

Contract No. 005-070
 "Almont Park and Playground Equipment Project"
 Submitted by Almont Historical Society
 Principal Investigator: Joel Johnson
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PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor	Cost Share	
Almont Historical Society (cash)	\$ 5,850	
Almont Historical Society (in-kind)	\$ 4,495	
Unknown	<u>\$20,227</u>	
Subtotal Cost Share		\$ 30,572
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$10,000</u>	
Subtotal Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) dollars		<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total Project Cost		\$ 40,572

Project Schedule – 6 months	Project Deliverables:
Contract Date – 8/4/2015	Status Report: October 31, 2016*
Start Date – 6/10/2015	Final Report: January 31, 2017* Delivered 6/14/2016 ✓
Completion Date – 1/31/2017 Actual date was 6/14/2016	

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

The purpose of this project is to provide a safe and durable playground and fitness equipment at the Prairie Rose Park, add more plant life to attract birds and promote birdwatching. The goal is to provide a park setting which provides recreational activity in a natural environment that promotes fitness and activity, enhances the diversity of plant life and wildlife and provides a location for outdoor hobbies and education for all residents and visitors.

STATUS:

Contract has been executed.

The applicant has requested a no-cost extension of one year. They indicated that they had prepared the park for the equipment so they can start early next year. An amendment has been provided to the applicant granting the no-cost extension. (*notes changes to the contract)

Amendment signed September 16, 2015.

Final Report was delivered on June 14, 2016. A copy of the final report with pictures is posted on the website. In the final report they stated:

On June 14, 2015, the Committee and its volunteers began to prep the site by removing the swings from the playground. On June 24, 2015, the remaining cement pillars, trees, and tree stumps were removed. Committee members and volunteers began writing grants and letters to request monies to fund the project.

On November 18, 2015, the Committee ordered the playground equipment and opened a checking account. A deposit of \$16,000 was made on November 28, 2015 to the playground equipment company.

Another payment was made on the playground equipment for December 12, 2015 for \$15,756. Grant writing and donation requests continued through the winter and early spring.

On April 10, 2016, the Almont Garden Club cleaned out flower beds and made preparations for new perennials to be planted in the summer of 2016. One week later, on April 17, 2016, the Calico Kids 4-H Club made bird houses for the park and held a cleanup day picking up branches and garbage.

On May 7, 2016, an approach was made and a culvert was installed from a nearby street into the park. The equipment arrived and was unloaded on May 9. From May 10 – 12, the equipment was installed professionally. Underlayment fabric was laid; pea gravel was dumped and spread; and bumpers were placed around the equipment and gravel on May 13.

The Committee is planning a community celebration in July in which all investors, donors, and community members will be invited to a potluck picnic at the park. Also all will be recognized and thanked on our Facebook page and in the New Salem Journal in a one-page ad.

Overall, the completed project has cost us \$51,868.07 (\$5,323.00 in-kind + \$46,545.07 equipment, installation, gravel, and borders). Through donations and fundraisers, we raised \$25,626.87 which is 49% of what we needed to fund the project.

On behalf of the children of Almont, please accept our appreciative thank you!

This contract is now closed.

Updated: June 14, 2016