

Project Summary

Orchard Elementary School Playground Development Billings, Montana



Owner
Billings School
District #2

101 10th Street West
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)

Description

Orchard Elementary School is located in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood on the south side of Billings. Upon completion of building renovations, 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 wildflowers. 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.

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