

# Dakota County 2023 Minnesota River Greenway Pedestrian/Railroad Separation



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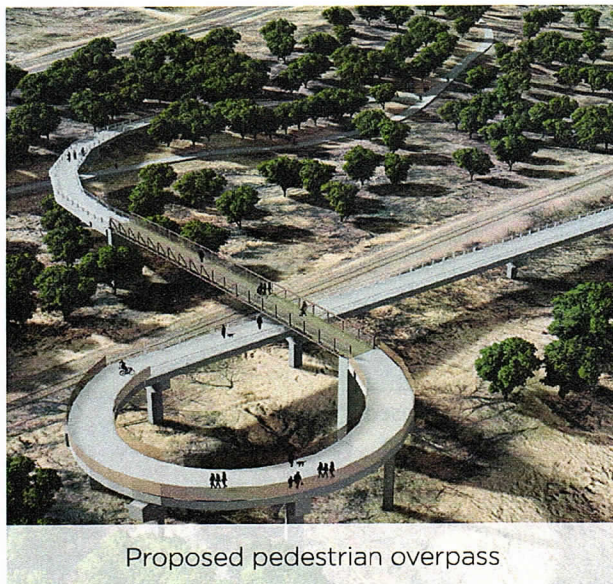
This 17-mile corridor offers an immersive experience with the Minnesota River. With multiple connections to suburban and urban communities and other regional greenways, the Minnesota River Greenway will link the state's birthplace in historic Mendota to Eagan, Burnsville, Mendota Heights, Bloomington and St. Paul. Completing this project will connect two separate greenway segments with a combined 223,000 visits each year.

The greenway project will create the safe crossing of a busy rail line. It will also offer pedestrians and bicyclists a safer alternative to using the Highway 13 shoulder by creating a dedicated trail in Fort Snelling State Park.

**The issue:** The Minnesota River Greenway includes a 3.5-mile missing link in Fort Snelling State Park between Interstate 494 and Highway 77 (Cedar Avenue), requiring a safe railroad crossing and access point designed to avoid an environmentally sensitive area.

**The solution:** Fill a key gap in the Minnesota River Greenway with a railroad crossing and boardwalks, and provide other safety improvements, including ADA compliance.

**State request: \$5.45 million**



Proposed pedestrian overpass



Union Pacific railroad track near future pedestrian overpass

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