

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – 6 PM
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Room A102

Meeting Notes

Larry Hagen, Turtle River State Park
Richard O'Connor
Nicole Benson, Blue Zones
Nelson Rosit
Jane Croeker
Tyson Gilmore
Brendan Gilmore
William Gilmore

Henry Gilmore
Peggy Thurin
Kevin Fire
Carter Ueland, GF Engineering Dept
Stephanie Halford, MPO
Reid Huttunen, EGF Parks & Rec
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- A. Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update:** The MPO will be hosting five virtual open houses later this month. Each open house will feature an area identified as a potential shared-use or bike route connection in GF or EGF. The goal is to begin discussions for potential projects before the plan is adopted so there is less opposition when projects are considered for construction. Each session will address a specific bike and pedestrian project from the transportation master plan. Postcard mailers were sent to the residents in the project areas inviting them to participate.

II. Greenway Items

- A. LaFave Park update:** The city of EGF has been approved for 1.2 million dollars in funding from the Minnesota Legacy Fund for improvements to LaFave Park. The cost share for EGF will be at least 25%, but staff expects this percentage to be more because of some changes and additions to the original plan. The construction design work is about 65% complete.

The project aims to improve river access facilities and other park features and limit vehicle access to the riverbank along the Red Lake River. The original concept design proposed two boat ramps. But during the construction design, it was determined that this was not possible for space and other issues. The plan was changed to incorporate one wider ramp instead. A new gravel lot with a curb will be added to the boat ramp area. Overflow parking will be available on the grass. The natural playground was not funded and is on hold for now. Restrooms are not a part of the plan. A restroom is available at the top of the hill, and porta potties are brought in for the season. Solar lights could be added near the boat ramp area. The plan is to remove the lights in the fall to avoid damage from spring flooding.

The riverbank will be regraded for better flow of stormwater runoff to the river. Native grasses will be used along the riverbank to promote restoration. The plan does not

include adding trees at any site area but could be added over time. The goal is to keep cars on paved trails and not drive along the riverbank.

III. Other: None

IV. Turtle River State Park: This season the staff will be working on a few trails that have steep angles or have a potential for washouts. Staff is also planning to grade the existing trails using the easy-to-difficult designations, similar to ski trails, this summer.

Supporting documents: Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan open house flyer
LaFave Park maps

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE!

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan update is nearly finished and we want your input!

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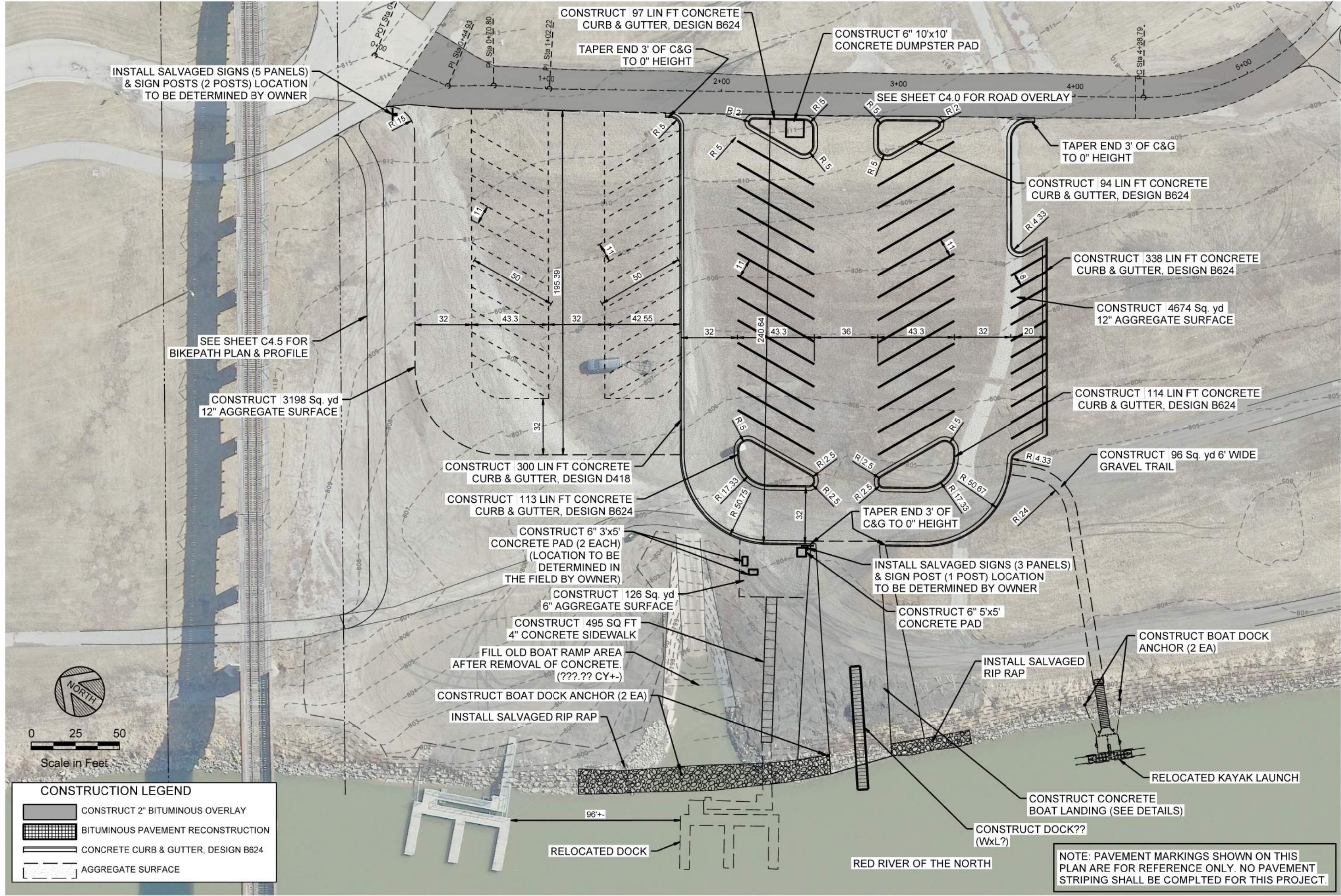
University Ave: March 28, 5-6:30pm
13th Ave: March 30, 5-5:45pm
17th Ave: March 30, 6-6:45pm

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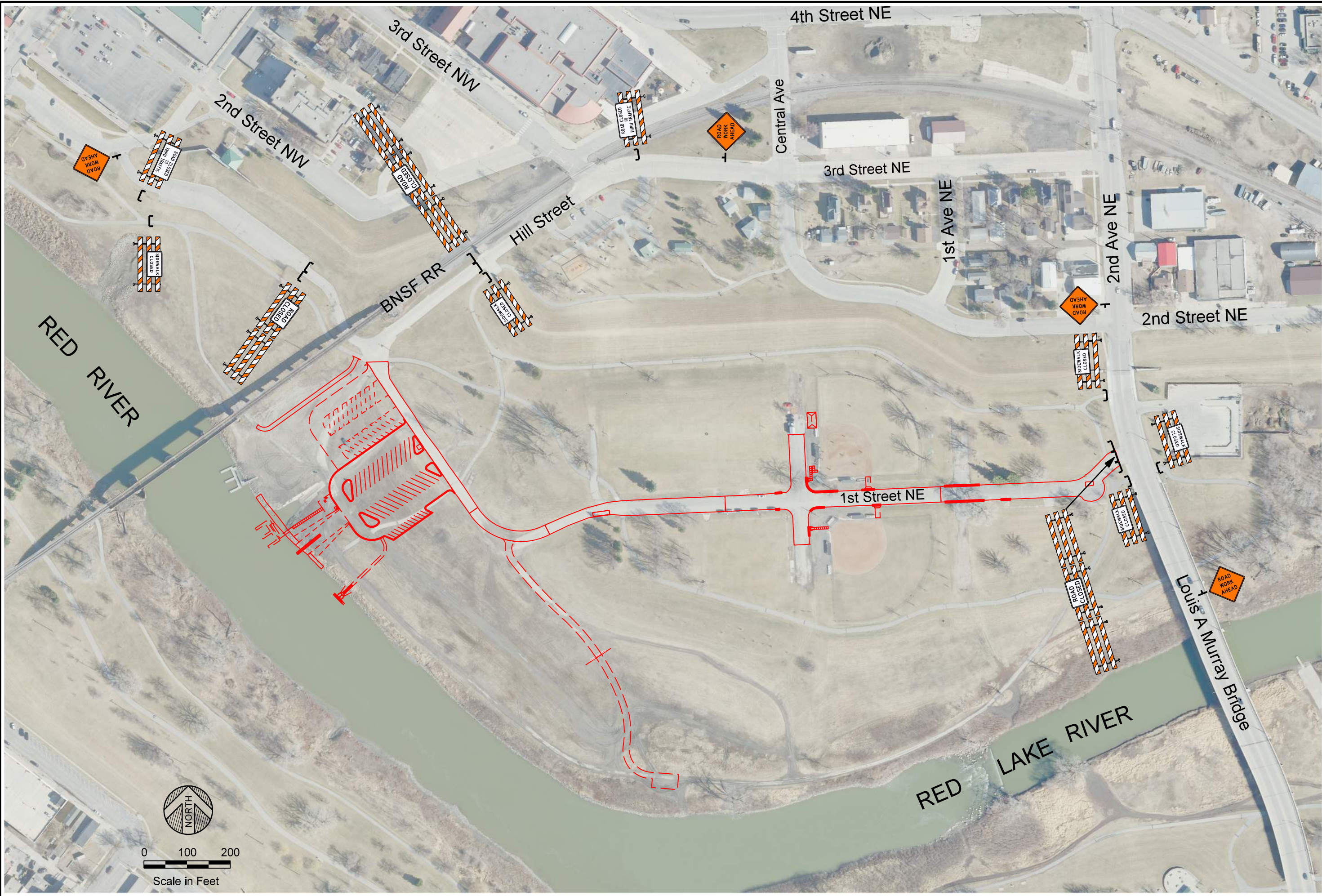
River Rd: March 29, 5-5:45pm
Rhinehart Dr: March 29, 6-6:45pm

RSVP at: theforks-bikepedplan.com





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2023 CITY PROJECT # 2-LAFAVE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

LAFAVE PARK

EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA

TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

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LaFave Park

Planned Improvements with Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Grant

