

# Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application



The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations, with higher priority given to projects that enhance conservation practices in this state by:

**Directive A.** Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

**Directive B.** Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

**Directive C.** Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

**Directive D.** Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

## Exemptions

Outdoor Heritage Fund grants may not be used to finance the following:

- A. Litigation;
- B. Lobbying activities;
- C. Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or other energy facility or infrastructure development;
- D. The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- E. Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of Chapter 54-17.8 of the North Dakota Century Code.

## NO CONSIDERATION:

In addition to those specific items in law that are ineligible for funding, in the absence of a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission, the following projects will NOT receive consideration for funding:

- A completed project or project commenced before the grant application is submitted;
- A feasibility or research study;
- Maintenance costs;
- A paving project for a road or parking lot;
- A swimming pool or aquatic park;
- Personal property that is not affixed to the land;
- Playground equipment, except that grant funds may be provided for up to 25% of the cost of the equipment not exceeding \$10,000 per project and all playground equipment grants may not exceed 5% of the total grants per year (see Budget Form for how this will be calculated);
- Staffing or outside consultants except for costs for staffing or an outside consultant to design and implement an approved project based on the documented need of the applicant and the expenditures may not exceed 5% of the grant to a grantee if the grant exceeds \$250,000 and expenditures may not exceed 10% of the grant to a grantee if the grant is \$250,000 or less (see Budget Form for how this will be calculated);

- A building except for a building that is included as part of a comprehensive conservation plan for a new or expanded recreational project (see Budget Form for definition of comprehensive conservation plan and new or expanded recreational project); or
- A project in which the applicant is not directly involved in the execution and completion of the project.

## Application Deadline

Applications for this grant round cycle are due on **May 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. CT**. All information, including attachments, must be submitted by that date. See instructions below for submission information.

## Instructions

Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> ) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. After completing the application, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to [outdoorheritage@nd.gov](mailto:outdoorheritage@nd.gov) or print it and mail it to the address noted in the next paragraph.

Attachments in support of your application may be sent by mail to North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by e-mail to [outdoorheritage@nd.gov](mailto:outdoorheritage@nd.gov). The application and all attachments must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your application.

You may submit your application at any time prior to the application deadline. Early submission is appreciated and encouraged to allow adequate time to review your application and ensure that all required information has been included. Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding. **Any item noted with an \* is required.**

**Oral Presentation.** Please note that you will be given an opportunity to make a ten-minute Oral Presentation at a meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. These presentations are strongly encouraged.

**Open Record.** Please note that your application and any attachments will be open records as defined by law and will be posted on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund website.

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Fax # (if available) Not Applicable

List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal: Not Applicable

**MAJOR Directive: (select the Directive that best describes your grant request)\***

Choose only one response

**Directive A.** Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

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**Additional Directive: (select the directives that also apply to the grant application purpose)\***

Choose all that apply

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**Type of organization: (select the category that describes your organization)\***

- State Agency
- Political Subdivision**
- Tribal Entity
- Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

**Project Name\***      **Community Gathering Space**  
Phase I: Playground Equipment & Amenities  
Phase II: Basketball Court Refurbishment

**Abstract/Executive Summary.**      **An Executive Summary of the project stating its objectives, expected results, duration, total project costs and participants.\*** (no more than 500 words)

In order to build a community that retains residents and offers a high quality of life, the City of Flaxton is looking to partner with the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund grant program to establish a community gathering space. Flaxton is severely lacking in recreation and community-gathering opportunities. The community gathering space will be an environment where residents are able to meet, play and enjoy each other's company. The gathering space will include new commercial grade playground equipment, a refurbished basketball court, a picnic shelter, and permanent garbage receptacles, benches and picnic tables. The space will also be landscaped to add to the aesthetics of our small community.

The community gathering space will promote physical activity thru use of both the playground equipment and basketball court. Due to insurance and liability issues, municipalities are required to have commercial grade playground equipment with adequate buffer zone material. Currently, the playground equipment is severely outdated and has been deemed unsafe for use by the city's insurance agency. Residents have to travel either 7 miles to Lignite or 13 miles to Bowbells to utilize similar facilities. Providing playground equipment and a basketball court in our own community would allow residents the opportunity to take ownership and pride in their hometown including their own well-being.

The cities of Flaxton, Lignite, Portal, Bowbells, the Northgate Dam Recreation Area and rural residents will all benefit from the community gathering space. The playground equipment and play area have been specifically designed with ADA access ramps to include children and adults of all abilities.

The space could be used for many community activities and events, including a potential farmer's market, 4th of July and Halloween activities, and Flaxton school reunions. The space will be located next to the main road that leads to the Burke County Fairgrounds, which celebrated its 100th anniversary during the summer of 2016 and will also be highly visible from US HWY 52.

This project addresses the lack of outdoor physical activity opportunities in not only the community of Flaxton but also Burke County. The mission of the project is to encourage residents and visitors to reconsider the amount of time spent in a sedentary environment and

promote physical activity for residents and visitors of all ages. The community gathering space will benefit all generations of residents including children and the "young at heart".

Phase I Project Cost: \$56,271.00

Phase II Project Cost: \$25,000.00

**Project Duration:**\* The project completion date is estimated at September 2017.

**Amount of Grant request \$ \* 28,650.00**

**Total Project Costs \$\* 81,271.00**

(Note that in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds)

**A minimum of 25% Match Funding is required. Amount of Matching Funds**

1. Cash Funds: \$*	50,000.00
2. In Kind Funds:	3,000.00
<b>Total Match:</b>	<b>53,000.00</b>

Please indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash.

**Source(s) of Matching Funds\***

Please provide verification that these matching funds are available for your project. Note that effective as of July 1, 2015 no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose.

**Grants & Donations Received as of 4/30/17:**

1. St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation Matching Grant:	\$15,000.00
2. Flaxton Community Club Donation:	5,000.00
3. NCC/CoBank "Sharing Success" Grant:	5,000.00
4. Farm Credit Services "Pat Now" Community Fund Grant:	2,500.00
5. Ackerman Estvold Donation:	1,500.00
6. Individual & Business Donations:	1,000.00
<b>Total Grants &amp; Donations Received:</b>	<b><u>\$30,000.00</u></b>

**Pending Grants:**

1. Enbridge Community Investment Program:	\$ 5,000.00
2. MDU Resources Foundation:	5,000.00
3. Alliance Pipeline Grant Program:	5,000.00
4. ND Community Foundation "Statewide Greatest Need" Grant:	5,000.00
<b>Total Pending Grants:</b>	<b><u>\$20,000.00</u></b>

## Certifications \*

X I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization. Amy Ones, City Auditor

X I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted on Page 1 of this application. Amy Ones, City Auditor

## Narrative

### Organization Information – Briefly summarize your organization’s history, mission, current programs and activities. \*

Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement. (no more than 300 words)

The City of Flaxton is a governmental organization located in Burke County in northwestern North Dakota that is dedicated to delivering exemplary municipal services to its residents. The Flaxton City Council is committed to providing the community with a safe and clean environment, efficient and effective quality city services, infrastructure that can accommodate current and future needs, promotion of recreational and economic development and opportunities for community engagement

While our population may be small, the city council has worked diligently over the past five years to improve crucial improvements and upgrades to position the community for both economic and population growth.

The Flaxton City Council has been proactive in repairing non-working fire hydrants, ridding the community of nuisance properties, developing a municipal water well as a secondary water source, constructing a water depot for commercial bulk water sales to oil field and agricultural producers and completing a three phase lagoon project which included a complete cell refurbishment, establishment of a third lagoon cell and a master lift station replacement. Other improvements projected to be completed in 2017 include: establishment of a community gathering space with new playground equipment, benches and shelters, the removal and replacement of fifteen city-owned trees, and the final phase of the renovation of city hall with exterior painting and new city signage.

There are three potential industrial businesses poised to begin construction in Burke County before 2020. They include an oil refinery with a projection of 80 full time positions, a wind energy farm that will employ 300 positions during construction and 10 full time positions upon completion and the proposed TransCanada Upland Pipeline Project. Flaxton is at a pivotal point in time for continued investment.

The City of Flaxton is a small community with big potential and is working diligently to revitalize northwestern North Dakota.

### Purpose of Grant – 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. Please 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. If your project includes tree/shrub/grass planting, please provide a planting plan describing the site design, planting methods, number of trees/shrubs by species and stock size, grass species and future maintenance. A statement certifying that the applicant will adhere to USDA-NRCS tree/shrub/grass planting specifications along with the name of the governmental entity designing the planting may be substituted for a planting plan. If your project includes Section 319 program funding, please provide, in detail, the specific best management practices that will be implemented and the specific projects for which you are seeking funding. Please note that 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.

The community gathering space is a two phase project. Phase I is focused on securing new playground equipment that is safe and accessible for all residents and visitors to the City of Flaxton. Phase II is focused on the refurbishment of the existing basketball court. Once Phase I is complete, funding received from other sources will be utilized to begin Phase II.

Estimates are attached for all related project costs. The costs associated with the refurbishment of the basketball court are from a neighboring community who recently completed a similar project of the same scope and size. All personal property listed on the project budget (benches, picnic tables and garbage receptacles) will be permanently affixed to concrete pads located throughout the space.

The City of Flaxton has limited financial resources. The main source of revenue is the monthly oil and gas production taxes received from the State of North Dakota. It should be noted that the City has experienced a significant decrease in oil & gas production tax revenue from 2014 to 2016. As the price of oil remains low the oil & gas production tax revenues will also remain minimal.

The taxable valuation of Flaxton is so low that property taxes do not even begin to cover the day-to-day operations of the City. The statement of net assets reflects an ample supply of funds, however, those dollars are restricted for infrastructure projects in the community.

Funding for recreational opportunities is not feasible within the annual budget. A grant from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund would make the "Community Gathering Space" a reality that might not otherwise be attainable for our residents and visitors.

**Management of Project – 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.

The contractors chosen for the completion of the "Community Gathering Space"; My Turn Playstems, Farden Construction and Unlimited Concrete & Construction are all North Dakota based businesses and are highly recommended by neighboring communities for the projects they have previously completed.

The Flaxton City Council and City Auditor will be supervising construction of the project to ensure that deadlines, budgets, goals and expectations are met with satisfaction. The current council and staff have worked together for approximately (5) years.

**Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results. \***

How will you tell if the project is successful? Please be specific on the methods you will utilize to measure success. Note that regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be required for every grant awarded.

The project outcomes will be measured by observing residents and visitors use of the playground equipment and basketball court. Outcomes could also be measured thru a survey provided to residents to gauge their level of participation using the equipment.

**Financial Information**

**ATTACHMENT: Project Budget – Using the standard project budget format that is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> , please include a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting. Note that a minimum of 25% match funding is required.\***

The project budget should identify all matching funds, funding sources and indicate whether the matching funds are in the form of cash or in-kind services. Effective July 1, 2015 no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose. As noted on the standard project budget format, certain values have been identified for in-kind services. Please utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. **NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded.**

**X I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission\***

**Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. \***

Include information on the sustainability of this project after all the funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund has been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

The City of Flaxton will include an annual line item expenditure in its' operating budget of \$500.00 for playground equipment repairs and maintenance. Wages for mowing are already included in the annual operating budget of the city.

**Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested. \***

Ideally, full funding from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund would allow the City of Flaxton to implement the complete project by September 2017. The City of Flaxton has been seeking funding since 2015 to begin construction on the "Community Gathering Space". While partial funding is appreciated, full funding would allow the project to begin in 2017 and allow residents and visitors to our community the opportunity to enjoy the space this summer.

**Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? \* Please note it is a requirement that there be signage at the location of the project acknowledging the funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund if appropriate for your project.**



If grant funding is awarded to the City of Flaxton thru the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant program, recognition could be given in a number of ways.

1. Signage at the park location will list all individual and business donors as well as grant awards that were received to fund the project.
2. The Burke County Tribune will be contacted to write a story regarding the community gathering space and will include the names of individual and business donors and grant awards that were received to fund the project.
3. Recognition will be given to all individual and business donors as well as grant awards thru the City of Flaxton's website ([www.flaxtonnd.com](http://www.flaxtonnd.com)) and Facebook page.

### **Scoring of Grants**

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking sheet(s) that will be used by the Board is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> .

### **Awarding of Grants\***

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. The Commission can set a limit on duration of an offer on each application or if there isn't a specific date indicated in the application for implementation of the project, then the applicant has until the next Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board regular meeting to sign the contract and get the project underway or the commitment for funding will be terminated and the applicant may resubmit for funding. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Please note the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> that set forth the general provisions that will be included in any contract issued by the North Dakota Industrial Commission. Please indicate if you can meet all the provisions of the sample contract. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be. \*

### **Responsibility of Recipient**

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application or have trouble submitting the application, please contact Karlene Fine at 701-328-3722 or [kfine@nd.gov](mailto:kfine@nd.gov)

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City of Flaxton  
Community Gathering Space  
2017 Budget

Project Expense: Phase I (Playground)	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Site Preparation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
My Turn Playsystems: Main Structure	\$ 5,474.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,423.50	\$ 21,898.00
My Turn Playsystems: Swing Bay	\$ 496.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,489.50	\$ 1,986.00
My Turn Playsystems: ADA Ramps	\$ 122.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367.50	\$ 490.00
My Turn Playsystems: Plastic Borders	\$ 455.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,820.00
My Turn Playsystems: Rubber Wear Mats	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 500.00
My Turn Playsystems: Installation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
My Turn Playsystems: Freight	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
My Turn Playsystems: Flex Fiber	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
City of Flaxton: Install Flex Fiber & Borders	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Barco Products: (4) Benches	\$ 3,915.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,915.40
Barco Products: (2) Picnic Tables	\$ 2,185.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,185.70
Barco Products: (4) Garbage Receptacles	\$ 1,875.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,875.40
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$14,650</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$39,621</b>	<b>\$56,271</b>

Project Expense: Phase II (Basketball Court)	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Site Preparation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Farden Construction: Redi Mix / VMA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Unlimited Concrete: Concrete Installation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Versacourt: Basketball Court	\$ 8,550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,550.00
Versacourt: (2) Collegiate Backboards	\$ 3,450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,450.00
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

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## NAPOLEON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

From left: Napoleon fire department leaders include, from left: **Marvin Lang**, fire chief, **Andy Hilzendeger**, assistant fire chief, and **Steve Fettig**, fire district chairman.

# Rural community financing supports key services

BY KENT BRICK

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**M**arvin Lang of Napoleon looks around the community's new fire station and ambulance building and says, "Now we've got a place we can be proud of."

Amy Ones is gladly putting her accounting credentials to work for the community of Flaxton. "The people here value small-town living. That's part of North Dakota and you don't want to see that go away," she says.

In Napoleon, Flaxton and dozens of other small communities across North Dakota, folks such as Lang and Ones are stepping up to play key roles to help keep essential services going. An important financial resource their communities are accessing is the Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC).

RDFC is a North Dakota-based, nonprofit finance and development corporation. Its member-owners are 16 electric cooperatives and nine telecommunications cooperatives in North Dakota, along with the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives. Funding for these programs comes from fee income generated by Dakotas America LLC, a certified development entity providing New Market Tax Credits in the Dakotas.

For communities, RDFC maintains revolving loan funds, in three principal categories: Community Capital Loan Fund; Participation Loan Fund; and PACE-Flex/PACE Revolving Loan Fund, a program partnering with the Bank of North Dakota.

RDFC's Community Capital Fund is the source of

recent investments made in Napoleon and Flaxton. The Napoleon Rural Fire District received a \$50,000 loan from the fund, applying it to the 2012 construction of new, adjacent fire station and ambulance service buildings. The city of Flaxton recently received a \$100,000 loan to add a new water well to the city water supply. RDFC lends to communities at 1 percent interest over 10 years.

At the close of 2015, RDFC was servicing approximately \$2.68 million in loans to a total of 39 local communities and development organizations.

## FIRE, AMBULANCE BUILDING FOR NAPOLEON

When Marvin Lang, Steve Fettig and Andy Hilzendeger sit together and reflect on the current state of fire and ambulance service based in Napoleon, they express great satisfaction with progress they have seen.

Lang is fire chief, Hilzendeger is assistant fire chief and Fettig is board chairman of the Napoleon Fire District.

About five years ago, the nearly 70-year-old building used by the Napoleon fire and ambulance services was in poor condition, and nowhere near large enough to shelter the many vehicles vital to both services. A local benefactor made a donation which went to the purchase of a new ambulance, and local attention turned to solving the emergency vehicle storage problem.

"We had meetings, and we recognized we should be



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*RDFC financing helped solve the space problem for Napoleon fire and ambulance services, with new adjoining buildings housing several large emergency vehicles, and providing ample space for other equipment and personnel.*

able to put all our equipment in one building,” Fettig says. Fettig farms near Napoleon, and is a member of KEM Electric Cooperative.

Fettig says the decision emerging from local meetings was to strive for petition support for a fire district mill levy increase. Many meetings and local debates were conducted, and the mill levy increase was ultimately approved.

Upon approval, additional funding was pursued. Fettig credits Athena Dunn, then the Napoleon economic development coordinator, for pointing them to RDFC. In addition, Fettig acknowledges key financial support from the Stock Growers Bank, in Napoleon.

The new construction resulted in adjacent buildings to house fire response equipment and vehicles and to house ambulance vehicles and equipment. The Napoleon ambulance service leases its space from the Napoleon Fire District.

In addition to excellent, safe and secure facilities for emergency equipment, the new buildings are helping with recruiting efforts of new volunteers. Getting new members for fire and ambulance squads is very challenging.

“Our biggest challenge is getting younger people involved,” Fettig says. “Young people are around, but they don’t want to volunteer their time. They don’t realize that the more volunteers we have, the less time each one has to give up.” Fettig does point with pride at locals such as his son, Michael, and Napoleon high school classmate Andy Gross Jr., for stepping up to join the firefighting force. (See sidebar story: “Paramedic Moos fell in love with it.”)

## FLAXTON FORGING PROGRESS

Don’t measure local vitality in Flaxton by its main street business sector – which currently has only two establishments.

According to Flaxton City Auditor Amy Ones, measure Flaxton’s vitality by its handful of dedicated

local citizens. Together, they are working on key upgrades to essential community resources, meant to secure a viable role for Flaxton in the newly reborn, prospering northwest North Dakota region.

Ones is an accounting and business management graduate of the University of North Dakota, with roots on a Donnybrook family farm. She and her spouse, and young family, reside near Kenmare, and are members of Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative.

As city auditor, Ones works with an elected mayor – Mary Bjergaard – a city council and a public works director. Flaxton has a census population of 66, which Ones says swells to about 80 during the summer, upon the return of “snowbirds.” But the town has a 115-year history, and infrastructure which continues to be essential to residents.

“Our city provides sewer and water service and then we contract out for the garbage service,” Ones says. “And we do have a landfill here – which is kind of unique – a lot of small towns don’t have a landfill anymore,” she continues.

Ones says the city water tower is supported by an underground well, and that the city accessed RDFC



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*Though very small, the city of Flaxton has been a longtime provider of local water service, from an original well and city water tower.*

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RDFC financing is helping Flaxton build a new city well and water depot. Visiting the water depot are city leaders, including, from left: **Tammy Halverson**, city council member; **Gary "Gibb" Cron**, city council member; **Amy Ones**, city auditor; and **Mary Bjergaard**, mayor. Other city leaders, not pictured, include: Casey Ragle, city council member, and Barb Cron, public works director.

support for western North Dakota, is enabling the community to create a bulk water depot. Sales of water will occur at this depot.

Ones says the city expects oil industry commercial customers and agricultural customers to patronize the water depot, which will be open and available to all segments of the public. Ones indicates major pipeline construction is coming to their area, and a refinery for near Columbus is being evaluated. Project such as these bring people, and Flaxton wants to be ready for them.

Ones says she and her fellow local leaders are pursuing local improvements on several other fronts, including local tree removal/replacement, new playground equipment and upgrading the local lagoon. Fire hydrants replacement and city hall renovation have already been accomplished.

For more information about the Rural Development Finance Corporation, contact: Rural Electric and Telecommunications Development Center, Lori Capouch, 701-667-6444; Mary Stumpf, 701-667-6404; or open the "Rural Development" link at [www.ndarec.com](http://www.ndarec.com) home page. ■

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funds to help finance a second well. She says the new well acts as a backup for the possibility of malfunction of the original well. She says also that the RDFC funding, combined by recent state legislative "surge"

## PARAMEDIC MOOS FELL IN LOVE WITH IT

**F**inancial resources from lenders such as Rural Development Finance Corporation are indispensable elements in rural community development, but without volunteers, even unlimited financial resources does a community little good.



PHOTO BY NDAREC/JOHN KARY

**Kristen Moos** tests ambulance medical equipment on Napoleon firefighter **Michael Fettig**.

Kristen Moos, a mother of three from Napoleon, is from the "next generation" of young North Dakotans who are stepping up to take their place in vital community roles. Mention of a shortage of emergency, first-responders got her attention when Moos was

first asked about participating, in 2007.

"When I was approached to take the first responder course," Moos says, "they said we are running short on volunteers, people need to step up or we are not going to have an ambulance service in the future. So that's why I did it."

She says that this motivation was tested. As she progressed from first responder to emergency medical technician certification, getting more information about diseases and conditions she would confront was scary.

"But, I kept going," Moos says. "The first few times you are out on a call, it's very nerve-racking. But after I took the EMT class, I was able to do more, and help out more. It is very gratifying when you can help somebody."

Moos would go on to complete paramedic training, and now plays that role for the Napoleon ambulance service. She strongly encourages other young people to take the steps she has taken.

"Everybody wants to have that ambulance service there and all these small communities are struggling with this, but if we don't get the people to volunteer, these services could go away in the future," Moos says. She adds she didn't think she was cut out for ambulance care, but, then "I just absolutely fell in love with it. It's one way you can help your community. Plus, you also learn skills you might need to save a family member's life." ■





**PROPOSAL**  
**September 28,**  
**2016**

To: City of Flaxton ND

Contact: Amy Ones  
 Phone: (701) 596-3511  
 E-Mail: flaxtoncityauditor@hotmail.com  
 Estimated by: Zach Fluto  
 Delivery Date: 2017

**OPTION #2**

QTY	ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	EXTENSION
1	PR-R35	STANDARD ROUND 3.5 PLAY SYSTEM SN# R35D7967A	\$24331	\$2433	\$21898
1		R3.5 swing with add a bay, 2 belts and 2 buckets	2206	220	\$1986
-	-	PLAY SYSTEM FREIGHT	-	-	\$2100
1	APS-HR	RECYCLED PLASTIC ADA ACCESS HALF-RAMP *INCLUDES STAKES AND CAPS	\$490	-	\$490
52	APS-BT	4 FT RECYCLED PLASTIC BORDER TIMBERS *INCLUDES STAKES	\$38	3	\$1820
145 cu yds	FF	FLEX FIBER – IPEMA CERTIFIED ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER *INCLUDES FREIGHT AND FUEL SURCHARGE	-	-	\$4500
4	WM	RUBBER WEAR MATS	\$125	-	\$500
-	-	INSTALLATION BY A CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTOR Installation of all playground equipment only Surfacing, borders and mats will be installed by owner			\$13000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED JOB COST</b>					<b>\$46,294</b>

\*\* Please enter TAX EXEMPTION number:

\*\* Proposal good for 30 days

\*\*Site must be level and ready prior to installation unless otherwise specified

\*\* Owner may be required to unload equipment

\*\*40% payment due before ordering playground equipment

\*\*NET 30 days after installation of remaining balance

If you agree to the terms and conditions above,

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE

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 DATE

**FLAXTON ND  
TOP VIEW**

ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINE - ADAAG CONFORMANCE

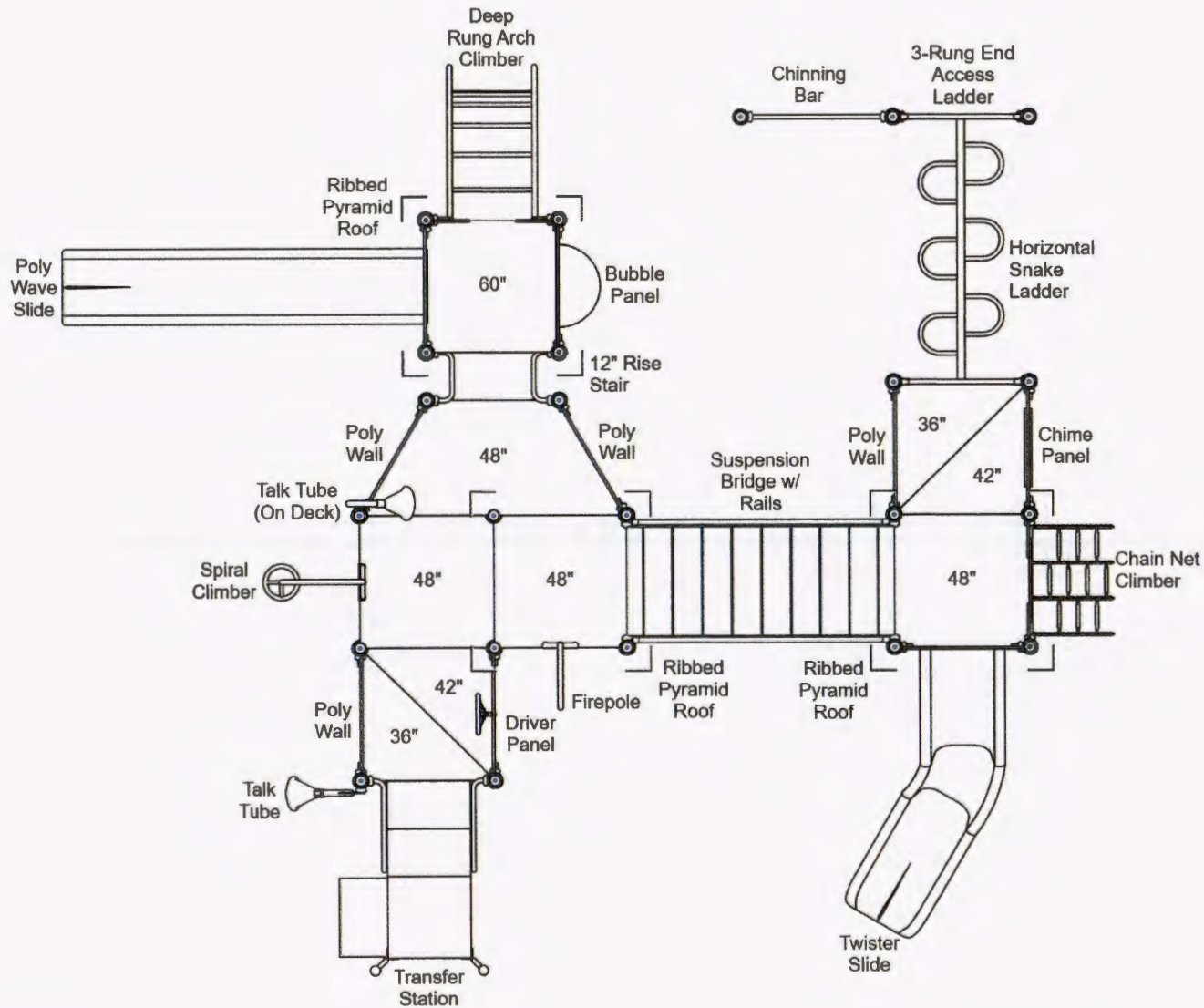
ELEVATED	ACCESSIBLE	RAMP ACCESSIBLE	GROUND	TYPES
12	12/6	0	2/4	2/3

**R35** FOR KIDS AGES 5-12

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STRUCTURE#: R35D7967A

PROJECT#: MTP1625DC7B-2

DATE: 9/26/2016 | DRAWN BY: CSH

MIN. USE ZONE: 40' x 37'

PLAYCRAFT REP:

**My Turn Playsystems**





**FLAXTON ND  
TOP VIEW**

**ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINE - ADAAG CONFORMANCE**

ELEVATED	ACCESSIBLE	RAMP ACCESSIBLE	GROUND	TYPES
0	0/0	0	4/0	1/0

**R35**

FOR KIDS  
AGES  
5-12

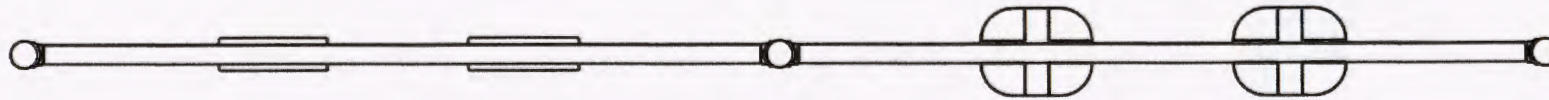
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PC 2181-8 8FT SINGLE  
POST SWING (2B)

PC 2181-8 8FT SINGLE POST  
SWING (ADD-A-BAY, 2FB)



STRUCTURE#: FREPC2181+AB  
PROJECT#: MTP1625DC7B-2  
DATE: 9/26/2016 | DRAWN BY: CSH

MIN. USE ZONE: 36' x 31'

PLAYCRAFT REP:  
**My Turn Playsystems**



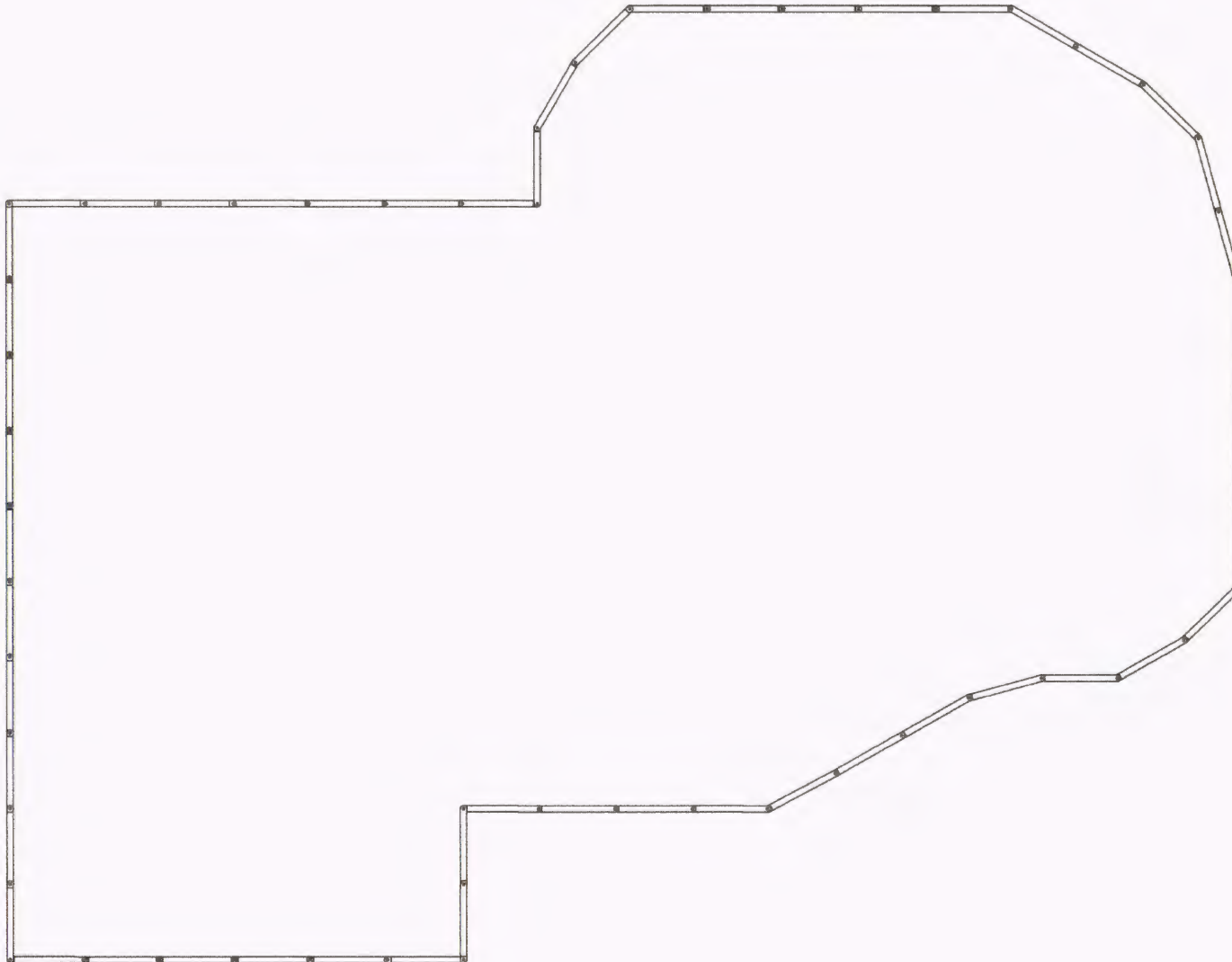
# FLAXTON ND TOP VIEW

ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINE - ADAAG CONFORMANCE

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0	0/0	0	0/0	0/0



FOR KIDS  
AGES  
5-12



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STRUCTURE#: STA540400

PROJECT#: MTP1625DC7B-2

DATE: 9/26/2016 | DRAWN BY: CSH

MIN. USE ZONE: 0' x 0'

PLAYCRAFT REP:

**My Turn Playsystems**



# FLAXTON ND SITE PLAN

ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINE - ADAAG CONFORMANCE

ELEVATED	ACCESSIBLE	RAMP ACCESSIBLE	GROUND	TYPES
12	12/6	0	6/4	3/3

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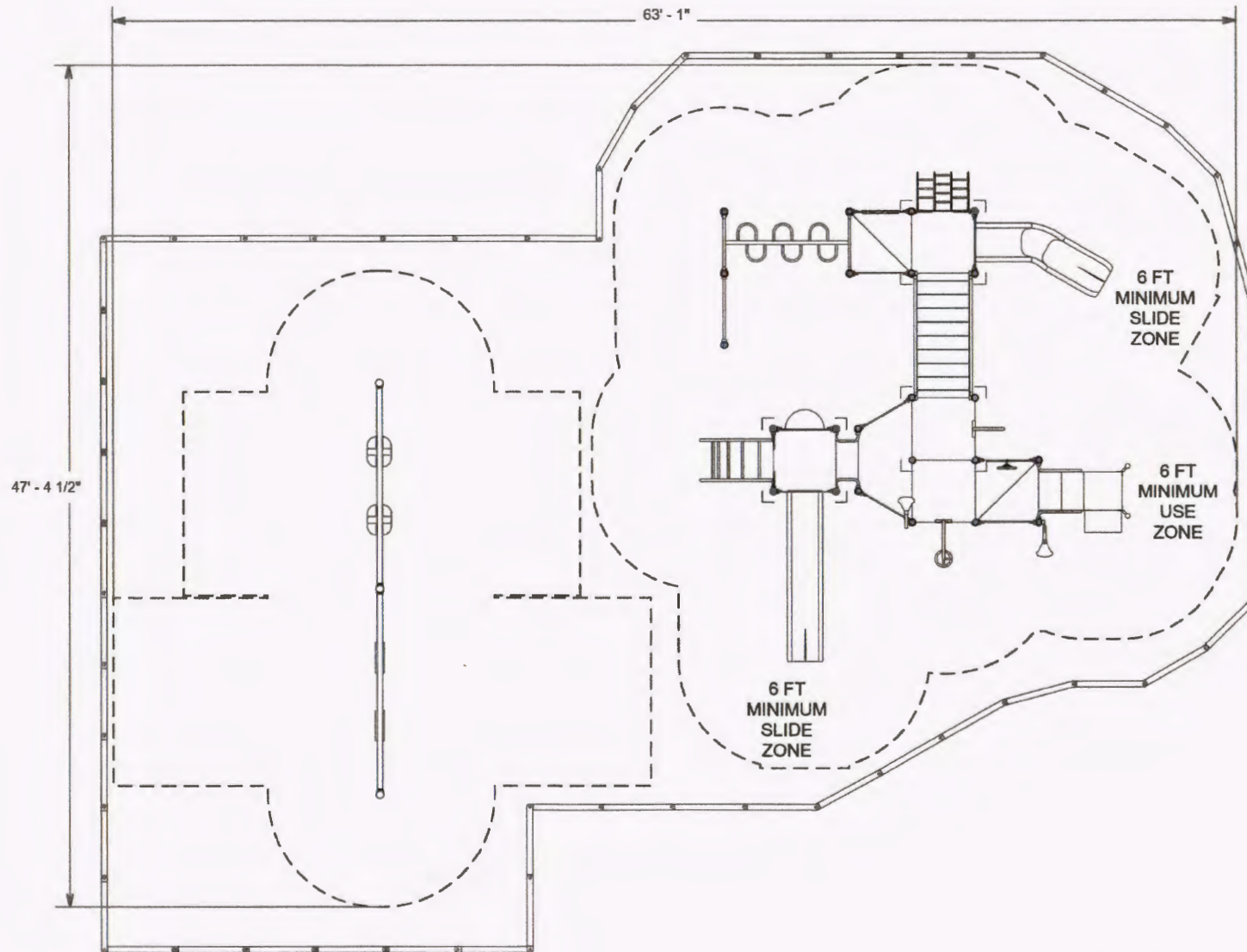
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### GENERAL NOTES:

This Preliminary Site Plan is based on measurements that were provided in the initial planning phase. All dimensions must be verified prior to the submission of a purchase order. Krauss Craft, Inc. will not be held responsible for any discrepancies between actual dimensions and dimensions submitted in the planning phase.

The Minimum Use Zone for a play structure is based on the product design at the time of proposal. Components and structure designs may be subject to change which may affect dimensions. Therefore, before preparing the site, we strongly recommend obtaining final drawings from the factory (available after the order is placed and included in the Assembly Manual).

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PROJECT#: MTP1625DC7B-2

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MIN. USE ZONE: 64' x 48'

PLAYCRAFT REP:

**My Turn Playsystems**



**FLAXTON ND**  
**SW VIEW**

**R35**

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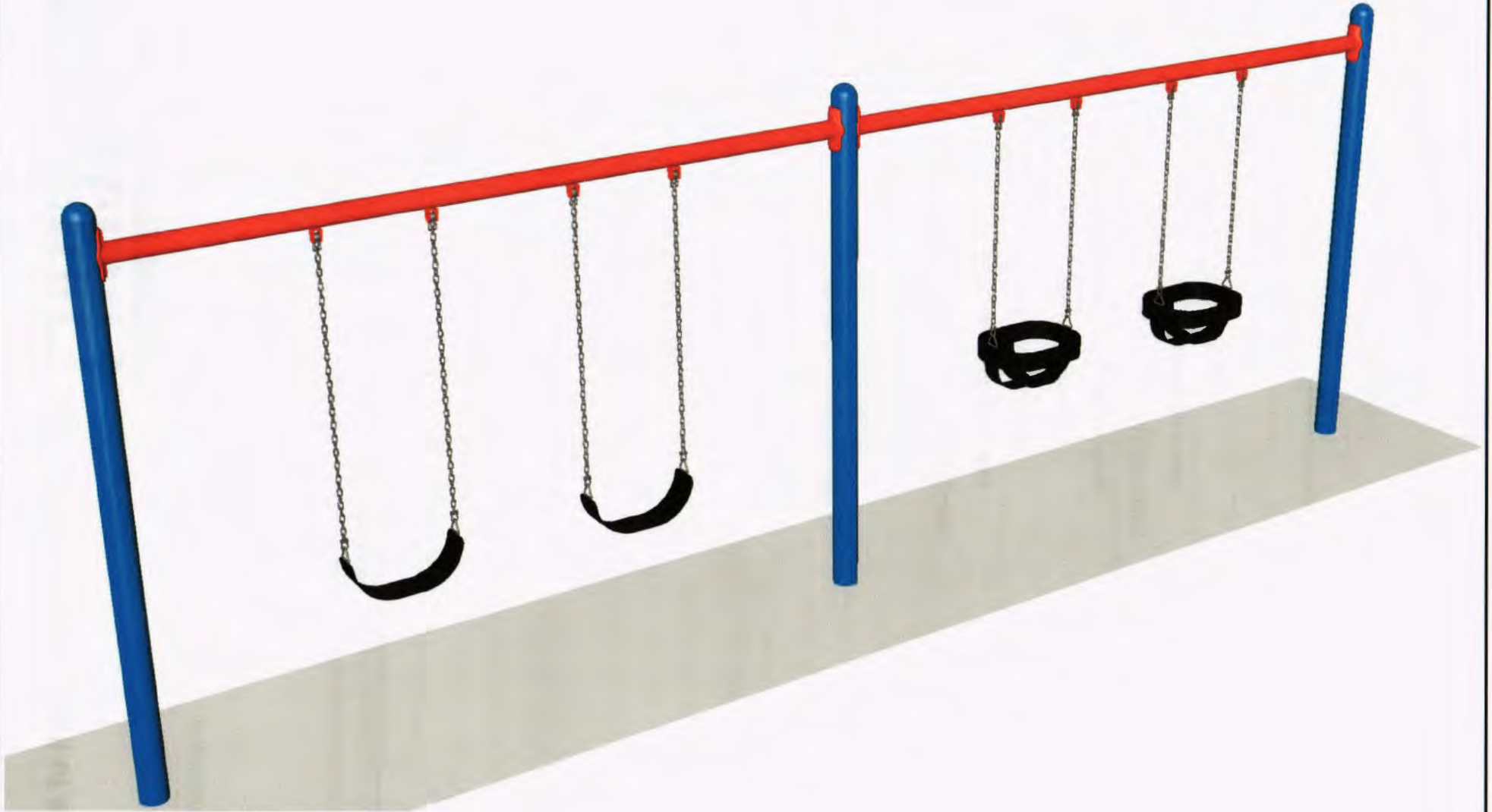
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**FLAXTON ND**  
**SW VIEW**

**R35**

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# Bill of Materials

FLAXTON ND  
Chris Schlepp

Project# MTP1625DC7B-2  
9/26/2016

Item	Description	Quantity
R35D7967A		
HS-1004-R35	Collars	74
GG-8135	Dome Cap, R3.5	11
S-1010-R35-10ft	Post, 10ft R3.5	2
S-1011-R35-11ft	Post, 11ft R3.5	6
S-1012-R35-12ft	Post, 12ft R3.5	3
S-1014-R35-14ft	Post, 14ft R3.5	8
S-1015-R35-15ft	Post, 15ft R3.5	4
S-1101-R35	Square Deck	4
S-1103-R35	Hex Deck, Half (5 Post)	1
S-1105-R35	Half Deck	4
S-1206-12R35	ADA Stairs, 12in Rise w/ Walls	1
S-1209-24-R35	Transfer Station, 36in-L	1
S-1213-4R35	Climber, Firepole 42-48in	1
S-1219-5R35	Climber, Deep Rung Arch 54-60in	1
S-1221-4R35	Climber, Chain Net 42-48in	1
S-1223-4R35	Climber, Spiral 42-48in	1
S-1301-R35	Poly Wall (Standard)	4
S-1403-R35	End Access Ladder (3-Rung)	1
S-1407-R35	Traverse, Horizontal Snake Ladder	1
S-1506-R-84R35	Bridge, Suspension w/ Rails	1
S-1602-R35	Bubble Panel	1
S-1604-R35	Chime Panel	1
S-1625-R35	Driver Panel	1
S-1701-5R35	Slide, Wave 60in	1
S-1710-4R35-R	Slide, Twister 48in (R)	1



**Bill of Materials  
(continued)**

Item	Description	Quantity
S-1802-R35	Roof, Square Pyramid (Ribbed)	3
S-1910-48R35I	Talk Tube 42-48in (On Deck, Left)	1
S-1910-R35	Talk Tube (Post Mounted, Left)	1
S-1930-R35	Chinning Bar	1
HS-1100-2	Deck to Deck Hardware	4
FREPC2181+AB		
A2-2181-2B	PC 2181-8 8ft Single Post Swing (2B)	1
A2-2181-2FB-AB	PC 2181-8 8ft Single Post Swing (Right-Side, 2FB)	1
STA540400		
540407	Border Timber (Female Pivot)	38
540407x5	Border Timber x5 (Female Pivot)	3



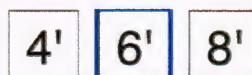
# Aurora Bench Arched Back

Parent SKU: BN-132

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~~\$1,126.00~~

**Sale Price**  
**\$978.85**



**Guaranteed  
Against  
Breakage**

Usually Ships In 1-2 Weeks



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## Description

A modern twist on a classic style.

- Solid recycled plastic lumber (available in 3 colors) offsets the black recycled steel frame
- Classy, distinguished design in arched back style
- Perfect for indoor or outdoor use at shopping centers, healthcare facilities and restaurants
- Seat/armrests: recycled plastic

[Assembly Information](#)

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# The City™ Series Rectangular ADA Picnic Tables

Parent SKU: PT-105

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**\$1,092.85**



Usually Ships in 1 Week



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## Description

Premium-quality tables popular with schools, break areas and parks.

- Low-maintenance picnic table with two wheelchair access
- Extra-wide 12" seats for maximum comfort

[Assembly Information](#)

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# Powder-Coated Master Waste Receptacles

Parent SKU:

WR-37

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REVIEWS

~~\$539.00~~

**Sale Price**  
**\$468.85**

Buy 6

\$426.85 each  
save 9%

Dome Lid

Flat Lid

Rain Bonnet

In-Stock  
for  
Quick  
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# VERSACOURT.

Versacourt, LLC  
 P.O. Box 927  
 Dalton, GA 30722  
 P: 800-540-4899 | F: 706-529-0849

Quote #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: 5.19.15; 5.22; 26TH; July 22, 2015; 31st; 8.3.15  
 Rep: Kent Harris | kent.harris@versacourt.com

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Terms: 100%  
 P.O. #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Billing**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Shipping**

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Versacourt Kit: Outdoor Custom | 34'-1" by 64'-6"  
 Required concreted pad size: 34'-3" by 64'-8"  
 Distance from front of backboard to edge of concrete: 24

I hereby accept and agree to the terms of this proposal:

Customer Signature

Quantity	Color	Description	Unit Price	Total
2,288	Navy Blue	Court   Versacourt Elite 10" x 10" Tile	\$1.95	\$4,461.60
566	Gray	Lane   Versacourt Elite 10" x 10" Tile	\$1.95	\$1,103.70
234	Gray	1 Tile Border   Versacourt Elite 10" x 10" Tile	\$1.95	\$456.30
118	Gray	Ramp (Hook)   Versacourt Elite 2" x 10" Ramp	\$2.00	\$236.00
118	Gray	Ramp (Receiver)   Versacourt Elite 2" x 10" Ramp	\$2.00	\$236.00
4	Gray	Corner   Versacourt Elite 2" x 2" Corner	\$5.00	\$20.00
NOTE	DISCOUNT	IF BOTH GOALS ARE PURCHASED >>>>>>. Slab already poured; design goals for 2' Overhang; (Slab is 35'1" X 64' 8"; prefer even tiles on width for game line accuracy)	-\$100.00	-\$200.00

6513.60

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	Game Lines - 4 Square	\$150.00	\$150.00
1	Additional Lines - Full Court Basketball	\$600.00	\$600.00
2	GoalSetter All-American Internal, 38"x60" Acrylic Backboard, Collegiate Breakaway Rim	\$1,725.00	\$3,450.00

*Paints = yes!*

*75% = 8671.19  
 25% = 2890.40*

\$0.00  
**ACTUAL Shipping Total:** \$1,047.99  
**\$11,561.59**

Notes: Kent Harris, Vice President Of Sales, VersaCourt. Phone: 417.262.0318. kent.harris@versacourt.com

**Unlimited Concrete & Construction**

**Invoice**

460 102ND ST NW  
SOURIS, ND 58783 US  
(701)263-2002  
speterson.ucc@gmail.com

BILL TO  
[REDACTED]

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
81	07/22/2015	\$9,561.00	08/21/2015	Net 30	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>02 Site Work</b>	2,270	1.80	4,086.00
Site Work/ gravel			
<b>rebar/install</b>	150	8.25	1,237.50
rebar/install 20" oc			
<b>04 Concrete:04.1 Concrete Installation</b>	2,270	1.75	3,972.50
Concrete Installation			
<b>cure/seal</b>	1	125.00	125.00
Cure/seal 5 gal			
<b>Saw cut</b>	350	0.40	140.00
Saw cutting			

BALANCE DUE

**\$9,561.00**

# FARDEN CONSTRUCTION, INC.

9035 County Road 17B, Maxbass, ND 58760  
 (701) 268-3127 • Fax (701) 268-3282  
 E-mail: fardenconstruction@srt.com

Steve Farden • Mobile Phone 228-8225  
 FED ID # 45-0448738

General Dirt Work • Oil Field Construction  
 Gravel Products • Redi Mix Service

Sales Invoice

Date


27109

7/22/2015

Code No. / P.O. No.	
Location	
AFE #	

Bill To



Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Item Total
33	yds Redi-mix 5 1/2 bag mix	115.00	3,795.00
33	VMA Concrete Admixture	3.00	99.00
<p>7/20/15            City Park            Poured basketball court.</p> 			

Payment Terms: Net 30

INVOICES TO BE PAID  
 IN UNITED STATES FUNDS ONLY.

Subtotal	\$3,894.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,894.00</b>
Payments/Credits	\$0.00
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$3,894.00 *USD*</b>

Interest Rate: 1 1/2%