

## PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE PLAN

## CLIENT: ELKO NEW MARKET, MN

In 2006, the cities of Elko and New Market identified the need to prepare a park, trail & open space plan and evaluate their park dedication fees to determine if the current fees reflected actual park system costs and their relationship to the park system demand. Recently in 2007, the two cities merged to continue their pace of growth while providing expanded city services and facilities at a lower cost.

The intent of the 2030 Park and Trail Plan was to further the directive of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan in regard to planning and providing active and passive recreational opportunities for community residents. Specifically, the Plan is intended to provide analysis and a subsequent decision making framework to guide City officials in providing community services and facilities and to address private development proposals. In this regard, the Plan will be used to earmark future park and trail areas in advance of development.

