

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 6 PM

GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street

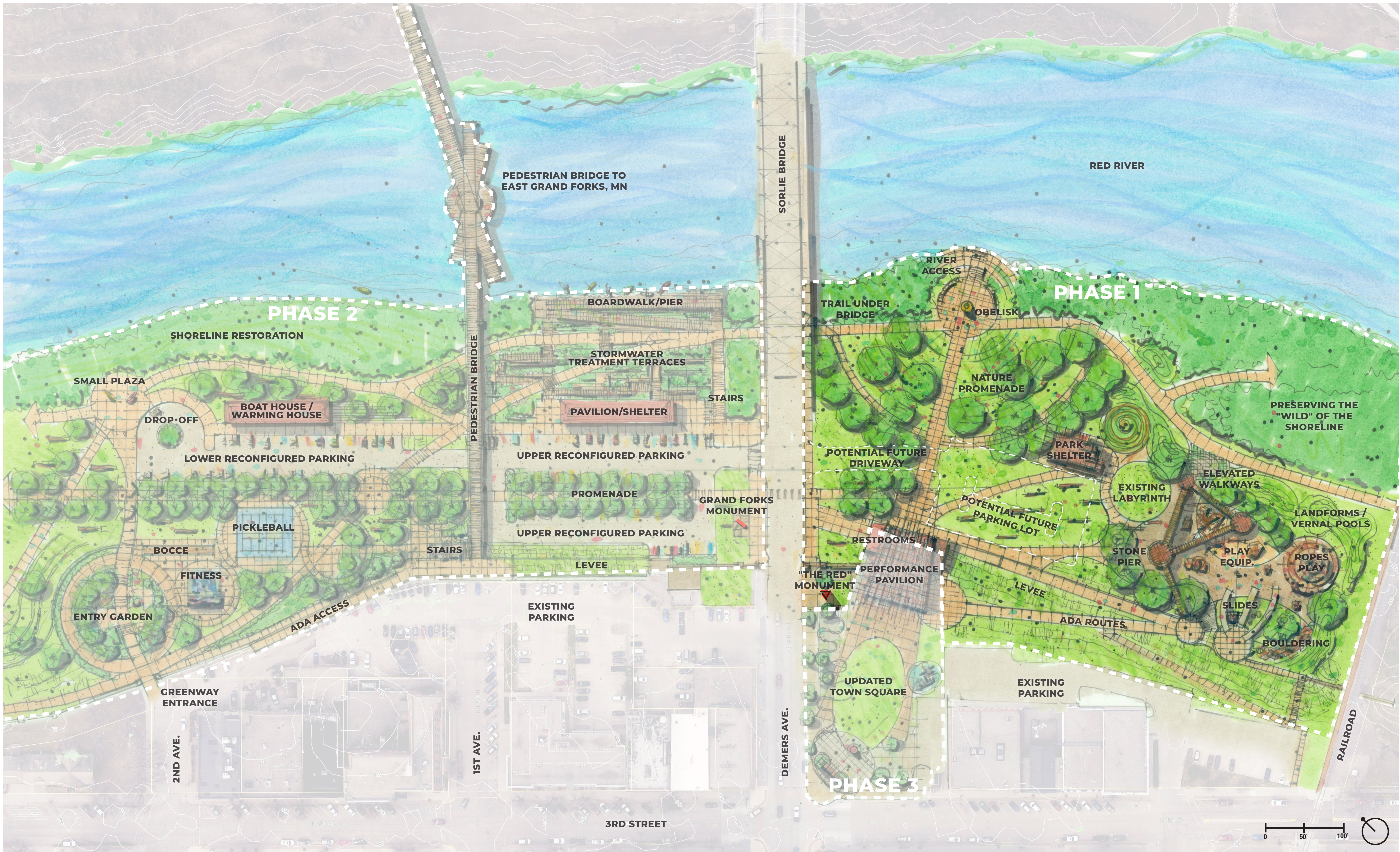
AGENDA

- I. Resident comments
- II. Bikeway items
 - A. 2025 GGF Bikeway map
- III. Greenway Items
 - A. Downtown floodwall renovation project update
 - i. Phase 1
 - 1. Funding
 - 2. Design
 - ii. Phase 2
 - 1. Application status
 - B. Fishing area near Desiree Drive and River Edge – status update
 - C. Construction on stormwater outfall pipe this winter
- IV. Other
- V. Next Meeting date: **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: 10 AM Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Supporting documents: Downtown Gateway + Greenway Renovation Phase fast facts & map
Fishing area fast facts & map

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.



GRAND FORKS, ND - GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

JANUARY, 2024



Downtown Gateway + Greenway Renovation Master Plan

<https://bit.ly/DowntownPlan2024>

The project area is located in the Greenway downtown area, also known as the Community Green, north and south of DeMers Avenue. The goal of this project is to create a welcoming gateway to Grand Forks and a user-friendly outdoor space for a multi-generational audience. This location is near downtown, parking, and the existing shared use trail network within the Greenway.

The current facility is over 25 years old, and several decorative fixtures show signs of wear and tear. The protective coatings on the metal signs have begun to peel, and in one case, the sign has become detached from its anchors and had to be removed. The need to repair and replace decorative features presented an opportunity to revamp the area to cater to downtown and the community's evolving demographics and outdoor recreation requirements.

- All the features of this plan are contingent on securing approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and funding as it becomes available.
- The work would be done in phases, beginning with the removal of several outdated and damaged ornamental features.
- The total estimated cost for the entire project is \$23 million. Phase 1 is estimated at \$7 million.
- In October 2024, the National Park Service awarded 3.5 million dollars to this project through the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program for Phase 1. The ORLP is funded through oil and gas leases on federal lands.
- This funding is a 1:1 match.
- The city will fund its portion from the Flood Protection and Greenway Capital Fund.
- The ND Parks & Recreation will oversee the reimbursement of the ORLP funds.
- There is still a lot of design work to do before anything is done at the site.
- The environmental studies, topographic survey, and Solicitation of Views have already been completed or are in the process of being completed.
- The city will pursue a no-rise certification for all phases of the master plan in accordance with FEMA guidelines and best practices. Should initial analysis indicate that a no-rise is not feasible for this project, the process will migrate to a Certified Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) submittal.
- Plan to break ground in 2026.



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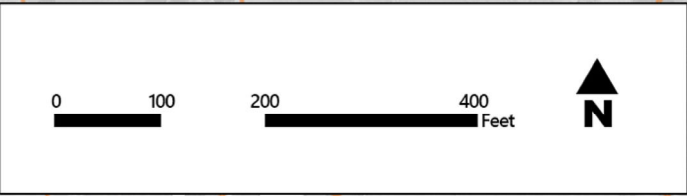
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Planned Fishing Area

- Existing Dirt Trails
- - - - - Planned Paved Trail
- - - - - Greenway Property
- Parcels
- Public Land



City Limits



Fishing site at 47th Avenue South

<https://bit.ly/fishingholeproject>

On February 20, 2024, the Grand Forks City Council approved a project to improve access to an undeveloped portion of the Greenway. This project is located between 47th and 62nd Avenues South. Many residents use this area for fishing and other recreational activities, and it has also attracted a lot of vandalism. The project's goals are to provide a connection between the Greenway and the fishing spot and make access easier for maintenance staff, law enforcement, and other emergency responders.

- A paved trail from 47th Avenue South will provide better access for patrol and rescue situations. It will also connect this area to the rest of the Greenway and allow other users to use this public space.
- Enhancements to the fishing area will improve the experience for anglers and other users.
- Clearing a larger area at the fishing site will allow better visibility for law enforcement.
- Replacing the current metal retention wall at the fishing site with a higher wall.
- Benches, trash receptacles, and an informational kiosk along the trail and at the fishing area
- Funding will come from a grant from the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District and the Greenway Capital Improvements Fund.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has approved a building design that can be advertised for bids sometime in 2025.