

Comprehensive Policy Plan
"River"

Policy Letter 701: Riverfront Coordination

BACKGROUND:

Citizen concern over the management of the Red River does not appear to be high. Residents are aware that the river serves as a release for floods; also, most residents have a healthy fear of the river and share concerns over safety; and residents understand that Fargo relies on the river for drinking water.

The role that the Red River plays in the life of Fargo residents is significant. Issues that relate to the river that may need attention include:

1. A need to look at the ecology of the river and to identify what the City is doing right or wrong as it impacts the river.
2. A need to identify a funding source and a mechanism for river bank maintenance that ensures minimal bank slippage.
3. A need to establish a public information program with a checklist of what can or can't be done along the river. The program should also include an aggressive enforcement system.
4. A plan to promote river awareness and the role it plays throughout the City.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The City of Fargo should ensure proposed land use development will not negatively impact the river. Efforts to improve the quality of the river and prevent the degradation of the river system must be enhanced.

CONCLUSION:

No single entity is alone in the responsibility for the care and management of the river. A concern for the preservation and an understanding of the need for constant river improvements are critical. The City of Fargo, and all other agencies, should accept their share of responsibility in the proper management of the Red River.