



**North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department**  
**Recreation Division – 701-328-5357 – parkrec@nd.gov**

**Recreational Trails Program(RTP) Grant Application**

Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grants are available to the State of North Dakota, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations in order to assist in the development, maintenance, or rehabilitation of recreational trails. The RTP is an assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The program is administered by the Recreation Division of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD).

Project proposals must be approved at the state and federal levels. A Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee (RTPAC) made up of private, state, and federal individuals evaluates and ranks the projects. Projects selected at the state level are submitted to the FHWA for final review and approval.

RTP grants reimburse up to 80 percent of the cost for development, maintenance, or rehabilitation of recreational trails. Engineering fees exceeding more than 20% of total project cost are not eligible for reimbursement. Project sponsors cannot be reimbursed for funds that are incurred before an application is approved and a local grant agreement is signed.

The application cycle is open from December 1, 2014 to January 30, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. CST.

Date:

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Project Sponsor:

(Must be political subdivision)

Project Name:

**Primary Contact**

Name:   
Title:   
Address:   
City, State, Zip:   
E-Mail:   
Phone:   
County:

**Alternate Contact**

Name:   
Title:   
Address:   
City, State, Zip:   
E-Mail:   
Phone:   
County:

**REIMBURSEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name and address for where reimbursement payments should be sent to.  
If same as Primary/Alternate Contact, please state "Same as Primary or Alternate Contact"

Same as Primary or Alternate  If not, please fill out below.

**Reimbursement Contact**

Name:

Title:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

E-Mail:

Phone:

County:

Estimated Start Date:  Estimated Completion Date:

(Grant recipients have 18 months to complete projects)

\*All RTP projects must meet accessibility guidelines in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Architectural Barriers Act. For more information refer to the U.S. Access Board at www.access-board.gov. Look for the Reg Neg Committee 1999 Report: Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas.

Does the proposed project meet requirements of the American with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act?

Briefly Explain.

The project will be a shared use path project with maximum grades of 5% slope.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Property Name:

Fargo Park District Dill Hill Softball Field

Physical Address:

County:

Legal Description:

Township:  Range:  Section:

Latitude (in decimal degrees): example: 46.785690

Longitude (in decimal degrees): example: -100.622172

Please use **Google Maps** to find your latitude and longitude.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

1. Based on the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), please identify the following:

["http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/information/department/attachments/scorp-2013-2017.pdf"](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/information/department/attachments/scorp-2013-2017.pdf)

Region

Primary:  Secondary:  Tertiary:

2. Is the scope of the project:

- Construction of New Recreation Trails \*Number of miles
- Restoration of Existing Trails \*Number of miles
- Trail Extension \*Number of miles
- Purchase and Lease of Recreational Trail Construction and Maintenance Equipment
- Development and Rehabilitation Trailhead Facilities and Trail Linkages
- Land Acquisition/Easements
- Trail Accessibility Assessment

\*Based on the above checked box, the total mileage of your trail is now:

3. Check all uses the project impacts:

- Walking/Hiking  Cross-Country Skiing  ATV Riding
- Bicycling  In-Line Skating  Off-Road Motorcycling
- Horseback Riding  Snowmobiling  Other

4. Classification of Land:

Who holds the title to the project land?

- State
- Federal
- Local
- Private

5. Does any of the project fall within a federal highway right-of-way?  Yes  No

["http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/grants/rtp/rtpprojectselection.html"](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/grants/rtp/rtpprojectselection.html), click on North Dakota National Highway System Map.

6. Does your project take place within the jurisdiction of one of the three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO): Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo, or Grand Forks? If yes, which one?

- Bismarck-Mandan
- Fargo
- Grand Forks
- No, this project is not within an MPO

Has your project received approval from the MPO? Yes  No

**BUDGET INFORMATION**

Total project cost: \$150,000.00

Total grant amount requested: \$120,000.00

Would partial funding affect the completion of the grant? Yes  No

If yes, briefly explain.

We have set aside \$30,000 in local funds to be the 20% match on the project. If we receive partial funding, we won't be able to complete it.

**BUDGET INFORMATION WORKSHEET**

|   |                     |  |
|---|---------------------|--|
| <b>Total Project Cost</b>                           | <b>\$150,000.00</b> |  |
| <b>Total Grant Amount Requested</b>                 | <b>\$120,000.00</b> |  |
|   |                     |  |
| <b>Cost Category</b>                                | <b>Amount</b>       |  |
|   |                     |  |
| Land, structures, rights-of-ways, etc.              | \$0.00              |  |
| Relocation expenses and payments                    | \$0.00              |  |
| Architectural and engineering fees                  | \$0.00              |  |
| Demolition and removal                              | \$0.00              |  |
| Construction  | \$150,000.00        |  |
| Equipment   | \$0.00              |  |
| Materials   | \$0.00              |  |
| Miscellaneous                                       | \$0.00              |  |
|   |                     |  |
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|   |                     |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$150,000.00</b> |  |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                               |                     |  |
| <b>Source</b>                                       | <b>Amount</b>       | <b>Description</b>                       |
| Cash Match  | \$15,000.00         | Set aside funds from Fargo Park District |
| Documentation of Donated Equipment Value, SFN 59169 |                     |  |
| Documentation of Donated Labor, SFN 59170           |                     |  |
| Documentation of Force Account Labor, SFN 59171     |                     |  |
| Documentation of Donated Material, SFN 59172        |                     |  |
| City of Fargo Infrastructure Funds                  | \$15,000.00         |  |
|   |                     |  |
|   |                     |  |
| <b>TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS</b>                         | <b>\$30,000.00</b>  |  |

**Requirement:**

Each application must address each of the following requirements in the order they appear below:

1. A project description sufficient to understand the project. Indicate prominently whether this is primarily construction of new recreation trails; restoration of existing trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment; land acquisition/ easements; or trail accessibility assessment. Please explain if the application is for one or more phases of a multi-phase project.

The City of Fargo and the Fargo Park District continue to plan and construct an extensive shared use path system in Fargo. This project would provide a consistent 10' wide concrete shared use path on what would be the 5th Street alignment between 5th Avenue S and 7th Avenues S, crossing Fargo Park District property. The proposed project is approximately 425' long and is located very near to the Fargo School District's Hawthorne Elementary School.

There is an existing shared use path in Island Park that extends from 1st Avenue S to 5th Avenue S and then terminates at that point. Pedestrians and bicyclists at that point wishing to continue further south must either proceed to 7th Street or over to 4th Street to continue. 5th Street from the south ends at 7th Avenue S in this part of the city. It is designated as a "Share the Road" facility between 24th Avenue S and 13th Avenue S, and does pass by the city's largest park, Lindenwood Park. This project would fill in a missing connection between 5th Street and Island Park, and also further to the north, the Broadway district. This project would eliminate one ball field located in the park.

2. Clearly defined goals for the project (with a delineation of which user groups would benefit from the project).

The goal of the project would be to continue the existing path that runs through Island Park and connect to the neighborhood to the south of there. The user groups that will benefit from this new shared use path will be walkers, runners, bicyclists, and in-line skaters. Residents will use this path mostly for recreation, but it could also serve school children riding their bicycle to the Hawthorne Elementary Schools.

3. Costs associated with the project (with estimates of the following components: material/service purchases including hardware, paint, lumber, sand/gravel concrete, landscape materials, signs, design/engineering services, contractor services, equipment rates, equipment costs, and land lease payments). Please reference budget information worksheet, as necessary.

The costs associated with this project are for construction. They would be for import fill, seeding, 4" concrete shared use path, the necessary signing, and erosion control. The estimated construction cost is \$150,000. The city of Fargo would bid this out in early 2016 and plan to have construction completed by early July.

4. Evidence of local/area support (council resolutions, minutes of public meetings, letters of support, etc.). Evidence of MPO support must be included if applicable.

This project was reviewed and approved by Metro COG in December 2014, the city of Fargo Board of Commissioners in January 2015, as well as the Fargo Park Board of Commissioners in January 2015.

5. Availability/access to 20% match for eligible elements of the project proposal. Matching funds must not be from other federal sources such as Transportation Enhancement (TE) or Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) through the Department of Transportation. A resolution from the sponsor of the project regarding the availability of funds will be required prior to any award of a grant.

If awarded, we will submit a resolution from the Board of City Commissioners stating that we have the Infrastructure Sales Tax Funds available for matching funds for this important project.

6. Evidence of applicant capability to carry out project. For development projects, applicant capability to operate, maintain, and protect trail and facilities when completed).

The City of Fargo Engineering Department is very capable of moving this project into the environmental clearance phase, design phase, and the construction phase.

## Evaluation Criterion:

All applications must address the following criteria in the order that they appear.

**1. Site and project quality:** consideration of the needs of the intended trail user group(s); aesthetic quality of the trail location; appropriateness of the trail for the intended or existing uses; clarity, detail, and quality of project plan/design; quality of existing development (if any) on site or in corridor; attention to safety, accessibility and health considerations.

This project would take place on Fargo Park District land adjacent to Island Park, which is a Fargo treasure. This connection to the neighborhood would fit in like a glove. This part of town is well developed and very walkable and bikeable to the area residents.

As you can see in the attached map of the existing City of Fargo bicycle network, the city of Fargo and the Fargo Park District have planned for an extensive off-street system of shared use paths. This project is one that has been identified by both the City, Parks and Metro COG.

**2. Public need for and benefit of project:** safety concerns, urgency of action, potential to lose the opportunity, number of people who would benefit from the project when compared to cost. Why should this project be funded? How many people could be expected to use the trail over the course of the year as a result of funding the project?

I estimate that this shared use path will see hundreds of daily users between May and October and also some hearty individuals in the winter months. This project should be funded as it would fill in the missing gap between the on-street shared road markings on 5th Street to the south of here, to the shared use path located in Island Park. This would eliminate the need to people to go out of there way to continue south of Island Park.

**3. Attention to the potential environmental impact of the project and efforts to mitigate adverse effects:** Possible areas of consideration include but are not limited to: noise, odors, dust, surface erosion, fish and wildlife populations, damage to wetlands, or other ecologically sensitive natural resources or historical/archeological remains. All applications are subject to review by the State Historical Society. If sponsor has a recent cultural review letter or document, please include with the application attachments.

The land use adjacent to the proposed project is residential, public and park. This project is compatible to all adjacent land uses. This project will be constructed in an urban area where the existing farm lands have already been converted to urban areas. Positive social impacts should come from this project due to the improved level of safety and convenience the project will provide to the surrounding land uses and shared use path uses. This project will provide a positive economic impact because the project will be bid, thereby creating work for contractors and suppliers. No relocations will be required. No filling will occur in any wet lands. This project will be located within the 100-yr floodplain. There are no threatened or endangered species in the project area. There are no known properties on or eligible to be on the National Register of Historic Places in the project area.

#### 4. Impact on adjoining landowners in the vicinity of the project:

Identify adverse impacts that might be realized as a result of completing the project, and how the project design attempts to mitigate adverse impacts. How might the project improve conditions for adjacent landowners?

This project will be located in park land adjacent to an elementary school, a single family house, and an apartment complex. The design of the path will arc away from the house and apartment as to not disrupt those two properties. This area is heavily wooded, so the tree canopy will help to break down sight lines and buffer the adjacent landowners.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- \* A legible copy of the Warranty Deed (project sponsor must have clear title to the project lands through Warranty Deed).
- \* Project location map. NOTE: Map should be an aerial view that allows project site and its location to be easily identified. Include street names, entrance site, marked trail and mile markers (use Google Maps).
- \* Site Development Plans.
- \* Written assurances/leases that confirm the project will be open for public use.
- \* If applicable, recent past cultural review letters or documents.

## **Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying**

Persons submitting this form should refer to the regulations referenced below for complete instructions:

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions – The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titles, “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction,” provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. See below for language to be used; use this form for certification and sign; Certification Regarding Drug- Free Workplace Requirements-Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals) and Alternate II. (Grantees Who are Individuals) – (See Appendix C of Subpart D of 43 CFR Part 12)

Checking the boxes on this form and submitting it provides for compliance with certification requirements under 43 CFR Parts 12 and 18. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the funding agency determines to award the covered transaction, grant, cooperative agreement or loan.

### **PART A: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions**

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
  4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default
2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

### **Part B: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

- Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**Part C: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements**

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

- The grantee certifies that it will or continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
  - (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
  - (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about-
    - The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
    - The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    - Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
  - (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
  - (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
    - Abide by the terms of the statement; and
    - Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
  - (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification numbers (s) of each affected grant;
  - (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—
    - Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
    - Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
  - (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (f).
- The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Address Line 1: | 200 3rd Street N |
| Address Line 2: |                  |
| City:           | Fargo            |
| State:          | ND               |
| Zip:            | 58102            |

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here

## Part D: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL

### Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

1. The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
2. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to the grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number (s) of each affected grant.

## Part E: Certification Regarding Lobbying

### Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative

CHECK IF CERTIFICATION IS FOR THE AWARD OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AND THE AMOUNT EXCEEDS \$100,000: A FEDERAL GRANT OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT; SUBCONTRACT, OR SUBGRANT UNDER THE GRANT OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

CHECK IF CERTIFICATION IS FOR THE AWARD OF A FEDERAL LOAN EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, OR A SUBGRANT OR SUBCONTRACT EXCEEDING \$100,000, UNDER THE LOAN

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

**As the authorized certifying official, I hereby certify that the above specified certifications are true and that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge:**

For information of how to digitally sign this document, click on this link: ["http://kb.its.psu.edu/node/2127"](http://kb.its.psu.edu/node/2127)

**Jeremy M. Gorden**  
Digitally signed by Jeremy M. Gorden  
DN: cn=Jeremy M. Gorden, o=City of Fargo,  
ou=Traffic Engineering,  
email=jgorden@cityoffargo.com, c=US  
Date: 2015.01.23 11:41:37 -0600

**Responsible Official's Signature**

**City of Fargo**

**Political Subdivision (Project Sponsor)**

**Transportation Division Engineer**

**Responsible Official's Title**

**01/23/15**

**Date**

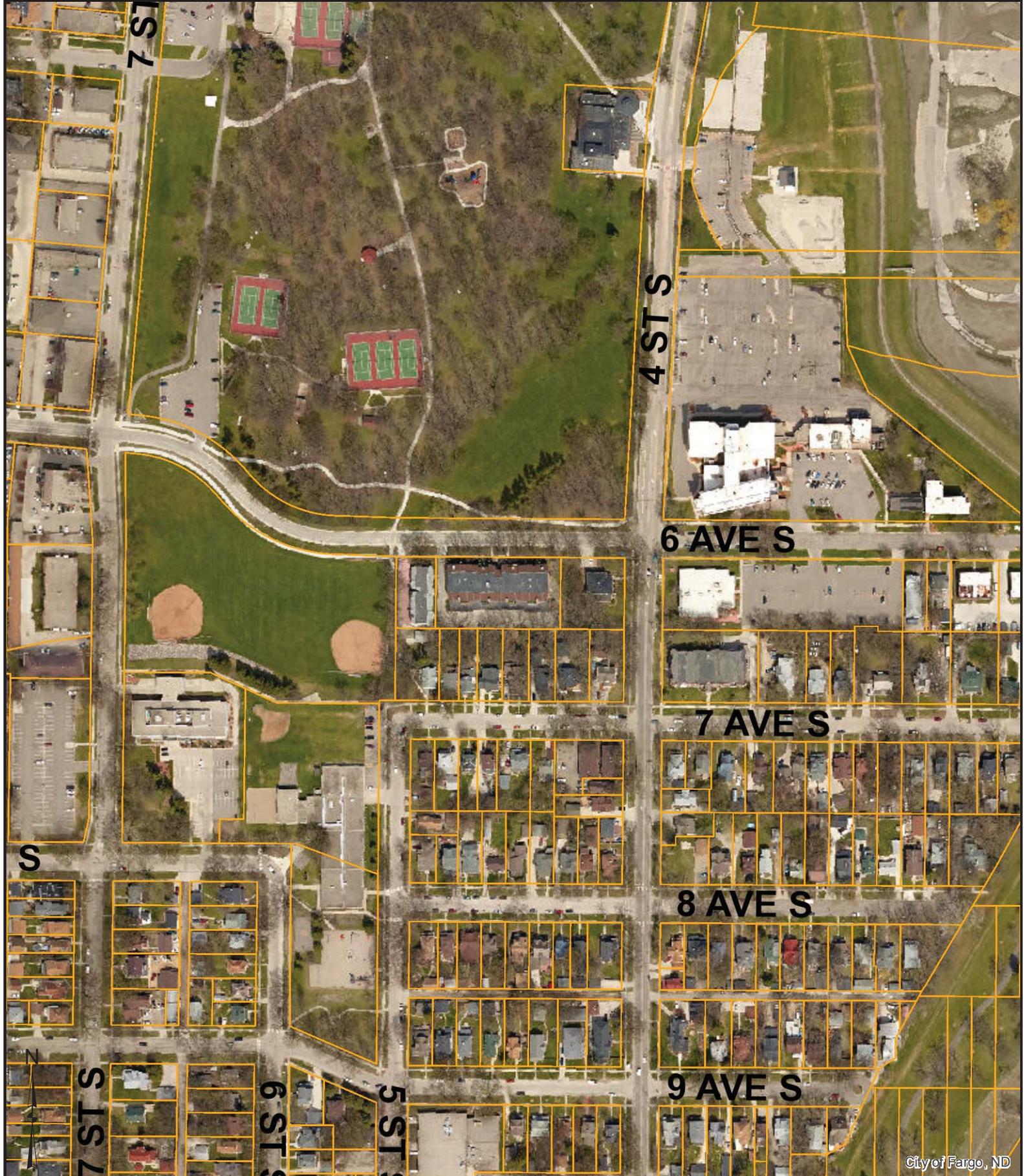
**Please submit one electronic copy by 1:00 P.M. CST on January 30, 2015 to:**

**Electronic Copy:**

**If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Stankiewicz at 701-328-5364 or [kstankiewicz@nd.gov](mailto:kstankiewicz@nd.gov)**

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City of Fargo, ND

These data are provided on an "AS-IS" basis, without warranty of any type, expressed or implied, including but not limited to any warranty as to their performance, merchantability, or fitness for any particular purpose.

# Project Location Map

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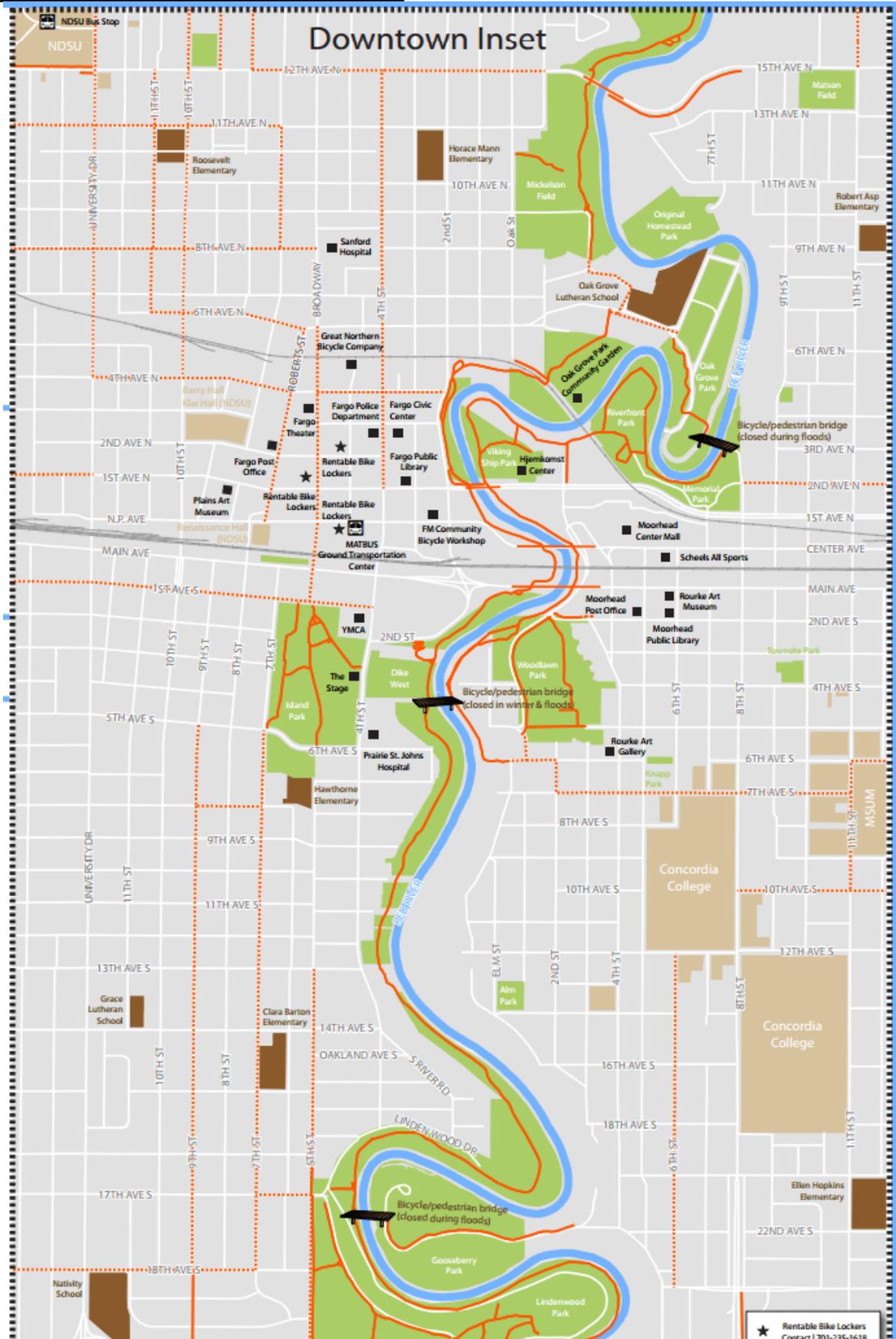
This map is not a substitute for accurate field surveys or for locating actual property lines and any adjacent features.



**Project Location – 5<sup>th</sup> Street Extension between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S**



**Excerpt from 2013 FM Metro Bike Map**



**Looking Northwest from 5<sup>th</sup> Street & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S Intersection**



**Looking Northwest from 5<sup>th</sup> Street & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S Intersection**



**Looking South towards 5<sup>th</sup> Street/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S Intersection from Ball Field**



**Looking North towards Island Park from Ball Field near Path Alignment**



# Existing & Proposed Profile Grades for Path

