PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
FY 26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
BUDGET REQUEST REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting a total of $6,026,060.00 in funding for the FY 26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The FY 26 request includes $121,500.00 in operating funds for the design and engineering of projects planned for next year's CIP request. The design and engineering work is requested because the timeline to spend bonds has been changed from three years to two years. The pre-planning efforts will shorten the time of the overall project and allow for more accurate opinions of probable cost.

The funding request includes $2,904,560.00 in General Obligation Bonds and $3,000,000.00 from the Iowa West Foundation.

PRE-PLANNING EFFORTS

The FY 26 CIP includes a funding request in the amount of $121,500.00 for pre-planning, engineering, and design. This amount represents approximately two percent of the overall request.

REINVESTMENT INTO EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS.

The FY 26 CIP includes a funding request in the amount of $1,191,000 to upgrade/ improve existing park assets. This amount represents approximately twenty percent of the overall request.

NEW PROJECTS.

The FY 26 CIP includes a funding request in the amount of $3,975,000 for new projects. This amount represents approximately sixty six percent of the FY 26 CIP funding request.

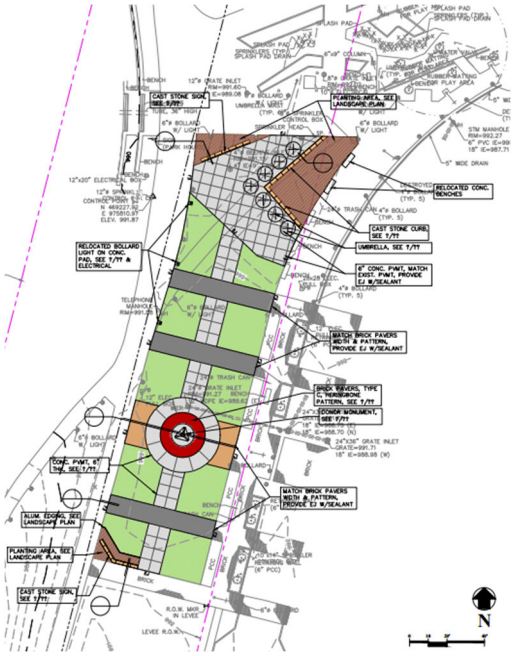
HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

The FY 26 CIP includes a request for Heavy Equipment and Vehicles in the amount of $738,560.00. This amount represents approximately twelve percent of the overall request.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NARRATIVE

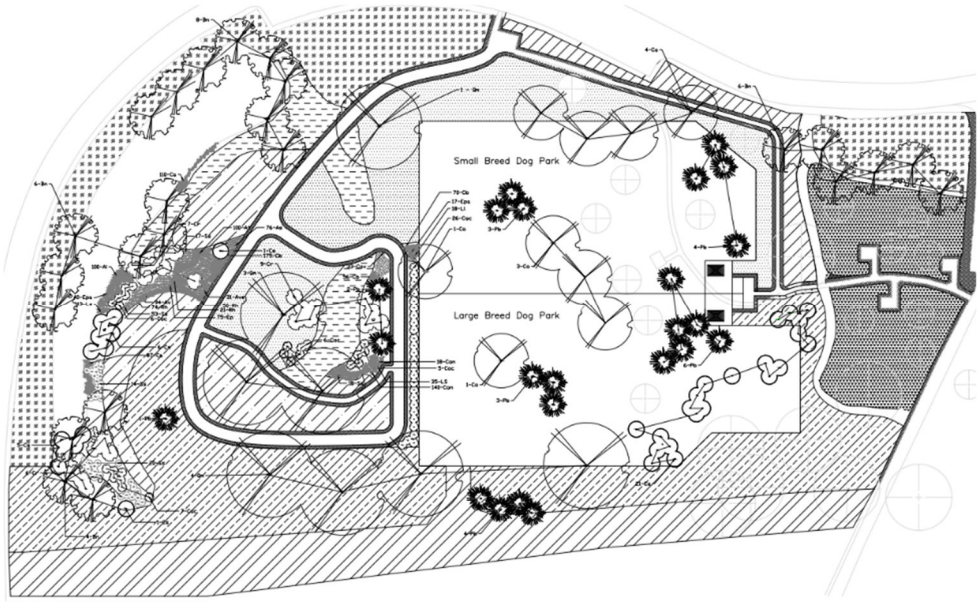
1. PR-26-01 RIVER'S EDGE DONOR PLAZA. The River's Edge Donor Plaza will honor the donors of the River's Edge Development from Phase 1 to Phase 4 – this includes Tom Hanafan Park, Pavilion, the Observation Tower, Treetop Walkway, Pier, Dog Park and Playground. The donor plaza will be located south of Belles' Play Garden, west of the Iowa West Foundation Building along the Iowa Riverfront Trail in an area situated between the trail and River's Edge Parkway. The FY 26 CIP funding request is $600,000.00. The schematic design has been provided for review and is Attachment A of this report.





2. PR-26-02 BIG LAKE PARK NORTH FIELD TRAIL AND DOG PARK, PHASE 1. The funding request for Phase 1 is $50,000.00. This funding is for the design and engineering of an internal trail and dog park within the north field of Big Lake Park. A playground was removed from the north field after the 2019 flood and any development within the north field needs to withstand flooding and the potential for being submerged under water for an extended period of time. In review of potential options and needs of the park system, a dog park was decided upon for the north field since it is a low to moderate level of development. The proposed dog park will include fencing and shelters with detachable canopies. Other, future development, will include a full restoration of the north field with native and pollinator type plant species. The schematic design has been provided for review and is Attachment B of this report.

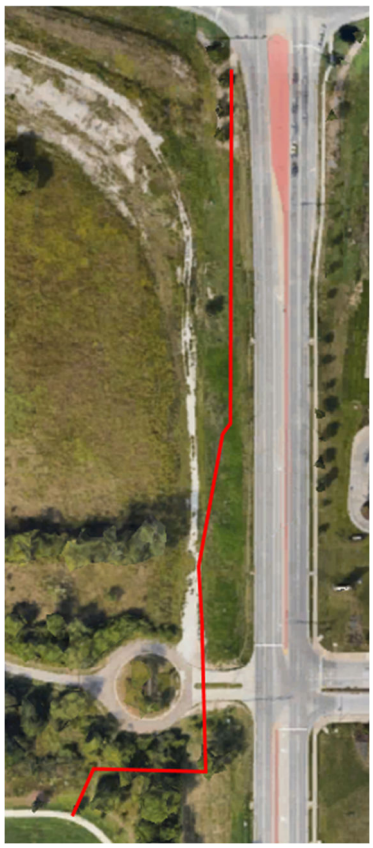
BIG LAKE PARK NORTH FIELD TRAIL AND DOG PARK, PHASE 1



3. PR-26-03 SOUTH EXPRESSWAY TRAIL CONNECTION. Last year, South Expressway was upgraded and part of this upgrade included a trail segment from the west bound on ramp north to 23rd Ave. The funding requested in the FY 26 CIP is for the engineering and construction of a trail segment from 23rd Ave to an area south of the 19th Street exit. The trail segment will not be extended to the 19th Street exit at this time because Public Works Engineering will upgrade this area in the near future. The anticipated cost for the project is $375,000.00.

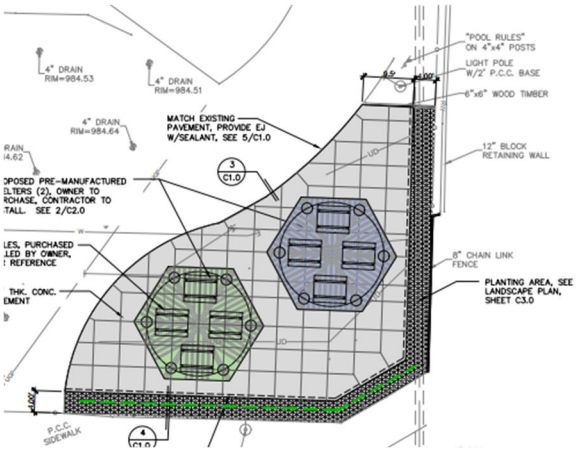


4. PR-26-04 S. 24th STREET TRAIL CONNECTION. This trail gap creates a disjoint in the travel between the Recreation Complex and Mid America Center (area shown as a red line). This connection will provide a contiguous link between the complex and Mid America Center, which is a benefit to users of the trail and event attendees. The anticipated cost for the project is $400,000.00.



5. PR-26-05 PIRATE COVE IMPROVEMENTS. The funding request is to replace a sand volley ball court with a concrete plaza. Two shelters will be install on the plaza to increase the area of shade and serve as host location for birthday parties. The funding request is for $155,000.00. The schematic design has been provided for review and is Attachment C of this report.





6. PR-26-06 TROLLEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS. The funding request is for the replacement of the existing safety surface and to add two standalone pieces of equipment. The funding request is for $261,000.00. The existing safety surface is in poor condition. The Trolley Park playground was installed 2007-2008 and is in relatively good condition, however the safety surface has deteriorated. The existing safety surface will be removed, the drainage system will be replaced/ upgraded, and a new safety surface will be installed. In addition, the playground area will be expanded to accommodate two new standalone pieces of play equipment. The schematic design has been provided for review and is Attachment D of this report.

The photos to the right show the top coat of the safety surface missing at fall area and numerous fatigue cracking within the surface.



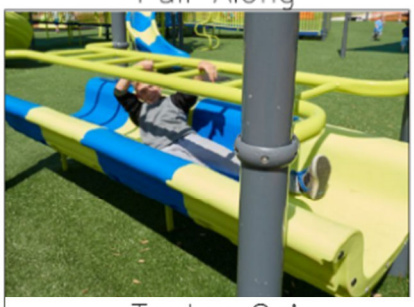


TROLLEY PARK PLAYGROUND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT



EXAMPLES ONLY

Pull Along



Teeter Spin



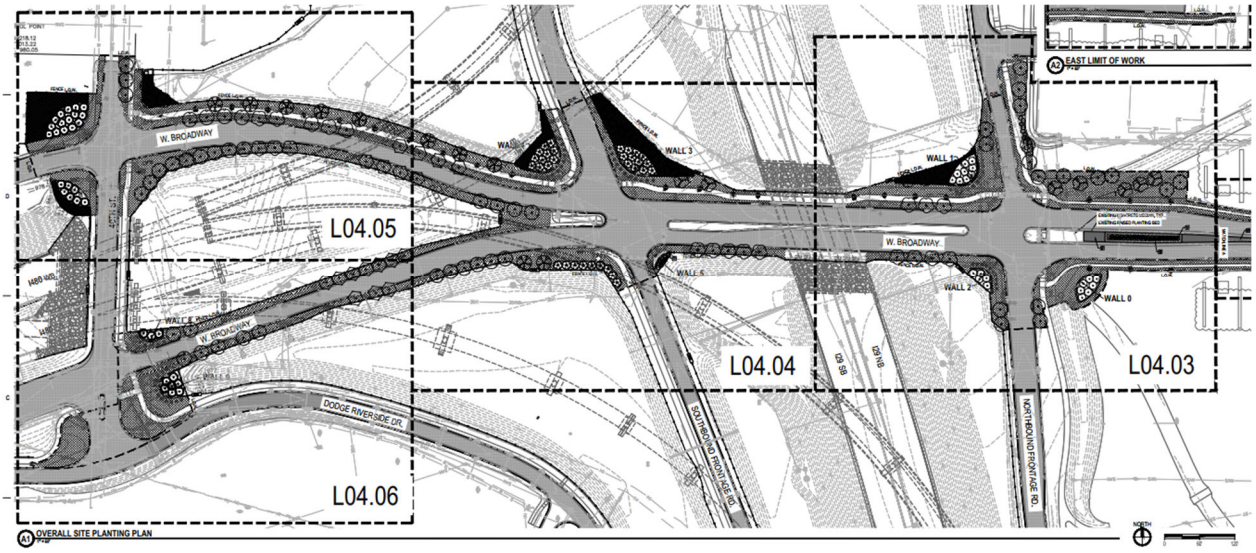
7. PR-26-07 HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES. The FY 26 request is $738,560.00. Our intention is to use the funds to purchase the pieces of equipment and vehicles list in the table below. However, due to availability and timing of delivery, it may be necessary to substitute a piece of equipment or vehicle with a different make and/or model. In some cases, we may choose to purchase a piece of equipment from our future priority list instead of an item below because of its availability.

FY-26 PARKS DEPARTMENT VEHICLE & HEAVY EQUIPMENT REQUEST	
Description	**Cost Estimate**
Toro 4000 mower	$ 91,299.75
1 Ton 4x4 w/ Flatbed	$ 90,000.00
1/2 Ton small 4x4 Truck	$ 50,000.00
F 550 1 ton dump truck	$ 96,000.00
F 550 1 ton dump truck switch and go	$ 98,000.00
Can Am Side by Side	$ 55,000.00
Telehandler	$ 101,000.00
1 Ton Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup	$ 60,970.00
72" Mower w/ Snow Removal Attachments	$ 55,928.00
2 station portable restroom trailer	$ 40,362.25
TOTAL	$ 738,560.00

8. PR-26-08 BIG LAKE PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT, PHASE 1. The funding request for Phase 1 is $71,500. This funding is for design and engineering the playground replacement and upgrade at Big Lake Park. The existing playground will be removed. A new and expanded play ground will be installed. The playground will be expanded to compensate for the absence of the playground on the north side of the park that was removed after the 2019 flood.

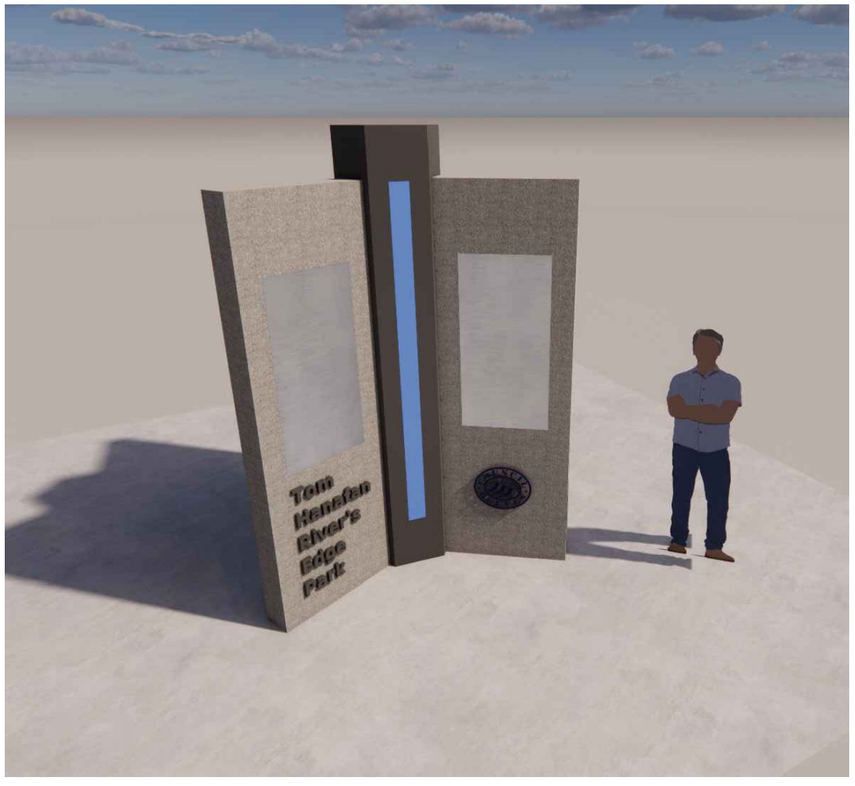
9. PR-26-09 CITY COUNTY TRAIL CONNECTOR. The request is for additional funding in the amount of $375,000.00. This funding represents the twenty percent commitment the City has to the project as well as for additional services necessary for the redesigning, surveying, and assistance in working with neighbors to discuss and negotiate for easements for the trail.

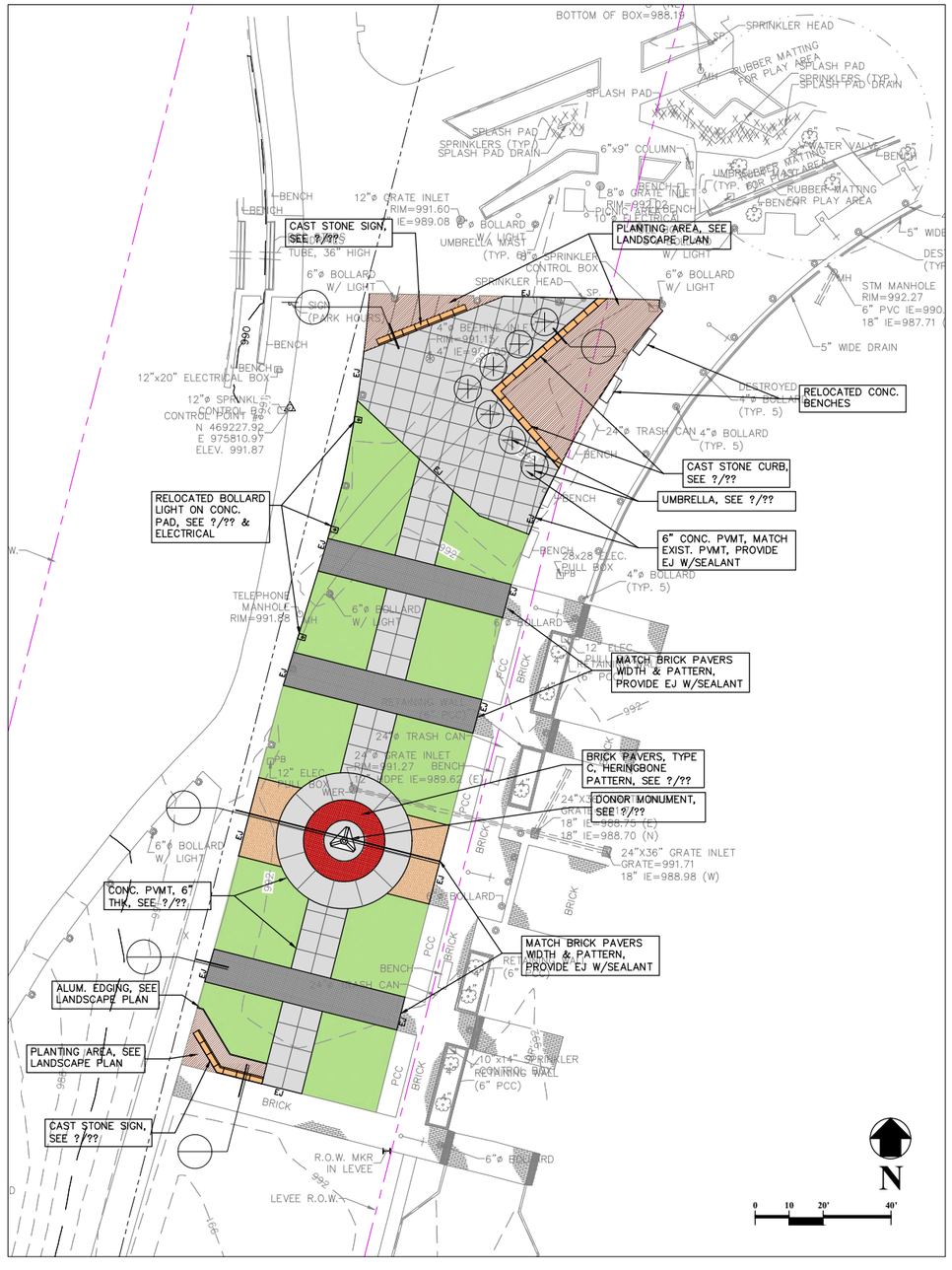
10. PR-26-10 WEST BROADWAY GATEWAY. This project is being included within the FY 26 CIP and the City is not contributing funds to the project. The Iowa West Foundation is funding the project up to $3,000,000.00 and the City will manage the construction administration in coordination with the consultant. The project includes the landscaping of the West Broadway connection between 36th Street and 41St. The landscape will consist of trees, turf grass, native grass, irrigation, fencing, and rock walls.



SUMMARY

Approximately two percent of the funding requested in the FY 26 CIP is allocated for pre-planning, design and engineering. The Parks Department is still focused on reinvestment in existing assets; approximately seven of the CIP request is for reinvestment. This ratio is a bit skewed due to the funding from Iowa West Foundation of $3,000,000.00 for the new improvements to West Broadway. Nevertheless, the FY 26 request and the identified projects are aligned with the City mission "*To continuously improve the quality of life and attractiveness of the City of Council Bluffs*".





2 SITE LAYOUT
SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

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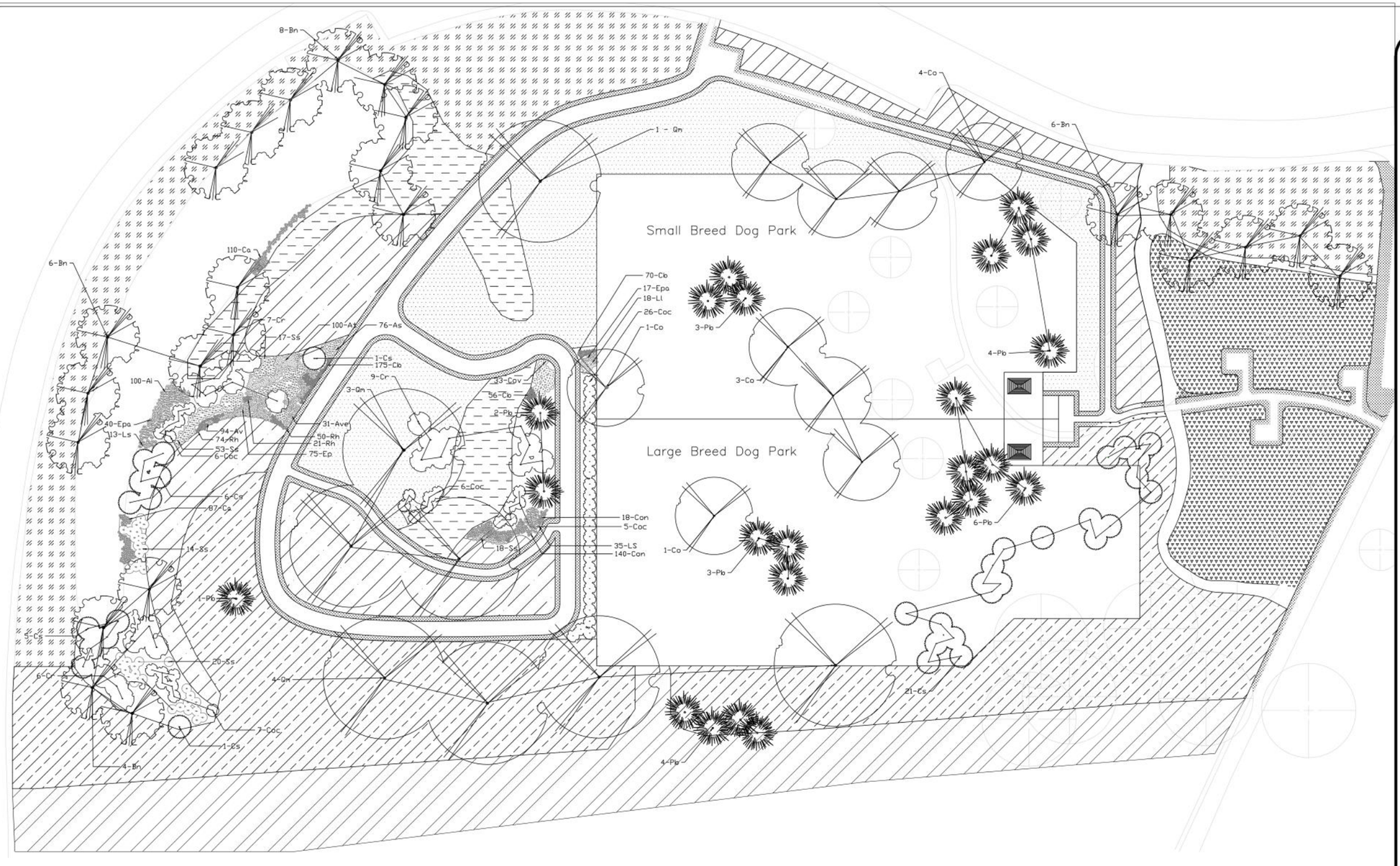
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Seed Type Legened

- Bird Bonanza Seed Mix
- Insectopia Seed Mix
- Mixed Height Meadow Seed Mix
- Pollinator Palooza Seed Mix
- Short Grass Prairie Seed Mix
- Short Sedge Meadow Seed Mix
- Tall Grass Inexpensive Seed Mix

Plant Schedule
Trees and Shrubs

Code	Botanical Name	Common Name	Qty.
Bn	Betula nigra	River Birch	24
Co	Carya ovata	Shagbark Hickory	9
Coc	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Button Bush	38
Cr	Cornus racemosa	Gray Dogwood	22
Cs	Cornus stolonifera	Redosier Dogwood	34
Pb	Pinus banksiana	Jack Pine	21
Qm	Quercus macrocarpa	Bur Oak	8

Plantschedule
Perennials and Grasses

Code	Botanical Name	Common Name	Qty.
As	Asclepias speciosa	Showy Milkweed	76
At	Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Milkweed	100
Av	Asclepias viridiflora	Short Green Milkweed	94
Ave	Asclepias verticillata	Whoreled Milkweed	31
Ca	Carex atherodes	Hairy-leaved Lake Sedge	197
Cb	Carex brevior	Plains Oval Sedge	301
Con	Carex conoidea	Open Field Sedge	248
Cov	Ceanothus ovatus	Red Root	80

Plant Schedule
Perennials and Grasses

Code	Botanical Name	Common Name	Qty.
Ep	Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower	75
Epa	Echinacea pallida	Pale Purple Coneflower	58
Hg	Helianthus grosseserratus	Saw tooth Sunflower	76
Lp	Liatris punctata	Dotted Blazing Star	18
Lp	Liatris mucronata	Bottlebrush Blazing Star	85
Ls	Liatris spicata	Dense Blazing Star	48
Rh	Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan	176
Ss	Salidago speciosa	Showy Goldenrod	122

General Notes

Big Lake Park North Field Restoration Plan

With Dog Park

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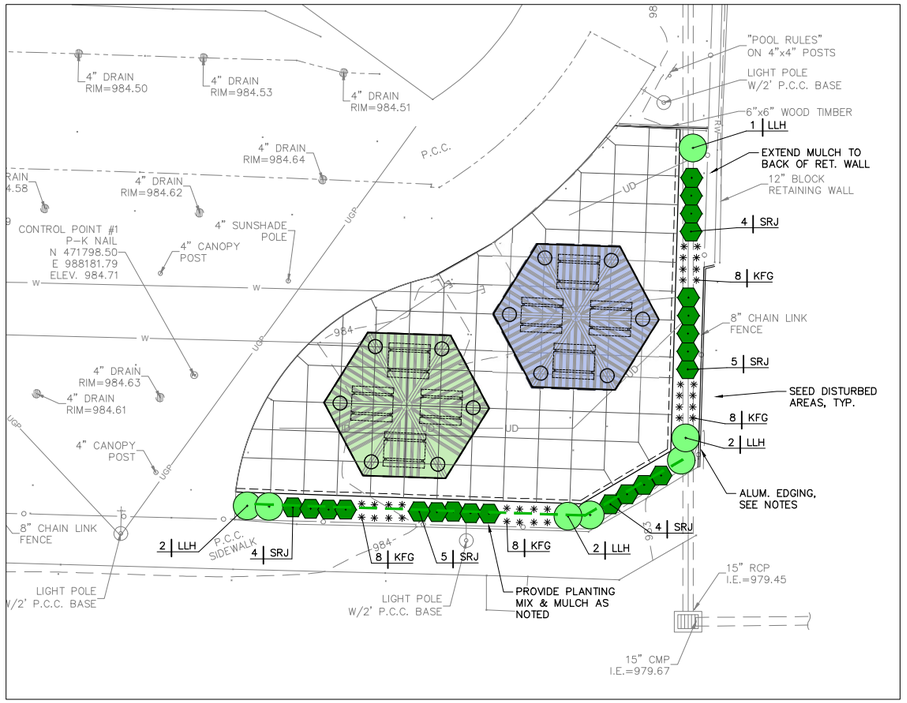
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Project Name and Address

Big Lake Park North Field
Big Lake Park
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1 LANDSCAPE PLAN

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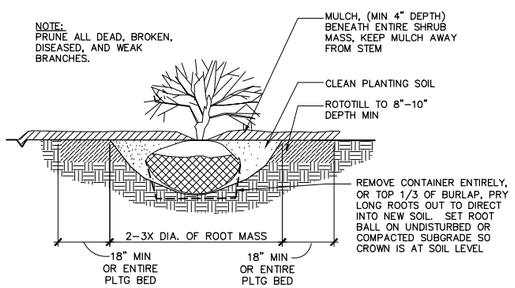
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PLANTING SCHEDULE

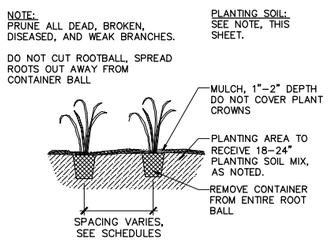
KEY	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	DESCRIPTION
SHRUBS					
LLH	7	Hydrangea paniculata 'Little Limelight'	Little Limelight Hydrangea	24"	CONTAINER
SRJ	22	Juniperus scopulorum 'Skyrocket'	Skyrocket Juniper	4' height	CONTAINER
PERENNIALS					
KFG	32	Calamagrastis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'	Karl Foerster Reed Grass	1 GAL	CONTAINER

PLANTING NOTES:

1. ALL WORK SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH THE WORK OF OTHER TRADES.
2. LOCATE AND FLAG ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION. ANY DAMAGE TO UTILITIES OR OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS CAUSED BY CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REPAIRED AT NO COST TO THE OWNER.
3. ALL PLANT MATERIALS MUST CONFORM TO AMERICAN STANDARDS FOR NURSERY STOCK (A.S.N.S.), LATEST EDITION PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN, WASHINGTON D.C.
4. LARGER SIZED PLANT MATERIALS OF THE SPECIES LISTED MAY BE USED IF THE STOCK CONFORMS TO THE A.S.N.S. ALL SPECIES SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.
5. THE LOCATIONS OF PLANT MATERIAL IS CRITICAL AND SHALL BE INSTALLED AS INDICATED ON THE DRAWINGS. STAKE LOCATION OF PLANT MATERIALS AND OBTAIN APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. DO NOT PLANT TREES OR SHRUBS IN SWALE AREAS.
6. THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE ALL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS AND MATERIALS INJURIOUS TO PLANT GROWTH FROM PLANTING PITS AND BEDS PRIOR TO BACKFILLING WITH PLANTING MIX.
7. PLANTING SOIL MIX FOR CONTINUOUS PLANTING BEDS, EXCAVATE AREAS FOR NEW PLANTINGS, AND THROUGHLY MIX 1" COMPOST MATERIAL WITH CLEAN TOPSOIL TO A DEPTH OF 18" MIN. THIS TO BE COMPLETED AFTER RESTORATION OF THE AREA.
8. PROVIDE SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH IN ALL PLANTING BEDS TO A 4-INCH MINIMUM DEPTH. APPLY PRE- EMERGENT TO ALL PLANTING BEDS PRIOR TO MULCHING. PROVIDE BROWN-COLORED MULCH.
9. ALL EXISTING TURF AREAS DISTURBED BY CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE SEEDED AND BLANKETED. SEE DRAWINGS FOR GENERAL AREA.
10. OWNER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUBSTITUTE PLANT MATERIAL TYPE, SIZE, AND/OR QUANTITY.
11. FIELD ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE NECESSARY BASED UPON FIELD CONDITIONS (I.E. ROOT BALL AND DROP INLET CONFLICT). CONFIRM LOCATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PRIOR TO PLANTING. ALL ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.
12. ALL DEMOLISHED AND/OR REMOVED ITEMS SHALL BE HAULED COMPLETELY AWAY FROM THE SITE BY THE CONTRACTOR.
13. ALUM. EDGING SHALL BE CLEANLINE, 3/16"x 5-1/2" ALUMINUM EDGING WITH STAKING (BLACK ANODIZED FINISH) AS MANUFACTURED BY PERMALOC CORPORATION OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT.



3 SHRUB PLANTING DETAIL
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4 PERENNIAL PLANTING DETAIL
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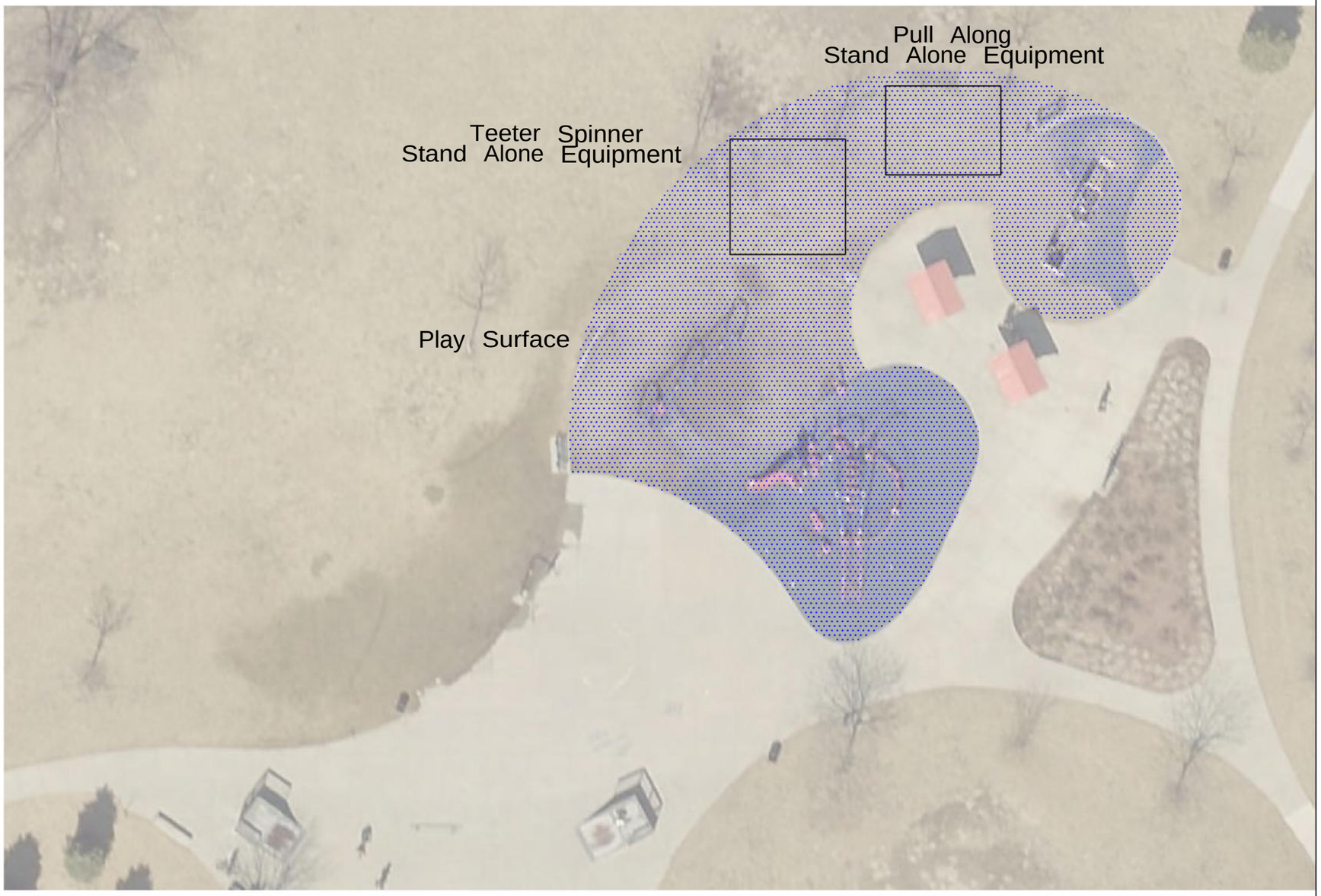
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Trolley Park Improvements

Remove existing play surface and pea gravel.

Install new drainage and play surface.

Install Teeter Spin and Pull Along play pieces.





Trolley Park Playground Improvements

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