

"To develop and promote resources for Economic Growth in our community."



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November 2023

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Economic Development Priorities to Invoke Change



Priorities to Invoke Change

Promote Recreation
and Tourism

Improve
Broadband

Support
Childcare

Support Career
Development

Business Retention,
Expansion and
Attraction

Support Housing
Initiatives

County Economic Development: What you need to know:

Do you know why it is naturally better in Aitkin

County? Click the this picture:



Aitkin County Supports our Veterans with Operation Green Light

The Courthouse and Government Center shine green for our Veterans!

In advance of the Veterans Day holiday, Aitkin County announced plans to illuminate county buildings green from Nov. 6-12 as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort uniting counties to support military veterans.

The initiative, led by the National Association of Counties (NACo), raises awareness around the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources available at the county, state and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.



Aitkin County Water Trails Committee names trail system and four of eleven trails!



Aitkin County, November 14, 2023 — today, the Aitkin County Water Trails Committee announced the name of the County Wide River Trail System, hereafter called **The Aitkin County Riverboat Trails**.

Through an extensive public engagement process, the committee reviewed input and ideas for naming the trail system and trails. Thank you to all residents who participated in the naming process.

This trail system includes 11 individual kayak and canoe trails that span from Jacobson to the Pine Knoll Loop. The total river miles of the trail system is over 90 miles!!

“Today we celebrate the history and culture of Aitkin County and our love of the world river. We are using the history of the river to promote the future of the river.” said Kathleen Ryan, Aitkin County Water Trails Committee Chairperson and CFO of Aitkin County.

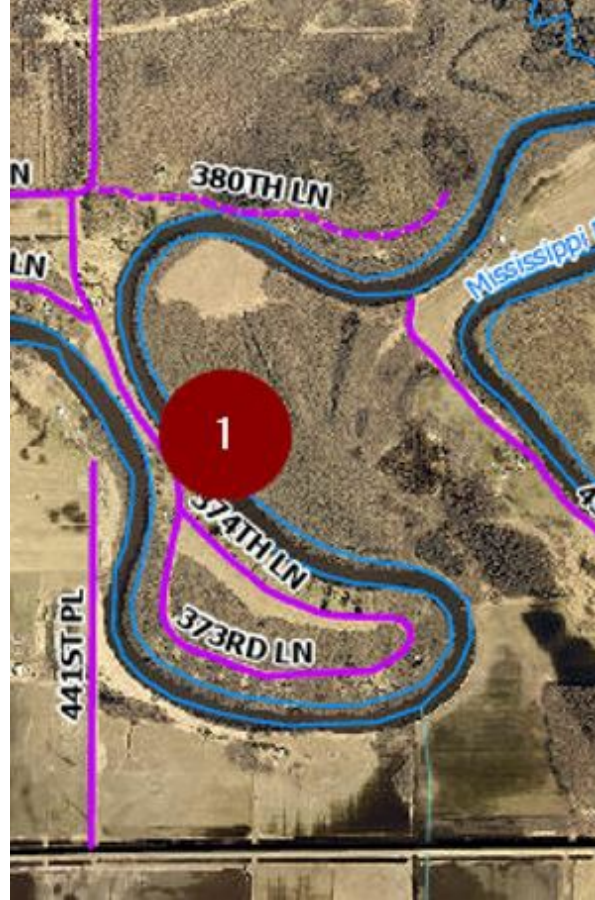
“Aitkin County has the most Mississippi River frontage miles in the state of Minnesota and has been and will continue to be a highlight of our Aitkin County Story. It’s just naturally better here.” said Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator for Aitkin County.

Additional public engagement sessions will be conducted from Jacobson to Kimball in the near future to be a part of naming the trails. Resident participation is encouraged in order to include and acknowledge the history of our great County.

The committee also named the first four trails in the Aitkin area.

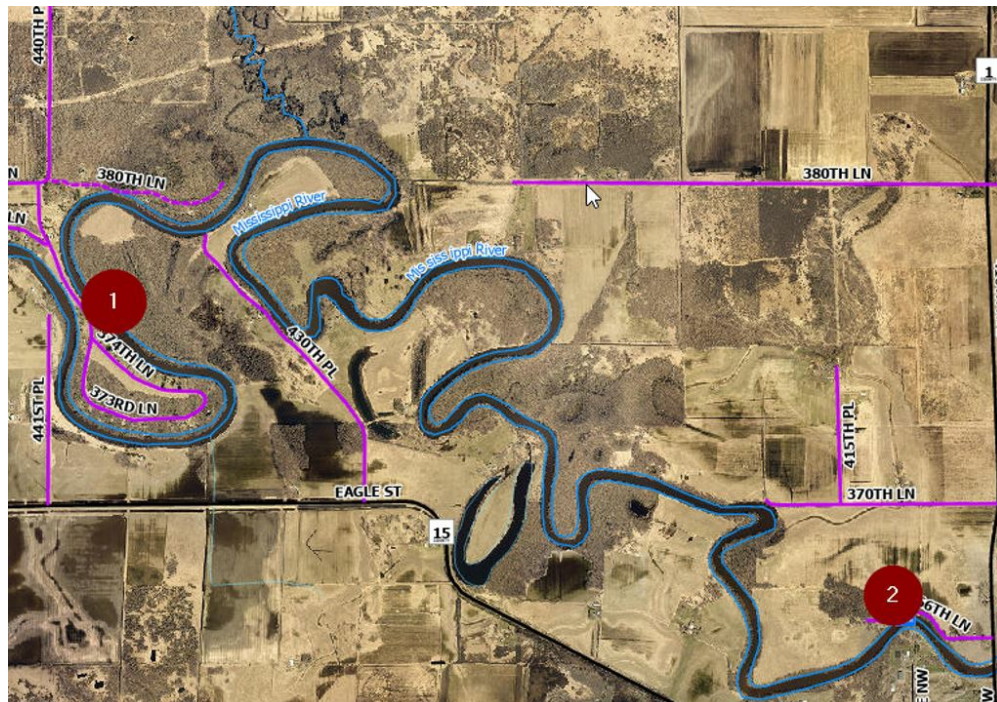
Pine Knoll Loop

Pine Knoll Loop is currently under development and will be a loop consisting of approximately 1.6 miles, with entry and exit in the same location.



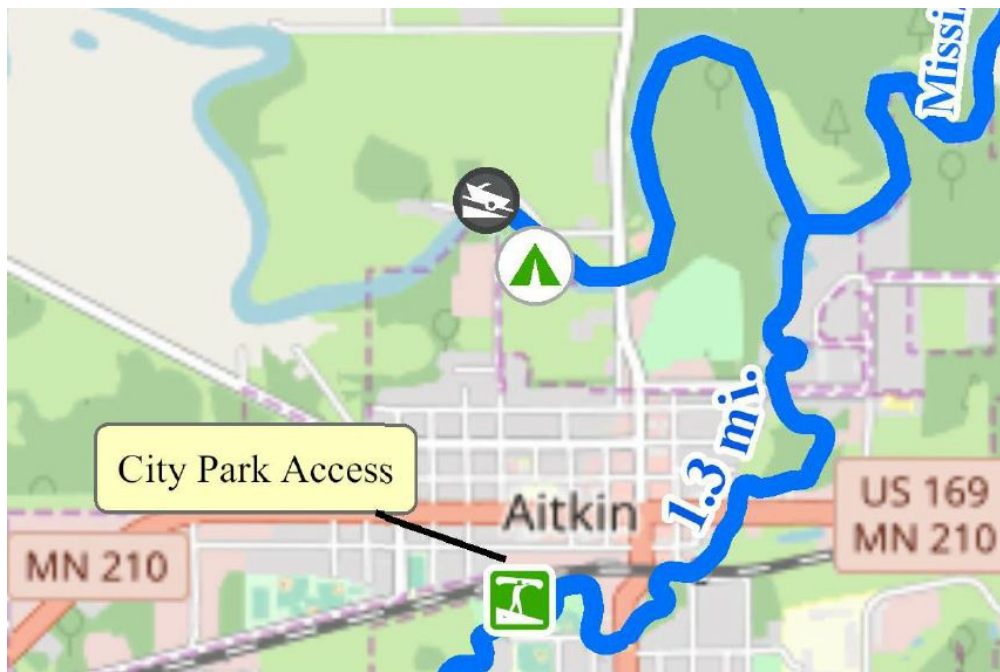
Cedarbrook Way

Cedarbrook Way is an approximate 7.5 mile trail that launches at the Aitkin County Campground in the city of Aitkin, and finishes at the Pine Knoll Loop.



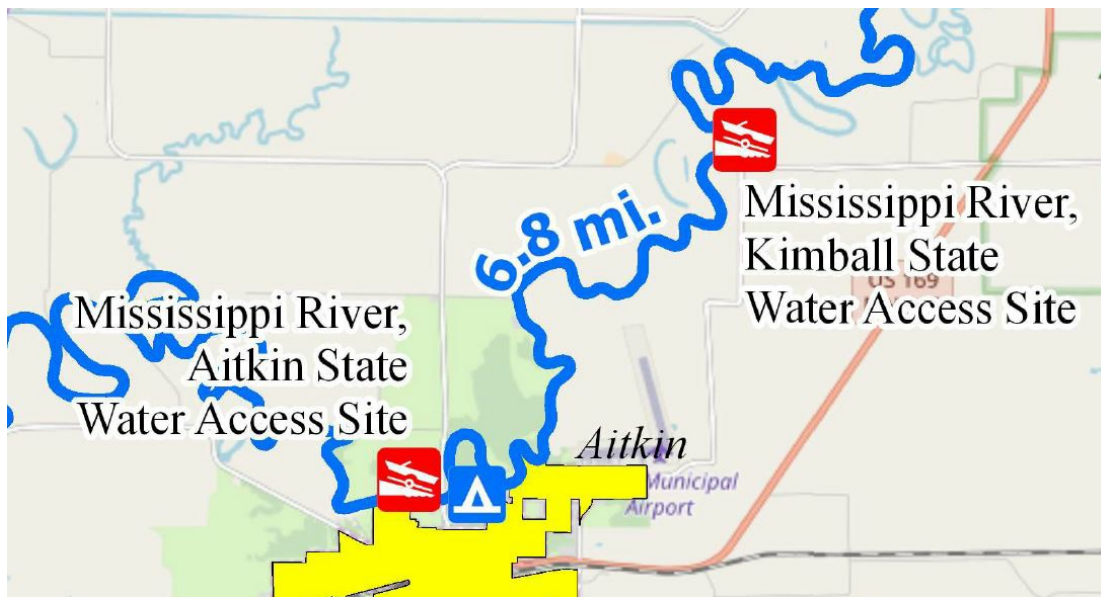
Ripplesippi Trail

Ripplesippi Trail is an approximate 3 mile trail that spans from the Aitkin City Park to the Aitkin County Campground.



Kimball Run

Kimball Run (the home of the Paddle Your Glass Off event) is an approximate 6.8 mile trail starting at the Kimball Access and completes at the Aitkin County Campground.



Aitkin County Establishes a Housing Trust Fund

November 14, 2023- The process was set in motion to approve an ordinance to operate a Housing Trust Fund for Aitkin County.

In the coming weeks, Aitkin County Economic Development will be meeting with area city officials and developers to finalize the implementation plan.

Stay tuned for more details.....

Aitkin County City Signage Opportunity

To: Cities of Aitkin County

RE: Naturally Better signage opportunity

CALLING ALL CITIES OF AITKIN COUNTY. You have an opportunity to collaborate with the County when you plan to upgrade your City signage, i.e. - City welcome signs. When you design the signs, consider using the Naturally Better wording or logo on your signs. If you would decide to use the logo or wording, the County will support the project with \$1,000, going directly to the design and/or construction of the sign.

Interested? Reach out directly to me. mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us.

Aitkin County Economic Development is committed to supporting projects in our entire County and look forward to your requests.

Thanks to the City of Aitkin for getting the ball rolling!



Aitkin Chamber Fish House Parade is coming soon!
November 24, 2023

Aitkin Minnesota



Properties Available in the Aitkin Area

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County Business Spotlight

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