

REPORT TO THE CITY OF HELENA

Section 36: Northwest Park

August 5, 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 Northwest Park to conduct an access audit. The findings are below.

- 1.1 Parking – [CHECKLIST]** accessible parking not closest to ball fields (checklist); lacks van space (checklist); slopes: 3.1% first stall [NW29](#), 2.5% first aisle [NW31](#), [NW32](#); 3rd stall covered with dirt [NW33](#); debris at curb and sand/dirt throughout [NW1](#); one parking space missing sign (checklist); lack van signage (checklist); access aisle and route covered in gravel and debris (checklist); third stall in drive path [NW33](#)

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

- 1.1.1 **Relocate stalls** to be on the shortest AR to the building entry or park features (checklist)
- 1.1.2 **Add one van parking sign** to one accessible stall and repaint stall and access aisle to 11' and 5' or 8' and 8' (checklist)
- 1.1.3 **Repair or correct slope** of parking space and access aisle to max 2.08% in any direction (NW29, NW31, NW32)
- 1.1.4 **Maintain stalls and access aisles** to be free of dirt, sand, and other debris (NW33, NW1)
- 1.1.5 **Acquire and mount** at appropriate heights and locations accessible parking signs for all the stalls (checklist)
- 1.1.6 **Reconfigure** accessible stalls to avoid overlap with drive path (NW33)

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- 1.2 Exterior Accessible Route - [CHECKLIST]** debris at curb ramps (checklist); Harwood St parking lacks curb ramp (checklist); Brady St curb ramp deteriorated and pooling [NW3](#), [NW4](#); curb ramp adjacent surface filled with debris (checklist); curb ramps lack detectable warning (checklist); AR surface fails [NW48](#); cross slopes fail (checklist); AR fails to connect all sites [NW2](#)

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

- 1.2.1 **Maintain** curb ramps and AR to be free of debris (checklist)
- 1.2.2 **Create a** curb ramp to be max running slope 8.33%, max cross slope 2.08%, having a top landing as wide as the ramp and 36" deep and side flares with a max slope 10% at Harwood St. (checklist)
- 1.2.3 **Re-cut or re-pour** curb ramp to be max running slope 8.33%, max cross slope 2.08%, having a top landing as wide as the ramp and 36" deep and side flares max slope 10% at Brady St. (NW3, NW4)

- 1.2.4 **Install compliant detectable warning** at curb ramps as a smart practice (checklist)
- 1.2.5 **Replace AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material (NW48)
- 1.2.6 **Correct or repair** sidewalk cross slope along AR to max 2.08% (checklist)
- 1.2.7 **See 1.10 below** for AR to site elements (NW2)

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- 1.3 Playground Designated Entry - [CHECKLIST]** lacks stable route [NW34](#); lacks designated entry (checklist); lacks user age sign (checklist)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate playgrounds at 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 new designated entry (NW34)
- 1.3.2 **Create** designated entry by mounting signage at border along new AR as a smart practice (checklist)
- 1.3.3 **Acquire and install** intended user signage and mount at new designated entry as a smart practice (checklist)

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- 1.4 Playground Surface/Accessible Route within - [CHECKLIST]** maintenance required for kick out (checklist); unstable wood chip surface (checklist)

Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate playgrounds at 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)

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1.5 **Transfer System** - no issues

1.6 **Ramps** - not applicable

1.7 **Elevated Play Components** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) 8 of 11 components accessible: apply incentive scoping due to lack of ramp (checklist)

1.8 **Ground Level Play Components** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) does not meet incentive scoping: double chain ladder lacks AR (checklist); step standing swing 8.5" entry [NW39](#), [NW40](#)

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

1.8.1 **See recommendation 1.3.1** for AR correction (checklist)

1.8.2 **Raise entry point for step standing swing** to 11" to 24" aff (NW39, NW40)

1.8.3 **Add two more GLPC** of at least one new type such as spinners or rockers, to meet incentive scoping (checklist)

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1.9 **Sand box/Play tables** - not applicable

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

Ball Field East: AR fails (checklist); 9" CIL to third base dugout [NW7](#), [NW8](#), 7.25" CIL to first base dugout [NW9](#), [NW10](#), gravel dirt path around field [NW5](#), [NW6](#), garbage in CFS at benches [NW11](#), [NW12](#)

Ball Field West: AR fails (checklist); 5.5" CIL at first base bugout [NW13](#), [NW14](#), 11.75" CIL to third base dugout [NW15](#), [NW16](#), garbage in bench CFS (checklist)

Athletic Fields (2): lacks AR [NW25](#)

Concessions (1): lacks AR [NW21](#), [NW22](#), [NW23](#)

Portable Toilet (1): noncompliant [NW26](#), [NW27](#)

Walking/Jogging Path: 7.2% cross slope at back entry off Harwood [NW46](#), [NW47](#); noncompliant surface (checklist)

Storage Shed (1): lacks CFS at door (checklist), step entry [NW28](#)

Garbage Cans (5): lacks AR [NW24](#)

Picnic Tables (2): noncompliant [NW20](#)

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

- 1.10.1 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to the ball field east (NW5, NW6, checklist)
- 1.10.2 **Repair, bevel, or ramp** CIL at ball field east dugouts (NW7, NW8, NW9, NW10)
- 1.10.3 **Relocate** garbage at in bench CFS at ball field east (NW11, NW12)
- 1.10.4 **Leave as is** ball field west and designate ball field east as accessible (NW13, NW14, NW15, NW16, checklist)
- 1.10.5 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to the athletic fields (NW25)
- 1.10.6 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to the concessions (NW21, NW22, NW23)
- 1.10.7 **Replace portable toilet** with compliant model and place along AR (NW26, NW27)
- 1.10.8 **Correct or repair** cross slope along walking/jogging path to max 2.08% (NW46, NW47)
- 1.10.9 **Replace surface** on walking/jogging path with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material (checklist)
- 1.10.10 **Ramp** entry to storage shed if used by the public and connect to the AR (NW28)
- 1.10.11 **Relocate** 20% of garbage cans to be along AR (NW24)
- 1.10.12 **Replace one picnic table** with one with knee and toe clearance, 19" deep at 27" high and 24" deep at 9" high, with a 36" AR around table as a smart practice (NW20)

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1.11 Shelters/Picnic Areas - not applicable

1.12 Park Buildings - not applicable

1.13 Other - not applicable

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