

Comprehensive Policy Plan
"Public Spaces"

Policy Letter 610: West Side Coordination

BACKGROUND:

The City of Fargo has positive examples that can be followed or even improved upon as the community expands outward. Coordination between the Fargo Park District and Fargo School District has provided both entities with cost savings and improved community services. The sharing of the sports fields, parking lots, and indoor facilities are just a few of these positive examples.

As Fargo grows west, it enters into the West Fargo School District and abuts property that is controlled and managed by the City of West Fargo. Also included in this growth area are the representatives from the county, township, and neighboring communities.

The City must communicate with representatives from the adjacent political subdivisions. Past attempts for shared development of park areas in West Fargo were not successful, but efforts should continue. Citizens of Fargo living on the west side will continue to expect recreational services that are in close proximity and accessible. The City's boundaries should not limit or restrict the growth of recreational services.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The City of Fargo should pursue coordination with other political subdivisions in order to avoid duplication of services and cut costs, while still providing a quality service.

CONCLUSION:

Recreational growth beyond the current City limits of Fargo is occurring. Citizens desire continuity of bikeways and walkways that expand into adjacent jurisdictions. Public spaces for recreation should expand in a coordinated and planned manner, both for the benefit of the cities and for the residents.