

October 23, 2017

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Helena Regulatory Office
Attn: Todd Tillinger
10 West 15th Street, Suite 2200
Helena, MT 59626

Re: **Agency Review for Proposed Ainsworth Field Park Project in Thompson Falls, MT**

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Thompson Falls is proposing to build a park at the northwest intersection of Maiden Lane and Lincoln Street, just south of W. Main Street (Hwy 200). The project is located in Government Lot 6 of Section 7 and Government Lot 4 of Section 8, T21N, R29W, P.M., M, City of Thompson Falls, Sanders County, Montana (see vicinity map below). The proposed Ainsworth Field Park will serve as the keystone park in the City's urban system, and will include a pavilion with restrooms along with an amphitheater. This park will be capable of holding events, concerts, and family gatherings, and its presence is expected to increase the number of events downtown, stimulating economic activity and contributing to the community's sense of place.



FIGURE 1. GENERAL VICINITY MAP

The purpose of this letter is to request comments from your agency on this project for inclusion in a preliminary engineering report (PER) that is being prepared for this project. This PER follows the requirements of the Uniform PER for Montana Public Facility Projects to assist with obtaining grant funding for construction of the project, and it requires comments from public agencies. The intent

of the PER is to discuss the improvements required to create a park on an underutilized City owned parcel in downtown Thompson Falls (see Figure 2). The proposed park is located within the downtown Thompson Falls main street corridor, just a block away from the Clark Fork River.



FIGURE 2. PROJECT AREA VICINITY MAP

The project entails the construction of a new covered pavilion building, an amphitheater, and a trail system connecting existing Thompson Falls park trails. This will include utility extensions to the property including electrical, water, and sewer. All proposed construction will take place in areas previously developed; primarily on the park property. A conceptual drawing of the park is enclosed with this letter, and a 3D rendering of the project can be seen in Figure 3.



FIGURE 3. Conceptual 3D Rendering of Proposed Ainsworth Field Park

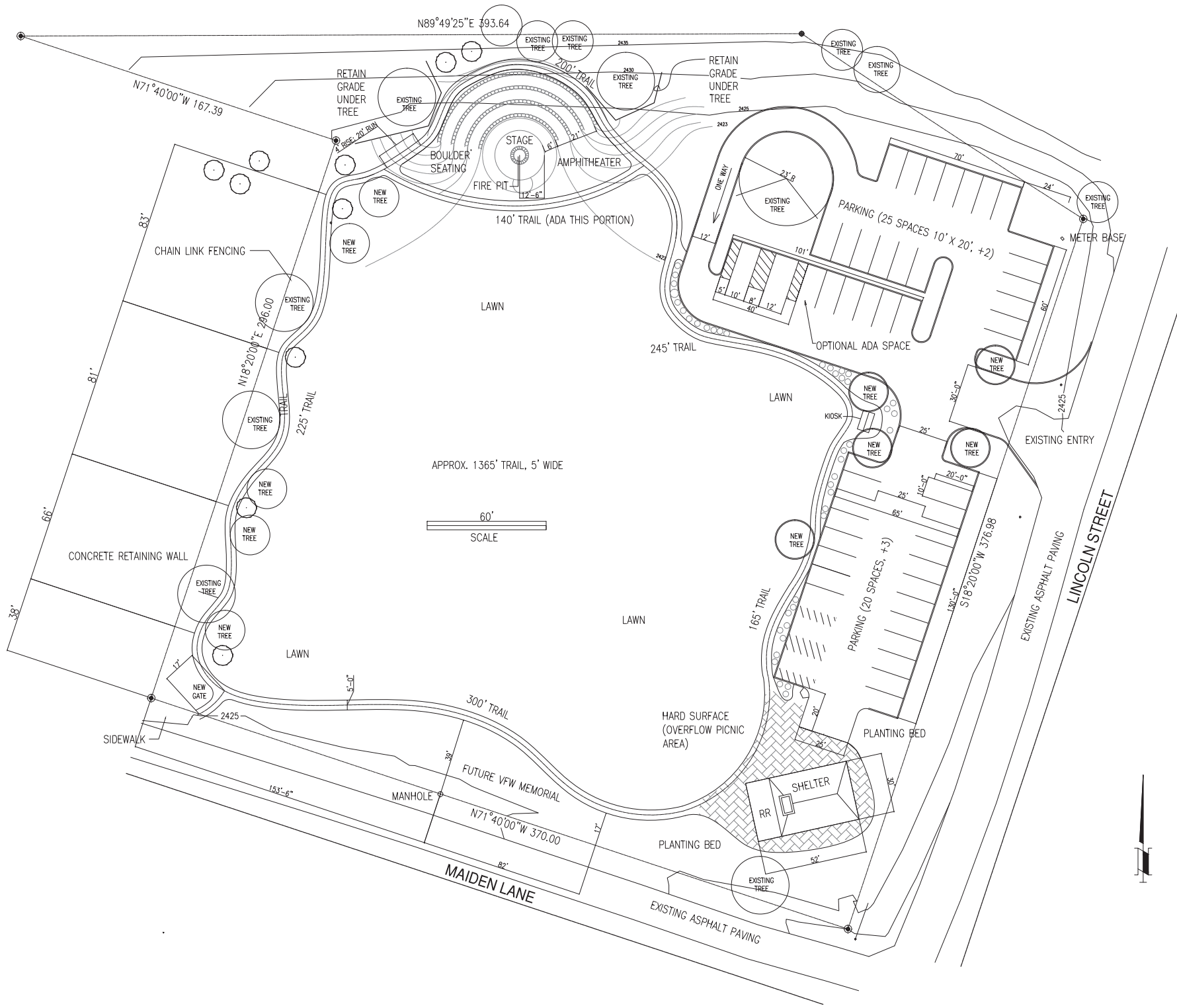
It is anticipated that the City of Thompson Falls will soon begin applying for grant funding, with the goals of completing final design in 2018 and construction in 2018/2019. Please provide comments on this project from your agency's perspective. All comment letters received will be incorporated into an appendix of the PER. If you have any questions as you are going through your review, please feel free to email me at mbrodie@wgmgroupp.com or give me a call at (406) 756-4848.

Sincerely,
WGM Group, Inc.

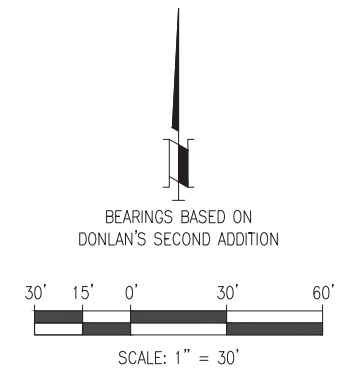


Mike Brodie, P.E.
Project Engineer

Enclosure: Ainsworth Park Record of Survey



"AINSWORTH PARK"
IN GOVERNMENT LOT 6 OF SECTION 7
AND GOVERNMENT LOT 4 OF
SECTION 8, T21N, R29W, PMM,
CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS
SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA



RECORD OF SURVEY
SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA
CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, AINSWORTH PARK
SECTION 8, T21N, R29W PMM
AVISTA CORP
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

1"=30'		10-14-14	APPROVED
SCALE	DATE		
DESIGN HAGEDORN	CHECKED		
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NO	DATE	REVISION	BY	CKD	AS BUILT