

Granite Falls



Riverfront Revitalization

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Dear Scott,

On behalf of the members of Granite Falls Riverfront Revitalization (GFFR) I am writing you to congratulate you on your new position as Regional Director for the DNR.

Over the years, our organization has enjoyed the many meetings and events your predecessor, Dennis Frederickson, attended here in Granite Falls. We wish to extend the same welcome to you and your staff. Let it be known that Granite Falls is a community that very much sees the DNR as a partner and a shining example of a town where the citizens, local government, businesses and the DNR do things well together.

Toward that end, we want you to be aware of how much momentum and interest is being generated in the community to facilitate fish passage around or through the municipal dam in Granite Falls. **We would love to see the DNR work with us to advance a plan as to how this could be done.**

We also want to thank your department for the improvements made to the Minnesota River channel directly below the Highway 212 bridge this past fall.

We want to keep the momentum going with more channel improvements below the Granite Falls dam that will enhance accessibility for paddlers and anglers. We would gladly serve as hosts for crews from the Minnesota Conservation Corps who can help make this happen.

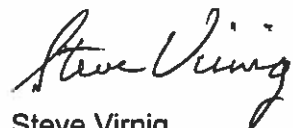
This kind of activity would directly enhance the effort by the City of Granite Falls to improve Memorial Park. This work, combined with earlier removal of the Minnesota Falls dam and the recent channel improvements below the 212 bridge, will combine to make the river run from Granite Falls to Kinney landing something we can promote as a paddling destination of regional significance.

Our organization has good working relationships with the area business community, the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum, the Upper Sioux Community and Prairie's Edge Casino and the new state-of-the-art

Pioneer Public Television studio. ***Things are happening in Granite Falls and we can't wait to show you around!***

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the new Pioneer Public Television Studio at One Pioneer Drive in Granite Falls.. We would love it if you could attend. Otherwise, we meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

Please stay in touch and congrats again on you new leadership position!



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