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Park or Trail Name

Great River Park Complex

District

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Location Description

The Great River Park Complex is comprised of Bend in the River Regional Park located in Benton County, and Mississippi River County Park located in Stearns County. The parks are separated by the Mississippi River. The Great River Park Complex is roughly 15 minutes from downtown St. Cloud, MN, and within a 2-hour drive from the Twin Cities metro area.

Bend in the River Regional Park:

11231 River Road NE, Rice Minnesota 56367. Located approximately 1 mile south of the City of Rice in Benton County. Bend in the River Regional Park encompasses almost .66 mile of Mississippi River shoreline.

Mississippi River County Park:

41300 County Road 1, Rice Minnesota 56367. Located approximately 1 mile south of the City of Rice in Stearns County. Mississippi River County Park incorporates an estimated 1.3 miles of Mississippi River shoreline.

Park/Trail Address

41300 County Road 1

City

Rice

Park/Trail State

Minnesota

Zip

56367

Latitude

45.719410

Longitude

-94.228780

Map of Park/Trail

Description: Bend in the River Regional Park Map

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Description: Mississippi County River Park Map

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Description: Great River Park Complex
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Facility Website

<https://co.stearns.mn.us/Recreation/CountyParks/MississippiCountyPark>

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Joint Applicants

Joint Applicant #1

Stearns County Resolution

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Benton County Resolution

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http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/19-021D/Resolution Supporting Regional Park or Trail Designation Application_bf67df.pdf

Joint Applicant #3

Joint Applicant #4

Other project supporters

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Nordic Ski Club, T.H.E. Great River Archery Club, Granite City, Junior Olympic Archery Development, Rice Area Sportman's Club, Boy Scouts of America, St. Cloud Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, St. Cloud Scheels, Archery Country HikeHoppers, Stearns County Water & Soil District

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Regional Significance Statement

Centrally located within the state of Minnesota just north of St. Cloud, the Great River Park Complex offers a variety of outdoor activities such as; summer and winter trails, access to the Mississippi River, archery ranges, historical sites, and restored native landscapes that enhance the quality of life of the local and

regional population. This Complex protects approximately 600-acres and over 4 miles of shoreline from sprawling development along the world-renowned Mississippi River.

Classification

Natural Resource Based Regional Park

Overview/Description of Park or Trail

The Great River Park Complex is comprised of the Mississippi River County Park and Bend in the River Regional Park but is split by the Mississippi River. The 261- acre Michaelson Farm Wildlife Management Area (WMA) neighbors Bend in the River Regional Park and extends shoreline protection. There are no State Parks in Stearns or Benton County, thus the Great River Park Complex offers many amenities that serve a similar purpose to both local and regional residents.

Bend in the River Regional Park is a 289-acre park that was acquired in 2002 in anticipation to develop the historic farmstead into a significant county attraction for the public. Improvements to the property include; restoration of some farm fields to native tall grass prairie/oak savanna, construction of walking trails and river overlooks, and preservation/stabilization of historic farmstead buildings. Restoring the native landscape to pre-European settlement condition is a priority as well as the educating and understanding of the restoration process. Story-boards throughout the park inform visitors about the history of the area and the purpose of the work. With over 2.5 miles of aggregate hiking trail, visitors can spend their time walking along the Mississippi River and viewing the waterway from three different overlooks. Visitors can learn about the historic farmstead and farming practices of Central Minnesota in the northern section of the park. The southern portion offers additional parking, trails, and picnic tables.

Mississippi River County Park consists of 230-acres on the Mississippi River. The park is developed with 1.1 miles of roadway, over 5 miles of walking trails, over 4 miles of cross-country ski trails, an open-air shelter, open play area, two restroom locations, boat launch, 18-hole disc golf course, and an outdoor archery range. Mississippi River County Park offers group camping opportunities to non-profit youth organizations, bicyclist, and a canoe camping site. Native tall grass prairie/oak savanna restoration have occurred throughout the park. Future development by T.H.E Great River Archery Club proposes an indoor archery range on the park property. An additional proposed 74-acre purchase would allow for more facility development and shoreline restoration and protection. The variety of outdoor activities allows for visitors with any experience level to enjoy the outdoors. In 2018, the Mississippi River County Park saw an estimated 63,000; and hosted over ten non-profit events, graduation parties, scout camping, family gatherings, 3D archery competitions, and church events. Public/private partnerships, such as the one with T.H.E. Great River Archery Club and Hike Hoppers (a non profit focused on using the outdoors to enhance peoples wellbeing) will provide programming opportunities throughout this complex.

This Complex offers a multitude of activities that attract local and regional clientele and protects this section of the river from development; in an area that has no such protections in place. Overall the Complex and Michaelson Farm WMA will protect close to 600-acres of parkland and over 4 miles of shoreline.

Total Acreage or Mileage

519

Acquisition and Development Status

Existing Park or Trail

on going

86

Development status

Some development, but more proposed

New facilities proposed

Facility Listing

This section provides an overview of existing and proposed site facilities and general site

characteristics .

Existing Facilities

- Group campsites
- Tent only sites

Other camping-related facilities

Must be a non-profit youth group -OR- canoe camping or bicycle camping

- Picnicking and picnic shelters
- Hiking Trails (natural)
- Cross-country Skiing Trails
- Lake Access for power boats
- Canoeing Facilities
- Nature Center/Interpretation Trails
- Archery/Shooting ranges
- Restrooms/sanitation building

Proposed Facilities

- Picnicking and picnic shelters
- Hiking Trails (natural)
- Cross-country Skiing Trails
- Lake Access for power boats
- Canoeing Facilities
- Nature Center/Interpretation Trails
- Play areas, with an outdoor theme
- Archery/Shooting ranges
- Restrooms/sanitation building
- Roads and Parking Areas

Existing Facilities Other Information

18-hole disc golf, fat-bike trails

Proposed Facilities Other Information

Indoor and outdoor archery facilities

General Site Characteristics

The world renowned Mississippi River starts in Itasca and flows south to the Gulf of Mexico. The Great River Park Complex is split by this great river. National bike trails, road excursions, and parks along the river provide extended biking, hiking, canoeing, or auto touring experience. The four seasons, and the variable climate of Minnesota gives visitors a different outdoor experience with each visit.

The Great River Park Complex and the adjacent Michaelson Farm WMA lie within the Mississippi River basin. This basin was formed by glaciers moving and melting millions of years ago. The Upper Mississippi River Valley was shaped primarily during the most recent glacial stage of the Great Ice Age. As the glaciers retreated, glacial lakes were breached, which reshaped the landscape where the Mississippi River presides. Thousands of years later, dams were built to create a consistent flow desired by loggers, fur traders, and millers. Before the dams were built along the shores were the Ojibwas hay fields, maple trees, gardens, cranberry marshes, wild rice marshes, villages and burial grounds. The area of the Great River Park Complex has significant history with the relationship between the Ojibwa people, Western European settlers, and commercial interests.

The Great River Park Complex boasts several native plant communities and rare species (federally and state listed) as identified in the Minnesota Biological Survey. These native plant areas include: flood plain forest, dry prairie barrens and willow-dogwood shrub swamp. The Great River Park Complex also lies within the transition zone of the tall grass prairies of the west and the deciduous forests of the east. This transition zone forms a unique landscape known as oak savanna. The oak savanna ecosystem once covered approximately 10% of Minnesota but today less than 1% of this ecosystem remains. In recent years the value of the oak savanna ecosystem was recognized and scattered efforts at preservation and restoration began. Benton and Stearns County encourage and actively participate in native plant community restoration. The Mississippi waterway is also use for avian migration and it is estimated that approximately 60% of North American birds use the Mississippi River basin as their flyway.

The various activities such as disc golf through the pine forest or restored prairie, walking, cross-county skiing, or archery lessons, and more; allows for a high diversity of visitors. The uniqueness of the variety of native plant and animal communities, lack of development on both sides of the river, the important historical components that helped shape the area, and the beauty of the Mississippi River provides a sought-after destination for local and regional users.

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Description: Mississippi River Access

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Description: River View of Great River Park Complex

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Site characteristics upload

Description: Mississippi Park with lowland floodplain

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Site characteristics upload

Description: Bend in the River with Michaelson Farm Wildlife Management Area

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Site characteristics upload

Description: Mississippi prescribed burn

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Description: Bend in the River trail intersection

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Description: Bend in the River trail example

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Description: Bend in the River restored prairie

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Description: Mississippi River restrooms

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Description: Story Board #4

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Description: canoe camp

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Description: Bend in The River restroom

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Description: Mississippi outdoor archery

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Description: Mississippi picnic shelter

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Description: Mississippi Trails

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Description: Anoka Sand Plain Location

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Description: Existing Land Cover Map

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Description: Existing park conditions including topography and site facilities

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Master Plan

Master Plan Status:

No Master Plan is Available

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Benton County Master Plan

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Additional Supportive Information:

A Master Plan for the Great River Park Complex has not been completed. However, Benton County completed a Master Plan for Bend in the River Regional Park in 2005. Currently, Mississippi River County Park does not have a Master Plan. It is the intention of Stearns and Benton County to complete a Master Plan for the Great River Park Complex once the park has been formally designated as Regionally Significant.

Additional Supportive Documents:

HikeHoppers Letter of Support

http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/19-021D/LOS- hikeHoppers_389956.pdf

DNR Letter of Support

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Soil & Water Support Letter

http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/19-021D/Stearns SWCD letter of support for Regional Designation for Great River Park Complex_3b36c7.pdf

Granite City Support Letter

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Boy Scouts of America Support Letter

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St. Cloud Bureau Support Letter

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Rice Area Support Letter

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Archery Country Letter of Support

http://dms.gmrptcommission.org/uploads/applications/19-021D/Archery Country Support Letter_36af2d.pdf

St. Cloud Scheels Letter of Support

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Classification Details

Natural Resource Based Regional Park Classification.

Provides a High-Quality Outdoor Recreation Experience

The Great River Park Complex is one of few public spaces in the region offering undeveloped Mississippi River frontage and high river bluff views. Given the Complex's emphasis on nature and low-intensity development, park users can enjoy an escape from

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river view

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Criteria #1 Images

river view

urban environments to a place that is truly peaceful.

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Bend in the River Regional Park offers over a-half mile of incredible views of the Mississippi River.

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wildlife

With over 200 acres of land, it provides visitors the opportunity to hike through riverside forest, restored prairie, and visit a historic homestead. It is also a great place to watch birds migrating. With the Michaelson Farm WMA to the Northwest, wildlife movement is abundant and can include; deer, small game, upland birds, pheasant, waterfowl, and turkey.

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Bend in the River Restroom

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Mississippi River County Park has over 5 miles of looping trails that intertwine between lowland river wetlands, mixed forest, and restored oak savanna. The park offers a variety of activities for all ages, abilities and experience levels including but not limited to: hiking, archery, disc golf, fishing, snow shoeing, and cross-county skiing. Picnic facilities allow for different size gatherings to site down and spend time together outside. Restroom amenities are scattered throughout the park. Future amenities may include another shelter down by the boat landing. The public/private partnership with the T.H.E Great River Archery group and the construction of indoor and outdoor archery facilities will welcome additional park visitors and fill a gap of needed space for this lifetime sport. The overall goal is to provide a regional indoor archery facility for educational, charitable, and amateur athletics. Currently, there are no other archery complexes in our region capable of hosting the type of activities that are being proposed. (See brochure for more info).

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Bend in the River Prairie Restoration

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disc golf

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X-County grooming

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Groomer in trees

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lowland wetland

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Mississippi prairie restoration

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Brochure

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Preserves a Regionally-Significant and Diverse Natural or Historic Landscape

The Mississippi River begins in northern Minnesota and winds through the north-central part of the state,

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splitting The Great River Park Complex. The Complex, **Criteria #2 Images**

in conjunction to the adjacent Michaelson Farm WMA, farmstead 2

protects approximately two miles of riverbank, on either side of the river, from development and allows the public to enjoy the historic and scenic waterway.

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Bend in the River Regional Park reveals its history through the collection of farm buildings and illustrates the area of agricultural achievements in central Minnesota. The variety of outbuildings exemplified the diversified farming techniques that were encouraged in

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farmstead 3

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Minnesota following the over-production of wheat during the latter half of the ninetieth century. By the 1940s a potato warehouse was built to show the family's transition to a new type of crop. The Graves Farm has been determined eligible for listing on the National Registration of Historic Places.

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The original 203 acres of the park were purchased from the Hiscock family and the property was established as Mississippi River County Park in 1973. The property boasts a variety of native and restored landscapes, some of which are highlighted within the MN DNR's County biological survey. Which makes visiting this park unique in its self because you start your walk in one ecological landscape and end your walk in a completely different one.

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The Great River Park complex is also located along the western boundary of the Anoka Sand Plain. The Anoka Sand Plain is a unique and susceptible ecological region consisting of droughty, sandy, upland soils that provide critical drinking water, recreational opportunities and essential habitat for rare plants and animals. Overall the Great River Park Complex preserves regionally significant and diverse natural and historic landscapes.

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restored prairie

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Well-located and Connected to Serve a Regional Population and/or Tourist Destination

The Great River Park Complex is centrally located within the state. A radius of 200 miles encompasses major cities like; Grand Forks and Fargo, ND; Moorhead, Brainerd, Duluth, St. Cloud, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Rochester, MN; Eau Claire, and La Crosse, WI; reaching over 4 million people in three states. It is estimated that over 69,000 people visit the Great River Park Complex on an annual basis. This is also before the addition of a proposed indoor archery facility.

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60 mile radius

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30 mile radius

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The Great River Park Complex is comprised of two different County Parks that are 8 minutes apart, function together as a local and regionally significant park for central Minnesota and the St. Cloud area and

is complimented by the adjacent Wildlife Management Area. The Complex is located approximately 1 mile off Highway 10, south of the City of Rice and 12 miles north of St. Cloud. The access to State Highway 10 makes getting to the Complex easy for those who may wish to participate in a 3D or indoor archery shoot competition, need a rest from travel, those who may wish to take advantage of the world-renowned smallmouth bass fishery, or persons looking for a quiet walk or ski along the river. The Great River Park Complex is also located along several State and National Scenic Byways, such as the Mississippi River Trail (bicycle route), the Great River Road (vehicle route), and the Mississippi River State Water Trail (watercraft route).

Fills a Gap in Recreational Opportunity within the Region

Currently there are no State Parks in Stearns or Benton County which creates a perfect location for the Great River Park Complex to offer many amenities that otherwise would not be available to both local and regional residents. Given the Great River Park Complex's emphasis on nature and low-intensity development, park users can enjoy the escape from urban environments to a place that is truly peaceful. Neighboring the Michaelson Farm WMA, movement of wildlife is very common. It is not unusual for a child to find joy in seeing their first white tail deer or bald eagle.

Today the Complex fills a gap in recreational opportunity within the region by providing: public access to the Mississippi River (boat or canoe); fishing opportunities (including shore fishing); access to a variety of unique natural areas; camping for those canoeing, non-profit youth groups or people riding their bikes; a view of the river with minimal to almost no development; an outdoor archery range; a 18 - hole disc golf course; hiking; cross-country skiing; historical interpretation, environmental and historical interpretation/programming; off-road biking; and many other recreational activities.

Future development will further fill recreational gaps by adding: cross-country ski and winter use trails, indoor and outdoor archery ranges, restored native landscapes, preservation of biologically significant landscapes, picnic shelters, outdoor programming and education, and by providing a destination for local and regional destination events such as indoor and outdoor archery competitions.

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x-country grooming

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3-D archery event

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archery range

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Disc Golf Map and score card

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Attachments

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