



# Help us Green the Greenway!



**TREE PLANTING**  
**Friday, Sept 28 & Saturday, Sept 29**

*A GREAT experience for families, clubs and teams!*

- TIME:** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- MEET:** Jules H. Major Park on the corner of River Road and St. Michael's Road
- BRING:** Shovel, gloves & a lots of friends!
- REFRESHMENTS:** For all volunteers!
- CONTACT:** Julie S. Pelc, Naturalists Service Branch, City of Wpg, 986-3549 or see website for more details

[www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com](http://www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com)

# PROTECTING Green Space

## President's Message

Trees and green plants are not just ornaments, they are part of an eco-system that makes life on earth possible. Winnipeg has no legislated protection for trees, land zoned Public Reserve, greenways, or even parks. Land for new buildings is scarce. New tax revenue is appealing to cash-strapped City Council. Green space is vulnerable.



**Gordon Newton**  
**President BGGI**

It is easier to protect green space than it is to restore it. Without laws and by-laws for protection we must rely on vigilance and the will to oppose development where it does not serve the common good. Recently Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc. with the support of stewardship groups halted the development of a strip mall which would have intruded into Bishop Grandin Greenway.

If you enjoy parks and park-like surroundings don't assume that protecting them is someone else's job. Join BGGI. Meeting details are on our website.

# Eco Education Site - Phase 1

Watch for Phase 1 construction of the Eco Education site this fall on the Greenway! Four years in the planning, the Eco Ed site is located just beside the pond, just west of Home Depot. The eco ed site is intended as an outdoor meeting space located within the greenway to enable educators and school teachers to teach Environmental Education programs in an outdoor venue.

With the inclusion of interpretive and / or information panels it also provides an opportunity for everyone to learn about the features specific to the natural environment within Bishop Grandin Greenway.



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## 2007 Pathway Construction



**SEINE RIVER TO ST. ANNE'S ROAD**

~ .6 km linkage connection.



**SEINE RIVER TO SHOREHILL DRIVE**

~ 1 km linkage connection.

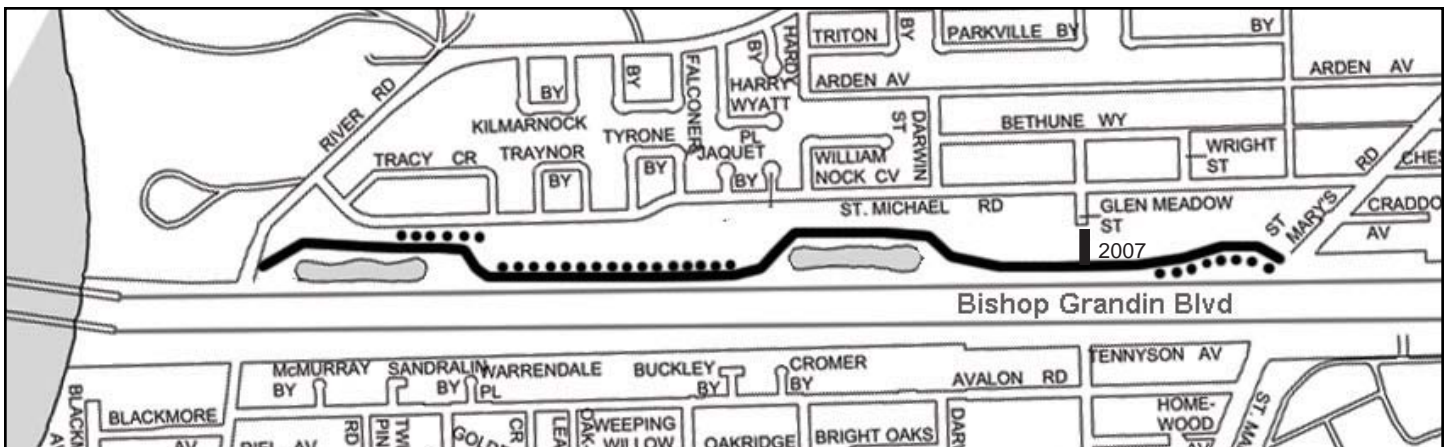


**ST. MARY'S TO GLENMEADOW**

~ .6 km linkage connection.

## 2008 Pathway Construction - GLENMEADOW TO RIVER ROAD

Expected in 2008 construction season. Extensive studies of this phase have been conducted regarding pathway location & tree planting. Many constraints (aqueduct, fiber optics, boulevard / bridge expansion, road right of ways, easements, etc.) were involved in determining the route. A conceptual map of the Phase Two pathway route is shown below - a more detailed map can be found at: [www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com](http://www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com)



## Expansion WEST of the Red River

### FORT GARRY BRIDGE - WHYTE RIDGE

A proposed route for the Greenway and trail has been developed to link the immediate surrounding communities of University Heights, Waverly Heights, Waverly West and Whyte Ridge. Details of the proposed route can be found on the website at [www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com](http://www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com)

Discussions are ongoing with Federal, Provincial and City representatives and we are very optimistic significant funding will be announced soon! If you reside WEST of the Red River and are interested in further details, please attend the Bishop Grandin Greenway monthly meetings. Meeting details can be found on the website [www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com](http://www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com)

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## Community Gardens on Greenway



Conceptual image of community garden

Construction of the community gardens is underway!



The gardens will be located just south of the Eric Street entrance. Phase one will consist of five 5' x 10' raised gardens and will be ready for planting Spring 2008. Primary financial support for the community gardens is being provided by the St. Boniface - St. Vital Rotary Club. The St. Vital Agricultural Society will be managing bookings of the gardens.

## St. Vital *in motion*

Over 150 people walked the Greenway on Sept. 15th as part of an 'in motion' event! Congrats to all who participated!



## NATURALIZATION PROJECT *NO MOW ZONE*

**By:** Julie S. Pelc, Naturalist Services Branch, City of Winnipeg

Grassland and Forest Naturalization areas have been designated within the Greenway by the City of Winnipeg and BGGI.



Eliminating mowing, reducing mowing or raising the height of cut can be used along waterways, ponds, under oak trees and along existing natural areas to help restore the natural heritage to a disturbed site through the process of naturalization. During the initial phase of naturalization weeds, such as Canada thistle, burdock and sweet clover, can establish which are often removed with hand pulling or spot cutting. In some cases, the native seed source has been removed and native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers are planted to speed up the long-term naturalization process.

These sites provide many benefits, including habitat for a diversity of plants, animals and birds, improve soil and water quality and provide an opportunity for people to explore nature.

## TRAIL SIGNAGE

Watch for new trail signage to be installed along the Greenway! The Province of Manitoba has provided funding to sign trails throughout Winnipeg. The Winnipeg Trails Association is working with the City of Winnipeg and various Trail Associations to develop the route identification signage.

BGGI is also investigating the installation of habitat and historic interpretive signage along the Greenway and are open to ideas!



## 2007 Green Team - THANK YOU!

Five energetic youth made up the BGGI Green Team this year! Kristian Gallinger worked on the Green Team last year and came back to be the 2007 team lead. The Green Team worked on many projects through the spring / summer season ranging from:

- \* Thistle and purple loose strife removal,
- \* Refuse removal, signage installation,
- \* Tree planting, pruning, and watering.

A huge thank you to the Green Team and the Province of Manitoba for helping to develop and maintain the Greenway!



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*To create, enhance and conserve  
an accessible network of nature areas and public pathways  
that link and support both human and wildlife communities  
along Bishop Grandin Blvd.*

## WHO IS DEVELOPING BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY?

**Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc.**, (BGGI) is a not for profit registered charity addressing the community need for improved history, health and wellness. The organization consists of community volunteers who are spearheading the Greenway development. Many organizations are supporting the project through expertise, guidance and financial support - Manitoba Hydro, the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba and Gov't. of Canada to name a few.

### Monthly Meetings - Open to the Public

6:30 pm (dates/details posted on BGGI website)  
First Thursday of every month  
Louis Riel Library, 1168 Dakota Street

## BISHOP GRANDIN GREENWAY INC. 2007-2008 Volunteer Board of Directors

Gord Newton	President
Mike Balshaw	Past President
Murray Gibson	Vice President
Janice Lukes	Vice President
Wayne Sawatzky	Treasurer
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## MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT

Annual Membership \$10.00 (renewable March 31)  
Cheques payable to: Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Your cash and in-kind contributions help improve Bishop Grandin Greenway each year! The Greenway not only preserves green space along Bishop Grandin Boulevard, but also enables each of us (whether on bike, foot or wheelchair) to enjoy the beauty, nature and wildlife along the corridor. Help us create Bishop Grandin Greenway with a gift that reflects your commitment to preserving this important piece of green space. All contributions of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt. For more information on opportunities to donate, see 'Get Involved' at [www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com](http://www.BishopGrandinGreenway.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the heart of Bishop Grandin Greenway. Countless people and organizations offer their time, expertise and assistance towards many of the Greenway projects. There are a number of ways in which you can get involved.

*circle areas of interest*

### Education

*(Environment, interpretation, healthy living, youth/senior education, etc.)*

### Environment

*(Habitat conservation & restoration, tree plantings, etc.)*

### Finance

*(Public / private fundraising, etc.)*

### Recreation

*(active transportation, active living, etc.)*

### Special Events

*(public / private )*

### Public Relations

*(Volunteer development / newsletter production, website content, posters, promotion, etc.)*

### Board of Directors / Governance

*(Become involved in project management and governance of the volunteer organization.)*