

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 **October 1, 2015 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 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. 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.

Name of Organization *

Watford City Park District

Federal Tax ID# *

456006424

Contact Person/Title *

**Robin Arndt, Director of Parks and
Recreation**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project Name*

Nature Park

Abstract/Executive Summary

Watford City is located in the heart of North Dakota's oilfield production area. In recent years, the oilfield production growth has challenged the Watford City Park District with meeting the demands of providing a variety of quality of life services for a dynamically growing and changing population within the City and region. The Nature Park project will serve a critical demand for an adequately sized and programmed outdoor space that is safe and enjoyable for community use throughout the year. Nature Park is located on current park property that is a planned space for public gathering and enjoyment of the outdoors. The park design offers increased recreation opportunities to the current fishing pond with the addition of a pre-engineered steel pavilion and deck overlooking the pond in the southeast corner. A copy of the master plan for this park is attached for reference. The fishing pond will be improved with the addition of three (3) aerators/fountains for water quality purposes. These fountains will improve the quality of the water by increasing water circulation and helping to oxygenate the water. In conjunction with the existing fishing dock on the north end of the pond, the proposed project provides a third fishing access platform in the southwest corner of the pond for persons with disabilities.

The pavilion will be elevated a few feet above the water to allow for fishing from the deck on the north side while elevating the pavilion over the lawn to the south for community concerts from the performance stage. The pavilion is sized to seat up to 300 attendees for events like wedding receptions, family reunions and other community events. The pavilion stage will provide sufficient electrical service to support an outdoor performance or concert.

The open lawn to the south of the pavilion serves many purposes in the park from a seating area for performances to an informal gathering space for a warm summer day. It also can be programmed for park events with space for vendors to setup temporary shelters along the perimeter. The lawn will be framed with a lighted walking path to extend the hours of safe use in the park. The pedestrian lighting will also double as connection locations for vendors during park events. Three (3) smaller park shelters will be evenly spaced in the lawn area to provide additional gathering spaces for smaller family events. The land to the east is park

owned property that will be left relatively undisturbed as a natural area for open space preservation, passive mowed trail use and a disc golf course.

The Nature Park area and pavilion will be served by a new concession and restroom building located south and west of the new pavilion. The restroom facility will provide functional services for a planned recreation space.

The project construction costs are estimated at \$2,100,000, with the Watford City Park District and the City of Watford City participating in its implementation at a 25% cost match.

Project Duration:*

Upon successful funding, the project will be designed and bid in the Winter/Spring of 2016 with construction anticipated to commence in the Fall of 2016 and be complete in Summer 2017.

Amount of Grant request \$ *
\$1,575,000

Total Project Costs \$*
(Note that in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds) **\$2,100,000**

A minimum of 25% Match Funding is required.

Amount of Matching Funds
\$525,000

Source(s) of Matching Funds*

Matching funds in the amount of \$500,000 are dedicated for the project from special revenue funds of the Watford City Park District from 2015 / 2016. A copy of the referenced budget sheet is attached to this application.

The remaining \$25,000 match will come in the form of utility infrastructure costs (water / sewer) which will be procured and paid directly from the Watford City Public Works Department.

Certifications *

- I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

- 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.

Narrative

Organization Information

The Watford City Park District was established in 1926 and is currently funded through a mill levy from the city residents. The Park District is governed by five elected officials. The town has seen significant growth in the last five years enabling them to add more Parks, purchase much needed equipment to maintain extra acreage and hire more man power for maintenance and their expanding recreational programs.

The mission of the Watford City Park District is to enrich the quality of lives in Watford City and the surrounding area by providing comprehensive recreational and social opportunities at an affordable price for users of all ages and abilities in a safe and appealing environment. The Watford City Park District strives to maintain and improve existing facilities and programs.

Current recreation programs include a children's playground, memorial park, water park, skatepark, dog park, baseball, slow pitch softball, soccer, girls fast-pitch softball, basketball, tennis, flag football, and shared use paths or trails. Various educational opportunities for youth are provided at park facilities operated / owned by the Watford City Park District.

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

As outlined in Watford City's strategic plan initiative, the community has had many meetings and discussions which resulted in increased desires for more family friendly green spaces within the City limits. During such meetings and discussions, it was concluded that the community lacks a venue for a large outdoor shelter space to host musical events, concerts, celebrations, Community Theater and other community art events.

The site for Nature Park is unique because the setting has a variety of existing recreation and park offerings from fishing to softball, and access to 17 acres of park space that will be preserved for passive trail use and enjoyment of nature, all within walking distance to much of the town's residential and commercial development. The project goal of Nature Park is quite simple in that it seeks to provide the Watford City area a higher level of quality of life in the midst of the oil and energy boom that has had enormous impacts to the infrastructure and people of Watford City.

The project will meet Directive D by providing a formal park gathering space, creating a location where the public can gather and attend events planned by the community. The space will provide a new formal park for the community to use for generations to come.

Creating a space for generations to come means providing timeless materials that are durable to the local climate like steel, concrete, stone, and masonry. Innovative electrical provisions for lighting include LED fixtures that consume less energy while providing more light to create a safe, comfortable environment for this new park space. The park lawn space

will be developed using a drought tolerant turf seed that can grow green while using a relatively low amount of water.

The secondary Directive (A) will be met by providing better, more encompassing access to the fishing pond for all users. The use of pond aerator fountains will improve the water quality of the pond and improve the habitat for fish and aquatic wildlife. Children and sportsmen alike will enjoy the close proximity of angling for fish within walking distance of home, which reduces vehicular trips, promotes exercise and increases quality of life opportunities.

The approximate timetable for implementation is as follows;

Master Planning and Site Surveying (boundary and topography) – Completed Summer 2015
Grant Application and Project Funding Notice – December, 2015
Begin Design Construction Documents – January, 2016
Open Bids for Park Improvements – April / May, 2016
Start Construction – June, 2016
Complete Construction – June, 2017
Community Celebration / Ribbon Cutting – July 4, 2017

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.*

The project will be managed and maintained by the Watford City Park District (Owner) with assistance from a consulting engineering firm retained to produce plans and specifications that will be prepared and certified by professional engineers / landscape architects in the State of North Dakota.

The consulting engineering firm will act as Owner's representative during the construction period and will make visits to the site at appropriate intervals to observe the work to determine if the project is proceeding in conformance with the contract documents. This includes review of materials testing reports and product material certifications to ensure quality and durability of materials used in construction of the project.

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

Regular reporting as required during the implementation of the project will be completed by the Watford City Park District with assistance from the consulting engineer for expenditures, financial data, etc.

Success will be determined by the community's use and programming of the facility. The Watford City Park District has shared the master plan concept amongst various community members and stakeholders, who have provided written support letters which also form commitments on behalf of the community for the ongoing success of the project.

Upon completion of the project, a list of reservations, programs and events will be documented in an effort to report the use and integration of the facility into the community.

Financial Information

ATTACHMENT: Project Budget – Using the standard project budget format that is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-info/page.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.**

- 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. *

Ongoing maintenance and management of the facility will be programmed into the Watford City Park District's annual budget process.

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

The Watford City Park District has programmed what it believes are only essential items into the master plan to meet the basic functional needs of the project. However, there are items that could be reduced or completed in subsequent phases as follows;

- Reduce / omit tree plantings and landscaping until future phase
- Reduce / omit small park shelters until future phase
- Reduce / omit water aeration pumps at pond until future phase
- Reduce / omit site park furnishings (benches, trash receptacles) until future phase

The above items, if omitted completely amount to approximately \$125,000 of estimated value within the overall project budget for park construction features, but do play an important role in the success of the park's design intent upon initial construction and opening to the public.

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.

In addition to project signage that would permanently memorialize the OHF funding at the Nature Park site, a community ribbon cutting ceremony will be planned, with invitations extended to representatives of the OHF Advisory Board and other local elected officials. The Watford City Park District's web page will also contain updated information to recognize project partners and the OHF.

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

Revised: June 10, 2015

Attachment 1 - Budget Standard Form

Please use the table below to provide a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting and the matching funds being utilized to fund this project. Please note if the matching funds are in the form of cash, indirect costs or in-kind services. The budget should identify all other committed funding sources and the amount of funding from each source. Match can come from any source (i.e. private sources, State and Federal funding, Tribal funding, etc.) 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. Note a minimum of 25% match funding is required. An application will be scored higher the greater the amount of match funding provided. (See Scoring Form.)

Please feel free to insert columns and rows as needed. Please include narrative to fully explain the proposed budget.

Note that NO INDIRECT COSTS will be funded from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Also by law several items are ineligible for funding -- see Exemptions in the Application Form. Effective June 10, 2015 the following guidelines were approved by the Industrial Commission:

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:

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- A project in which the applicant is not directly involved in the execution and completion of the project.

| Project Expense | 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 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Earthwork (fill, topsoil for park area) | \$85,000 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 2. Pavilion (Large Shelter) | \$510,000 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 3. Restroom/ Concessions Building | \$250,000 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 4. Overflow parking lot (graveled) | \$85,000 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 5. Trees | \$17,500 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 6. Site Electrical | \$150,000 | | | | | |
| 7. Concrete Sidewalks and Aggregate Base | \$190,000 | | | | | |
| 8. Pond Aerators / Fountains | \$15,000 | | | | | |
| 9. Lawn Irrigation System | \$55,000 | | | | | |
| 10. Seeding and Hydro-Mulch | \$15,000 | | | | | |
| 11. Benches and Trash Receptacles | \$18,000 | | | | | |
| 12. Erosion Control | \$8,000 | | | | | |
| 13. 20'x20' Shelters (3 Total) | \$52,500 | | | | | |
| 14. Contractor Mobilization and Bond | \$79,000 | | | | | |
| 15. Overflow Parking Lot (Gravel) | \$45,000 | | | | | |
| 16. Paved Parking Lots and Municipal Utility Services | \$0 | \$200,000 | | | \$25,000 | |
| 17. Design, Construction Engineering, and Administrative Fees | \$0 | \$300,000 | | | | |
| Total Costs | \$1,575,000 | \$500,000 | \$ | \$ | \$25,000 | \$ |

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In-kind services used to match the request for Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars shall be valued as follows:

- Labor costs \$15.00 an hour
- Land costs Average rent costs for the county as shown in the most recent publication of the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Services, North Dakota Field Office

- Permanent Equipment Any equipment purchased must be listed separately with documentation showing actual cost. (For example: playground equipment)
- Equipment usage Actual documentation
- Seed & Seedlings Actual documentation
- Transportation Mileage at federal rate
- Supplies & materials Actual documentation

More categories will be added as we better understand the types of applications that will be submitted. We will use as our basis for these standards other State and Federal programs that have established rates. For example the North Dakota Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program has established rates. If your project includes work that has an established rate under another State Program please use those rates and note your source.

Definitions/Clarifications:

Building - Defined as "A structure with a roof either with walls or without walls and is attached to the ground in a permanent nature."

Comprehensive Conservation Plan - Defined as "A detailed plan that has been formally adopted by the governing board which includes goals and objectives--both short and long term, must show how this building will enhance the overall conservation goals of the project and the protection or preservation of wildlife and fish habitat or natural areas." This does not need to be a complex multi-page document. It could be included as a part of the application or be an attachment.

New and Expanded Recreational Project means that the proposed building cannot be a replacement of a current building. The proposed building must also be related to either a new or expanded recreational project--either an expansion in land or an expansion of an existing building or in the opportunities for recreation at the project site.

Playground equipment calculation - Only the actual costs of the playground equipment (a bid or invoice showing the amount of the equipment costs must be provided) - cannot include freight or installation or surface materials or removal of old equipment, etc.

Staffing/Outside Consultants Costs - If you are requesting OHF funding for staffing or for an outside consultant, you must provide information in your application on the need for OHF funding to cover these costs. For example, if you are an entity that has engineering staff you must explain why you don't have sufficient staff to do the work or if specific expertise is needed or whatever the reason is for your entity to retain an outside consultant. If it is a request for reimbursement for staff time then a written explanation is required in the application of why OHF funding is needed to pay for the costs of that staff member(s)' time. **The budget form must reflect on a separate line item the specific amount that is being requested for staffing and/or the hiring of an outside consultant.** This separate line item will then be used to make the calculation of 5% or 10% as outlined in the law. Note that the calculation will be made on the grant less the costs for the consultant or staff.

Recommended by OHF Advisory Board: October 17, 2013
 Approved by Industrial Commission: October 22, 2013
 Revisions recommended by OHF Advisory Board: January 22, 2014
 Approved by Industrial Commission: January 29, 2014
 Revisions recommended by OHF Advisory Board: May 13, 2014
 Approved by Industrial Commission: May 27, 2014
 Revisions recommended by OHF Advisory Board: June 3, 2015
 Approved by Industrial Commission: June 10, 2015

**WATFORD CITY PARK DISTRICT
Annual Budget for the Year Ending December 31, 2016
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

FISH POND PROJECT

| <u>REVENUE</u> | Actual Revenue 2014 | Revenue as of 8/31/2015 | Estimated Revenue 2016 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Donations / Grants | | | |
| Grant Revenue | | | 1,500,000 |
| City of Watford City | | | |
| Tfr from Green Space | | 300,000 | |
| Tfr from General Fund | | | |
| Tfr from Park & Rec Fac | | | 200,000 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 0 | 300,000 | 1,700,000 |

| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | Actual Expendit. 2014 | Expendit. as of 8/31/2015 | Requested 2016 | Final Appropri. 2016 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Construction | | 0 | 2,000,000 | |
| | | | | |
| Tfr to Facilities Maintenance Fund | | | | |
| Tfr to Park & Rec Facilities Fund | | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 0 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 0 |

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Tourism

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September 17, 2015

To whom it may concern:

McKenzie County Tourism/VisitWatfordCity.com whole heartily supports the expansion of the Nature Park in Watford City.

The Nature Park already provides Watford City with a great destination for kids and families. The inclusion of the pavilion for additional functions such as concerts will only add to the experience of Watford City.

The location of this park continues to provide the green space continuity through Watford City from Main Street to the eastern part of the community.

If you have any questions on my support, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

Doug Bolken
Director Tourism – McKenzie County

Long X Council on the Arts
100 2nd St. SW
Watford City, ND 58854

North Dakota Industrial Commission
Outdoor Heritage Fund
600 E Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405
Bismarck, ND 58505

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Watford City and McKenzie County's Long X Council on the Arts I would like to express our support of the Watford City Park Board's efforts to create a community friendly green space, walking path and multi-use shelter and stage in an underutilized piece of land inside the city limits.

As the director of the community's strategic plan initiative I've been a part of many meetings and have documented countless discussions on residents' desire for more family friendly green spaces within the city limits. The Park Board's plan to utilize this space for community recreation while maintaining the wetlands and habitat that surround it fulfills a need and a wish for creating and maintaining a quality of life and connection to the outdoors for our residents.

The Long X Council on the Arts is particularly excited about the prospect of utilizing the large outdoor shelter and stage area as another unique and much needed avenue to host musical events, concerts, celebrations, community theater and other community art events.

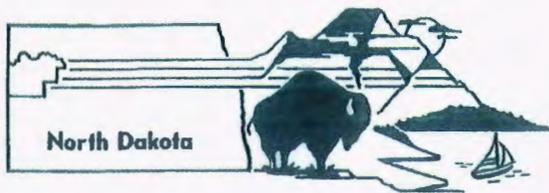
In a community that has experienced such rapid and unprecedented growth in the last five years it is important that we keep our finger on the pulse of keeping quality of life initiatives at the forefront of our plans for growth. I believe that Watford City's Parks and Recreation department has shown significant leadership in not only their programming, but in identifying ways to expand their facilities to meet the needs of the community. The development of this green space, park and the structures and amenities within it will be fulfilling a need for more green space for community and family picnics, weddings, photo shoots and a place for families to enjoy the great outdoors that exist right outside their back door here in Western North Dakota.

Attention to detail and priority to development of these community parks are what make a town unique and prove to native and new residents alike that the community has pride in and takes care of their natural surroundings. That point of view and leadership goes a long way in not only influencing our residents' opinions but their actions and the way they take care of their community as well.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Jessie Veeder Scofield



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September 24, 2015

North Dakota Industrial Commission
Outdoor Heritage Fund
State Capitol, 14th Floor, 600 E Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

Dear Selection Committee,

I am pleased to support the application for the Watford City Park District Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant request.

Watford City has become one of the fastest growing communities in the state with a population of new citizens from all over the state, nation and many foreign countries.

The community is undergoing planning efforts to provide recreational opportunities for these new citizens while focusing on an extended network of walking paths, green spaces and performance venues to bolster access to outdoor activities in the community.

The community has witnessed a rapid increase in young families as evidences by the school enrollment climbing from around 400 students to 1400 students in a 5 year period. These new young families are hungry for outdoor recreation and this project develops and extensive space to accommodate the growth in interest.

This development compliments other recreational and conservation projects under way in the Cherry Creek area that flows through the community. This is especially important as so much land is now under development and construction in the area.

Access to these areas is very important to our growing community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Veeder", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Gene Veeder, Executive Director



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Celebrating 100 Years - 2014

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September 16, 2015

Watford City Park District Board Members and Staff,

We at the City of Watford City are very excited about the continued improvements in our recreation base being planned by Robin Arndt and the Park District. Specifically the pavilion project adjacent to the fishing pond and softball field.

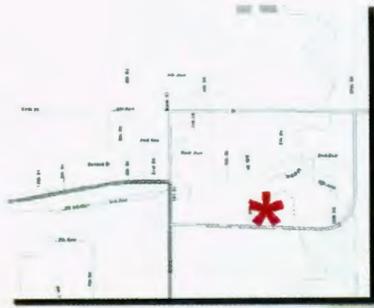
Robin's community pavilion project will be a great gathering space for our rapidly expanding city. Outdoor festivals and concert events will have a wonderful place to call home as this project comes online. It will tie together the new walking path areas beside the creek with the fishing pond and ballfields.

This is another fine example of the vision and spirit of community exhibited by the Park District, Robin Arndt and Staff. We are very strongly in support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brent Sanford".

Brent Sanford
Mayor of Watford City



Project Location Map
Watford City



NOTE:
-PARKING LOT PAVEMENT
BY WATFORD CITY PARKS
DEPARTMENT, NOT
REQUESTED IN GRANT
FUNDING.

Nature Park

Watford City Parks and Recreation



Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Nature Park

Description of Recreation Area

Nature Park is a new and expanded outdoor recreation area along the banks of Cherry Creek in the southeast corner of the City of Watford City, specifically described as;

A tract of land (lots 1 & 2) located in the East Half of Section 19, Township 150N, R98W of the Fifth Principal Meridian, McKenzie County, North Dakota. An existing park property containing a softball field and fishing pond bounded by 6th St. on the west, Cherry Creek on the north and east, and Hwy 23 on the south.

Lot 1: 157,602 square feet or 3.62 acres

Lot 2: 325,582 square feet or 7.47 acres

A reduced scale boundary survey of said parcel(s) is attached to this plan for reference.

Short Term Conservation Goals

- Discuss purchase of 11 Acre Nature Area with current landowner for the purpose of park and recreation space (completed 2015)
- Budget and purchase said 11 Acre Nature Area with the intent of conserving open space and passive use recreation space within City limits and adjacent to currently owned park space and to discourage the development of other land uses like commercial, industrial, residential, etc. (completed 2015).
- Prepare a master plan concept of a new recreation area, using lots 1 & 2 described above in combination with existing park property containing a softball field and fishing pond bounded by 6th St. on the west, Cherry Creek on the north and east, and Hwy 23 on the south.
- Obtain the proper funding through a variety of sources such as local dollars and potential grant funding for the implementation of Nature Park.

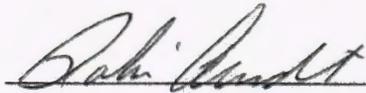
Long Term Conservation Goals (Pending Available Funding)

- Implementation of the Nature Park concept including the following
 - Preservation and conservation of the natural area along the Cherry Creek floodway for passive park use and nature conservancy (lots 1 & 2 area)
 - Provide new park features for complimentary use of the nature park space
 - Covered shelters / pavilion for outdoor community events and gatherings
 - Improved lawn space with irrigation for the pavilion area
 - Site electrical for pavilion, light poles, and vendor plug-ins
 - Off street parking for park and visitors for events and Nature Park use
 - Restroom / Concession Building for Park use
 - Improved fishing pond access from pavilion
 - Water quality improvements at fishing pond

- Possible Programming of Events Upon Successful Implementation of Nature Park
 - Outdoor Community Theater
 - Outdoor learning / educational opportunities
 - Community Festivals and Recreation Events
- Non-programmed Events at Nature Park to be Encouraged / Maintained by Watford City Parks
 - Mowed trail use through the natural conservancy (11 acre) portion of the site
 - Seating areas to view flora / fauna
 - Pheasants
 - Deer
 - Native vegetation along Cherry Creek riparian area
 - Birdwatching

Nature Park Plan Approval; Dated October 1, 2015

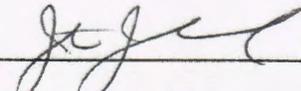
Signed:



Printed Name: Robin Arndt

Title: Director of Parks and Recreation

Signed:



Printed Name: Justin Johnsrud

Title: President, Watford City Park Board

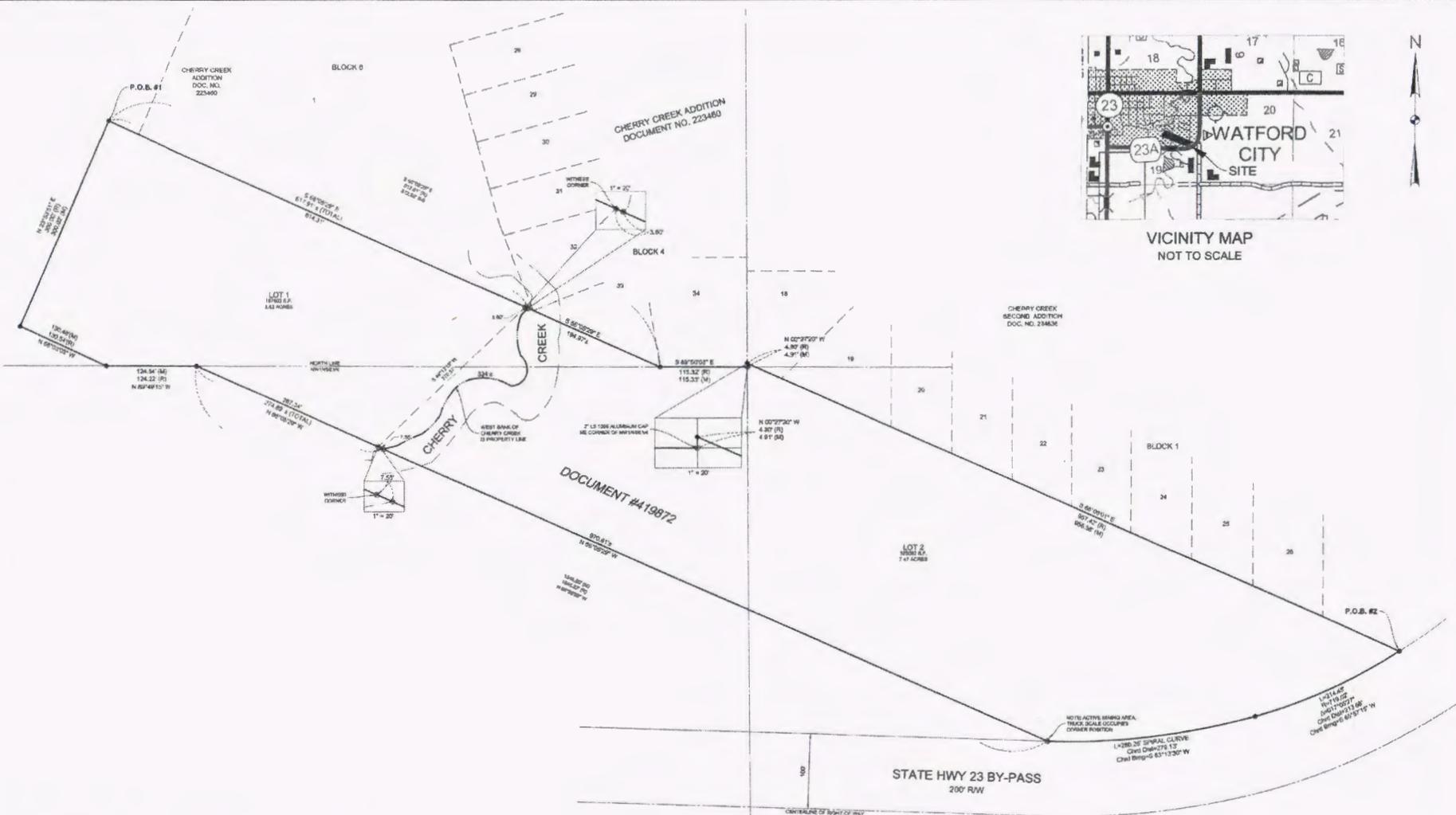


**EXISTING
PARK SITE**

**EXPANDED RECREATION SITE &
CONSERVATION AREA**



VICINITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE



- LEGEND**
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NOTE:
Survey is based on Local 5th US Survey Feet.
Distances shown are Ground Distances.
Sale of land is subject to any easement restrictions or encumbrances, other as shown on record.
Bearings and distances may vary from previous plats due to different methods of measurement.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

(LOT 1)
A tract of land located in the East Half of Section 19, Township 150 North, Range 98 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, McKenzie County, North Dakota, being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of Survey Plat attached to a Oil & Gas Claim Deed previously recorded in Document No. 419872 as the McKenzie County Registrar's Office, thence along the northerly line of said plat, bearing S 89°07'20\"/>

(LOT 2)

A tract of land located in the East Half of Section 19, Township 150 North, Range 98 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, McKenzie County, North Dakota, being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Survey Plat attached to a Oil & Gas Claim Deed previously recorded in Document No. 419872 as the McKenzie County Registrar's Office, said point also being on the North right-of-way line of State Highway 23 By-Pass, thence along the easterly line of said Survey Plat and said North right-of-way line as follows: thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 715.02 feet, an interior angle of 17°00'27\", an arc length of 214.48 feet and the chord of said curve bears S 63°37'10\"/>

I, Rick Leach, Professional Land Surveyor, N.D. P.L.S. No. 3486, do hereby certify that the tract survey shown herein was made by me, or under my direction, from notes made in the field, and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Rick Leach
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N.D. P.L.S. No. 3486



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| | | WATFORD CITY PARKS & RECREATION | | 1 OF 1 |
| | | WATFORD CITY, NORTH DAKOTA | | |
| PART OF THE EAST 1/2 SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 150 NORTH, RANGE 98 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA | | | | |
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