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



Concepts for Greenways

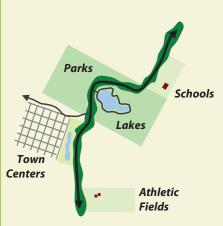


Rethinking Trails as Greenways



Multiple Benefits of Greenways





Greenways Connect Places Where People Want to Go