



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – May 27, 2025
City Council – June 2, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

06/02/2025

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City Auditor

Agenda Item: Request to waive City Code Section 9-0307, for the Special Event, Extreme Watersports Endurance Test Event (END-WET) on June 25, 2025

Submitted by: Sherie Lundmark, City Clerk

Staff Recommended Action: Approve that the Extreme ND Watersport Endurance Test Event (END-WET) may use the Red River for their special event

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Weigel, second by Berg to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to approve on consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

The Extreme ND Watersport Endurance Test event (END-WET) will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, in and around the GF/EGF Red River area, most of the activities taking place along the river corridors formed by the Red & Red Lake Rivers. For the participants and the organization of the event to occur, a waiver of the ordinance is requested for the use of the event.

Please see the attached narrative outlining the event submitted by Extreme ND Racing.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

The City Council adopted 9-0307, swimming in the river and coulee is prohibited. It is unlawful for any person other than emergency personnel to voluntarily enter the water of the Red River of the North or any coulee with or adjacent to the limits of the City at any time whether posted with signs so prohibiting.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Narrative
- Map Event
- Staging map near boathouse
- Proof of Insurance
- Ordinance 9-0307

END-WET Narrative

END-WET is a 36-mile downriver swim race that involves a team and solo swim category. The race will begin in rural ND. The swim will start around sun-up, which is about 5:30 AM. Each swimmer and team will be accompanied by a safety kayaker/boat throughout the entire race. The safety kayakers will provide swimmers with food, water, and support. The safety kayakers will be required to have cell phones. Every swimmer's location will be tracked in real time using a GPS tracking app or tracking device such as a "SPOT" tracker. Finally, a safety / sweep boat will follow the last swimmer all the way to the finish in Grand Forks. All safety kayakers and team swimmers will be required to wear a PFD. It is anticipated the race will end at the Grand Forks city dock, or alternatively the East Grand Forks boat ramp depending on race day conditions.

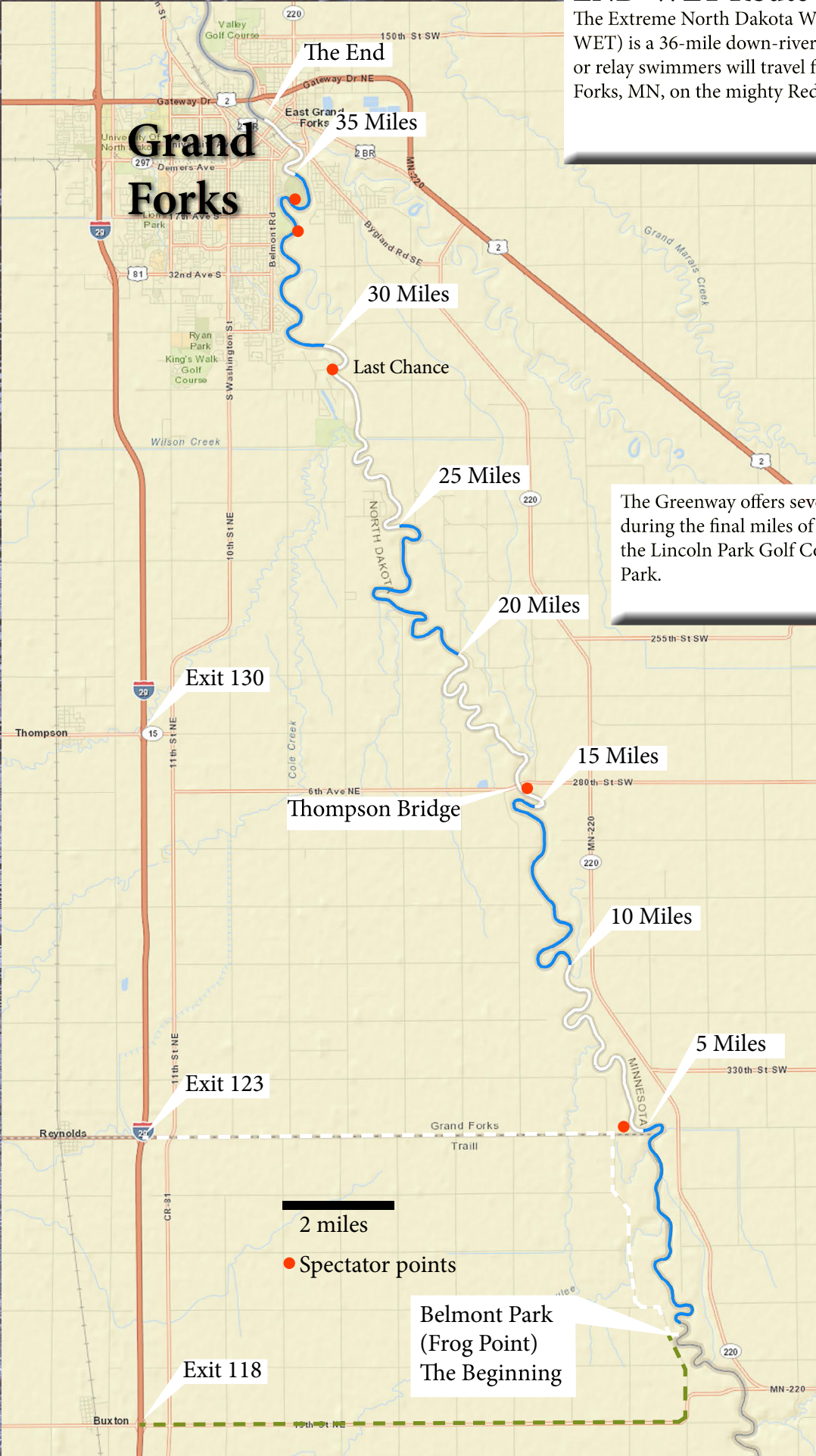
Leading up to the event, some participants may be requesting to train in the river. Swimmers participating in training sessions will be registered participants in the event. The training sessions will involve various length swims and swimmers will always be accompanied by a support kayaker (one kayak may support several swimmers during training swims) or be using one of several manufactured 'solo swim' devices. Swimmers participating in training sessions will be swimming anywhere between Riverside Park and 47th Ave S.

Submitted by Don Henderson and Matt Burton-Kelly, END-WET Event Representatives

Extreme North Dakota Racing
www.endracing.com/end-wet
3707 Simonview Court
Grand Forks, ND 58201

END-WET Route and Spectator Map

The Extreme North Dakota Watersports Endurance Test (END-WET) is a 36-mile down-river swim ultra-marathon where solo or relay swimmers will travel from rural ND into East Grand Forks, MN, on the mighty Red River of the North.



The Greenway offers several options to see the swimmers during the final miles of the race. The pedestrian bridge at the Lincoln Park Golf Course is a prime spot, as is Lincoln Park.





This is the finish staging area near the boathouse



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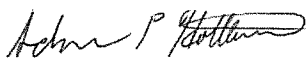
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(Ord. No. 3546, § 2, 9-18-95; Ord. No. 4299, § I, 7-6-10)