



FORT MISSOULA
REGIONAL PARK

2021
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Parks Within A Park

“Something for Everyone”

- **Phase 1 opened April 2017**
- **Phase 2 opened July 2018 (completion in 2019)**
- **Operated by the City of Missoula and Missoula County.**
- **Park development was funded by the county-wide 2014 Parks and Trails Bond.**





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Project Team

- Owner: City of Missoula and Missoula County



- Construction Manager: Jackson Contractor Group, Inc.
- Landscape Architect / Civil Engineer: The Land Group, Inc.
- Civil Engineer | Survey: DJ & A, PC.
- Architecture: Oz Architecture
- Electrical | Mechanical | Plumbing: Associate Construction Engineering, Inc.
- Baer Design Group, LLC.
- Approximately 150 subcontractors



Phase II - May 12, 2017

SITE CONTEXT



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- 156 acres
- Phase 1: 94 acres
 - Road and trail improvements, Bella Vista Plaza and Synthetic turf field, 10 multi-use sport fields, two playgrounds, open space and more.
- Phase 2 : 62 acres
 - Connected over 5 miles of trails, 7 softball diamonds, all-inclusive playground, 8 tennis courts & 22 pickleball courts, bocce ball, teen area, dog park and more.
- Connections to public transit and regional trail network



Fort Missoula History

- 1877 – 1905: ORIGINAL FORT MISSOULA
- 1906 – 1912: FORT RECONSTRUCTION
- 1933 – 1942: CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS
- 1941 – 1944: WWII INTERNMENT CAMP
- 1944 – 1947: FORT MISSOULA DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS



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GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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- PROTECT AND ENHANCE UNIQUE HISTORIC VALUES RELATED TO FORT MISSOULA
- PARK PLAN SHOULD ENCOMPASS AS MANY DIVERSE ACTIVITES AS POSSIBLE
- PARK SHOULD SERVE PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITES, ALL AGES AND ALL INCOMES
- PARK DESIGNED & CONSTRUCTED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY
- BALANCE UNDEVELOPED AND DEVELOPED PARKLAND
- NATUAL VIEWS AND VISTAS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED
- ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT PARK ACTIVITES
- SIGNAGE FOR WAYFINDING AND INTERPERATION
- SENSITIVE TO THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD



MITIGATION PLANS



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Preserving a Sense of Place

- Interpretation and Integration of Fort Missoula History
- Preservation of open space and historic viewsheds
- Connecting with the neighborhood

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The design and architecture of Fort Missoula Regional Park is a living legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC).

This CCC Worker Statue, dedicated in 2016, depicts a corpsmen returning from fire-fighting duty.

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Rustic spirit behind the log and timber construction. Bella Vista Pavilion honors a longstanding tradition of architecture that prizes harmony with nature.

- Logs were locally harvested and processed
- Natural Riverstone was locally sourced

WHY SITES



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July 2014 – Google Earth
FMRP Phase 1



October 2017 – JCG
FMRP Phase 1

TOP 3 SITES CREDITS



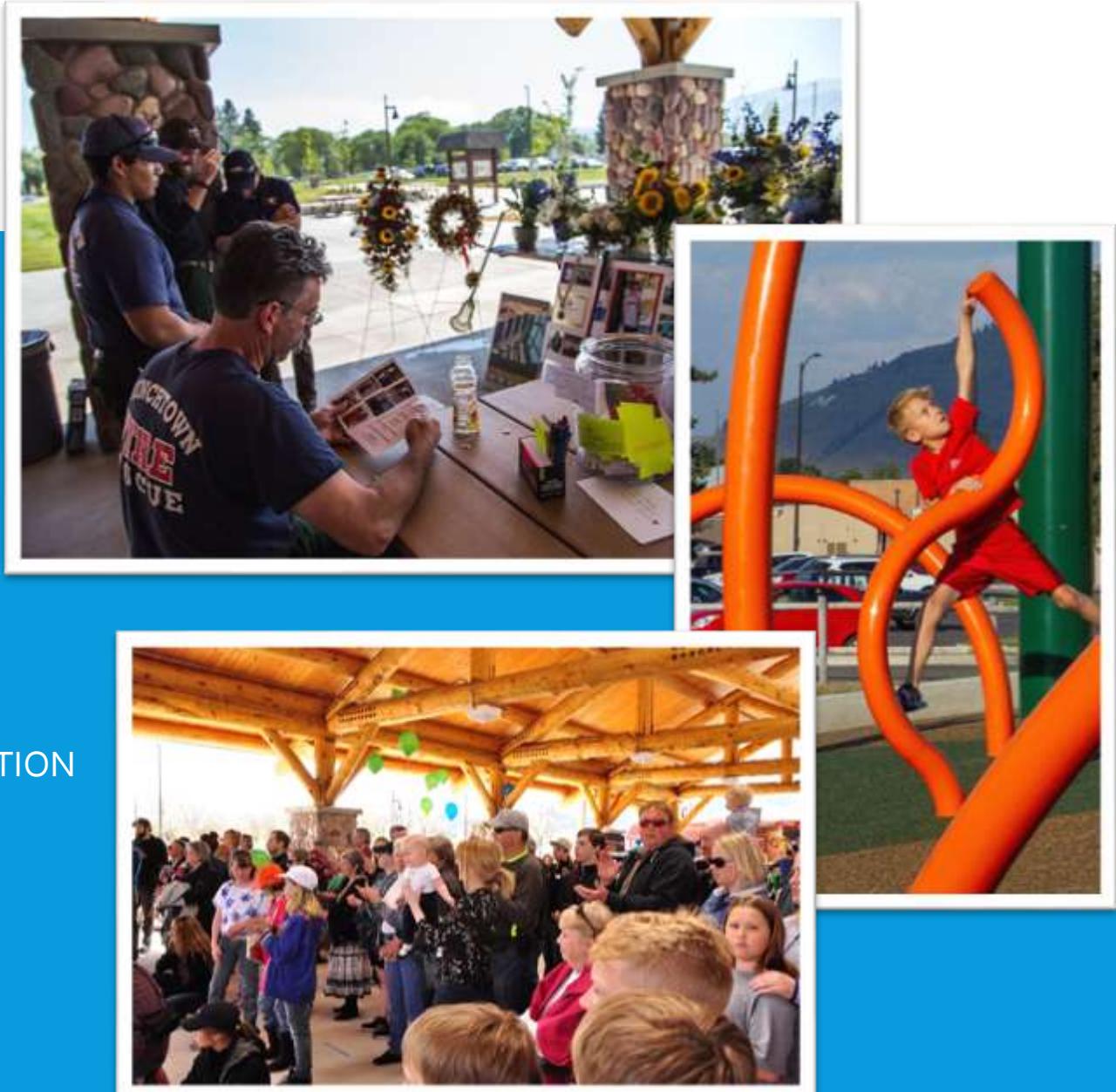
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- Section 2 Pre- Design: Engage Users and Stakeholders
- Section 6- Human Health + Well Being (HWWB)
- Section 7 - Construction: Restore Soils and Divert Reusable Vegetation, Rock and Soils from disposal

ENGAGE USERS & STAKEHOLDERS

- 1995 – OPEN SPACE BOND
- 1997 – 100 ACRES FROM UM
- 2001 – 2002 EXTENSIVE PUBLIC PROCESS AND PLAN ADOPTION
- 2008 – SHPO & CCC INTERPRETATION + PHASE 1 DESIGN
- 2012 – PHASE 2 DESIGN
- 2014 – BOND PASSED (\$36 million FMRP Development)
- 2015 – PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE & KICKOFF TO DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
- 2017 – BITTERROOT TRAIL + S. RESERVE PED CROSSING
- April 29, 2017 – PHASE 1 OPEN
- July 26, 2018 – Phase 2 OPEN (Completion in July 2019)



HUMAN HEALTH + WELL BEING (HHWB)



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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HHWB



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MEET SGT. BOZO

FORT MISSOULA'S FAMOUS DOG

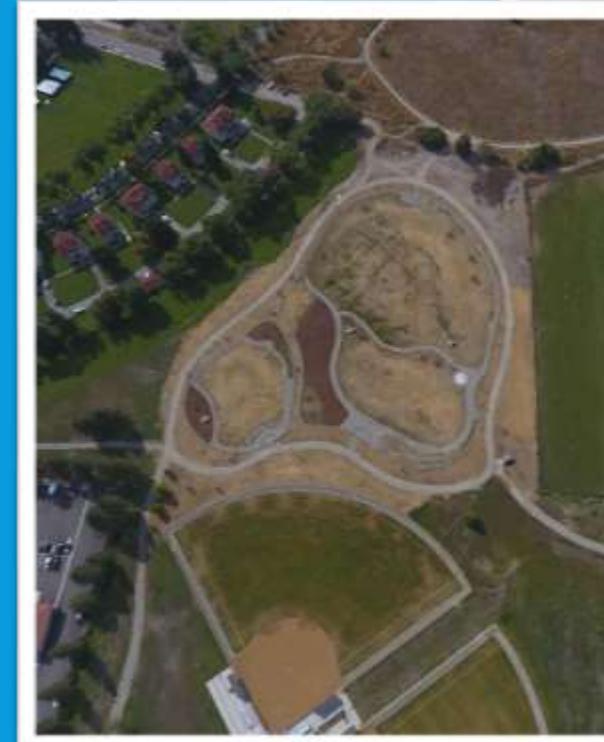
In 1928, Corporal G.T. Hesford adopted a starving three-week old puppy at Fort Missoula and gave him the name Bozo.

Bozo quickly won the hearts of the men of the U.S. 46th Infantry as their mascot. In 1932, Bozo was given the honorary rank of Sergeant. "Sgt. Bozo" was reportedly a natural at military life, responding to bugle calls and always on time for meals at the mess hall.

Sadly, Sgt. Bozo's life was cut short in 1940 when a Civilian Conservation Corps truck accidentally struck and killed him.

As a sign of the love and respect that the soldiers held for their canine mascot, Sgt. Bozo was buried with full military honors. While his resting place is uncertain, he was laid to rest either in the Post Cemetery or at the base of the flagpole on the parade grounds. Visitors can view Bozo's paw prints in the cement at the front of the Fort's powder magazine.

Today, dogs and their owners can play together at Sgt. Bozo Dog Park, east of this trail.



SPORTING EVENTS AT THE FORT



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- Strikers Soccer Intermountain Champions Cup
- XC Running Meets
- Volleyball Tournaments
- Montana State AA Soccer
- LAX Fest
- Ultimate
- Rugby
- World Refugee Day Soccer Cup
- Local Youth Soccer Programs
- Missoula Youth Football
- Hurling



SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

HHWB



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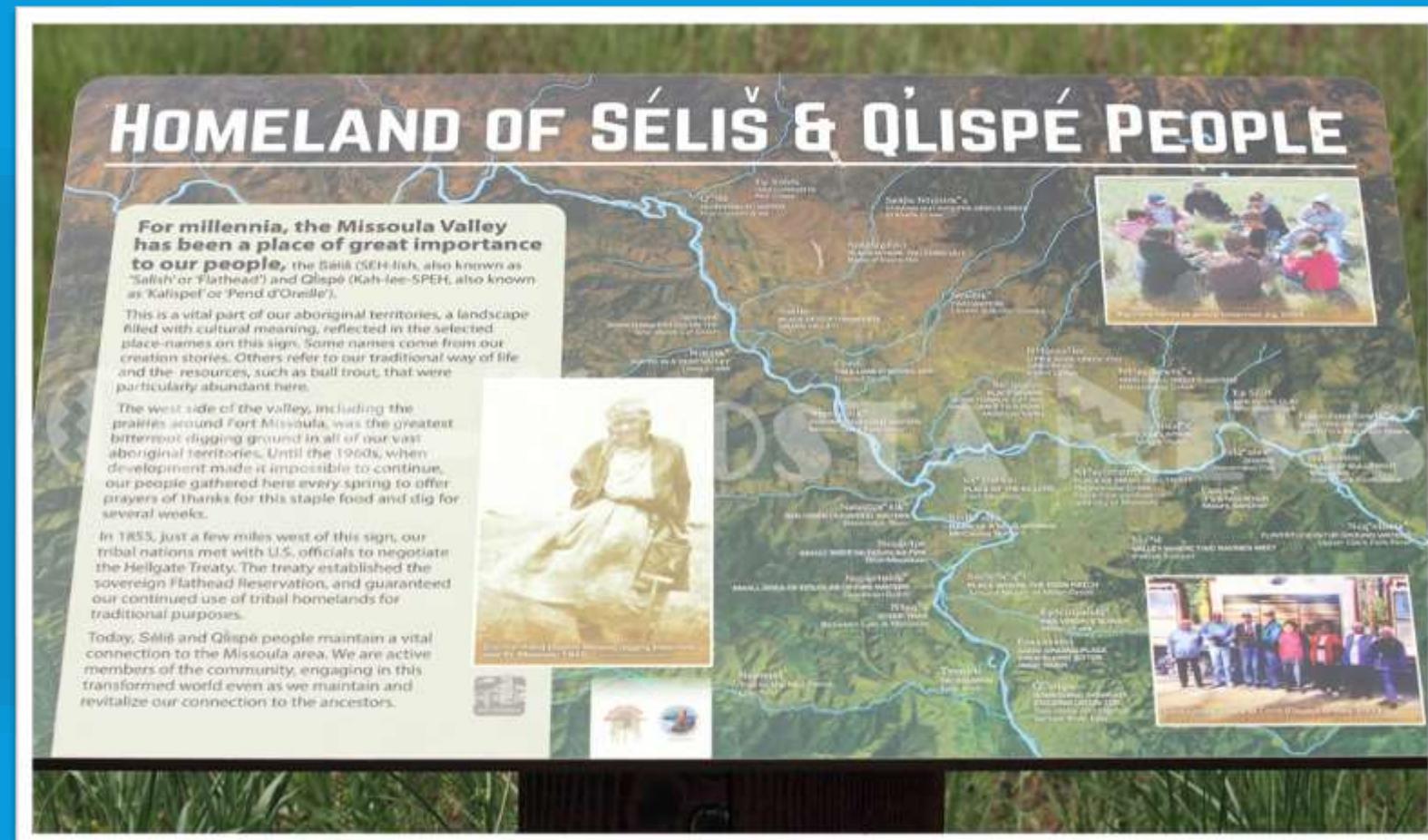
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CULTURAL & HISTORIC HWWB



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The park is in the original homelands of the Seliš (Salish) and Qlispe (Pend d'Oreille/Kalispel) people.”

RESTORE SOILS DISTURBED BY PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENT



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SITES MANAGEMENT



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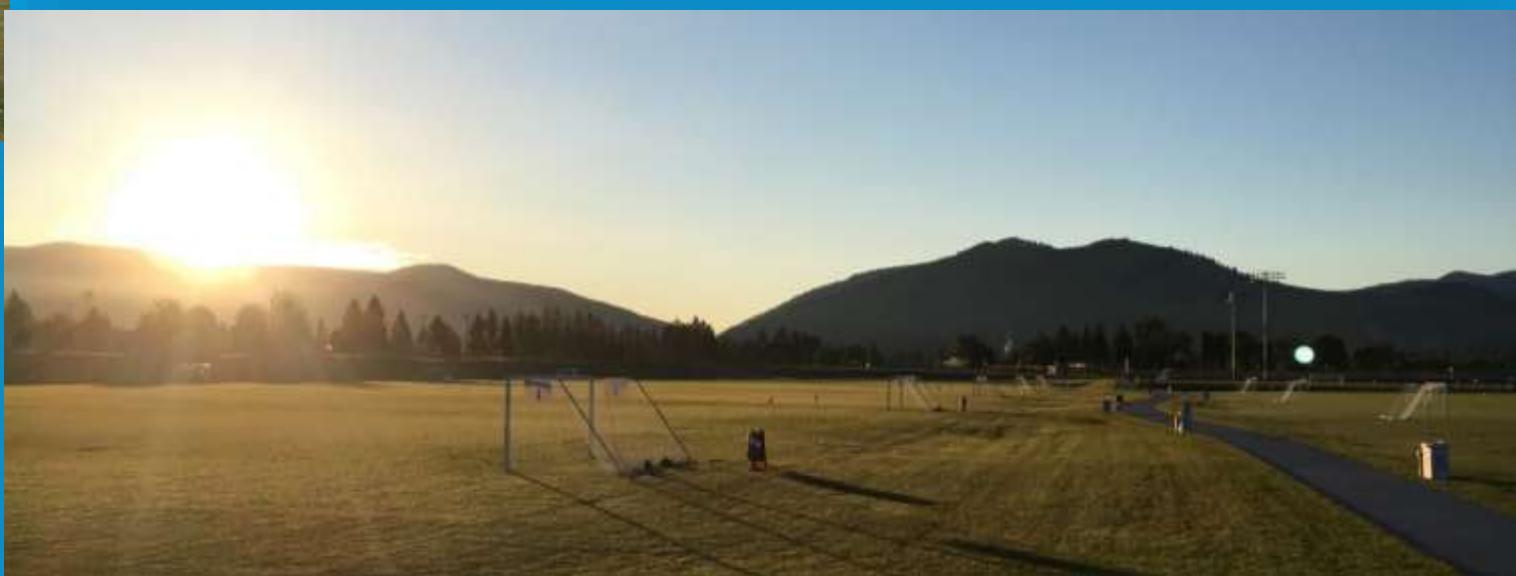


What would we do the same?

- Public Process
- Robust Documentation
- Identify target credits
- SITES Project Specifications
- Full submittal of all credits

What would we do differently?

- SITES file structure early in process
- Coordinate SITES with Project Stages
- Dedicated SITES project manager
- SITES as a guiding principle at start
- Daily & Weekly on-site logs



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Provided excellent guidance to meet overarching goals where history, culture, wellness, and sport all come together into a sustainable project.

- First SITES certified project in MT
- Largest SITES certified developed park (156-acres) "as of 2021"
- Synthetic turf is at least 65% recycled material
- 52% reduction in irrigation water use
- 34% reduction in outdoor energy consumption
- Planted 357 native trees / 865 native shrubs
- Restored 7.4 acres of native plant communities
- 96% of construction from local contractors
- 50% of construction material was regional sourced (within 500 miles)



LEGACY



COMMUNITY
HEALTH



NATIVE
PLANTS



WATER
QUALITY

MEETING CITIZEN EXPECTATIONS



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- A Park for all
- Economic generator
 - Local jobs (347.7 FTE jobs created)
 - Host major events
- Sustainable
- Accessible
- Proforma
- Maintenance impact statement



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