



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



# 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.



# FORT MISSOULA

REGIONAL PARK



## 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



## FORT MISSOULA REGIONAL PARK



- 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



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES



## FORT MISSOULA REGIONAL PARK

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





# MITIGATION PLANS



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



## Preserving a Sense of Place

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

# MITIGATION PLANS



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



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.



# MITIGATION PLANS



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



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



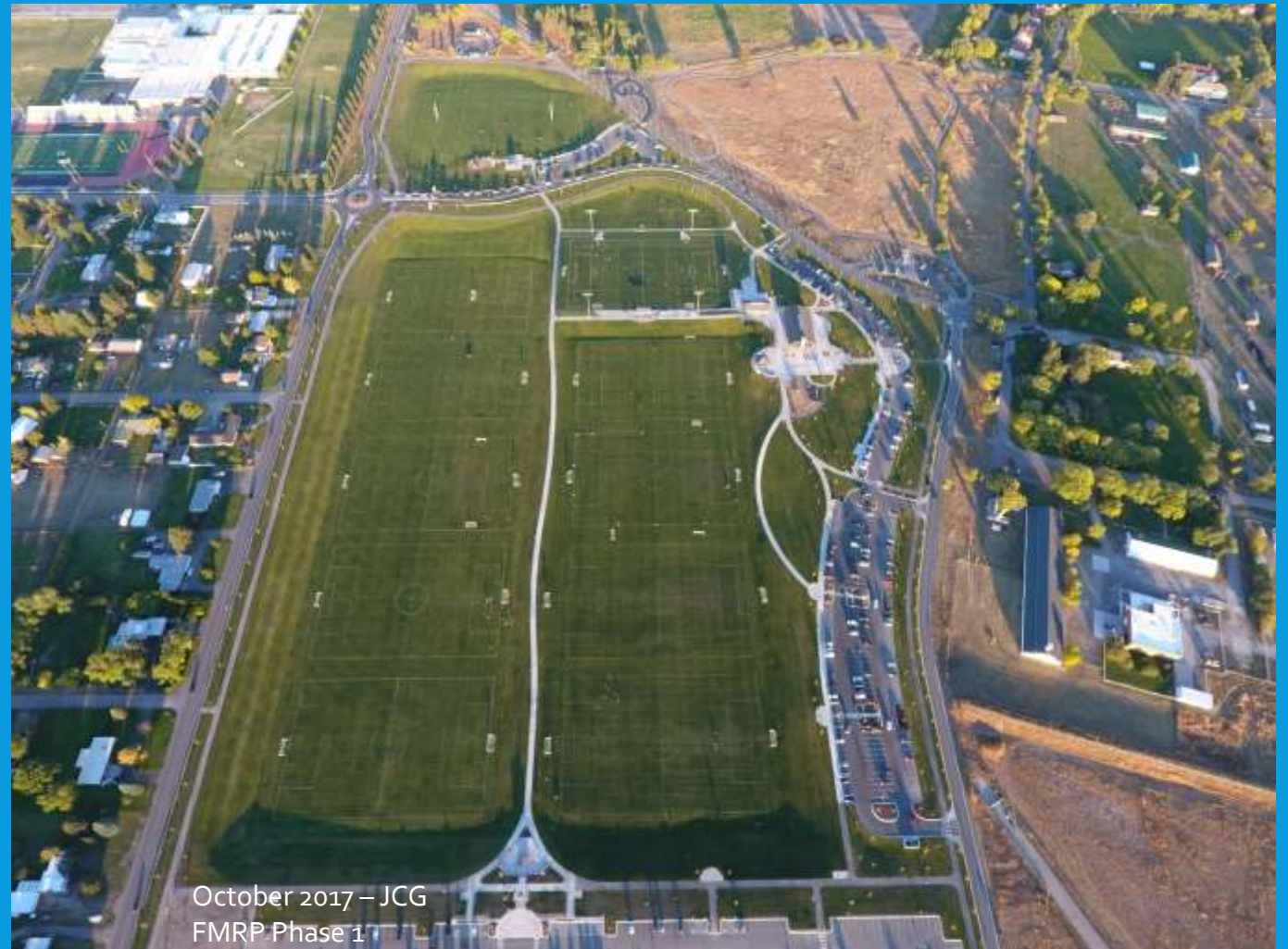
# WHY SITES



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



July 2014 – Google Earth  
FMRP Phase 1



October 2017 – JCG  
FMRP Phase 1



# TOP 3 SITES CREDITS



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



- 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)

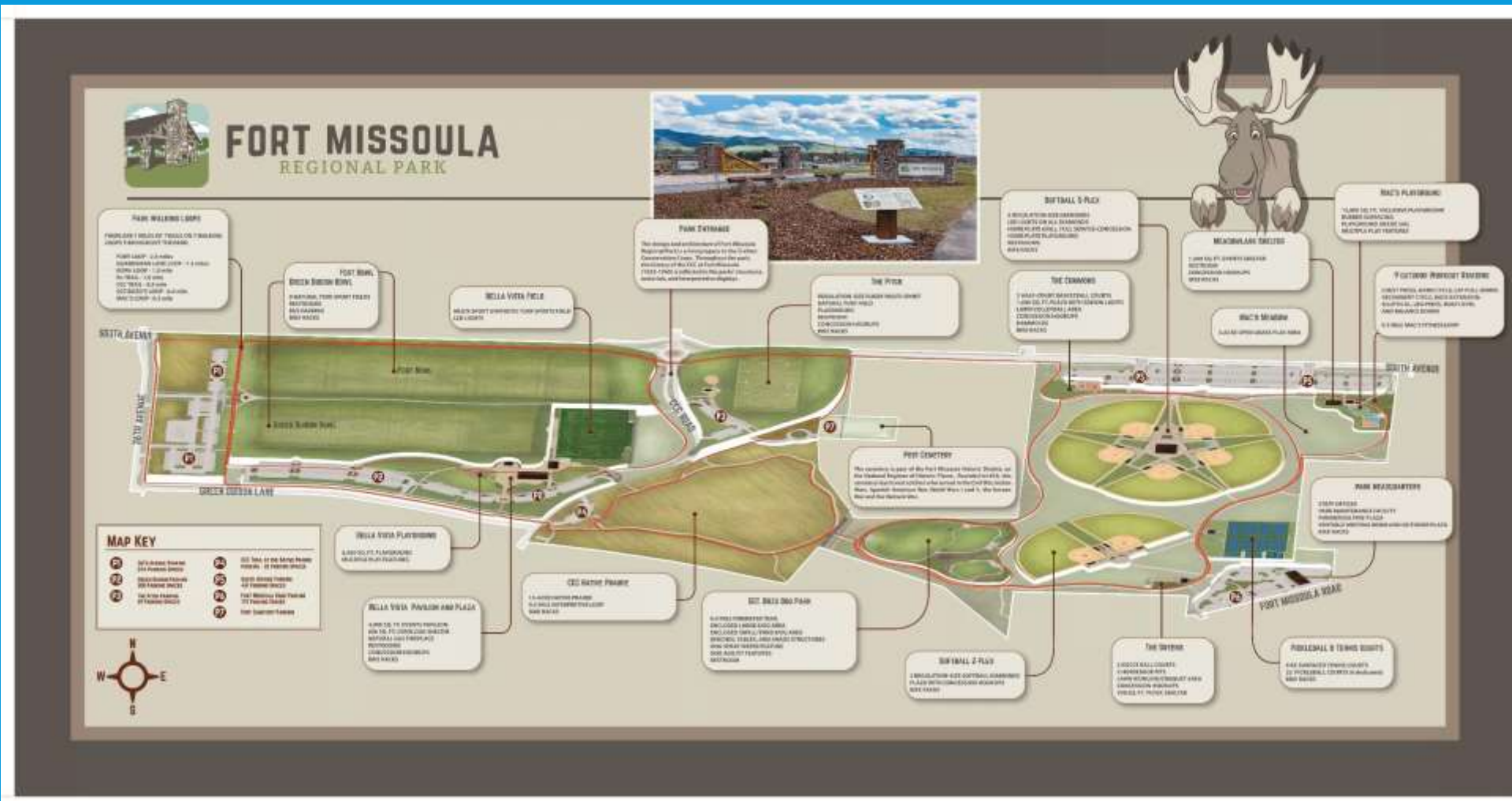


# HUMAN HEALTH + WELL BEING (HHWB)



# FORT MISSOULA

## REGIONAL PARK





# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HHWB



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HHWB



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK





# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HHWB



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK





# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HHWB



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK





# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HHWB



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HHWB



## FORT MISSOULA REGIONAL PARK

### 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. 4th 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



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK

- 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



## FORT MISSOULA REGIONAL PARK

### C6.6: SUPPORT SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

-  bench
-  seat wall
-  restrooms
-  drinking & bottle water station
-  photo location & number

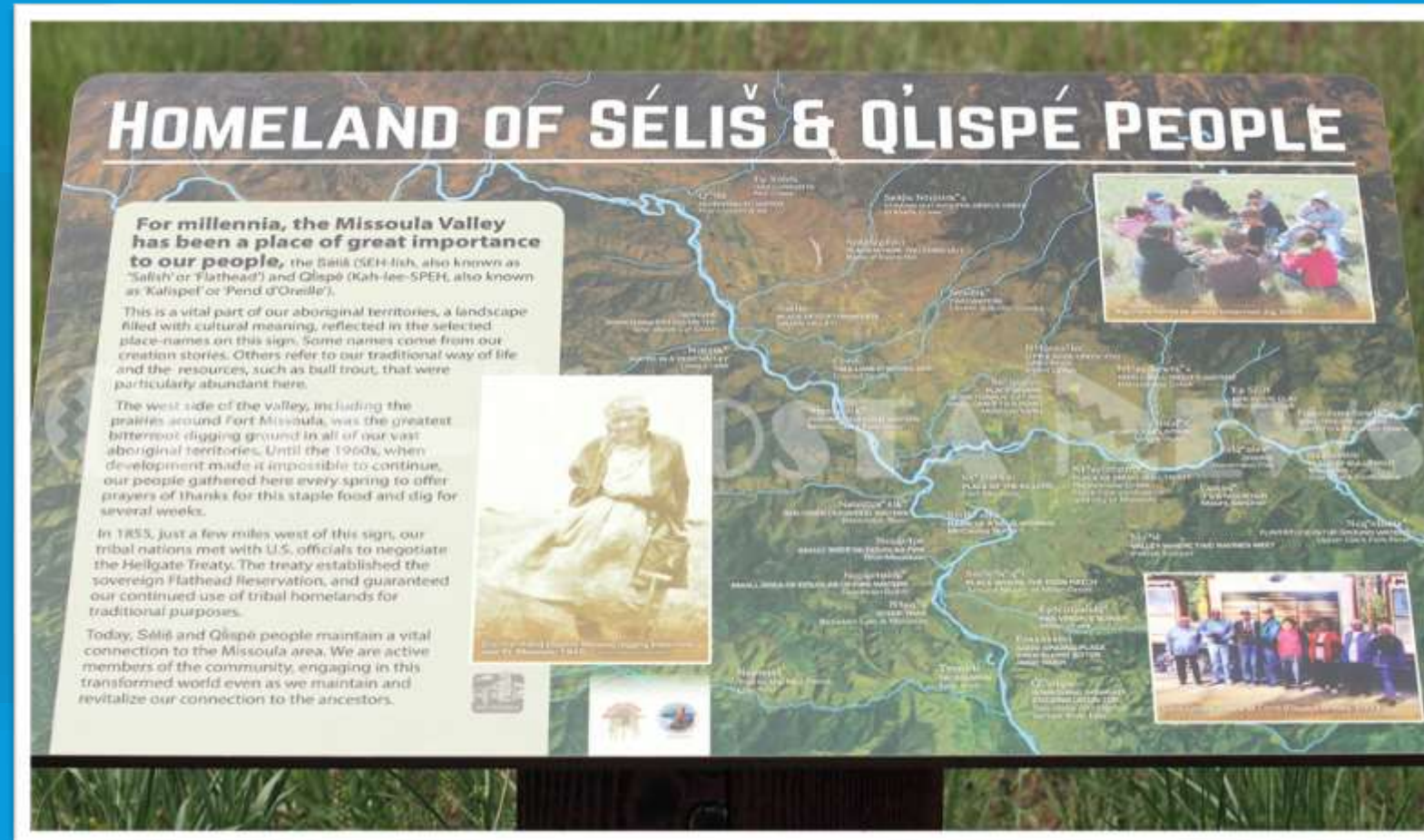




# CULTURAL & HISTORIC HWWB



## FORT MISSOULA REGIONAL PARK



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



# RESTORE SOILS DISTURBED BY PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENT



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK





# RESTORE SOILS DISTURBED BY PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENT



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK



# SITES MANAGEMENT



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK

## 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

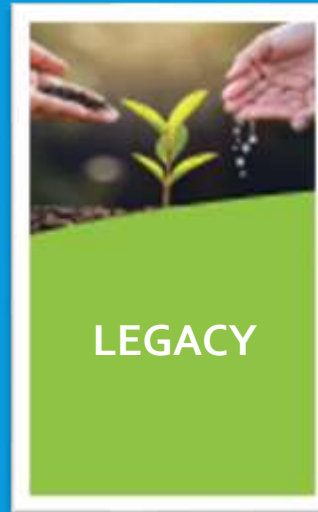






**Provided excellent guidance to meet overarching goals where history, culture, wellness, and sport all come together into a sustainable project.**

- First SITES certified project in MT
- Largest SITES certified developed park (156-aces) “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)



# MEETING CITIZEN EXPECTATIONS



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK

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





# THANK YOU



**FORT MISSOULA**  
REGIONAL PARK

2021  
**SITES SILVER**

**Parks  
&  
Recreation**  
City of Missoula • NE Correll Ave • 595 1996

**Parks, Trails  
& Open Lands**  
MISSOULA COUNTY

