

# 20-08 - City of Dunseith Park Upgrade Project

## Application Details

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**Funding Opportunity:** 19205-Outdoor Heritage Fund March 2022 - Round 20  
**Funding Opportunity Due Date:** Mar 1, 2022 11:59 PM  
**Program Area:** Outdoor Heritage Fund  
**Status:** Under Review  
**Stage:** Final Application

**Initial Submit Date:** Mar 1, 2022 8:30 PM  
**Initially Submitted By:** Lyle Poitra  
**Last Submit Date:**  
**Last Submitted By:**

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**Comments:**

## Organization Information

**Status\*:** Approved  
**Name\*:** City of Dunseith  
**Organization Type\*:** Municipal Government

**Tax Id:**

**Organization Website:**

**Address\*:** 1st St NW

Dunseith North Dakota 58329-0580  
City State/Province Postal Code/Zip

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NCES#:

Restricted Indirect Cost Rate: 0.0%

Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate: 0.0%

## Budget

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### Objective of Grant

#### Objective of Grant:

The City of Dunseith and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa are working collaboratively to enhance the City Park by refurbishing the basketball and volleyball courts, installing new aluminum bleachers, and adding a new rest room facility.

#### Summary

Grant Request: \$75,000.00

Matching Funds: \$25,000.00

Total Project Costs: \$100,000.00

**You must have at least 25% match**

Percentage of Match: 25.0%

#### Project Expenses

Project Expense Description	OHF Request	Match Share (Cash)	Match Share (In-Kind)	Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
VersaCourt Outdoor Tile	\$17,250.00	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,000.00
Basketball Backboards/Hoops/Poles	\$14,400.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,200.00
Volleyball Nets/Poles	\$1,650.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Aluminum Bleachers	\$3,225.00	\$1,075.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,300.00
Rest Room/Maintenance Facility	\$38,475.00	\$12,825.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,300.00
	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>

#### Budget Narrative

##### Budget Narrative:

The rest room unit is itemized as following for the 16' x 24' building: 1. Labor fees @ \$17,000 2. Construction materials @ \$28,800 including wood studs, metal siding, stainless steel toilets, utility tubs, etc 3. Concrete slab @ \$3,000 labor/materials 4. Water and Sewer Hook-ups @ \$2,500

#### Bid Attachments

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Quote for Rest Room/Maintenance Facility	<a href="#">Restroom Maintenance Quote.pdf</a>	pdf	158 KB	03/01/2022 04:09 PM
Quote for VersaCourt Outdoor Tile to be used to resurface existing basketball courts. Overall size of 50;x90' coverage.	<a href="#">VersaCourt Quote.pdf</a>	pdf	16 KB	03/01/2022 04:11 PM
Quote for basketball hoops, poles, volleyball nets/poles and aluminum bleachers.	<a href="#">Gerrells Quote.pdf</a>	pdf	324 KB	03/01/2022 04:13 PM
Tribal Resolution to commit to 25% match of park upgrades.	<a href="#">Tribal Resolution.pdf</a>	pdf	53 KB	03/01/2022 05:14 PM

### Match Funding

Match Amount	Funding Source	Match Type
\$25,000.00	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa	Cash
<b>\$25,000.00</b>		

## Description

### Directives

- Major Directive\*:** Directive D  
Choose One
- Additional Directive:** Choose All That Apply
- Type of Agency\*:** Political Subdivision  
Choose One

### Abstract/Executive Summary

#### Abstract/Executive Summary\*:

The Dunseith Development Corporation, under the authority of the City of Dunseith, proposes to upgrade the Park that is located in the hub of the city and is adjacent to the public school. The school is comprised of a high number of Native American students (98%) and serves an ever-growing community. The upgrades will include: resurfacing the basketball courts and adding unbreakable hoops and poles; constructing a new restroom/maintenance facility, replacing the volleyball nets/poles, and installing new aluminum bleachers. During the summer of 2021, the City of Dunseith worked collaboratively with the Dunseith Public School and the Dunseith Development Corporation to develop a Dunseith Park Plan (5 years). The Plan was presented to the TMBCI Tribal Council for financial support and through tribal resolution committed cash funds of 25% of the project. The total budget of the project is \$100,000. The City of Dunseith is requesting \$75,000 from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund that is being matched by the tribe for \$25,000. The Dunseith Park Plan has multiples health, social, & economic benefits, including: 1) Promotes physical fitness and exercise and holistic health. 2) Serves a high native population that is economically and socially disadvantaged. 3) Compliments City & Tribal Economic and Housing Initiatives 4) Empowers local youth by being involved in planning and development. 5) Park is adjacent to the schools and is easily accessible. 6) In a safe area that is in close proximity to law enforcement.

### Project Duration

#### Project Duration\*:

Six (6) months from start of project to end of completion.

## Narrative

**Narrative**

Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities. Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement.

**Organization Information\*:**

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**Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program.**

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project.

Note: if your proposal provides funding to an individual, the names of the recipients must be reported to the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund. These names will be disclosed upon request.

If your project involves an extenuating circumstance to [exempted activities](#) please explain.

**Purpose of Grant\*:**

Located in Rolette County, the Dunseith Community Park contains a relatively natural landscape which includes a basketball court, volleyball nets, open areas for dog walking and a fenced in area with an arbor for seating, and cultural features that are nature-based for a rich outdoor recreation experience. The property was designated in the 1970s as an official Park by the City of Dunseith and is managed by the Dunseith City Commission and City Council. City parks increase community engagement and reduce crime. Planning and programming that engages residents in the design and of their local parks fosters a sense of community and helps ensure that the parks reflect the needs of the community. Despite the lack of facilities or services, public use of the park has increased significantly in the past ten to fifteen years, particularly due to the amenities like the basketball courts. With the growing use of the park has come increasing demands for the provision of facilities and services as well as an enhanced management presence. This largely unmanaged public use has resulted in park values being compromised, particularly the lack of maintenance of the landscape and resources, and a number of undesirable uses which have occurred on an ongoing basis. To address these issues, the Dunseith city Council commissioned a consulting firm to develop a park management plan. The intent of the plan is to provide a vision for the park and a policy framework to guide park management over the next 5-15 years. It also identifies the actions necessary to support that vision. Local stakeholders have identified 5 management concepts that need to be in place for the Dunseith City Park: 1. To preserve the park's natural settings and to use as a resource for cultural heritage values 2. To provide opportunities for outdoor recreation that are compatible with the emphasis placed on protecting the park's natural setting 3. To enhance public understanding and appreciation of park values with tourism and our economic prosperity in mind 4. To provide facilities and services to enhance visitor enjoyment and park management which includes amenities and services found in most parks across the country 5. To ensure public access, safety, and use.

Please list the counties that would be impacted by this project:

**Counties\*:** Rolette

**Is This Project Part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan?\*** Yes

**If Yes, Please Provide Copy of Plan:** [Dunseith Plan 2.docx](#)

**Does Your Project Involve an Extenuating Circumstance?\*** No

**Please Explain:**

Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met. Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

**Management of Project\*:**

The primary management objectives for the Dunseith Community Park focuses on protecting natural and cultural heritage values, providing opportunities for compatible forms of outdoor recreation; and developing opportunities for interpretive and ecological education. Management of Dunseith Community Park will contribute to the achievement of City Departmental objectives of safe family outdoor recreation, heritage appreciation and tourism. The Dunseith Community Park will also contribute to the fulfillment of the City's Goals. This is only one facet of a city-wide comprehensive management plan as discussed below. A comprehensive management plan shall be adopted and amended with public participation (local stakeholders) for the best interest of the community. See Appendices 2 for local stakeholder signatures and support letter. A comprehensive management plan can also be completed through a community wide strategic planning meeting which develops a MAP, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, and set of TIMELINES. A sample comprehensive plan below has 9 elements as follows: 1. A land use element designating the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land. 2. A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods. 3. A capital facility plan element. 4. A utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines. 5. A Rural element. 6. A transportation element that implements, and is consistent with, the land use element. 7. An economic development element establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life. 8. A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities. 9. An assessment piece on when the park plan will be re-evaluated consistently every 5 years. The City of Dunseith will assign Lyle Poitra, Economic Development Specialist, to compile monthly progress reports and presents them the City of Dunseith and Dunseith Development Corporation. These reports will in turn be submitted to the TMBCI Tribal Government for review. Major performance measures will include timely completion of construction schedule, quality of construction, partnership leveraging, and numbers of Dunseith Park visitors each year.

Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. Include information on the sustainability of this project after OHF funds have been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

**Sustainability\*:**

The Dunseith Development Corporation will continually seek any funding opportunities afforded the city via federal, state, foundation, and private funding. This will involve having pro-active working relationships with a multitude of agencies and organizations locally, statewide, and nationally. The corporation is in the process of preparing a portfolio to complement its Dunseith Park Plan and will be distributed to all potential funding agencies.

Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.

**Partial Funding\*:**

The Dunseith Development Corporation has been advocating for funds to compliment the development of Dunseith Park. The Park is one of the city's primary assets and was given a high top priority for financial and governmental support. The City of Dunseith, in a meeting with several Tribal Council representative, agreed to commit any expenditures necessary to complete Phase I of the Dunseith Park upgrade.

If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? \* There must be signage at the location of the project acknowledging OHF funding when appropriate. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be.

**Partnership Recognition\*:**

The City of Dunseith has access to all local media such as the Turtle Mountain Times & Turtle Mountain Star newspapers, tribal radio KEYA-FM radio, The City of Dunseith Park Upgrade project will take advantage of this opportunity and will assure that the ND Outdoor Heritage fund will receive recognition and promotional coverage within these media streams. A plaque recognizing all financial partners will be mounted at the entrance to the Dunseith Park complex.

Do you have any supporting documents, such as maps or letters of support that you would like to provide? If so, please provide them in a single file.

**Supporting Documents\*:**

Yes

**If Yes, Please Provide Copies in a Single File:**

[Letter of Support.pdf](#)

Awarding of Grants - Review the appropriate sample contract for your organization. [Sample Contract](#)

**Can You Meet All the Provisions of the Sample Contract?\***

Yes

If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be:

**Provisions Unable to Meet:**

# Tasks

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## Tasks

Task	Start Date	Completion Date
Assemble and install aluminum bleachers	06/01/2022	07/01/2022
Conduct student surveys from Dunseith Public School	08/01/2022	09/01/2022
Construction of Restroom/Maintenance Building	05/01/2022	09/01/2022
Install Basketball hoops, poles, and backboards	06/01/2022	07/01/2022
Install volleyball nets and poles	06/01/2022	07/01/2022
Installation of VersaCourt System over basketball slab	06/01/2022	07/01/2022
Purchase and order construction materials and park amenities	04/01/2022	05/01/2022
Site work development of volleyball courts and rest room area	04/01/2022	05/01/2022

## Description of Tasks

### Please Describe Tasks:

Ron Parisien, a Carpentry Instructor who has taught at Turtle Mountain Community College for over 30 years, will construct the Restroom maintenance facility. It will be a single 16 ft by 24 ft building with three separate areas - male bathroom, female bathroom, and a utility room for maintenance storage. The rest room will be supplied with city water and sewer that will be installed by a city work crew. Ron hires college carpentry graduates to assist with construction that will be done on site

# Deliverables

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## Deliverables

Deliverable	Quantity	Unit of Measurement, if applicable
Conduct survey of Dunseith students to determine level of satisfaction of Dunseith Park upgrades	100	Scale from 1-10
Provide park events such as basketball and volleyball tourneys.	12	Events per year (seasonal)

# Certification

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## Certification

**Certification:** Yes

**Name:** Lyle Poitra  
First Name Last Name

**Title:** Economic Development Specialist  
Title

Date:

03/01/2022

*Internal Application Number*

#ID: 20-08

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Ron Parisien, TMCC Instructor/Carpentry Specialist

Box 1669

Belcourt, ND 58316

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Quote for Services

Dunseith Park Rest Room/Maintenance Facility

16' x 24' Steel Building

Labor Fee - for construction of 10' x 16' rest room unit	\$ 17,000
Construction Materials – purchased from Marions Construction of Dunseith Wood studs, metal siding, stainless steel toilets, utility tub, vents, etc.	\$ 28,800
Concrete Slab	3,000
Water & Sewer Hook-ups	<u>2,500</u>
Total fee	<b>\$51,300</b>





Signature

Date

Cell contact: 278-5856



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# Estimate

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Date	Estimate #
2/25/2022	29322

## Bill To

Dunseith  
 Belcourt, ND 58316

## Ship To

Lyle Poitra  
 Belcourt, ND 58316

CSR	Shipping Method	Payment Terms	Rep	Promo Code
Todd Cannon	Best Way	Prepaid	026	
1	Type: Game Outdoor Size: 50'-2" x 89'-10" Court Color: TBD Lane Color: TBD Border Color: TBD Ramps Color: TBD Corners Color: TBD Includes 1 set of Basketball Lines			21,615.50T
1	Shipping Cost - 7 Pallets - Lift-Gate-Call for Appt. - Limited Access Total sales tax calculated by AvaTax Select this as a transaction's tax to use AvaTax			1,386.00 0.00 0.00

<b>Total</b>	\$23,001.50
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\* Estimate is valid for 30 days from the date of estimate



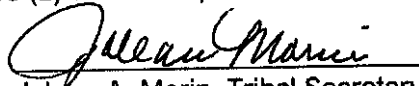
RESOLUTION NUMBER **TMBC1207-02-22** OF THE DULY ELECTED AND CERTIFIED GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS


- WHEREAS, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, hereinafter referred to as the Tribe, is an unincorporated Band acting under a revised Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1959 and amendments thereto approved; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX (a) Section 1 of the Turtle Mountain Constitution and By-Laws empowers the Tribal Council with the authority to represent the Band and to negotiate with Federal, State, and Local Governments and with private persons; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX – Powers of the Tribal Council Sec. 11 of the Constitution authorizes the Tribal Council of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians to engage in any business that will further the economic well-being of the members of the Tribe or to undertake programs or projects designed for the economic advancement of the people; and
- WHEREAS, representatives from the City of Dunseith, working in collaboration with the Dunseith Public School, invested time and financial resources toward the development of the Dunseith Park Plan for 2022-2027 (five years); and
- WHEREAS, over 95% of the students in the Dunseith School are Chippewa and the Park is adjacent to the school and is accessible, highly visible, and within city boundaries; and
- WHEREAS, Phase I addresses the highest priority of the Dunseith Park Plan: 1) resurfacing the basketball courts and installing new rims/backboards, 2) purchasing new aluminum bleacher stands, and 3) constructing a restroom/maintenance building; installing new volleyball nets/poles; and
- WHEREAS, the total budget for Phase I is \$100,000 and is documented with vendor quotes/restroom/maintenance building blueprints, court tile design, and product pics; and
- WHEREAS, several agencies such as the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund & the ND Parks & Recreation, and other and have grant funds that could support the Dunseith Park Plan; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the TM Chippewa authorize the City of Dunseith to apply for ND Outdoor Heritage and ND Parks & Recreation funds of up to \$75,000 and the Tribe will commit the 25% match up to \$25,000 (total project budget \$100,000) from the Gen Acct and Betterment Committee will be liable for Phase II; and
- THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Kris Barbot and Mr. Les Thomas will be delegated to oversee the project on behalf of the Tribe and City of Dunseith.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Tribal Secretary of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of nine (9) members of whom **seven (7)** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called, convened and held on the **22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2022**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of **six (6) in favor** – Representatives Chad Counts, Elmer Davis, Jr., Blaine 'Slugger' Davis, Kenneth Malaterre, Lynn Gourneau and Craig Lunday; two (2) absent-Reps. Ron Trottier, Sr. and Jon Jon Keplin; none (0) opposed; with the Chairman not voting.

SIGNED INTO LAW/Dated this 23 day of February, 2022  
 VETOED/Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

  
Joleen A. Morin, Tribal Secretary

  
Jamie Azure, Tribal Chairman

2/23/22

**DUNSEITH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MAIN STREET, NW  
DUNSEITH, ND 58329**

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February 28, 2022

ND Outdoor Heritage Fund  
c/o Industrial Commission  
Bismarck, ND 583219

*Letter of Support*


Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Dunseith Development Corporation, we want to 'voice' our support to the Dunseith Park Upgrade Project. The Park has long been a focal point of development for the City of Dunseith.

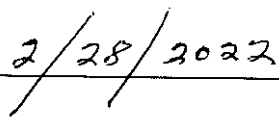
The Dunseith Development Corporation is in the midst of preparing a comprehensive strategic plan that will serve to guide the city's economic and social development efforts for the next 5 years. The Park is an essential part of the Plan as it provides a safe and healthy environment that is conducive to social and economic well-being.

Our organization has been a stakeholder into the development of the Dunseith Park Plan and will continue support the efforts of the City of Dunseith and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Please contact our organization (at the address above) if you have any questions or would like additional comments regarding the City Park project.

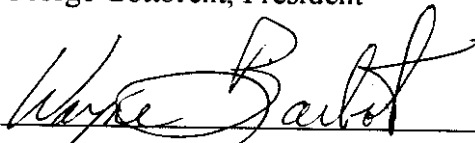
Sincerely,

  
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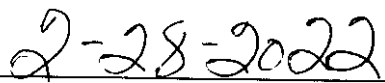
George Gottbreht, President

  
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Date

  
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Wayne Barbot, Vice-President

  
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Date

## **Dunseith City Park Plan**



**Prepared by Dr. Shane M. Martin  
& Lyle Poitra (S and L Native Consulting)**

**May 10, 2021**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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Parks are a part of every small community across the United States, and those parks have some form of meaning to each community whether it be cultural, rich ancestry, or the unique blend of heritage culminated among those living within that community.

Parks attract tourists, fill hotel rooms and bring customers to local stores and restaurants. As community signature pieces, parks offer a marketing tool for cities to attract businesses through city wide conventions (Sherer, 2006).

Furthermore, Homebuyers prefer homes close to parks, open space, and greenery. City parks encourage active lifestyles and reduce health costs; studies show that physical activity can reduce or prevent many physical and mental health problems. Parks also reduce the costs of healthcare: maintaining a healthy weight saves \$1,500 per person in healthcare costs per year (City Parks Alliance, 2021).

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Located in Rolette County, the Dunseith Community Park contains a relatively natural landscape which includes a basketball court, volleyball nets, open areas for dog walking and a fenced in area with an arbor for seating, and cultural features that are nature-based for a rich outdoor recreation experience. The property was designated in the 1970s as an official Park by the City of Dunseith and is managed by the Dunseith City Commission and City Council. City parks increase community engagement and reduce crime. Planning and programming that engages residents in the design and of their local parks fosters a sense of community and helps ensure that the parks reflect the needs of the community (City Park Alliance, 2021).

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City parks strengthen local economies and create job opportunities. Parks attract residents and businesses, increase revenue for cities, spur private investment, and increase job opportunities (City Park Alliance, 2021).

Local stakeholders have identified 5 management concepts that need to be in place for the Dunseith City Park:

1. To preserve the park's natural settings and to use as a resource for cultural heritage values
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An emphasis on outdoor recreation and different stages of development for the park's diverse natural and cultural heritage values will complete this plan. These efforts may include development of an information brochure, on-site interpretive signage and special event programming, stations along the 1- mile bike path and walking path. Opportunities for outdoor recreation will largely be associated with activities supported by a proposed community calendar of events.

Facilities and services will be limited to the provision of public parking and pedestrian access, an inter-connected system of bike path/walking paths, picnic/open space areas, playground equipment, outdoor volleyball site, renovated basketball courts, bathrooms, arbor and outdoor staging area for a carnival or bandstand. Most of the time, the desire to go to a destination on a pleasure trip is stimulated by its attractions (American Planning Association, 2021).

Public parks are often the "engine" that drives tourism in many communities (American Planning Association, 2021). City parks and open space improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. Numerous studies have shown the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits parks bring to a city and its people. For example, they attract tourists, serve as community signature pieces, offer a marketing tool for cities to attract businesses and conventions and host festivals, concerts and athletics events (Sherer, 2006).

## **VISION**

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## **PARK MANAGEMENT ELEMENTS**

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4. A utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.
5. A Rural element.
6. A transportation element that implements, and is consistent with, the land use element.
7. An economic development element establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life.
8. A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities.
9. An assessment piece on when the park plan will be re-evaluated consistently every 5 years

## **TOURISM**

The North Dakota Tourism Division uses research to strategically analyze visitor activity, interest, market share, target markets, advertising effectiveness (ROI) and more (ND Tourism, 2021).

The following information is provided by the North Dakota Tourism Division for year 2020:

- ND had 22 million annual visitors
- In 2020 3 billion was spent in ND by outside tourists
- ND had more than 3,000 businesses and organizations related to tourism and 42,000 jobs related to tourism
- ND had 300 million dollars in visitor paid taxes
- Rolette County had 16-30 million tourists spending in 2020

Dunseith is located in North Central North Dakota at the base of the Turtle Mountains which is considered a "four seasons playground". The area is well known for its recreational activities, hunting, fishing, water sports, snowmobiling, cross country skiing with trails and ski slope in the Lake Metigoshe area which is a well know travel destination (City web, 2021).

The International Peace Garden is located 14 miles North of Dunseith on ND Hwy 3 and US Hwy 281 on the Canadian Border and is one of the principal tourist areas in the State. There is an abundance of activities year around for you to enjoy, including the International Music Camp. See their Website listed below for all the details. Adjacent to the Peace Garden is a 24-hour Customs & Immigration Station which accommodates business and pleasure travelers (City web, 2021).

## BUDGET

1. Restoration of Basketball Courts.....	\$ 45,850
2. Outdoor Basketball Standards.....	\$ 19,200
3. Striping Lines for Basketball.....	\$ 6,308
4. 2 Sets of 54 Seat Capacity Bleachers.....	\$ 4,300
5. Set VB Poles Standards and Parking Lot Restoration.....	\$ 15,000
6. Volleyball Standards.....	\$ 2,200
7. 1 Mile Bike Path Concrete.....	\$120,240
8. New PlayGround Equipment.....	\$ 72,294
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$285,392</b>

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

1. Restoration of Basketball Courts-For this reason, the plan initiates the process to replace the concrete where existing basketball hoops are. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
2. Put up new basketball standards to include one section of lower basketball standards at the west end of the courts for younger kids to enjoy. Three (3) sets of new standards. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
3. The plan will also include basketball court lines painted on the new surface. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
4. The plan includes 2 sets of 54 capacity Bleachers. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
5. Make amenities safer for those within the confines of the park. Remove all rotten high line poles used for parking barriers. Replace with concrete parking blocks on the east side and north side of the complex. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
6. Costs for Volleyball Standards. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
7. A 1-mile bike bath and physical fitness stations along with city cultural signage, history heritage signage, and other (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
8. A new commercial playground equipment set will be the main attraction of the renovated park along with phases of development. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)

## CONCLUSION AND PHASE 2 PLANS

The Dunseith Park Plan will be a ‘working’ document that will be driven by local youth and supported by a network of “caring” city and tribal officials and representatives. The Plan will continually evolve in stages to coincide with the City’s ability to support the project from conceptualization through completion. Maintenance and sustainability will also be of high consideration to assure safety and visual appeal.

The Park Plan will guide the Dunseith community in their goal of sustaining and enhancing their City Park that has recreational and health value. The Plan also benefits the community socially and economically:

- Serves a high growing native population and economically deprived region with health disparities.
- MSN.com rated Rolette County (including township of Dunseith) as the 5th poorest county in the nation.
- Rolette county unemployment is at 25.5%.
- 27.6% of the total population of the Reservation is below the age of 15, and only 9.1% of the population is over the age of 64.
- The prevalence of diabetes and childhood obesity is extremely high; Rolette County ranks 47th out of 49 North Dakota Counties ranked in overall health.
- Compliments City & Tribal Economic and Housing Initiatives
- Rolette County and the Tribe have adopted Tourism and Scenic By-Way Plans to capitalize on the abundance of Natural Resources in Rolette County.
- The Rolette County & Tribal Housing Authorities oversee current and new housing development.
- The City of Dunseith is working with county and state stakeholder to develop a comprehensive five (5) year Economic & Housing Plan.
- Dunseith is in a federally designated Promise-Reap-HUB Zone that provide tax incentives for industry doing business with the City.
- Empowers Local Youth
- Strengthens Partnership among youth-serving organizations by formalizing and structuring youth associations and activities.
- Decision making is made at the local “grassroots level by locally sanctioned youth groups.
- Established and emerging youth groups are supported by city and tribal resolutions.
- Social Media has been effective method of reaching out to youth county-wide.

Conclusive Statement:

“We, the City of Dunseith, will continually enhance its Park Area(s) for our youth and patrons and greatly appreciate the financial support of potential partners in this highly beneficial endeavor”

## Future Development

The City of Dunseith, working collaboratively with its youth group, have identified the following needs to improve its Park Area and serve the ever-increasing number of youth and patrons.

1. Rest Rooms
2. Park Benches, Grills to the Main Park
3. 1-Mile Bike Path (Only if funding cannot be secured for Phase 2)
4. Etc...