

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 6 PM

GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street

Meeting Notes

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I. Resident comments

- A. Will the pedestrian access on the Columbia Road overpass be available while the overpass is closed this summer? Yes. Pedestrian access will still be available with occasional closing as needed.
- B. What is the best way to submit concerns about the intersection of 13th Avenue South and Belmont? Posting on the 311 creates a permanent record of your concerns. Someone from the City should respond to your concerns.

II. Bikeway items

- A. 2025 GGF Bikeway map: Will be printed this month and will be available online.

III. Greenway Items

- A. Downtown floodwall renovation project update
 - i. Phase 1:
 - 1. The funding for Phase 1 was approved by the National Park Service and city staff are working with the ND Parks and Recreation Department to complete the agreement.
 - 2. Houston Engineering has been hired to provide the design and construction plans for the project. Houston has hired RDG Planning and Design as a subcontractor to assist in the design. This will help keep the continuity between concept and final design because RDG developed the original concept plan for the project.
 - ii. Phase 2
 - 1. The plan is to apply to the Outdoor Heritage Legacy Program for Phase 2 of the project. This area was not eligible for funding last year, but the NPS expanded the location of eligible projects to include anything within one-half mile of the area identified as low-income by the

Justice40 Program. The City Council must approve the application before it is submitted.

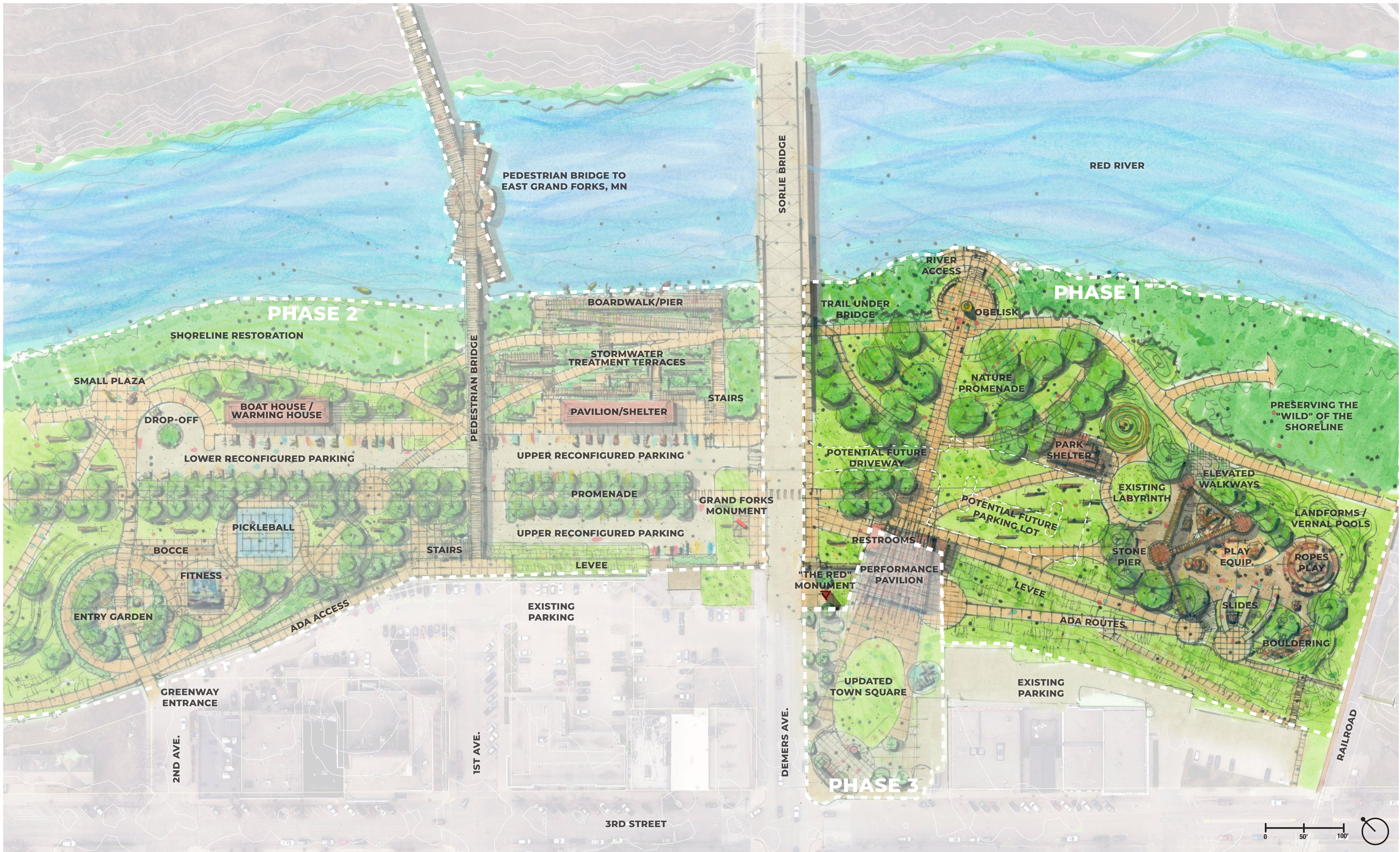
- B. Fishing area near Desiree Drive and River Edge: The City Council will discuss this matter on March 24. They will then decide whether to proceed with the project using funds from the Flood Protection and Greenway Capital Needs account.
- C. Construction on stormwater outfall pipe this winter: Due to the weather, the deadline for completion has been extended until the end of the month. The contractor will be responsible for restoring all the areas of vegetation that were damaged during the project.

IV. Other

- V.** Next Meeting date: **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102

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

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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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City Limits

Planned Fishing Area

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





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.