

WATER TRAIL REPORT

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1.0 SUMMARY

The County's rivers are the central component of the regional trail network and green infrastructure. The Grand River and its tributaries, including the Red Cedar River and Sycamore Creek, provide significant habitat and environmental benefits. They are also an important recreation amenity and an economic development asset.

The Grand River and the Red Cedar River offer great potential for recreational boating and fishing. Additional opportunities for recreational use of the river—for example, boat launch sites, short-term docking, kayak and canoe put-in/take-out sites and fishing access—could enhance its value to residents and create an urban tourism destination.

A comprehensive inventory of the County's rivers including the Grand River, the Red Cedar River and Sycamore Creek was conducted to inventory the existing access sites, assess their conditions and identify opportunities for improvements.

For each access site, the following information and features were recorded:

- Location of the site (latitude and longitude);
- The ease of put-in/take-out for existing launches or the potential for a future access site;
- The type of launch such as wood steps, wood dock, concrete steps, or other and its condition;
- The launch accessibility in accordance with ADA standards;
- The presence of parking and other support facilities such as restrooms;
- Distance from in miles and time to the next access site; and
- Any other features.

The access sites and river segments were inventoried and documented with an inspection sheet and an extensive photo log. This documentation is included in this report with each access site clearly labeled and referenced on the map on the next page.

Water Trail Access Sites

