

A Vigorous Community

- Dynamic, Growing, Prospering
- Nationally Recognized Economic Success
- Diverse Economy - Energy, Agriculture, Retail
- Citizens work together to identify and take on community-wide challenges and achieve extraordinary results
- Uncommon potential for business opportunities

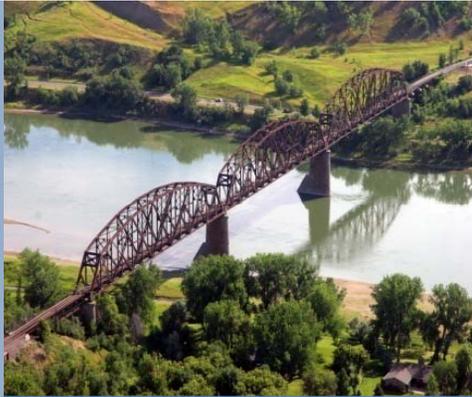
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Quality of Life

- All American City – Tradition of Excellence
- #2 Safe and Trusting Community *(Harvard University Professor to measure social trust)*
- #6 of “200 Best Places to Live” *(Outdoor Life Magazine 2009)*
- Bismarck Named “Playful City USA” *(KaBoom! 2009)*
- Bismarck Named one of the “Best Places to Retire” *(CBS MoneyWatch.com 2009)*

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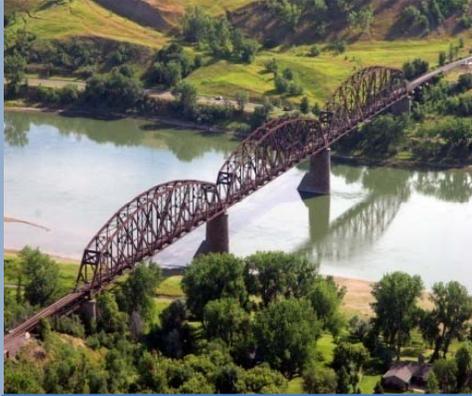


Quality of Life

- 2009 Blizzards and Floods
- Outpouring of Extraordinary Community Spirit
- Neighbor Helping Neighbor



Sandbag Central (Photo Credit - Will Kincaid, Bismarck Tribune)



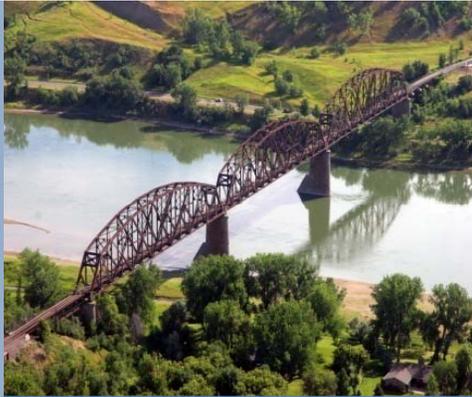
Creating and Sustaining Jobs

- Bismarck Total Employment – 57,940
Up .4%
 - *1st Quarter 2008 to 1st Quarter 2009*
- Bismarck Unemployment Rate – 3.3% (Aug. 2009)
 - 2.9% August 2008 +.4% Change



Business

- #2 Best Place to Launch Small Business (*CNN Money 2009*)
- #3 Most Favorable Metro Area to Attract Business and Households (*Economy.com*)
- #6 Best Small Place for Business and Careers (*Forbes 2009*)

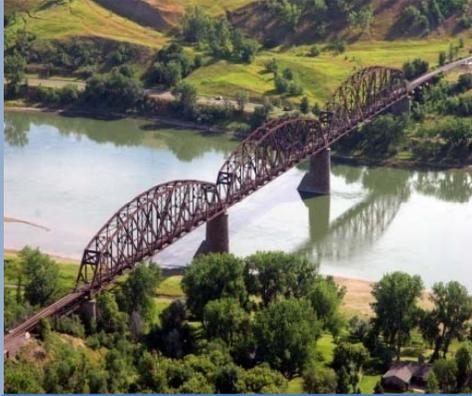


Business

- Investing in Bismarck
 - Outside Investors
 - Local Community continues to expand and build



Edgewood Village



Business

- Continued Growth
- Job Service 2008 Area Profile
 - Retail – 7,941 up 0.5%
 - Primary sector – 2,830 up 0.1%
 - Local Construction jobs – 3,440 up 5.3%

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Business

- Commercial growth continues
 - Black Ridge Bank
 - Edgewood Vista
 - INREIT Properties
 - Premiere Point Apartments
 - Wallwork

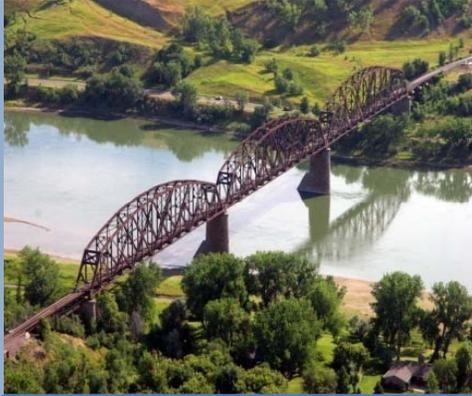


Black Ridge Bank



Premiere Point Apartments

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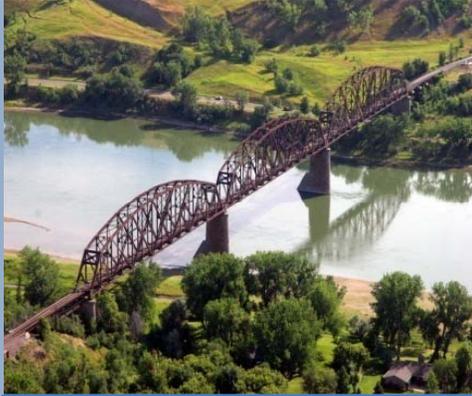
Global Economy

• Economic Downturn

- Northern Plains Commerce Centre
 - Transload Facility Opened
 - Gearing up for Economic Rebound
 - Developing Services that Boost Local Business
 - Continued Economic Development Marketing efforts with City of Bismarck, BMDA, ND Dept. of Commerce and Class 1 Railroads

NORTHERN PLAINS
COMMERCE CENTRE





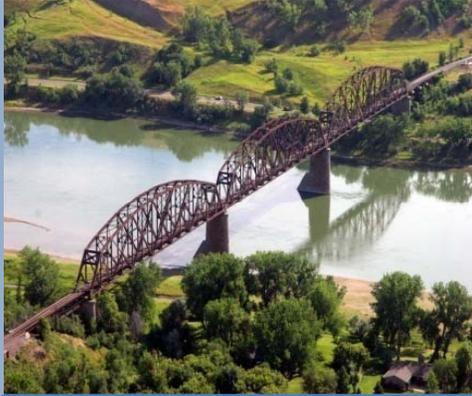
Travelers



Corporate Hangar Area

- 2009 Continued Success for the Airport
 - 175,626 passengers 2008 – up 4% 2009
 - New Service on United Airlines to Chicago
 - New Service Delta Airlines to Salt Lake City
 - 2008 Commercial Service Airport of the Year
 - 2009 FAA Great Lakes Safety Award
 - Completed Corporate Hangar Area

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Travelers

Catch the CAT



- Serving Bismarck and Mandan
- 136,933 rides in 2008
- 19% increase in rides over 2007
- 1070 miles per day
- 12 routes



Community Events

- Bismarck Civic Center 2008
 - Attendance – 359,580
 - Event Days – 489
 - Sales tax dollars raised \$180,594
 - Master Plan update continues
 - Catalyst for downtown development





Community Values

- Plan to End Long-term Homelessness
 - Executive Director hired to implement 10 year plan to end long-term homelessness
 - First “Project Homeless Connect and Central Dakota Veterans Stand Down” held to connect people with needed services
 - 2 housing projects for persons with special needs completed
 - City Partnership continues with Community Action for Tenant Based Rental Assistance targeted to homeless families
 - Transitional Housing Facility for homeless families to be leased to Abused Adult Resource Center upon completion



Community Values

- Preserving traditions of excellence
 - Strong work ethic
 - Spirit of Teamwork
 - Living life to its fullest
 - Quick commute – nice neighborhoods
 - Growing population – low crime
 - Seek new businesses
 - Retain current businesses



Preservation

- Renaissance Zone
 - 60 projects approved
 - 48 projects completed
 - 40+ new businesses tied to the Renaissance Zone
 - 160+ jobs created
 - Beginning building value of \$9.5 million
 - Actual investment of \$13 million
 - Current value of \$21 million



Westley's Jewelry Renaissance Project Plaque



Preservation

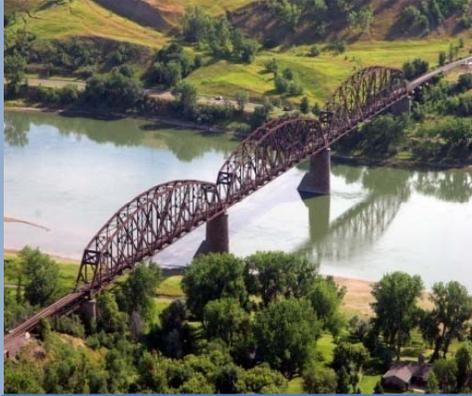
- CORE Incentive Programs
- Financed with Downtown Tax Incentive Fund
 - 35 CORE projects
 - 26 completed
 - Proposed investment of \$531,580
 - Total grant amount approved \$266,627
 - Applicant investment of \$348,728



Preservation

- Revitalizing today – Building tomorrow
 - Planning growth
 - Growth Management Plan in place since 2003
 - Manage and design subdivisions
 - 2008 approved
 - 22 subdivision plats
 - 7 annexations
 - 39 site plans for new business, industrial uses and multi-family residential projects

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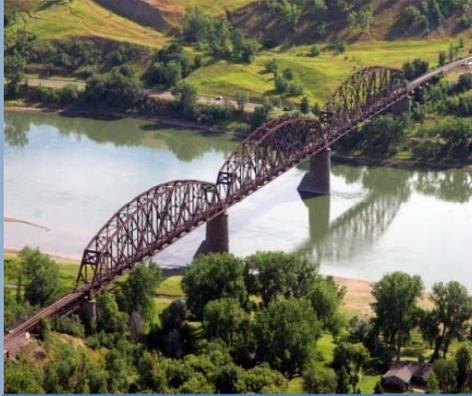
Population

- 2000 Census
 - City – 55,532
 - County – 69,416
- Estimates for 2008
 - City – 60,389
 - County – 78,689

United States[®]
Census
2010



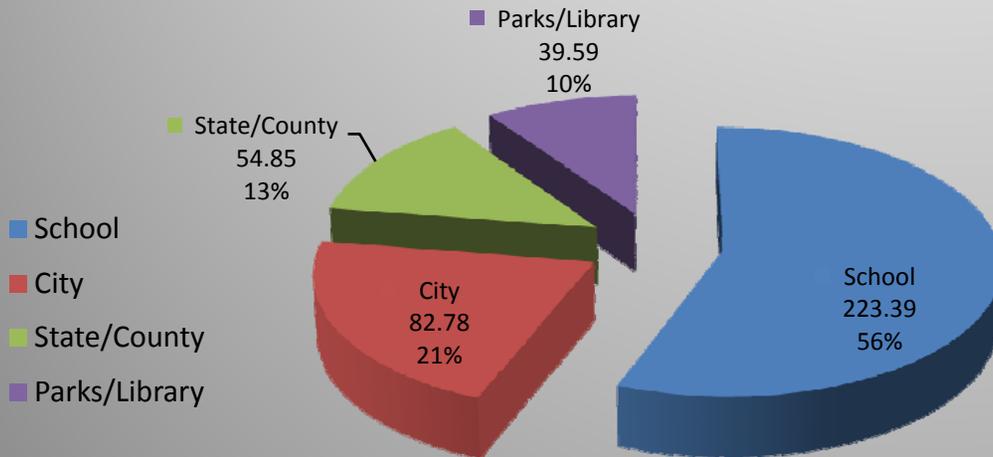
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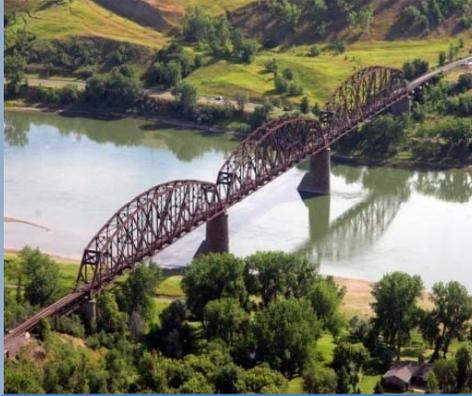
Concern About Taxes

2008 Mill Levies

400.61 Total Mills



Local Intergovernmental Committee formed in 2007 to develop unified strategy for property tax levies.



Concern About Taxes

Bismarck Citizens

Will save

\$4,607,475 in

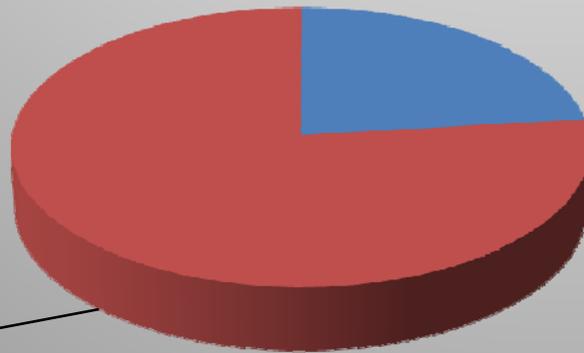
Property Taxes

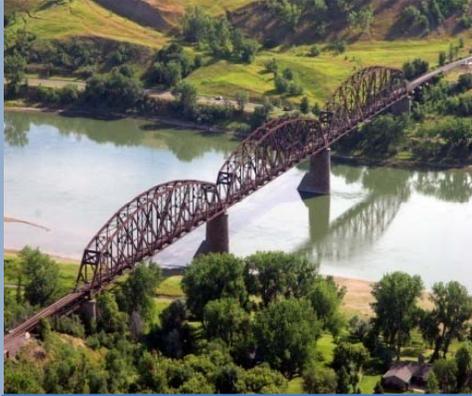
In 2009

■ 25 Mills replaced by Sales Tax
4,607,475
23%

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■ Subtotal after reduction
15,280,109
77%



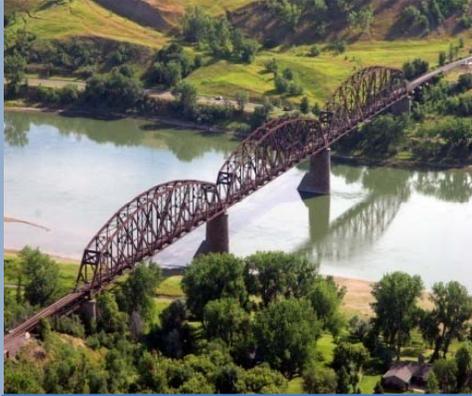


Protection for Life and Property

- Fire Department 2008

- No Civilian Deaths
- Firefighter injuries – 6
- Total fire loss - \$955,646
- Fire Save Rate: 97.5% (\$38.6 million threatened by fire)
- Total Fires: 125
- Rescue: 147
- Emergency Medical Response: 1,197
- Hazardous Condition: 144
- False Call - no fire: 473; Other type assist: 269
- Total Responses: 2,355





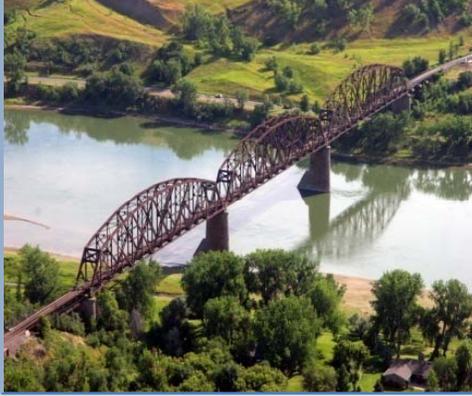
Protection for Life and Property

- Police Department 2008
 - North Dakota ranked 3rd safest state
 - Bismarck ranked as 35th safest metro area
(Morgan Quinto Press 2008-2009)
- Re-accredited 2008 with Meritorious Status, one of two in N.D.
- 11 additional sworn police officer positions authorized in 2009
- On-line reporting system activated August 2009
- Citizen Police Academy initiated in 2009
- Citizen Survey completed in 2009 said 96.5% of respondents feel safe in Bismarck



SWAT and Bomb Squad Response Vehicle

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Protection for Life and Property

- Dedication of the N.D. Memorial to the Fallen in the Global War on Terrorism

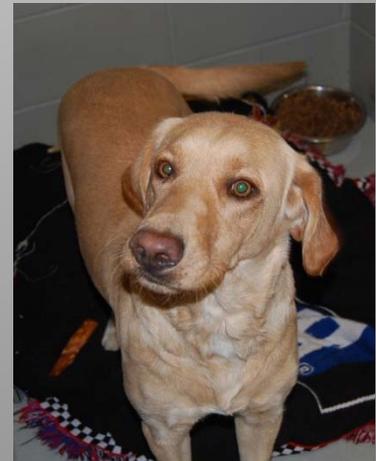


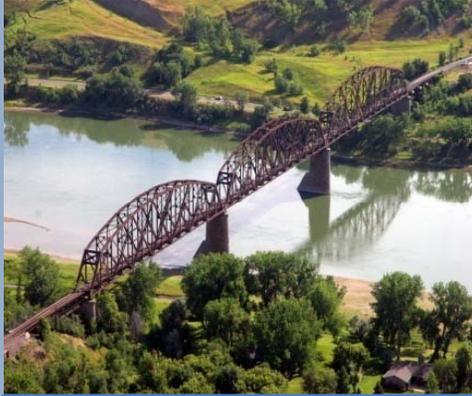
Dedicated September 11, 2009



Protection for Life and Property

- Animal Control Facility to house impounded animals
- Volunteer services valued at \$28, 421
- 783 Animals Impounded
- 63% impounded dogs claimed
- 13% impounded cats claimed
- 363 animals adopted in 2008



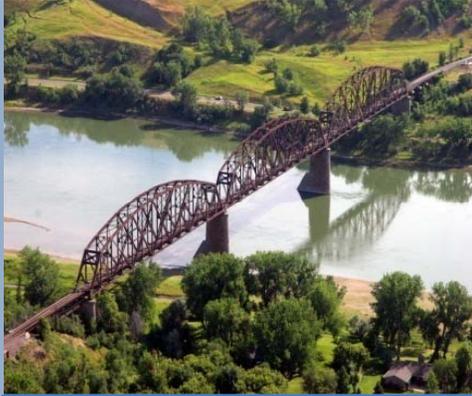


Health Services

- Bismarck Burleigh Public Health
 - Operated Flood Information Hotline-9000 calls
 - Coordinates regional pandemic/all hazard response planning
 - Providing H1N1 vaccinations, business, community and healthcare guidance, training and public information
 - Bismarck named a “Move More Eating Smarter” community
 - Conducted six part series “Navigating the Cancer Experience” for cancer survivors with Bismarck Cancer Center
 - Go! Bismarck Mandan Kickoff – Improve health, fitness, quality of life in our communities



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

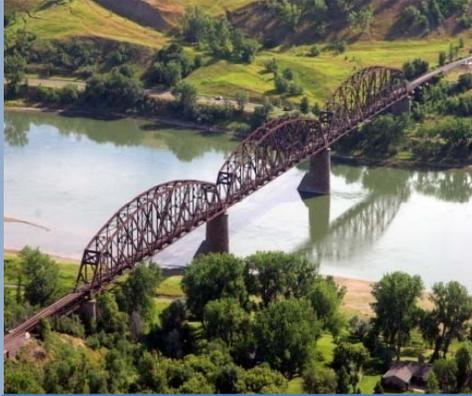


Library

- Celebrating the Children's Library Renovation
 - Re-opening scheduled December 2009
 - Renovated with private funding raised by the Library Foundation
- Bismarck Public Library 2008
 - Hours open to the public – 4,442
 - People visiting the library – 358,922
 - People using the meeting rooms – 16,206
 - Internet and e-mail users – 116,827

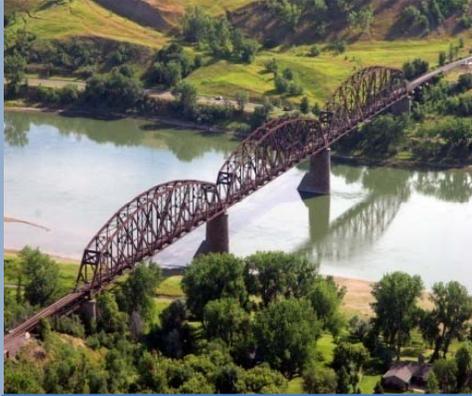


Children's Story Room



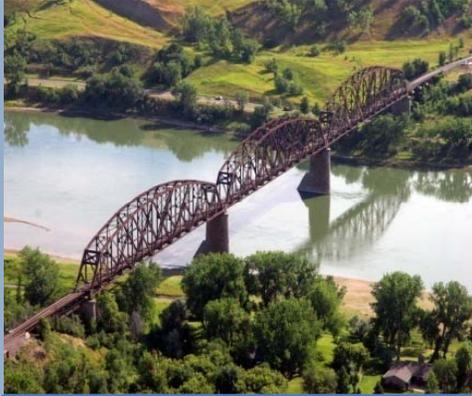
A Positive Outlook

- Total building permits for 2008
3,929
- Building valuation 2008 total values
\$151,813,989



Infrastructure

- Maintain current infrastructure
- Stimulus Projects for 2009
 - West Main Avenue Concrete Rehabilitation
 - 7th and 9th Street pavement mill and overlay
 - North 19th Street Under drain installation and pavement reconstruction
 - South Washington Street pavement mill and overlay

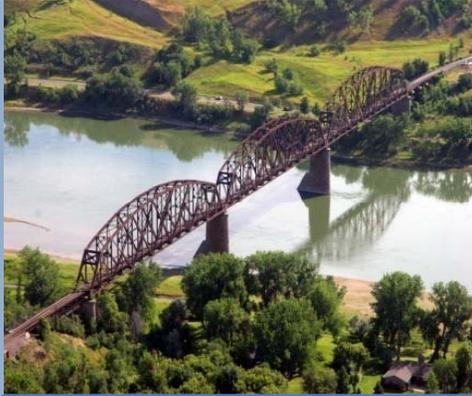


Infrastructure

- Maintain current infrastructure
- Projects for 2009
- Highland Acres - 55 block conversion of hard surfaced asphalt streets
- Canary Avenue/ Raven Drive - installed full depth asphalt streets
- River Road Repair - currently underway
- Annual city wide street resurfacing/mill and overlay/chip seal



North Washington Street Resurfacing



Infrastructure

- **Water Treatment Plant**

- Construction begun - horizontal collector well water intake
Scheduled completion 2012.
- Upgraded water transmission mains from treatment plant
- Replaced two 24" diameter mains with a 30" and a 42" for greater capacity
- Replaced water mains throughout Highland Acres area as part of street upgrade project

- **Waste Water Treatment**

- \$20 million Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade completed

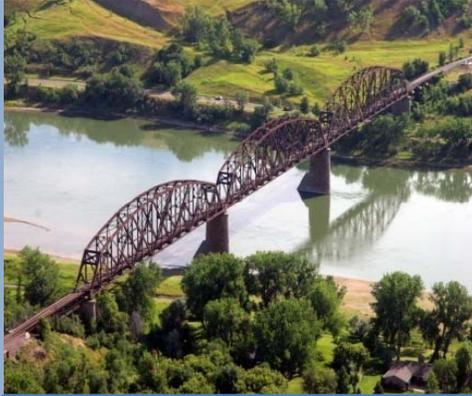


Wastewater Pre-treatment



Infrastructure

- **Public Works**
 - **Biomass Heating System**
 - 300 tons of biomass used to heat Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling center
 - **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling**
 - Recycling program has kept over 443 tons of waste from entering the landfill since the program started in 2001



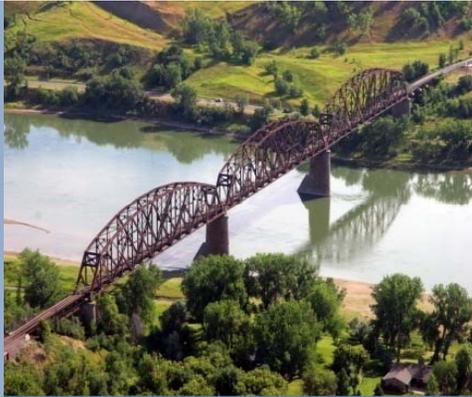
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- **Public Works**
 - **Recycling Task Force Recommendations**
 - Implement a two-sort curbside recycling program
 - Institute a volume based fee structure, or “Pay as You Throw” to encourage recycling
 - Create a recycling education program for residents
 - Contract with one or more commercial garbage haulers for the recycling program



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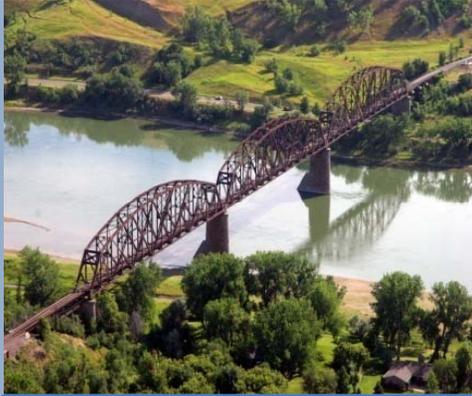
- **Public Works**
 - **“Green” Initiatives**
 - Comparative E-85 gasoline study of two new city vehicles
 - Study found no significant cost/mile savings between the E-85 and regular gasoline fuel blends
 - Energy audits to evaluate potential efficiencies for city buildings in 2009 spurred an Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Sustainability Best Practices committee
 - This group is studying ways the city can create energy savings through infrastructure retrofits and new installations



VISION 2009 IN ACTION

Mayor's Economic Development Advisory Group

- **Objectives**
- Quality of Life
 - Environment, Arts, Education
- Sustainable Infrastructure Development
 - Public and Open Space
 - Energy and Transportation
 - Community Core Downtown



VISION 2009 IN ACTION

Mayor's Economic Development Advisory Group

- Objectives
- Opportunity Development
 - Support Economic Development
 - Enhance Collaboration
 - Promote Development of Bismarck-Mandan Area
 - Continue Support of Applied Energy Technology Center
- Support Mandan Forward



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