

REPORT TO THE CITY OF HELENA

Section 7: Cherry 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 Cherry Park to conduct an access audit. The findings are below.

1.1 Parking – not applicable

1.2 Exterior Accessible Route - [CHECKLIST] AR lacks marked pedestrian path through walkway (checklist); second street entry lacks compliant curb ramp [CP7](#); 6.8% slope on adjacent surface of curb ramp [CP4](#), [CP5](#); diagonal curb ramp lacks 48" clear space outside of traffic (checklist); curb ramps lack detectable warning [CP3](#); 6.8% running slope to shelter [CP1](#), [CP2](#); AR fails to connect all elements (checklist)

Recommendations (Cherry Park is a site designated with accessible features so 1.2.1 through 1.2.7 is integral to compliance with title II program access test):

- 1.2.1 **Create lined cross walk** where pedestrian pathway crosses through vehicular traffic as a smart practice (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 second street entry (CP7)
- 1.2.3 **Correct slope** of adjacent street surfaces to max 5% (CP4, CP5)
- 1.2.4 **Create** 48" CFS at base of diagonal ramp out of vehicular way (checklist)
- 1.2.5 **Install compliant detectable warning** at curb ramps as a smart practice (CP3)
- 1.2.6 **Correct or repair** sidewalk running slope along AR to max 5% (CP1, CP2)
- 1.2.7 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to all site elements (checklist)

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1.3 Playground Designated Entry - [CHECKLIST] lacks stable route to play area from parking [CP8](#); 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 playground designated entry (CP8)
- 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 pea gravel surface (checklist); AR to component egress fails due to gravel (checklist); unstable play 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)

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1.5 **Transfer System** - no issues

1.6 **Ramps** - not applicable

1.7 **Elevated Play Components** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) 1 of 5 components accessible; tea drop climber 45" reach [CP9](#), [CP10](#), 12" CIL and transfer through teardrop climber to cloverleaf climber, d-bar climber and ladder [CP11](#), [CP12](#); 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 **Adjust** height of platform decks to max 8" for access to EPCs, in the alternative, **install** compliant transfer steps (CP11, CP12)

1.7.2 **Leave as is**, remaining GLPCs as the above correction will meet incentive scoping (CP9, CP10)

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1.8 **Ground Level Play Components** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) lacks one of each type compliant (checklist) surface correction needed to meet incentive scoping: components in pea

gravel: frog rocker, pelican rocker, slide, climbing structures, belt swing 1-3 and bucket swing [CP14](#), [CP15](#), [CP16](#), [CP17](#)

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

1.8.1 **See recommendations 1.4.1** for surface corrections (CP14, CP15, CP16, CP17)

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

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

Drinking Fountain (1): noncompliant [CP18](#)

Basketball Courts (1): no issues

Garbage Cans (1): lacks AR [CP21](#)

Horseshoe Pit (1): lacks AR [CP22](#)

Benches (2): CFS in grass [CP20](#), lacks armrests (checklist)

Recommendations (Cherry Park is a site designated with accessible features so 1.10.1 through 1.10.4 is integral to compliance with title II program access test):

1.10.1 **Replace drinking fountain** with a hi-lo bowl fountain (CP18)

1.10.2 **Relocate** 20% of garbage cans to be along AR (CP21)

1.10.3 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to the horseshoe pit (CP22)

1.10.4 **Construct firm, stable, and slip resistant pads** at least 36" by 48" adjacent to 20% of benches, add at least one armrest and locate along an AR as a smart practice (CP20, checklist)

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1.11 **Shelters/Picnic Areas** - [[CHECKLIST](#)] picnic tables not accessible (checklist); .5" CIL [CP23](#), [CP24](#)

Recommendations (Cherry Park is a site designated with accessible features so 1.11.1 through 1.11.2 is integral to compliance with title II program access test):

1.11.1 **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)

1.11.2 **Repair, bevel or ramp** CIL at shelter entry (CP23, CP24)

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1.12 **Park Buildings** - not applicable

1.13 **Other** – not applicable

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