Final Report

Goal of Project*:

The goal of our project was to replace the existing ground cover under our city park playground equipment. After inspection from the First District Health Unit, we were informed that the ground cover under the playground equipment had to be replaced or the playground equipment would have to be closed to the public or removed. In order to keep our playground safe and available to children and families, we wanted to replace the ground cover as quickly as possible.

Work Accomplished*:

We began the project in August & completed it by the end of September. The project received many hours of volunteer labor beginning with the unloading of the wood fiber, border materials & mats then continuing with excavation under the equipment, installation & backfill outside of the border timbers & distribution of the wood fiber. The park hired a contractor with a backhoe & truck to assist with excavation & the city donated equipment & an operator to help with transport of materials.

Project Results*:

The results of our project include meeting the First District Health Unit's Playground ground cover requirements before their given deadline of December 31, 2020 and keeping our city park playground open! The new ground cover provides a safe environment for children and allows the continued use of the new playground by the public. We are very thankful to have been the recipients of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant and a sign acknowledging their help with our project will be placed near our park.

Value to North Dakota*:

This project is of great value to our community of Turtle Lake, to our state and to visitors from out of state. Our playground equipment is in our city park where we have campsites that many visitors stay at throughout the year. Keeping our playground equipment open was essential. Kids and families can now safely continue to be active while having fun playing on our equipment and enjoying our park!