

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

September 2020 Update

I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- a. **Bike Share Update:** The Downtown Development Association (DDA) has received funding to purchase the Bike Share program from the previous owners. The purchase includes the bicycles, storage racks, and software that controls the app for users and provides operational data about the bikes. A maintenance contractor has also been secured to provide routine maintenance on the bicycles.
- b. **Blue Zones Conference:** Grand Forks has been selected as has been chosen as a Blue Zones Project Community. The Blue Zones team has researched communities throughout the world, identifying commonalities that lead to longer, healthier lives. Click on this link to hear a [Ted Talk about Blue Zones](#).

The public is invited to the following opportunities during the week of September 14-18:

- Attend the Virtual Keynote Presentation (September 14 at 3 pm) – *RSVP needed*.
- Attend a Community Transformation Presentation (September 15) – *RSVP needed*.
- Participate in a focus group: community policy, worksites, schools and community engagement (September 15-17) – *RSVP needed*.

To ensure this assessment project is a success, we need your participation. [Click here to RSVP today.](#)

Learn more about Blue Zones at <https://youtu.be/MzvTaq4JxxQ>

II. Greenway Items

- a. **Deer Survey Results:** The online survey is now closed. Over 1,450 informational postcards were mailed to residents living along the Greenway in GF & EGF. These postcards explained the project and offered the opportunity to submit comments about deer in residential areas. Information was received both online and via paper surveys (when requested). The response rate was nearly 20% of those receiving the postcard.
 - a. Postcards were sent to property owners along the Red and Red Lake Rivers to determine the habits, population, and impact of deer in residential areas. Survey results will be available to the public by the end of the year.
- b. **Trail Projects:** A portion of the shared-use path downtown Grand Forks will be closed beginning Tuesday, September 8, while crews work on a stormwater pipe in the area. Signs will direct trail users to the upper trail crossing DeMers Avenue. Work is expected to be completed by Friday, September 11.

A portion of the shared-use path in the Greenway is also closed for an asphalt overlay on the bike path. Crews will be doing an asphalt overlay from the north pedestrian bridge to 7th Avenue North. That work is expected to be completed by Tuesday, September 15.

Until then, check out alternate routes at <https://bit.ly/2YXJ3vz>.

III. Other

- IV.** Future Advisory Committee Meeting location and format: Due to chilly temps and COVID-19 concerns, the September Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory staff is considering many options for public meetings as we move into the fall and winter season. We'd love to hear from you on how to safely share information and provide the opportunity for public input and discussion. Please take our quick survey to share your ideas and thoughts for upcoming meetings.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2YT6PF7>

- V. Next Meeting date: TBD**

Attachments: Blue Zones Project Flyer

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GRAND FORKS

Blue Zones Project is a community well-being initiative that's designed to unite our worksites, grocery stores, restaurants, schools, city leaders, and residents toward one common goal: making healthy choices easier.

Join us to hear national speaker, Nick Buettner, share the history of Blue Zones and how the research of the world's longest lived cultures is creating a blueprint for well-being across North America.



Blue Zones Project
Community
Keynote Presentation

Monday, September 14
3:00 P.M.

Virtual Event. RSVP to Register



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED:

Community Transformation Presentation
09.15.20 | 9:00 A.M. | Virtual Event. RSVP to Register

Focus Group Sessions
Virtual Events. Multiple Days and Times Available
RSVP to Register

»» **RSVP:** <https://go.bluezonesproject.com/grandforks>

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