

Dakota County Parks, Lakes, Trails and Greenways Vision, 2030

What's New?

GREAT PLACES: Destination Parks

- * New Vermillion Highlands Park
- * More things to do in parks
 - Winter activity area
 - Gathering and celebration areas
 - Swimming and water play areas
- * More popular "park basics"
 - Enhanced picnicking
 - Biking and accessible trail loops

CONNECTED PLACES: Greenway Trails

- * "Bring parks to people" -- Linear parks connect parks, schools, lake trails, playgrounds, libraries, and the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers.
- * Walking, biking, and in-line skating
- * Public agencies work together to create 200 miles of greenways using mostly publicly-owned land.

PROTECTED PLACES: Green Infrastructure

- * Enhance and protect park resources
- * Protect stream corridors in public/private partnerships
- * Protect natural areas and open space in public/private partnerships

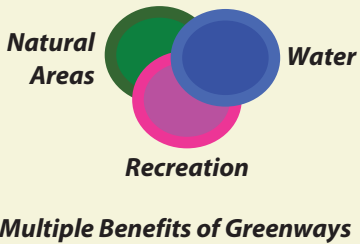
DAKOTA COUNTY PARK SYSTEM and COLLABORATIVE OPEN SPACE PROTECTION

- Dakota County Parks
- Planned Vermillion Highlands Regional Park
- Federal, State, and Other Regional Open Space
- Existing and Planned Regional Greenways
- Proposed Greenway (will seek regional status)
- Example City Greenways (route concepts)
- Stream Conservation Corridors and Greenways
- Destinations: City Parks, Schools, Lakes, Libraries
- Privately-Owned Protected Farmland (FNAP)
- Private/Public Protected Natural Areas (FNAP)
- Potential Rail to Trail Opportunities



Notes:
Regional greenways are intended to illustrate routes, not actual scale. City greenway routes are suggested. Greenway design standards and master plans will be developed through greenway partnerships.

Concepts for Greenways



Greenways Connect Places
Where People Want to Go