

# Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 6:00PM

701 Coworking Space, 33 S 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **III. Other**

- A. Cross-country skiing and disc golf in Lincoln Drive Park:** There has been some conflict between where the ski trail is groomed and the first tee of the inner disc golf course. Some disc golfers have been messing up the ski tracks by walking over and through the groomed ski trail. The group believes there is enough room in the park for everyone to enjoy their sport, but everyone needs to be respectful of the other activities. The ski trail was groomed over the first golf pad. Could the trail be redirected? Kim will look into adjusting the course. Can signs be added to the course to remind disc golf players to stay off the ski tracks? Kim will look into opportunities to educate disc golf players about respecting the ski trail.

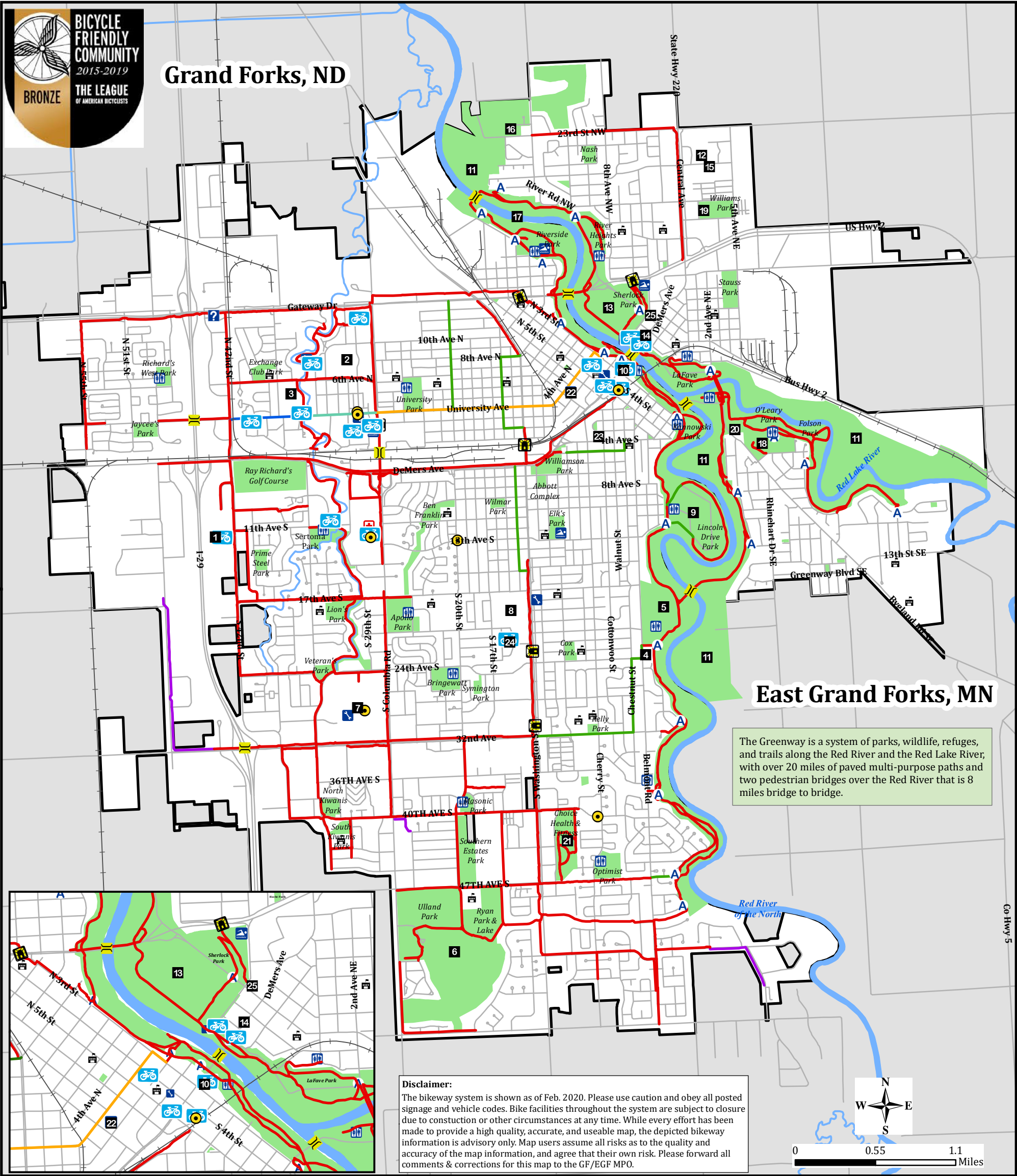
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**Next Meeting date:** 6PM Wednesday, March 1, 701 Coworking Space, 33 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Conference room, Grand Forks, ND

**Support documents:** 2020 GGF Bikeway map

# 2020 Bikeway Map

## Grand Forks, ND/East Grand Forks, MN



- Points of Interest**
- |                              |                            |                                |                                  |                                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Alerus Center              | 6 King's Walk Golf Course  | 11 The Greenway                | 16 Valley Golf Course            | 21 Choice Health & Fitness           |
| 2 Ralph Engelstad Arena      | 7 Columbia Mall            | 12 Northland Community College | 17 Riverside Dam                 | 22 Altru Family YMCA                 |
| 3 University of North Dakota | 8 Grand Cities Mall        | 13 Red River State Campground  | 18 VFW Arena                     | 23 Grand Forks Senior Center         |
| 4 Myra Museum                | 9 Lincoln Disc Golf Course | 14 Riverwalk Center/ Cabela's  | 19 East Grand Forks Civic Center | 24 Grand Forks Public Library        |
| 5 Lincoln Golf Course        | 10 Grand Forks Townsquare  | 15 Heritage & Railroad Museum  | 20 Zavaral Disc Golf Course      | 25 East Grand Forks Campbell Library |