Osseo Branch Theme

Railroads shape the landscape: connecting agricultural areas with markets, influencing development, and establishing and linking cities and towns.

The Minneapolis & Northwestern (later known as the Minneapolis & St. Paul), Woodbury Railroad, and the Great Northern Railway led to the name known as the Osseo Branch, to see this rich agricultural area with markets.

People have moved through this area using different modes of transportation, and it was once a trail. Today, the Osseo Branch, is now a light rail corridor.

Technology advancements have influenced how transportation travels today. Since the railroads went through the corridor and up to the light rail we take today.

The Theodore Wirth vision, inspiration, and principles are manifested in what Theodore Wirth designed in the Minneapolis & St. Paul, Woodbury Railroad, and later the Great Northern Railway. The Theodore Wirth segment of the Grand Rounds is a key part of the Minneapolis Park System and the Grand Rounds Historic District. The Theodore Wirth segment of the Grand Rounds is a key part of the Minneapolis Park System and the Grand Rounds Historic District.