

GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
Carrington, North Dakota**

May 13, 2024

A meeting of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District's Recreation Committee was held by video conference on May 13, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kassian at 10 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Chairman Alan Walter
Committee Chairman Larry Kassian
Director Richard Cayko (joined at 10:06 AM)
Director David Johnson
Director Bruce Klein
Director Steve Metzger
Secretary Merri Mooridian

OTHERS PRESENT

Jay Anderson, Vice Chairman and Ransom County Director, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Lisbon, North Dakota
Greg Bischoff, Second Vice Chairman and Barnes County Director, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Valley City, North Dakota
Dave Anderson, Pierce County Director, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Rugby, North Dakota
Duane DeKrey, General Manager, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota
Kimberly Cook, Communications Director, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota
Stacey Gussiaas, Administrative Assistant, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota

The meeting was recorded to assist with compilation of the minutes.

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

Greenway Enhancement Project - - Chairman Kassian reminded the committee of its decision at the Recreation Committee meeting on March 20 to deny the funding application

submitted by the City of Grand Forks for the Greenway Fishing Enhancement Project as submitted, encouraging the city to reapply and clarify public access and safety measures for the project.

Merri Mooridian, Secretary, reviewed the meeting materials provided to the committee, including correspondence between Garrison Diversion and Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist, regarding the denial of the City of Grand Forks' grant application. Copies of the letters are attached to these minutes as Annex I.

The city's request was for \$119,695 to develop the Greenway Fishing Enhancement Project. The proposed project included extending the existing paved trail south of 47th Avenue South, clearing trees around the fishing site, adding benches, trash cans and a kiosk. The total estimated project cost is \$478,779. Under the 25 percent guidelines, the project would qualify for funding in the amount of \$75,000. A copy of the grant application is attached to these minutes as Annex II.

The committee members reviewed the application and photos of the project area followed by further discussion regarding the concerns with security.

Chairman Kassian said there is nothing in the grant application that would typically not be funded under the grant guidelines.

Director Walter expressed his continued concerns about the safety and security of the proposed site.

Director Klein stated safety and security issues are not a responsibility that falls on the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

Motion by Director Klein to approve funding up to 25 percent of the local, non-federal share of the eligible costs not to exceed \$50,000 to the City of Grand Forks for development of the Greenway Fishing Enhancement Project. Second by Director Metzger. Upon roll call vote, the following directors voted aye: Cayko, Johnson, Kassian, Klein and Metzger. Those voting nay: Walter. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

(SEAL)

Larry Kassian, Chairman

Merri Mooridian, Secretary



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CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
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www.garrisondiversion.org

March 25, 2024

Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist
City of Grand Forks
255 North 4th Street
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Dear Kim:

Thank you for your grant submission on behalf of the City of Grand Forks for continued development of the greenway space. After consideration by Garrison Diversion's Recreation Committee on March 20, the application was denied as submitted. However, the Committee encourages you to resubmit a revised application.

Committee members requested clarification on a more neighbor-friendly public access along with safety and security measures that will be taken to keep this area free from vandalism and unwanted behaviors as much as possible.

If you require further input on the committee's decision, please contact me at 652.3194 or merrim@gdcd.org.

Sincerely,

Merri Mooridian
Administrative Officer

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cc: Larry Kassian, Recreation Committee Chair
Alan Walter, Chairman of the Board
Ken Vein, Grand Forks County Director



CITY OF GRAND FORKS

Public Works Facility | 724 North 47th Street | Grand Forks, ND 58203 | 701.738.8746

April 29, 2024

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District
P.O. Box 140
Carrington, ND 58421

Dear members of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Recreation Grant Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address concerns regarding the recent grant funding application from the City of Grand Forks for the Greenway Fishing Enhancement Project.

The safety of all users is a key component and driver of this project. This will be accomplished by increasing public use of the area through connectivity and providing reliable access for law enforcement vehicles to patrol. The current ground conditions for access are grassy, sloped terrain around a stormwater pond. This access becomes muddy and slippery after spring thaw and rain, which prevents regular patrolling of the area.

Adding lighting to this area raises concerns regarding light pollution and feasibility. The closest access to electricity is approximately 650' away and would require extensive infrastructure. Seasonal flooding would require shutting the power off, and potential removal to avoid damage. Solar lights have proven unreliable in cold weather. Lighting the area would also impact the many birds known to be nesting in the surrounding woods. Pileated woodpeckers and Cooper's hawks are just two bird species nesting in this area.

Connecting to the neighborhood is crucial but will likely be established after the initial project is installed. When surveyed in 2023, many nearby residents rejected a proposal to create publicized public access near their homes due to privacy concerns. Experience, however, has shown that this sentiment will likely change when the value of an established connection between the Greenway and the neighborhood outweighs privacy concerns. Therefore, it was decided to pursue improvements to the public space that benefit all users and allow the surrounding residents to realize over time the value of connecting to their neighborhood.

Overall, it has been determined that the best solution is to open visibility to the area and provide better access from the north. This conclusion was reached when other security issues, such as security cameras and signage, failed.

I appreciate the opportunity to expand on the narrative of this project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this project or letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Greendahl".

Kim Greendahl
Greenway Specialist

APPLICATION

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Matching Recreation Grant Program

Date of Application 2/29/2024	Project Name Greenway Fishing Enhancement Project
Sponsoring Agency Name City of Grand Forks	
Authorized Representative/Title Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist	
Sponsoring Agency Address 255 North 4th Street	
Phone 701-738-8746	Email kgreendahl@grandforksgov.com
Contact Name for Project (If different than above)	
Address	
Phone	Email
Project Location No physical address, Coordinates - 47.872522, -97.022991	

Description of Project Features (if more space is required, please provide separate documentation)

This project is located in an undeveloped area of the Greenway. The Greenway is 2,200 acres of open space between the flood protection system and Red River in Greater Grand Forks. In Grand Forks, the Greenway is over 7 1/2 miles long and features three parks connected by a paved shared-use path system. The proposed project includes extending the existing paved trail south from 47th Avenue South, clearing trees the area around the fishing site for accessibility, and adding benches, trash cans, and informational kiosk to the fishing area. This proposal aims to improve public access to public land, provide a safe and accessible fishing area for all users, and provide easier access for law enforcement and emergency responders.

Justification of Project

(Estimated Number of People Served, Age Categories Which May Benefit, Description of Integration Into a Comprehensive Recreation Plan, Etc.)

Estimated Number of People Served	1,000+, mostly 8 years old and up
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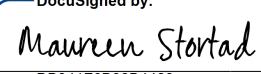
Total Estimated Project Cost (Include volunteer/in-kind donations/work)	\$ 478,778.90
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Assistance Requested (No more than 25% of project cost unless multi-county sponsored)	\$ 119,694.73
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Applicant's Contribution	\$ 359,084.18
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Additional Sources of Funding

An application will also be submitted for the Outdoor Heritage Fund for the Spring 2024 funding round.

Federal Funds Utilized	N/A	
Describe the Project Site As Is and Proposed Changes (Tree Removal, Drainage Filled, Etc.)		
See attached.		
Annual Maintenance Budget	\$ 5,000	
Maintenance Provided By	City of Grand Forks	
I Hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$ 359,084.18 are available for this project.		
Authorized Signature of Sponsoring Agency	<small>DocuSigned by:</small>  <small>DB341F6B82B4423...</small>	Maureen Stortad 2/29/2024
Printed Name/Title	Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist	
Date	2/29/2024	

PROJECT COST ESTIMATES

(Include volunteer/in-kind donations and labor)

Item	Units	Estimated Cost
Site preparation and mobilization	1	\$ 99,974.00
Trail paving	1	\$230,640.00
Features at fishing area (railing, steps to riverbank)	1	\$ 24,000.00
Comfort amenities (benches, trash cans, kiosk, etc.)	1	\$ 13,000.00
Contingencies and engineering costs	1	\$111,164.90

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Authorized signature of sponsoring agency
2. Resolution or minutes approving the project
3. City or county plat map of the proposed project location
4. Breakdown of estimated expenses

QUESTIONS?

Questions may be directed to the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District at 652-3194 or the District director from the applicant's county.

READY TO SUBMIT?

Mail completed application with required documentation to
Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, PO Box 140, Carrington, ND 58421 or email to recreation@gdcd.org

**Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Matching Recreation Grant Program
Application Attachment
City of Grand Forks, ND
Project: Fishing area in the Greenway
February 28, 2024**

Describe the Project Site As Is and Proposed Changes (Tree Removal, Drainage Filled, Etc.):

The present condition is undeveloped land bordered by an earthen levee, homes, and the Red River. A storm pond is located in the middle of the property. The area adjacent to the river is heavily forested and will require some thinning. The fishing site is an ad hoc site with no amenities. The lack of paved surfaces limits law enforcement and emergency services from accessing the site during wet weather.

The first step will be to remove some trees along the outside edge of the wooded area. This will provide more space for a paved shared-use path from the existing greenway to the fishing area. Once the trees have been cleared away, an extension will be added to the height of the existing retaining wall at the fishing site. This retaining wall is part of the storm pond outfall at the fishing site. This is meant to increase the safety of all users, as the current wall was not built to have people in the area. Finally, the trail and fishing area will be paved, and user amenities will be installed. This area is subject to periodic flooding, and pavement will make the area more accessible for maintenance and rescue staff.

PRELIMINARY OPINION OF COST
Greenway Shared-Use Trail (2,230') & Fishing Area
City of Grand Forks, North Dakota
12/22/2023

Annex II
22-156

SPEC	CODE	DESCRIPTION	PLAN		UNIT	TOTAL
			QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	SUM
103	0100	CONTRACT BOND	1.00	L SUM	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
203	0109	TOPSOIL	876.00	CY	\$ 10.00	\$ 8,760.00
216	0100	WATER	25.00	M GAL	\$ 30.00	\$ 750.00
230	0165	SUBGRADE PREPARATION-TYPE A-12IN	23.30	STA	\$ 500.00	\$ 11,650.00
251	0100	SEEDING CLASS I	0.60	ACRE	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
253	0201	HYDRAULIC MULCH	0.60	ACRE	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
261	0112	FIBER ROLLS 12IN	5,215.00	LF	\$ 3.00	\$ 15,645.00
302	0120	AGGREGATE BASE COURSE CL 5	1,186.00	TON	\$ 35.00	\$ 41,510.00
430	0043	SUPERPAVE FAA 43	576.00	TON	\$ 200.00	\$ 115,200.00
430	5803	PG 58S-28 ASPHALT CEMENT	35.00	TON	\$ 675.00	\$ 23,625.00
702	0100	MOBILIZATION	1.00	L SUM	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
704		TRAFFIC CONTROL	1.00	L SUM	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
970	105	HERBICIDE WEED CONTROL	27,948.00	SF	\$ 0.50	\$ 13,974.00
1000		RAILING	1.00	LS	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
1000		BENCHES	3.00	EA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
1000		GARBAGE CANS	2.00	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
1000		WOOD BLOCK STEPS	1.00	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
1000		ENTRANCE KIOSK	1.00	LS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Estimated Total Construction Cost =						\$317,614.00
Construction Contingency & Engineering (35%) =						\$111,164.90
Total Project Cost =						\$428,778.90

*This estimate does not include sidewalks/detectable warning panels, signing, and clearing and grubbing.

12/22/2023

The Greenway

Grand Forks / East Grand Forks



GRAND FORKS, ND

EAST GRAND FORKS, MN



For more information about the bikeway system in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks please call

THE GREENWAY

GRAND FORKS / EAST GRAND FORKS

The flood of 1997 dramatically altered the landscape of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks. More than 56,000 people were evacuated before waters of the Red and Red Lake Rivers crested at a record high level of 54 feet. Seventy-five percent of Grand Forks and ninety-five percent of East Grand Forks were inundated with water. The cities made national headlines as eleven of Grand Forks' downtown buildings burned. To ensure that Greater Grand Forks would be protected against future flooding, the US Army Corps of Engineers proposed the construction of a flood protection system, including a Greenway, along the Red and Red Lake rivers.

The Greenway provides a unique opportunity for year-round outdoor recreational activities in the Greater Grand Forks area. With approximately 2,200 acres of open space, vegetation, and recreational amenities, there's something for everyone in the Greenway.

LEGEND	
	YOU ARE HERE
	Hiking Trail Access
	Biking Trail Access
	Information/Kiosk
	Parking
	Restrooms
	Picnic Area
	Playground
	Wildlife Observation Area
	Campground
	Recreation Area Office
	Trailer Sanitation
	Boat Access
	Rapids
	Swimming Pool
	Fishing Access
	Athletic Fields
	Dog Park
	Disc Golf
	Softball Fields
	Basketball Courts
	Tennis Courts
	Sand Volleyball
	Pickleball
	Horseshoe Pits
	Wildflower Garden
	River Level Monument
	Labyrinth
	City of Grand Forks, ND
	Grand Forks Park District
	East Grand Forks Parks
	Red River Slate Recreation Area
	Permanent Flood Protection System
	Paved Trails
	Trail Mileage between points

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255 N. 4th St.
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Grand Forks, ND 58206-5200
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Web: www.greenwaygfg.com

Grand Forks Park District
1210 - 7th Avenue South
P.O. Box 12429
Grand Forks, ND 58208-2429
Phone: 701-746-2750
Web: www.gfparks.org

East Grand Forks Parks and Recreation
City of East Grand Forks
600 Demers Ave.
P.O. Box 321
East Grand Forks, MN 56721
Phone: 218-773-9000
Web: www.egf.mn

Red River Slate Recreation Area
P.O. Box 529
515 2nd St. NW
East Grand Forks, Minnesota 56721
Phone: 218-773-4950
Web: www.dnr.state.mn.us



Web: www.greenwaygfg.com
Email: greenway@grandforksgov.com

47th Ave S Access
Please consult GF / EGF Bikeway Map for connection to metro-wide trail system

Proposed fishing site

Map Updated: April 2012



Planned
Fishing Area

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

