

REPORT TO THE CITY OF HELENA

Section 39: Ramey 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 Ramey Park to conduct an access audit. The findings are below.

- 1.1 Parking** – [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) depressions in stall surface (checklist); 11.4% slope in access aisle [RA13](#), [RA14](#); surface deterioration (checklist)

Recommendations (Ramey Park is a site designated with accessible features so 1.1.1 through 1.1.2 is integral to compliance with title II program access test):

- 1.1.1 **Resurface** stalls and access aisles to eliminate depressions, gaps, and cracks (checklist)
 1.1.2 **Repair or correct slope** of parking space and access aisle to max 2.08% in any direction (RA13, RA14)

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- 1.2 Exterior Accessible Route** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) lacks curb ramp: sloped sidewalk (checklist); 2" CIL from access aisle to sidewalk [RA15](#), [RA16](#); AR fails to connect all sites (checklist)

Recommendations (Ramey Park is a site designated with accessible features so 1.2.1 through 1.2.3 is integral to compliance with title II program access test):

- 1.2.1 **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% (checklist)
 1.2.2 **Repair, bevel, or ramp** CIL along AR (RA15, RA16)
 1.2.3 **See 1.10 below** for AR to site elements (checklist)

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- 1.3 Playground 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 **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** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) various slopes throughout due to pea gravel surface (checklist); surface overflow at entry [RA17](#); unstable pea gravel and buried tiles [RA18](#), [RA19](#)

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 (RA18, RA19)
- 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 (RA17)
- 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 second transfer (checklist); transfer 19.5" agl [RA20](#), [RA21](#)

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

- 1.5.1 **Consider** adding second transfer system as a smart practice (checklist)
- 1.5.2 **Lower platform** on transfer system to 11" to 18" aff, in the alternative, add and maintain surface fill level to achieve the same (RA20, RA21)

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- 1.6 **Ramps** - not applicable

- 1.7 **Elevated Play Components** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) 1 of 18 components accessible: 10" entry to tunnel crawl 1 and 2 [RA22](#), [RA23](#), [RA24](#); 45.5" reach to overhead teardrop

[RA25](#), [RA26](#); remaining components accessed through tunnel noncompliant tunnel crawl: ladder, ladder 2, arch climber, ect.; 12" CIL to remaining [RA27](#), [RA28](#): ladder, double slide, u shaped ladder (checklist); 2-12" CIL to remaining: slide, u-bar climber, corkscrew climber, split tunnel slide, sidewinder, twisted DNA climber, ladder 4, spiral slide (checklist); apply incentive scoping due to lack of ramp (checklist)

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

- 1.7.1 **Lower entry** to crawl tunnels to max 8" aff (RA22, RA23, RA24)
- 1.7.2 **Adjust** height of platform decks to max 8" for access to EPCs, in the alternative, **install** compliant transfer steps (RA27, RA28)
- 1.7.3 **Leave as is**, remaining EPCs as the above correction will meet 50% (RA25, RA26, checklist)

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- 1.8 **Ground Level Play Components - [CHECKLIST](#)** does not meet incentive scoping: all components lack AR due to noncompliant pea gravel surface; cow rocker, dolphin rocker, seagull rocker, talk tube, chin up bar 1 and 2 [RA33](#), [RA34](#), [RA32](#)

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

- 1.8.1 **See recommendation 1.4.1** for surface corrections (RA33, RA34, RA32)
- 1.8.2 **Add one more type** of GLPC such as swing, spinner or rocker, to meet incentive scoping (checklist)

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

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

Ball Fields (2): AR fails; field 1: 1.5" CIL to third base dugout [RA11](#), [RA12](#), 4" CIL to first base dugout [RA9](#), [RA10](#); storage shed along first base line (checklist); seating lacks CFS [RA5](#), [RA6](#)

Drinking Fountain (1): noncompliant [RA2](#), lacks AR (checklist)

Basketball Courts (1): no issues

Garbage Cans (3): lack AR [RA4](#)

Grill (1): lacks AR [RA1](#)

Bike Rack (1): lack AR [RA3](#)

Benches (1): lacks CFS in grass (checklist); lack armrests (checklist)

Picnic Tables (2): noncompliant (checklist)

Recommendations (Ramey Park is a site designated with accessible features so 1.10.1 through 1.10.9 is integral to compliance with title II program access test:

- 1.10.1 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to ball fields (checklist)
- 1.10.2 **Leave as is** ball field 1 and designate ball field 2 (RA11, RA12, RA9, RA10, RA5, RA6, checklist)
- 1.10.3 **Replace drinking fountain** with a hi-lo bowl fountain (RA2)
- 1.10.4 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to the drinking fountain (checklist)
- 1.10.5 **Relocate** 20% of garbage cans to be along AR (RA3)
- 1.10.6 **Extend AR** to grill (RA1)
- 1.10.7 **Relocate** bike rack to be along the AR (RA3)
- 1.10.8 **Construct firm, stable, and slip resistant pads** at least 36" by 48" adjacent to 20% of benches, **install** at least one armrest and locate along an AR as a smart practice (checklist)
- 1.10.9 **Replace or add 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 (checklist)

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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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