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**BLACK DOG TRAIL CONSTRUCTION SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE,  
REOPENED TO PEDESTRIANS**

The Black Dog portion of the Minnesota River Greenway trail – located along the Minnesota River in northern Burnsville – is once again open to pedestrians. Portions of the trail have been closed since June to complete construction.

The new paved trail will be ideal for walking or biking, and includes an observation deck and wildlife viewing areas. The new Minnesota Riverfront Park, which serves as a trail head to the new trail, is home to picnic tables, a grilling area, a bicycle repair station and a parking lot.

The Black Dog portion of this trail is part of a larger network of connected trails known as the Minnesota River Greenway. Pedestrians are now able to use the entire length of the Black Dog portion from Minnesota Riverfront Park on the west (off I-35W and Black Dog Road) to east off Highway 77. The trail will be maintained year-round.

A grand opening of the Minnesota Riverfront Park and trail is being scheduled for Spring 2017.

*To learn more about the Minnesota River Greenway project, visit [www.co.dakota.mn.us](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us) and search for "Minnesota River."*

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