

OHF FINAL REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Number: 013-137

Recipient: LaMoure Lions

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Total Project Costs: \$165,000

Total OHF Funds Received: \$10,000.00



Goal of Project:

The goal of this project was to complete Phase 1 of the LaMoure Lions Sunset Park Revitalization Project: to develop an inclusive, innovative and safe play area that promotes social engagement and physical health for residents and visitors of LaMoure, North Dakota. A primary consideration of this project was to purchase and install playground equipment that was accessible to users with a variety of developmental mobility needs.

Work Accomplished:

LaMoure Lions launched an extensive fundraising campaign to raise over \$150,000.00 for the development of a new play area including the installation of new equipment at Sunset Park, LaMoure ND. We hired contractors to prepare the perimeter work of the playground including excavation, labor and installation of rebar to pour a 4' concrete sidewalk around the new play area, as well as an 8' walking path from the street to provide access to the new equipment. We hired a playground technician and coordinated over 100 volunteers to install the newly purchased, ADA compliant playground equipment. LaMoure Lions hired contractors and coordinated volunteer labor to lay multiple truck loads of pea rock and engineered wood fibers necessary for the drainage and safety requirements of the new play equipment. LaMoure Lions ordered a commemorative bench that will publically recognize the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund's partial funding of this project.

Project Results:

The result is a beautifully designed play area that includes innovative, ADA compliant playground equipment that supports the developmental needs of users ages 2-15. Importantly, adult caregivers can access all of the equipment which encourages and supports an active child/caregiver relationship. Two separate play structures stimulate play essential to children's psychosocial and motor needs at different stages of development. Independent structures including a zip line, swings and spinners inspire a multitude of games that contribute to creativity and imaginative play.

Value to North Dakota:

North Dakotans benefit socially, physically, and mentally from well-maintained parks that provide unique opportunities for physical activity and social engagement. Ultimately, this playground equipment supports the social-emotional skills and cognition, empathy, cooperation skills and logical thinking of young North Dakotans who will grow to appreciate, respect, and protect outdoor recreation.