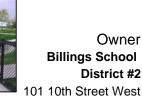
## **Project Summary**

**Orchard Elementary School** Playground Development

Billings, Montana





Owner **Billings School** District #2

Billings, Montana 59102

**Completion Date** Phase 1 completed 2007

Phase 2 completed 2008 Phase 3 completed 2009

> **Project Cost** \$1,300,000

Work Responsible For 100%

Consultants Engineering, Inc. (surveying) Con Eer (electrical)



Orchard Elementary School is located in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood on the south side of Billings. Upon completion of building rennovations, the school was left with no exterior playground facilities. Fortunately, a community philanthopist came forward and Foley Group was commissioned to complete a three-phased playground development for the School's seven acres of open space. The first phase was for the primary grades (1st thru 3rd graders) playground which included a play structure, rock climbing structure, little kids basketball courts, four-square courts and a large area of lawn for various activities. The building facade was softened with a raised planter of native Montana bunch grasses and wildlflowers. The second phase was for the intermediate grades (4th thru 6th graders) and included more physically challenging play equipment and a complete physical fitness station. This phase also included three full-sized basketball courts and a small baseball field. The third phase includes a soccer field and passive park as a complement to the neighborhood.

The site design included extensive grading to create several stormwater detention basins and underground storage. Landscape elements included hardy shade trees and a colorful display of ornamental grasses and hardy perennials.

