

REPORT TO THE CITY OF HELENA

Section 12: Cunningham Park

July 24, 2015

Legend of Abbreviations

aff...	Above the finished ground
AR...	Accessible Route
CIL...	Change in Level
CFS...	Clear Floor Space
CGS...	Clear Ground Space
EPC...	Elevated Play Component
GLPC...	Ground Level Play Component

Background

The RAC staff visited Cunningham Park to conduct an access audit. The findings are below.

1.1 **Parking** – not applicable

1.2 **Exterior Accessible Route** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) disconnected sidewalk has cross slopes [CU3](#), [CU5](#), [CU6](#); AR fails to connect all elements [CU2](#)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):

1.2.1 **Correct or repair** sidewalk cross slope along AR to max 2.08% (CU3, CU5, CU6)

1.2.2 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to site elements (CU2)

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1.3 **Playground Designated Entry** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) lacks stable route from parking (checklist); lacks user age sign (checklist)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):

1.3.1 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to playground designated entry (checklist)

1.3.2 **Acquire and install** intended user signage and mount at designated entry as a smart practice (checklist)

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1.4 **Playground Surface/Accessible Route within** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) lacks intended route throughout due to mulch (checklist); unstable mulch play surface (checklist)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):

- 1.4.1 **Replace existing surface** with an accessible surface such as EWF, PIP or tiles, with compliant slopes and CILs (checklist)
- 1.4.2 **Frequently inspect and regularly maintain** accessible portions of play area surface that are comprised of loose fill such as EWF so that surface is level with other surfaces (checklist)
- 1.4.3 **Establish protocols** for regular and frequent inspection and maintenance of accessible playground surface (checklist)

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1.5 Transfer System - [CHECKLIST] lacks descending step (checklist)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):

- 1.5.1 **Install** descending step on transfer system as a smart practice (checklist)

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1.6 Ramps - not applicable

1.7 Elevated Play Components - [CHECKLIST] 4 of 8 components accessible: apply incentive scoping due to lack of ramp (checklist)

1.8 Ground Level Play Components - [CHECKLIST] does not meet incentive scoping (checklist)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):

- 1.8.1 **Add three type** of GLPCs such as climbers, spinners or rockers, to meet incentive scoping (checklist)

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1.9 Sand box/Play tables - not applicable

1.10 Park Site - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#)

Basketball Courts (1): lacks AR [CU1](#), [CU11](#)

Garbage Cans (1): lacks AR (checklist)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):

- 1.10.1 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to the basketball courts (CU1, CU11)
- 1.10.2 **Relocate** 20% of garbage cans to be along AR (checklist)

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1.11 Shelters/Picnic Areas - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) shelter benches lack CFS [CU10](#); picnic tables not accessible (checklist); lacks AR [CU4](#); gaps in floorboards [CU7](#), [CU8](#), [CU9](#); turning space fails due to table placement [CU4](#)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):

- 1.11.1 **Remove** at least 36" by 48" portion of benches for adjacent CFS as a smart practice (CU10)
- 1.11.2 **Replace 20% of the picnic tables** with one with knee and toe clearance, 19" deep at 27" high and 24" deep at 9" high, with a 36" AR around the table as a smart practice (checklist)
- 1.11.3 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to shelter (CU4)
- 1.11.4 **Correct or fill** gap on shelter interior (CU7, CU8, CU9)
- 1.11.5 **Relocate** tables to provide turning space in shelter (CU4)

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1.12 Park Buildings - not applicable

1.13 Other - not applicable

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