

## Envision 2035 Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: June 28, 2012

Time: 3:30 p.m.

### Task Force Present:

Mike McAreavey, Deb Bunde, Bonnie Duffy, Larry Haug, Bruce Aljets, Shannon Nordstrom, Steve Becker, and Ron Klingenberg.

### Advisory Board Present:

Todd Schuver.

### Others Present:

Todd St. Sauver, Steve VanDerBeek and Gary Sandholm

### Staff Present:

Project Manager - Ryan Streff

County Planning - Scott Anderson, Pat Herman and Dustin Powers

### Meeting Summary:

Steve VanDerBeek and Todd St. Sauver presented to the Task Force on behalf of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department.

There are 13 Game Production Areas or 2,531 acres of this land in Minnehaha County, which is typical in size when compared to other counties in South Dakota. There are four Game, Fish & Parks (GFP) regions in South Dakota, Minnehaha is in Region 3. The 20 counties in Region 3 make up 50% of the population of South Dakota but there is only 17% of the land area in the region. Hunting is the dominate use of the GFP land but there are also opportunities for bird watching, hiking and nature. The land is not managed for specific animals but does provide nesting sites and winter cover for animals. Each management area has parking and access points with some having public boat launches and docks. The GFP is supported through licensing fees and sporting equipment tax.

In Minnehaha County, GFP land is dominate towards the western edge and is mainly made up of water. Open space land is decreasing due to water levels increasing and encroaching development. One of the biggest challenges is residential housing adjacent to GFP land. Residents are opposed to shooting so close to their homes and hunters are less likely to use areas where there is housing.

Alteration of the shoreline by residents to create better views can decrease available undisturbed areas for wildlife. In creating a beach like shore, root systems are lost along with cover and nesting places for the wildlife. The shore becomes highly erodible allowing sand and fertilizer to be washed directly into the body of water. Water depths are on the decline as sediment is filling

in lakes or wetland areas. This is being caused by agriculture, lake shore development, and urban runoff. The results can lead to heavy algae blooms and fish kills.

There is a need for water based recreation, especially in Minnehaha County. Damming and dredging are ways of increasing water opportunities. GFP is concerned about the invasive species Asian carp. Right now these species have not traveled into the Big Sioux between Sioux Falls and Yankton because of the damming system. This is the last remaining carp free area in the eastern South Dakota watershed.

There are laws to prosecute people for polluting waters with fertilizer or with transporting in an invasive species.

Discharge of a fire arm – 660' setback from residences when shooting from a ROW. Setback does not apply on private land or on GFP land.

Repair or changing of shoreline requires a permit from GFP.

Suggestions for Envision 2035 Comprehensive Plan:

1. GFP / County Highway Department and Township work together on projects.
2. Setbacks for residential houses from GFP land.
3. Permit to change shoreline below the normal high water mark.
4. Application/Permit for lakeshore development

Next Task Force Meeting:

August 2, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building