

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BUILD PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Lowell School and Westside Park provide a unique and wonderful example of community partnership.

Missoula County Public Schools, the City of Missoula, North Missoula Community Development Corp, and many other generous community partners are collaborating to create an accessible, inclusive, and restorative space for neighborhood residents and students.

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS ARE FOR EVERYONE

Parks and playgrounds enable and encourage people to exercise, and play is critical for child development.

Parks help build healthy, stable communities while improving psychological and social health.

Low-income families are more likely to experience poor health outcomes and tend to have greater challenges in transportation and access to outdoor space.

Westside Park is free for everyone, provides inclusive and inviting green space, and is within walking distance of neighborhood residents.

PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Missoula Parks and Recreation, Missoula County Public Schools, Lowell Elementary, North Missoula Community Development Corporation and Friends of Missoula Parks.



SERVING LOWELL ELEMENTARY AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Lowell's current enrollment is 310 students, and the school is expected to reach capacity at 500 students in the next decade.
- 90% of Lowell students qualify for the MCPS free and reduced meal program, and the school serves as a free summer meal location.
- 15% of students qualify for additional special education services.
- 30% of Northside/Westside residents fall below the federal poverty level, versus 19% city-wide.



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Project Westside Park & Playground

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Westside Park is the primary green space and playground to the Northside/Westside neighborhood and Lowell Elementary School. The Park Master Plan is part of an ongoing comprehensive partnership encouraging health, fitness and academics.

Designed with the help of local play experts (Lowell Elementary Students) the new playground will feature an inclusive play experience with modern play equipment that is fun, exciting, safe, and meets the goals of the school and neighborhood.

Park & Playground Master Plan



FUNDING GOALS

- Playground: \$1.5 million
- Park/school grounds improvements including: picnic shelter, restroom, sports court, walkways, benches, tables, trees, green space, and active recreation turf for afterschool neighborhood use: \$665,000
- **Total project cost: \$2.16 million**

Gifts may be given over a 3-year period, and in-kind goods and services are gratefully accepted. Donor recognition will be prominently featured within the park.

Naming rights are available for five different playground zones, as well as the preschool playground, active playing field, picnic shelter, and park pathways.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- The new playground is largely designed by Lowell elementary school students.
- The project includes the Lowell School playground and a separate preschool playground open to the public during school hours.
- The new playground will be 40% larger and provide a variety of play types.
- The new playground will be ADA-accessible and inclusive.
- The playground design meets the highest standards of school playground safety.
- The new park design provides additional open space for organized sports and games.
- New picnic shelter adjacent to the splash pad.
- Multi-use sports court for basketball, pickleball, four-square and more.
- The synergy between the playground and splash pad make this park a very popular summer destination for residents all across Missoula.
- The park is within walking distance of neighborhood residents, and is easily accessible via the zero fare Mountain Line Bus.

