2.1.5 Cultural and Historic Resources

Clark Expedition

On the return leg of the Lewis & Clark Expedition to the Pacific Coast, William Clark split from Meriwether Lewis in 1806 and journeyed down the Yellowstone River with several dozen men and Sacagawea. In July 1806, the expedition passed through what is now Billings and crossed its horses from the south side to the north side of the Yellowstone River within the project study area.¹ This crossing site presents the opportunity to provide an interpretive component to a potential greenway trail aligned on, or near the Yellowstone River near this location.



Scan of original Clark map indicating the point of crossing of the Yellowstone River (Saunders, 2008)

¹ Lewis & Clark Expedition – Touring Clark's Journey on the River Rochejohne – Reed Point to Billings Montana, Ralph Saunders, 2008



Crossing point marked on modern map of Billings (Saunders, 2008)

