business

A. Proposed improvements to the landing area @ floating dock in GF

- B. **Park naming rights:** Staff would like to adopt a document outlining the responsibilities of both parties involved in donations to name a park. The document should have an end date with options to renew, along with details about how improvements and changes to the park will be handled. Bill will send a copy of the park naming criteria used by the GF Park District.

- C. **Lighting policy:** This item will be placed on a future agenda for discussion. It was discussed at the February user group. They favor additional lighting but only in heavily used areas like the dog park and park entrances. The consensus from the advisory group was that too many lights along the trail would affect the natural ambience of the rest of the Greenway. Kim will work on a draft policy for the group to consider.

III. Agency Updates

- A. City of EGF:
- B. GF Park District:
- C. City of GF:
- D. Minnesota DNR:

Greenway Project Request Form

Rec'd 10/10/22
KG

Contact name BRIAN L. CHANDLER RED RIVER SNOWMOBILE CLUB	
Address P.O. Box 501	
City FAST GRAND FORKS	State & zip MN 56721
Phone	Cell phone 218-779-3056
Email address chandy@iglide.net	
Start date: 12/1/22 - 3/31/23	
Is this request: <input type="checkbox"/> One time event <input type="checkbox"/> New installation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	
Brief summary of request:	
Support for the activity or facility. How many people typically participate in this activity, is there a user group established in the area, etc.:	
What is needed to facilitate this project? Space, structures, etc? Please attach a diagram of the proposed layout of the activity or facility, if appropriate.	
What, if any, costs are associated with this project?	
How will these expenses be paid? Fundraisers, sponsor, etc.	
RED RIVER SNOWMOBILE CLUB - DUES FUNDRAISERS	
Does this project require ongoing maintenance? If so, who will maintain the facility?	

YES

GRUBBING GROOMING SIGNING

Will this event or facility be open to the public? YES

Does this activity or facility involve the use of harmful chemicals, excavation or fire? If so, please describe. NO

Please explain how the proposed event, facility or program will ensure access for people with disabilities. Examples could include accessible parking, access to participate in the event or activity, accessible portable toilets or providing effective communication for people who have a hearing or a visual disability. For more information on ADA accessibility, contact Options Resource Center for Independent Living (218-773-6100).

Please submit this completed form and other supporting documents to be considered to:

Greenway Manager
City of Grand Forks
P.O. Box 5200
Grand Forks, ND 58208-5200
701-738-8746

For office use		Date received
Received by:		
Attachments:		

Brief summary of request:

We are proposing a safe (approved) trail that our Red River Snowmobile Club could grub, groom properly sign and maintain from December 1 – March 31 (4 months) each year. Following the direction and vicinity of the Grand Forks Greenway from Demers Avenue & South to 62 Avenue South.

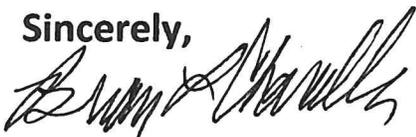
We would want a safe trail so that snowmobilers could come in from Southern cities such as Buxton, Reynolds, Thompson and be able to get to downtown Grand Forks, East Grand Forks safely to have dinner, warmup etc... possibly continue on thru Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and ride to Fisher, Crookston, Alvarado, Oslo, Warren etc... and of course vise versa those communities frequenting our commerce of local businesses.

We can sign it heavily... with STAY ON TRAIL, speed limit 15 mph, Caution, Stop, yield, hazard. We could even make up signs that say going off trail will result in \$1,000 fine and/or confiscation of vehicle. Radar guns work for snowmobiles too. The fines for speeding could be high. \$10 for every mile per hour over the posted speed limit. Trail Snowmobiling should be safe, family oriented, and bring commerce to local businesses. That is our GOAL!

We would propose a year by year lease that could be cancelled by either party if either party is un-satisfied.

The cost of the labor grubbing, grooming, & signage & diesel fuel would be covered by the Red River Snowmobile Club.

Sincerely,



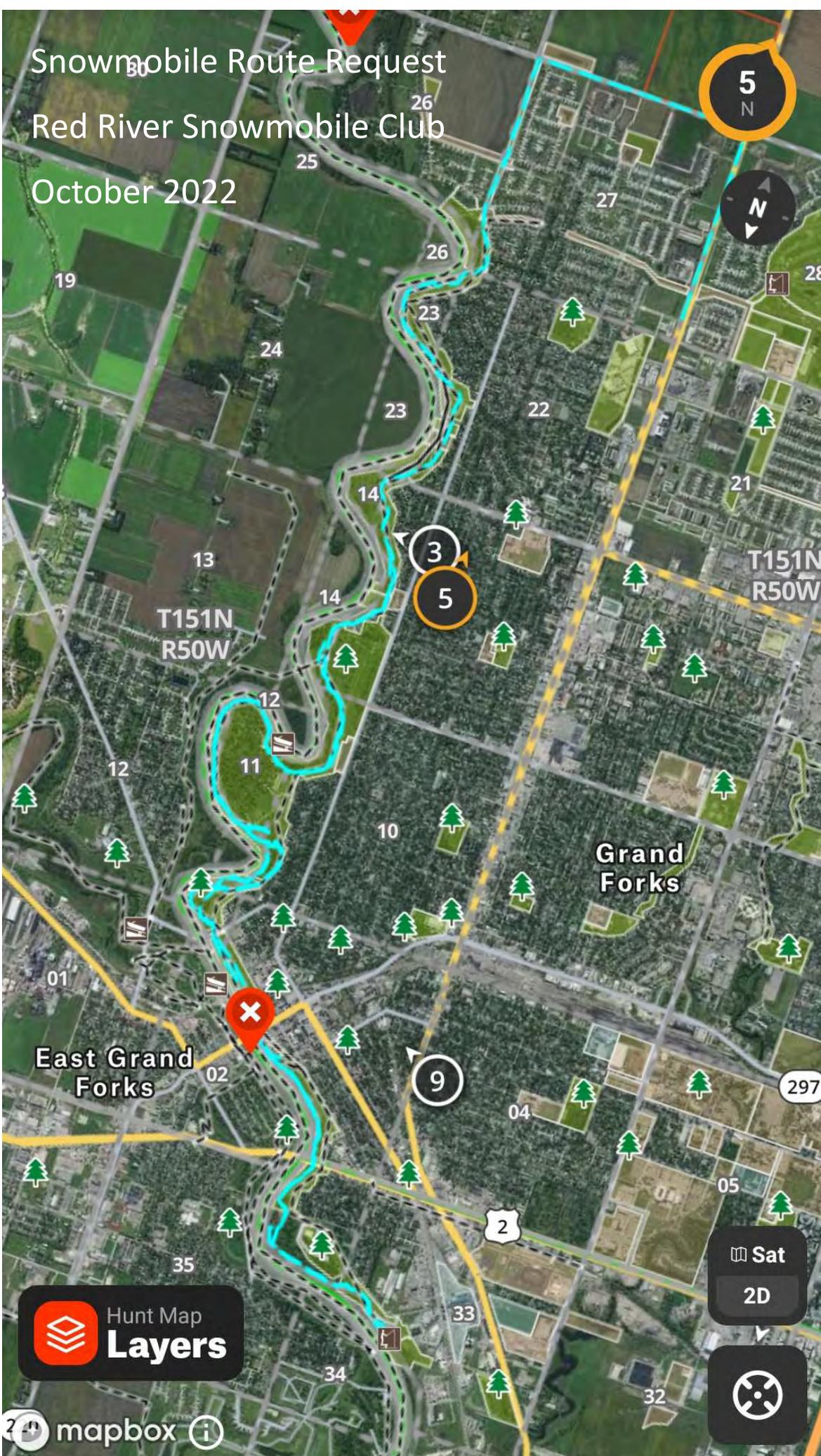
Brian L. Chandler

Vice President RRSC

Snowmobile Route Request

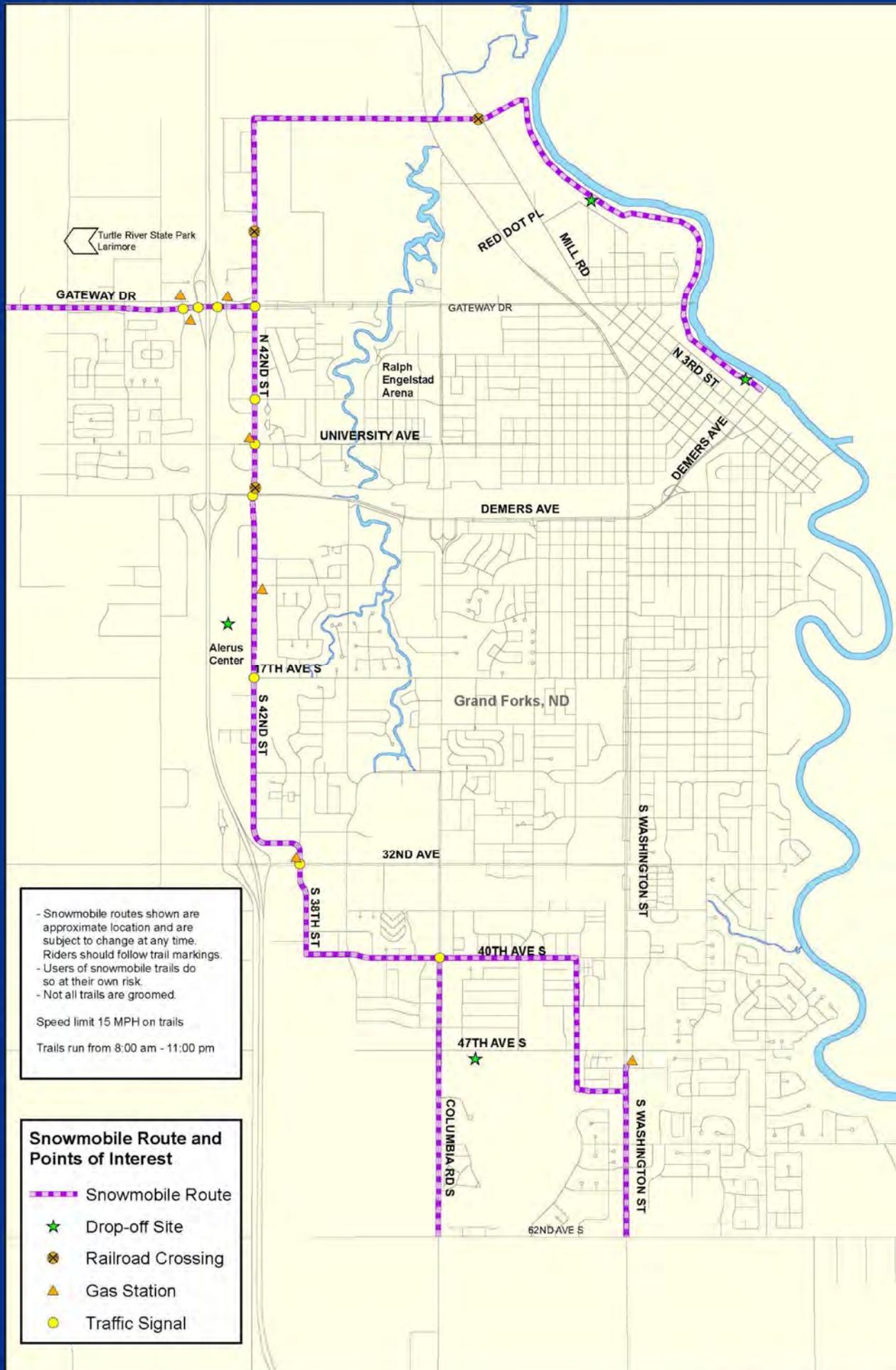
Red River Snowmobile Club

October 2022



2020-2021 Snowmobile Route

City of Grand Forks, ND
Approved by Chief of Police Mark Nelson





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49TH AVE S

RIVER CREST CIR

RIVER CREST RD

RIVERS EDGE DR

DESIREE DR

Trail

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