

Lake Camelot Boardwalk Information

- The State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires all boardwalks to be permitted through their agency.
- The city never permitted the southern boardwalk with the DNR when it was constructed by our maintenance staffs sometime between 2003-2004. The boardwalk was constructed of street signposts, rope and wood. It does not meet slope requirements outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the eastern approach. It is deteriorating beyond its useful life.
- DNR Public Water Rules state that a proposed project must represent a minimal impact solution to a specific need with respect to all other reasonable alternatives.
 - DNR has stated that replacing the boardwalk won't be authorized because it is inconsistent with their rules.
 - The DNR has stated that the existing trail provides a suitable alternative that is less impactful to the public water than replacing the boardwalk.
 - If you wish to contact the DNR, you can reach out to Wes Saunders-Pearce, North Metro Area Hydrologist at wes.saunders-pearce@state.mn.us or (651) 259-5822.
- North Boardwalk
 - Will be replaced with a drivable boardwalk with Chankahda Trail Phase 3 to create a continuous trail along Chankahda Trail and will also connect with existing trail connections within the park.
 - Through preliminary discussions with the DNR, this boardwalk meets their criteria for approval in that there is no alternative to the location that is proposed. It is also located as close to the shoreline as possible.
- Overlooks
 - Overlooks or docks are treated differently by the DNR. Docks are defined as a narrow platform or structure extending waterward from the shoreline for ingress and egress for moored watercraft or seaplanes or to provide access to deeper water for swimming, fishing, or other water-oriented recreational activities.
 - Overlooks or docks are not permitted by the DNR. We can add overlooks where necessary.
- With the inclusion of the driveable boardwalk on the north and replacement of the small bridge on the east, maintenance staff will be able to plow a continuous loop around Lake Camelot during the winter.