



KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM RELEVANT PLANS AND COMMUNITY INPUT

Source: City of River Falls

TOP 5 ACTIVITIES ON THE KINNI (BASED ON SURVEY RESULTS)

1. Hiking/walking
2. Paddling
3. Relaxing along the shoreline
4. Fishing
5. Picnicking

TOP 5 AREAS OF INTEREST (BASED ON SURVEY RESULTS)

1. Future of the dams
2. River ecology
3. Recreation/tourism
4. Main street's relationship to the river
5. Impacts to corridor neighborhoods



PARKS AND RECREATION

What the community would like to see:

- » More access to fishing areas and improved fish habitat
- » More access for paddling sports
- » Manage conflicts between paddling and fishing uses
- » Enhanced walking, hiking and biking opportunities
- » Enhanced birding opportunities
- » More and enhanced park spaces (at dam impoundments)
- » More natural areas
- » More picnic areas
- » More seating and overlooks
- » Camping opportunities



NATURAL RESOURCES AND RIVER ECOLOGY

WHAT WE KNOW:

- » Kinni is designated Class I trout stream
- » The trout fishery and aquatic habitat is threatened by agriculture and urbanization
- » The dams prevent fish passage today
- » The impoundments raise the water temperatures by 4- 5 degrees F in summer months
- » When dams are removed, natural cascades will serve as a barrier to upstream fish migration
- » Removal of the dams will lower the temperatures of the lower Kinni, leading to improved trout and macroinvertebrate habitat
- » Sediment is approximately 5' deep and is relatively clean
- » Dam removal efforts should be done to retain as much sediment as possible

NATURAL RESOURCES AND RIVER ECOLOGY

WHAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE:

- » Restore and preserve natural areas
- » Clean river and lakes
- » Reduce runoff/pollution from agriculture and adjacent development
- » Create natural buffers along the river and its tributaries
- » Improve wildlife and fish habitat
- » Better habitat management
- » Provide enhanced stormwater management
- » More native plantings
- » Restore the waterfalls



LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- » Leverage tourism opportunities – paddling sports/fishing
- » Better connect downtown to the riverfront
- » Enhance the River Walk
- » Encourage river-oriented businesses downtown
- » Enhance access to and visibility of the river from Main Street
- » Make fishing more visible in the community
- » Provide better wayfinding in the downtown
- » Enhance streetscapes and lighting in the downtown
- » Integrate more public art downtown
- » Provide more cultural/historical interpretation
- » Convert power plant to new use
- » Create a place for a farmers market downtown



ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

- » Better connect the community with the river
- » Better access to the river
- » Enhance the River Walk
- » Address ADA (accessibility)
- » Address safety concerns
- » Enhance hiking and biking opportunities
- » Enhance paddling opportunities
- » Create more loop trails
- » More trailheads downtown
- » Implement safe roadway crossings
- » Improve on-street bicycle facilities
- » Complete gaps in sidewalk trail connections
- » Provide more off-road ped/bike paths
- » Provide lighted trails (while avoiding light pollution)
- » Provide strategic rest areas along riverfront
- » Include more bike/ped bridges
- » Use railroad grade to develop regional trail
- » Better connect the north and south sides of the City
- » Add more bikeshare kiosks (blue bikes)
- » Provide electric vehicle charging stations
- » Provide parking at river access points

