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Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, Outdoor Recreation Grants Program (ORGP)

Overview: Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's FUN Park Grant program administers grants for the development of public outdoor recreation facilities. These grants, which do not require a cash match by the grantee, are available to incorporated municipalities with populations of 2,500 or less and to unincorporated communities sponsored by the county. The program was created for these smaller communities that are often unable to take advantage of the Department's Matching Grant Program due to a required 50% match by the grantee. FUN Park Grants are funded through a portion of the Arkansas Real Estate Transfer Tax.

Application Cycle: Application submittal deadlines are published annually in application guide.

Notification: Information relating to the grant program will be provided to all eligible municipalities and counties annually and will be posted on ORGP website www.outdoorgrants.com.

Eligibility: Only incorporated municipalities with populations of 2,500 or less and unincorporated communities sponsored by the county are eligible for a FUN Park grant. Grantees will not be eligible to apply for future FUN Park grants within five years after they have received an award.

Grant Amount: Grant amounts and number of grants that may be awarded annually is published in the FUN Park Grant application guide.

Site Visits: Applicants must schedule a site visit with ORGP to provide applicant technical assistance on facility layout, verify site is appropriate for park development, and verify applicant's eligibility for a FUN Park grant.

Site Requirements: Applicant must own or have at least a 25-year lease on the real estate proposed for outdoor recreation development. Site must be suitable for the proposed development and available to all citizens at all reasonable times.

Eligible Facilities: Any fixed outdoor recreation facility may be funded with FUN Park grants. FUN Park grant funding may not be used for land acquisition, movable equipment, or recreation programming.

Cost Estimates: Applicant must provide cost estimates for all facilities included in their application.

Accessibility: All facilities funded by through the FUN Park Grant program must conform with accessibility guidelines established by Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Playground Safety: All playground facilities funded by the FUN Park Grant program must conform with playground safety guidelines established by Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Services; Grant Administration: The professional services of a licensed architect or engineer are required to oversee design, bidding and construction of grant project.

Selection Process: Applications are considered by a Grants Advisory Committee whose members are appointed by the Governor. Committee recommendations are forwarded to the Department's Executive Director for review.

Contract: ORGP will prepare a contract identifying facilities that may be developed with grant funding once a grant is awarded. Grantee may begin development only after the contract is signed by the mayor or county judge and the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Executive Director.

Release of Funds: Grant funds will be released to grantee only after a contract is signed by the mayor or county judge and by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Executive Director. Grantee may be required to return funds to the Department if development has not begun within one year of contract.

Procurement: Grantee is responsible for following procurement laws applicable to their jurisdiction.

Financial Records: Grantee is responsible for maintaining all financial records pertaining to the grant project and providing ORGP copies of invoices and cancelled checks or other proof of payment verifying that all grant funds have been spent on eligible costs.

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Introduction

The FUN Park Grant Program

- *Is a one time only grant for \$20,000 that requires no match, for small incorporated cities or incorporated communities of 2500 persons or less.*
- *Grant funds will be used to develop a park with outdoor recreation facilities on city or county land owned, or leased for 25 years. Grant funds may not be used for land purchase.*
- *The application due annually the last Friday each August is very simple and can be prepared locally. A committee appointed by the governor will recommend applicants for funding once each year, based on the funds available.*
- *The grantee must choose from a shopping list of facilities provided by the Department of Parks and Tourism. The Department will provide all plans and specifications for each facility*
- *The grantee will be responsible for contracting the project; and/or buying materials and building the facilities; and maintaining the park.*

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Description and Mechanics

The "FUN" Park Grant program is designed to assist cities and counties to develop *basic* neighborhood outdoor recreation facilities. These grants are targeted to areas of the state that do not presently have facilities, or whose facilities are inadequate in size or scope to meet local needs. The Outdoor Recreation Grants Advisory Committee will determine annually the total amount to make available to the "FUN" Park Grant program. A maximum of \$20,000 will be available for each grant.

Grants are available on a competitive basis to cities and counties who can provide the land for park and facility development. The "FUN" Park Grant Program will be administered by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism through the Outdoor Recreation Grants Program (ORGP) office. Only projects to construct *outdoor* facilities are eligible for funding. Indoor facilities are not eligible for grant funding.

Only *one* "FUN" Park Grant will ever be awarded to the same jurisdiction. Additional development must be solely completed by the jurisdiction, or with assistance from other grant programs.

Eligibility

Only unincorporated rural areas in each of the 75 counties and incorporated cities with a population of less than 2,500, as established by the 1990 census, are eligible for grant funding.

Applications

The "FUN" park grant program application is designed so that it can be prepared locally. Outside assistance will be allowed if the applicant wishes. Applications should be submitted on the enclosed application form. Applications must be typed or printed, and the descriptions of Items J, K, and L must not exceed the space provided for them. Those who feel that they need assistance completing the application, should contact their area Planning and Development District office. One original application must be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, Outdoor Recreation Grants Program, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock 72201, prior to the grant deadline.

The applicant must answer all the questions on the "FUN" grant application form. Applications which do not contain all the required information will be required to submit it prior to being considered for funding.

Applications for funding must be signed and submitted by the Mayor or County Judge of the local governing jurisdiction. Requests for grant funding must be accompanied by a

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city council resolution or a Quorum Court order authorizing the project application. All applicants are asked to provide the Department with written instructions and a map or drawing showing the location of the proposed project so that our staff can locate the site for the pre-award inspection.

Project Selection and Awards

Projects will be selected for funding by the Outdoor Recreation Grants Program Advisory Committee, which is appointed by the Governor. Applications will be evaluated and ranked on their response to questions J, K and L of the "FUN" Park Grant application. Grants will be awarded to those applicants who demonstrate the greatest need, can properly operate and maintain the completed facility, and who can complete the project with quality workmanship and within the allotted contract time. Priority may be given to projects that are located in "Low to Moderate Income" level areas (LMI) as defined by the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the 1990 census. Applicants which are not selected for funding may resubmit their application during the next annual funding cycle.

All applicants will be notified by mail by the ORGP Advisory Committee as soon as projects have been selected for funding. Grant selections also will be announced in a news release of general statewide circulation. Grantees will receive 25% of the total grant amount upon execution of the state contract agreement. A "Project Expenditure Report Form," which will

be provided by the Department, is required to be submitted by the grantee showing expenditure of approximately one-fourth of the grant amount and/or completion of a proportionate amount of construction before additional grant funds will be released.

No cash match will be required to be eligible for this grant program. The grantee must bear all expenses incurred over and beyond the amount of the grant. No priority will be given to projects using donated labor or materials; however, grantees using donated materials and labor will be able to build more and better facilities.

All successful applicants must attend a new grantee workshop sponsored by the Department before any grant funds will be released. The Department suggests that the person(s) who will be involved with grant record keeping and one person who will be involved in project construction attend this workshop.

Facilities and Expenses Eligible for Project Funding

The Department of Parks and Tourism has developed standard facility specifications. All project developments will meet or exceed the standards established by the Department. The grantees must select facilities from the list provided. When the project is completed, the grantee must have a blend of facilities that qualifies as active, passive and meets recreation needs of the young, the middle-aged and the elderly.

Grant program funds will be used to develop *basic* recreation facilities, and will be limited to construction of only those facilities shown on the following list. Grant funds will not be used

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to repair or maintain existing parks, equipment or facilities. Grant funds must be spent for construction, materials, labor and fixed equipment only. Tools, construction equipment, portable recreation equipment and supplies such as shoes, balls, gloves, bats, etc. are not an eligible grant expense. Salaries for public officials, city workers, administration fees, and travel are not eligible project costs.

FUN grant monies may *not* be used to match any other grant program administered by the Department of Parks and Tourism or any other state agency.

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Eligible Facilities

- ☐ Baseball/Softball Field
- ☐ Basketball Court
- ☐ Playground Equipment
- ☐ Picnic Pavilion
- ☐ Picnic Tables
- ☐ Benches
- ☐ Cooking Grills
- ☐ Litter Receptacles
- ☐ Parking

Property Requirements and Responsibilities

In order to be eligible for grant funding the applicant must own or lease property suitable for park development. The applicant must submit a copy of the deed or a lease with a term of 25 years or more with the completed application. A copy of a letter from the owner expressing the intent to sell or lease an appropriate amount of property for park and facility development must be submit-

ted if the applicant does not have possession of the property at the time of the application. However, funds will not be released to the grantee until an executed deed or lease is submitted. If the project property is sold or the lease is terminated prior to the 25 year term, the grantee will be required to reimburse the State for the total amount of the original grant.

If the grantee ever intends to secure 50/50 matching grant funding for future improvements to the park, then they must hold title to the property, or lease from the Federal Government

It is recommended that projects submitted requesting ballfield development contain a minimum of four acres, and other projects should contain a minimum of one acre. Smaller property parcels can be considered for small projects if, in the opinion of the Department, a functioning park can be developed. No survey will be required, but an adequate site development plan showing park boundaries must be submitted with the application. This site plan will be retained by the grantor and grantee for future reference.

The proposed project site will be inspected by the Department prior to the grant award to verify its suitability for the proposed development. Recommendations concerning site requirements can be made to grantees by the Department if necessary.

This grant program is not designed to provide or replace school playground facilities, however, facilities may be constructed on public school property if the applicant can establish that this is the best park location.

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Plans and Specifications

Each application must be accompanied by a park site plan depicting the proposed development and park boundaries. Plans and specifications must be provided to and approved by the Department. All facilities, improvements, and fixed equipment must meet or exceed the specifications supplied by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. All variances or changes to the plans, and specifications, as described in the project contract, must have prior approval in writing by the Department. The grantee is prohibited from making changes in the scope of the project after the contract is signed and construction has begun.

All facilities must be constructed in accordance with the Minimum Standards and Criteria booklet published by the Arkansas State Building Services to provide access to the handicapped as specified by Act 122 of 1967, and as amended.

Contract Requirements

"FUN" park grant projects must be completed within 90 days. A state contract will be tailored for each project based on the terms negotiated by the Department and the grantee. The contract must be signed by the mayor

or the county judge. The Grantee will be responsible for fulfilling all the terms of the contract. If the Grantee should fail to comply fully with the contract terms, they will be declared ineligible for any additional grant funds until the terms of the contract are fulfilled. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract could result in prosecution of the grantee.

Project Construction and Record Requirements

The grantee will be responsible for overseeing all construction and development. All state regulations regarding bidding, purchasing, etc. must be followed. Grantees who use donated labor or materials must demonstrate that they are capable of producing a quality product.

Each grantee will be responsible for documenting the expenditure of all grant funds, keeping all cancelled checks, invoices and contracts. If the Department determines at any time that the grantee has failed to keep the necessary records, the Department may terminate the grant contract and require the grantee to repay the amount of the grant money which has been expended.

Project Inspection

The Department may inspect the project site at any reasonable time during and after construction. A final inspection will occur after the grantee notifies the Department of project completion, or after the contract expiration date. Post-completion inspections will be conducted after the first five (5) years, and then certified by the mayor or county judge to be well

NOTE

Grantee must follow standard specifications or acceptable standards. Upon final inspection, if construction is inadequate, grantee will be required to repair or replace the facility at their cost.

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maintained and functional every five (5) years thereafter for a total of 25 years.

Project Closeout and Record Audit

Prior to the final inspection, a final "Project Expenditure Report" must be submitted to the Department. The grantee is required to retain documents verifying the project expenditures, including invoices, cancelled checks, and contracts. All records are subject to inspection by the Department and state auditors at any time during the contract period. All records must be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after the final inspection of the facility. All facilities must be brought to a state of useful completion, or legal action will be taken to recover the entire grant amount. All grant funds not expended by the grantee must be returned to the grantor within 30 days after the final project inspection.

A sign acknowledging the source of the grant funds must be placed at the park's site in plain view of the public, and must remain in the park for the life of the project. These signs will be available through this Department at a small fee.

Grantee Responsibilities

Facilities must be open to the general public in accordance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. All facilities must comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Title II and Title III. The Facilities must remain open at all reasonable times; however, park facilities may be reserved for special events, or may

be closed during certain periods for security purposes. The grantee guarantees to operate and maintain these facilities for 25 years.

Site Selection

The only requirement for a park site is that the grantee provide the site, either through ownership or leasing. However, this section offers some advice on selecting suitable park property. It is crucial to remember that not just any piece of vacant land will meet your community's specific recreation needs. Close attention to several factors — the planned uses of the site, the site's physical characteristics, its location and its cost — will ensure that a suitable piece of property is found.

The Department recommends that the applicant not build costly facilities in a floodplain. The expense of rebuilding flood damaged facilities will be the responsibility of the community.

Picking property of the right size will depend on what activities will eventually be desired for the site. A small property site within a city block may contain a small playground and pavilion; however, a ballfield will require a site of at least four acres.

A site's physical characteristics greatly influences its potential for successful recreation. For instance, nobody wants to picnic at a park with no shade trees; however, it can be very difficult and costly to develop a ballfield on a hill or in a wooded area. Applicants are encouraged to pick an appropriate site for the planned activities and which has some scenic qualities.

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1996 "FUN" Park Grant Program Application Cover Sheet

A. Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ County: _____

State Senator: _____ District Number: _____

State Representative: _____ District Number: _____

B. Amount of Funds Requested: \$ _____

C. Certification of Chief Executive Officer:

"I hereby certify that the information contained in the attached application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application will be rated on the basis of the information submitted and that the submission of incorrect data can result in this application being withdrawn from consideration for funding."

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

D. Application Preparer's Name: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E. Low to Moderate Income (LMI) of Community: % under LMI: _____

Project area's Median Household Income (1990 Census) \$ _____

F. Provide detailed instructions on how to get to the proposed project site:

G. Is project in a floodplain? _____ Wetland? _____

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H. Does your area presently have any developed outdoor recreation facilities?

_____ Yes _____ No

1. List each with a brief description: _____

J. Project Justification: Why does your area need these park facilities?

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K. Project Description

Check each of the facilities you will construct and check how they will be constructed. On the next page, provide a written description on how the construction will be accomplished. If the total cost will exceed \$20,000, explain how community will use its resources to accomplish the project.

Each park must have a combination of active and passive activities which provide benefit to all age groups (Refer to example plans)

- ☐ BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELD (Active participant/passive spectator)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ BASKETBALL COURT (Active participant/passive spectator)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer;
- ☐ PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT (Active)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer;
- ☐ PICNIC PAVILION (Passive)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ PICNIC TABLES (Passive)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ COOKING GRILLS (Passive)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ BENCHES (Passive)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ LITTER RECEPTACLES (Support)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ PARKING (Support)
Construction: ☐ Contract ☐ Force Acct. ☐ Volunteer

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K. Project Description (Continued):

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L. Describe how you will operate and maintain the proposed park facilities when they are completed.

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Detailed Cost Estimate

Applicant Name: _____

A. Amount of Funds Requested: \$ _____

Development items: (listed in priority order)

Estimated cost

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
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_____	\$ _____

B. Total: \$ _____

C. Contingency: (optional-maximum 5% of total) \$ _____

D. Total of B and C: (Total Cannot Exceed \$20,000) \$ _____

E. Dollars the grantee plans to spend from local sources: \$ _____

F. Total Project Cost: (D+E) \$ _____

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“FUN” Park Grant Application Checklist

1. ____ Original project application signed by Mayor or County Judge
2. ____ City Council Resolution or Quorum Court Order
3. ____ Park location map to enable Department staff to locate proposed park project
4. ____ Copy of deed, lease, or letter of intent to sell or donate
5. ____ Site development plan with park boundaries

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MINIMUM FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

Plans and Specifications

The following plans and specifications are provided as minimum requirements for facility construction and purchase. These standards have been established to assure a level of quality which will withstand public recreation use on a sustained basis. Applicants may choose to develop their own plans and specifications or to modify those provided. However, Outdoor Recreation Grants Program staff must be provided with evidence that the proposed changes meet or exceed minimum specifications.

Arkansas has an abundance of manufacturers and suppliers of commercial outdoor recreation equipment and supplies. The equipment models listed fall within the minimum facility expectations and were selected to fit within the FUN park budget requirements. For cost estimation purposes, they may represent one particular equipment manufacturer; however, applicants are encouraged to compare costs and features from additional manufacturers. A list of Arkansas suppliers is at the end of this application guide. If the applicant needs technical assistance, they may call the Outdoor Recreation Grants Program office for information.

Handicap Accessibility

- All developed facilities shall be handicap accessible and shall be connected with accessible paths. Wheelchair access is used as a standard for

approved accessibility. A general rule of thumb for accessibility is if a person confined to a wheelchair can roll unassisted from a designated accessible parking space in the parking lot to a facility, access and use the facility, even during wet conditions. These paths shall follow the general contours of the site and shall be developed with consideration given to slopes, cross slopes, surfaces, widths and distances. Path surfacing materials should be selected to achieve the highest level of accessibility practical. Path surface materials shall provide a firm, stable and slip-resistant surface free of obstructions and abrupt level changes. The preferred surface material is a pavement such as asphalt, concrete or chip-seal. Grass is acceptable; however, it must be carefully maintained with regard to height, amount of moisture and degree of firmness.

Basketball Court

- Paved slab shall be a minimum of 40 feet long by 40 feet wide with a minimum thickness of 4 inches constructed on a 4 inch crushed rock sub base compacted to 95%. Concrete shall contain 6 inches x 6 inches x 10/10 woven wire mesh positioned 2 inches below surface. Concrete shall be surfaced with a slick, troweled finish. Vibrating or floating shall not be continued in any one spot to the extent that pools of grout are formed. Compressive strength of concrete after 28 days shall be 3,500 psi. Concrete slump at time of pour shall be 3 - 4 inches. Control joints shall be scored to a depth of 1/2 inch. Maximum distance between control joints shall be 10 feet. Surface of concrete shall be sloped 1/8 - 1/4 inch per foot for positive drainage, crowned in the

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center or sloped in a direction logical with existing terrain. Slope surrounding soil up to edge of concrete to avoid a sharp drop-off.

- All basketball equipment shall be new, of commercial grade and constructed of materials which have proven durable in a public playground or other outdoor setting.
- Gooseneck goal support post shall be 4 1/2 inches o.d. cast aluminum. Goal shall extend 48 inches in front of post. Post shall include all backboard mounting hardware. Post shall be set in a concrete footing with a minimum diameter of 2 feet - 6 inches and a minimum depth of 3 feet. Before pouring concrete footing around post, insert an 18 inch length of #4 rebar through the post in order to prevent turning of the post.
- Backboard shall be fan or rectangular shaped, cast aluminum or 12 gauge steel such as manufactured by Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, or an approved equal.
- Basketball rim shall be high-strength, single or double rod, such as manufactured by Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, or an approved equal.
- Basketball net shall be a commercial chain net such as manufactured by Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, or an approved equal.

Ballfield

- Recommended backstop shall be a Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Softball Model #341-333 (20 feet - 6 inch span with a 13-foot front height and an overhead hood), or an approved equal.
- Minimum site-built backstop requirements shall include a steel frame 16 feet wide by 12 feet high placed

perpendicular to the home plate-second base axis and located a minimum of 25 feet behind home plate. In addition, two wings (one each side) 16 feet wide by 12 feet high shall be placed at 45 degrees to the main backstop and parallel to the foul lines.

- The vertical frame posts shall be 3 inches o.d. DQ-40 galvanized steel pipe set at 8 feet on center. Each vertical post shall be capped.
- The vertical posts shall include a minimum of 3 feet encased in a below grade concrete footing. Footing shall have a minimum diameter (or width and thickness) of 1 foot - 6 inches and a minimum depth of 3 feet - 6 inches.
- The horizontal frame rails shall consist of 1 5/8 inches DQ40 galvanized steel pipe. The horizontal frame shall include a bottom rail at 2 inches above grade, an intermediate rail at 3 feet, an intermediate rail at 6 feet, and a top rail at 12 feet.
- Backstop fabric shall be 2-inch chain link mesh with 9 gauge wire
- Ballfield shall include a minimum of 250 feet of clear, unobstructed space along each foul line and across center field on a 250 feet radius from home plate.
- Playing surface shall be graded smooth to remove all holes and depressions. Surface shall be cleared of all debris and coarse fragments.
- Field shall be graded to a constant minimum slope of .5% (1 foot rise in a 200-foot run) and a maximum slope of 4% (1 foot rise in a 25-foot run).
- Bare soil areas shall be seeded with common bermuda seed at an application rate of 1 pound per 500 square feet or 85 pounds per acre.

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Playground

- All playground equipment shall be new and selected in accordance with guidelines established by the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Equipment selected shall be of commercial grade and constructed of materials which have proven durable in a public playground or other outdoor setting. This includes using metals which are coated or galvanized to prevent rust and deterioration. Applicants must follow manufacturers instructions regarding the spacing and installation of equipment. The Outdoor Recreation Grants Program Staff requires that applicants purchase playground equipment. No home-built playground equipment will be approved for "FUN" Park funding.
- Play equipment shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act for handicap accessibility.
- An acceptable playground can consist of an integral play structure, separate play equipment or a combination of both depending on applicant's budget allowance. Play equipment shall include a mix of the following:
 - Recommended integral play structure is "Kid's Choice" playstructure by Miracle Recreation Equipment Company (potential configuration to include an overhead horizontal ladder, curved climber, side-by-side slide, twister slide, climbing pole, 5-foot high deck, 3-foot high deck and a transfer point for accessibility requirements), or an approved equal.
 - Swingset — Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Model #2654 (Galvanized Steel, 4 place swing set with 8-foot high top rail, or an approved equal.
 - Slide — Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Model #121-11A 5-foot high platform, Stainless Hurricane slide), or an approved equal.
 - Climber shall be selected to allow secure use by a variety of different aged children and offer various climbing options. It shall be constructed of galvanized steel and securely mounted in a manner as directed by the manufacturer. One recommended climber is Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Model #407, or an approved equal.
 - Freestanding activity panels shall include Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Model #903 — Tic-Tac-Toe and #900—steering wheel, or an approved equal. Activity panels shall be securely mounted adjacent to a barrier-free surface.
 - All areas under play equipment shall be surfaced with an impact-absorbing material such as uniform-sized pea gravel, wood chips or compressed wood mulch with provisions for handicapped access. Material shall be directly beneath equipment and extending a minimum of 6 feet in all directions beyond equipment, including a minimum of 6 feet beyond farthest arc of swings. Material shall be a minimum uniform depth of 12 inches. Pea gravel or wood chips shall be contained by a durable edging such as treated cross ties or timbers placed high enough to contain 12 inches of material. Bottom row of timbers shall be permanently anchored with four 5/8 inch x 30 inch rebars placed one foot from each end and 2

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feet apart along timber on 8 feet long timbers. Timbers shall be drilled to accept rebar. Rebar shall be driven through timbers into ground until flush with top of timbers. Subsequent timber courses shall be nailed to lower timbers with 10 -12 inch long spikes (4 per 8-foot timber).

- A portion of the impact areas under play equipment shall be an approved material offering wheelchair accessibility which allows access from beyond the contained impact material to at least one access point for each piece of equipment. Examples of this material are "Fibar" bulk material or resilient rubberized tiles installed on concrete such as "Fall Saver" cushion tiles.

Pavilion

- Minimum approved commercial pavilion shall be the "Woodland Gable End Shelter," Model #1424, as manufactured by Litchfield Industries, or an approved equal. Minimum size shall be 22 feet by 24 feet, constructed of treated southern yellow pine.

- Minimum requirements for site-built pavilions shall be constructed under the following specifications:

- Concrete slab shall be a minimum of 24 feet by 32 feet with a minimum thickness of 4 inches constructed on a 4-inch crushed rock sub base compacted to 95%. Perimeter edge of slab shall be thickened to 16 inches thick by 8 inches wide. Two #5 rebar rods shall be placed horizontally around the perimeter of turndown two inches from bottom (refer to pavilion detail #2). Concrete shall contain 6-inch x

6-inch x 10/10 woven wire mesh positioned 2 inches from surface and turned down into thickened edges. Concrete shall be surfaced with a light broom finish.

Park Furniture

- Minimum acceptable picnic tables shall be commercial grade tubular steel frames such as Miracle Equipment Co. Model 1107-1 (Model 1107-1T is accessible unit), or an approved equal. Steel shall be coated or hot-dip galvanized to prevent rust and deterioration. Table tops and benches shall be constructed of CCA pressure treated No. 1 southern yellow pine or a lumber naturally resistant to weather deterioration. Planks shall be 8 feet long, surfaced smooth and all upper edges shall be eased with a 3/8-inch roundover radius. Tables shall be permanently anchored to the ground.

- Cook Grills shall be a commercial grade pedestal mounted grill such as Miracle Equipment Co. Model 1104, or an approved equal. The firebox shall be heavy gauge all-welded steel plate. The pedestal shall be 2 3/8-inch o.d. steel pipe. The pedestal shall allow the grill to rotate for accessibility considerations. All metal shall be coated or galvanized to prevent rust and deterioration. Welded steel bar cook grate shall be non-removable, provide a minimum of 225 square inches and have an adjustable height feature. Bottom of firebox shall be drilled or slotted for drainage. It shall be securely mounted in a manner as directed by the manufacturer. Grills shall be placed adjacent to an acces-

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sible surface and the height of the cook surface shall be 30 to 34 inches above ground level for handicap accessibility.

- Group Cook Grills shall be a commercial grade double-pedestal mounted grill such as Miracle Equipment Co. Model 1104-5, or an approved equal. Cook grate shall provide a minimum of 690 square inches. All other grill specifications apply.

- Minimum acceptable benches shall be permanently mounted and constructed of commercial grade tubular steel such as Miracle Equipment Co. Model 1238, or an approved equal. All metal shall be coated or hot dip galvanized to prevent rust and deterioration. Seat and backrests shall be constructed of CCA pressure treated No. 1 southern yellow pine or a lumber naturally resistant to weather deterioration. Planks shall be 8 feet long, surfaced smooth, and all upper edges shall be eased with a 3/8 inch roundover radius. Bench posts shall be securely mounted in a manner as directed by the manufacturer.

- Minimum acceptable waste cans shall be 35-gallon drum, cleaned, primed, and painted for appearance and durability. Drum shall have four 3/8 inch diameter holes drilled uniformly in the bottom of the drum before painting. Waste can shall have a snug fitting lid, constructed of 1/4 inch sheet metal, primed and painted to match the can.

Parking

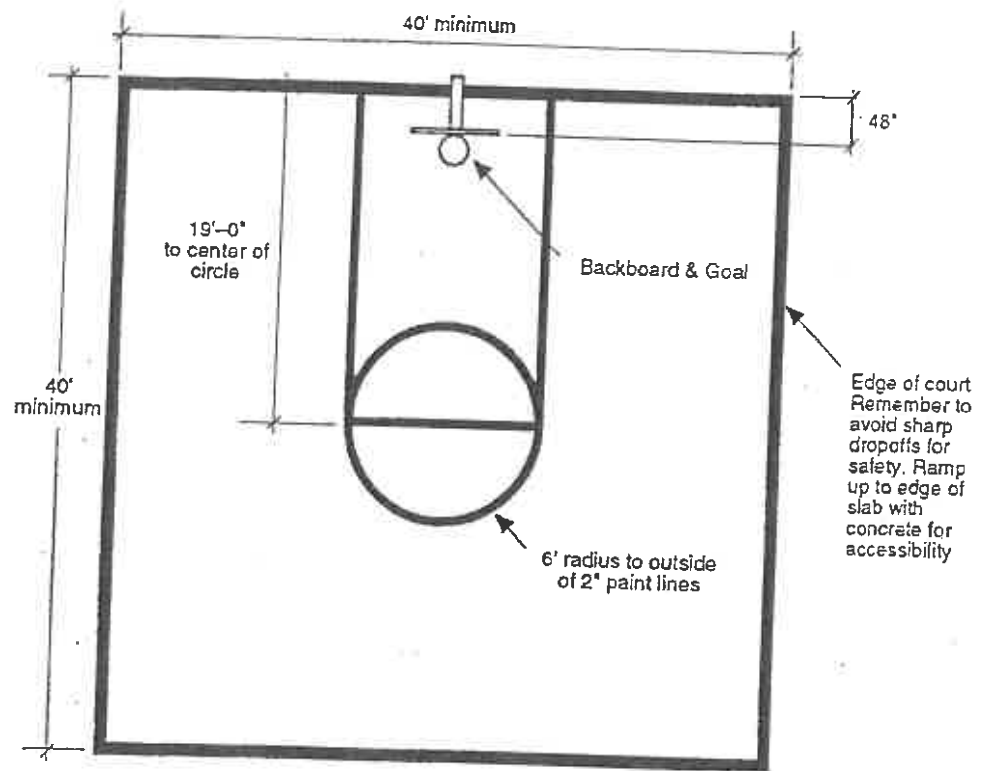
- Parking shall be all-weather, and designed for a minimum of 10 cars with a space 9 feet wide by 18 feet

long for each car. It shall be graded for positive drainage, surfaced with a 6 inch layer of SB-2 and well compacted. Each parking space shall have one 6-inch x 6-inch x 8-inch CCA pressure treated southern yellow pine timber to serve as a stop for the front wheels. Each wheel stop shall be anchored with four 5/8 inch x 36-inch rebars placed one foot from each end and 2 feet apart along timber. Timbers shall be drilled to accept rebar. Rebar shall be driven through timbers into ground until flush with top of timbers.

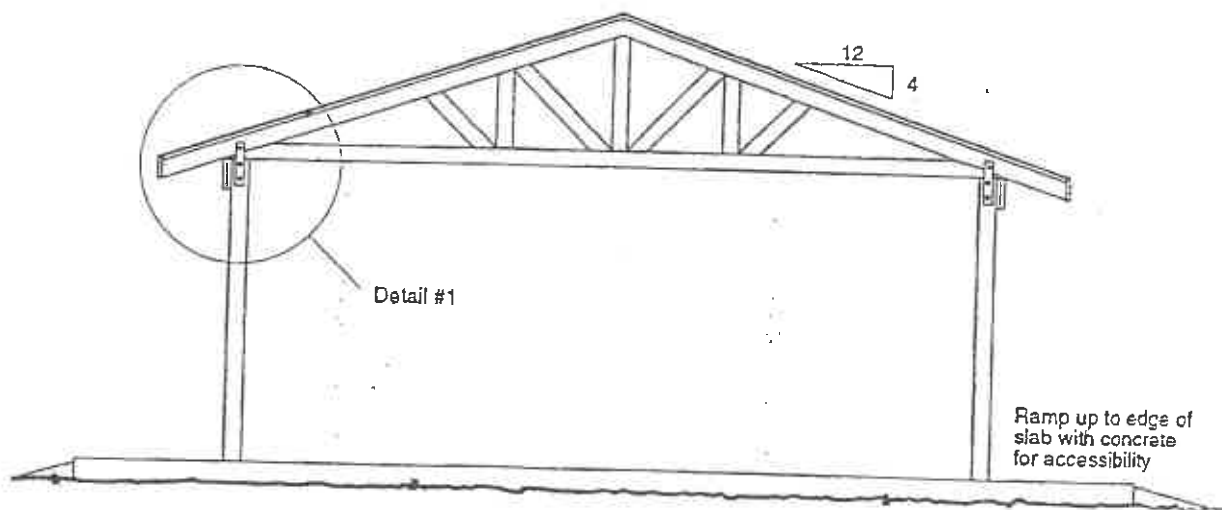
- Parking shall include at least one handicap space for every 10 spaces provided. Handicap space shall be a minimum of 9 feet wide by 18 feet long with an adjacent access aisle a minimum of 5 feet wide. This access aisle must be a hard surface material acceptable to wheelchair travel. Spaces must be clearly identified with appropriate signs.

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Basketball Court

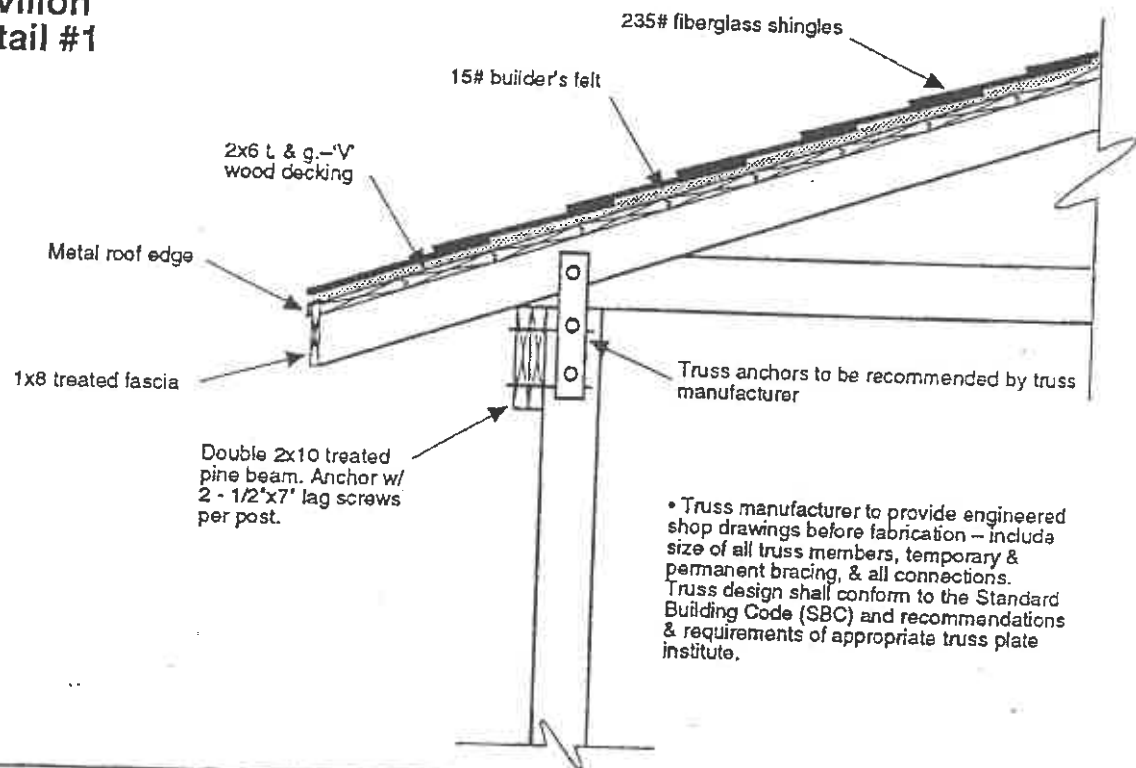


**Pavilion
End Elevation**

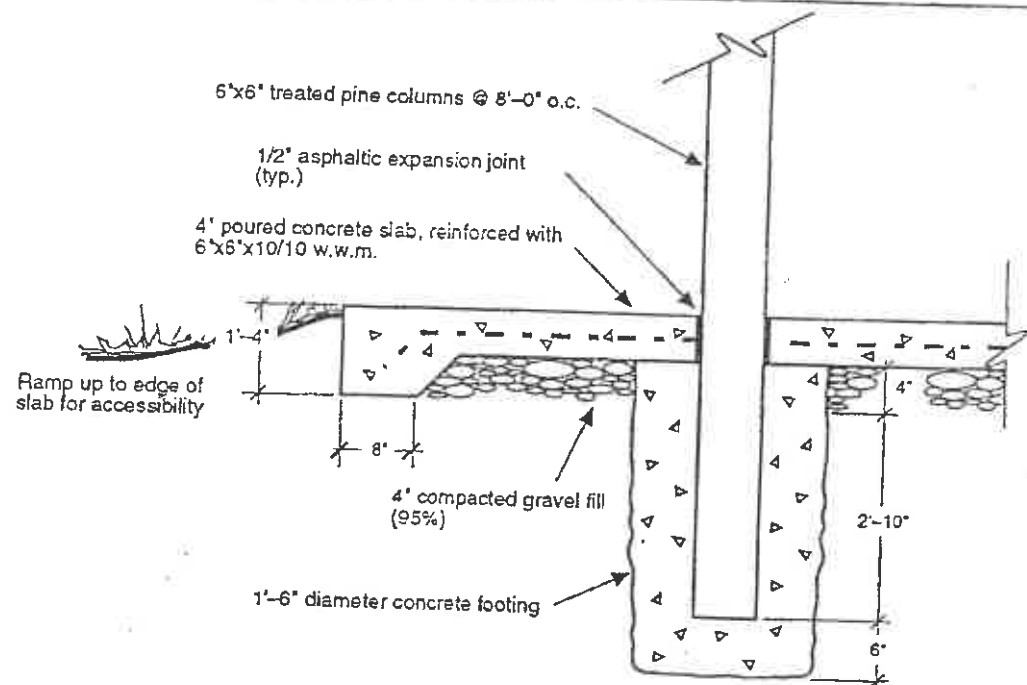


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Pavilion Detail #1

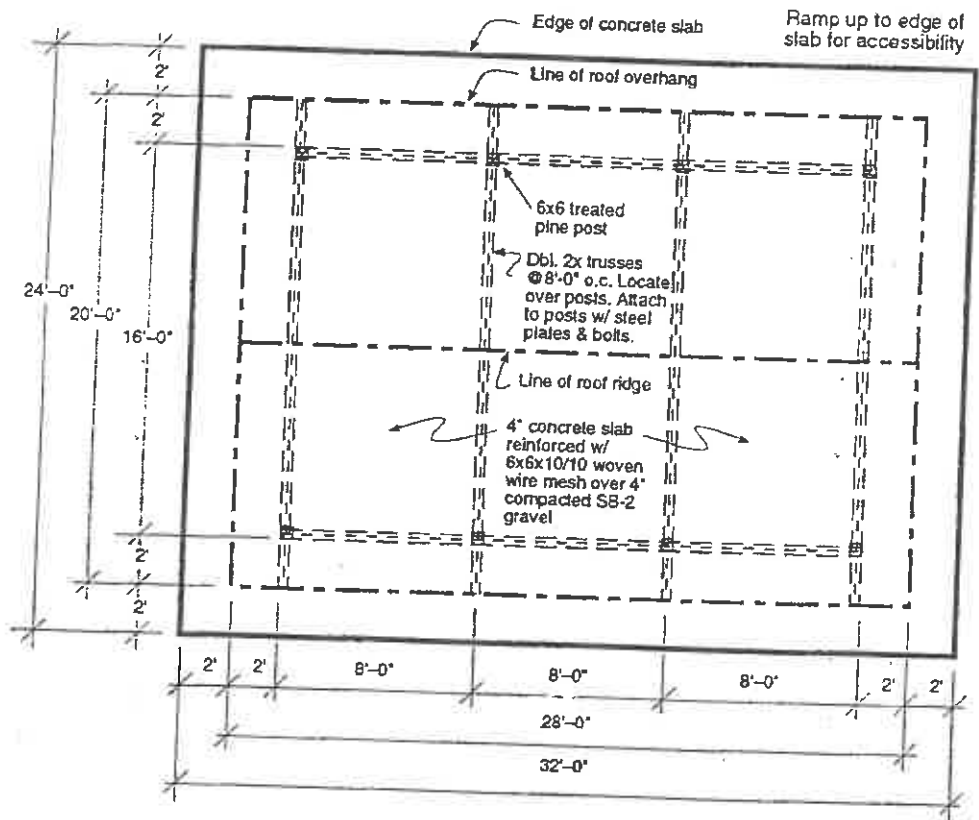


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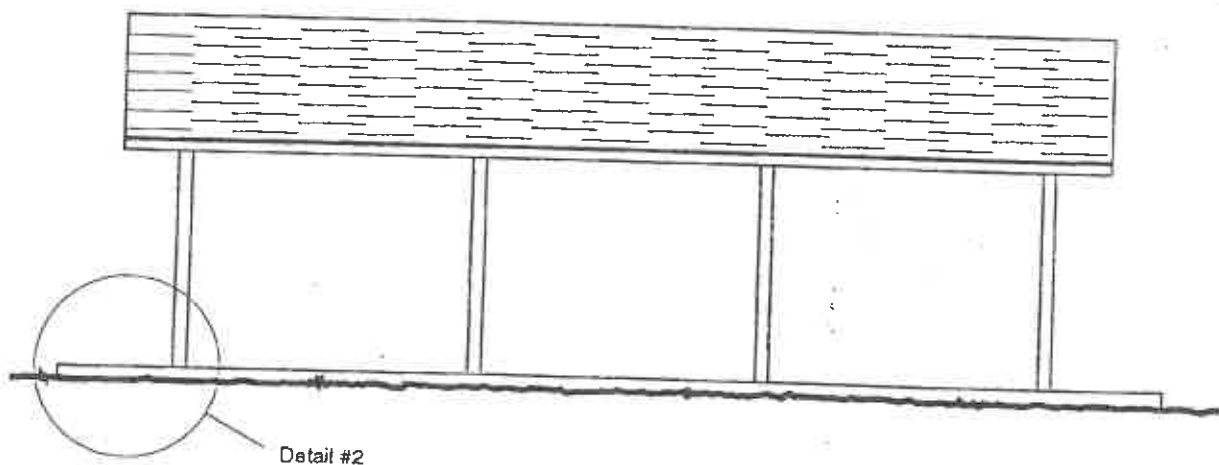


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**Pavilion
Floor Plan**



**Pavilion
Side Elevation**



Approximately 365'

Approximately 445'

Note

The development of a ballfield, basketball court, swings and benches offers a combination of active and passive recreation for all abilities and age groups.

Ballfield / Open Space
Playing Field

New gravel impact zone contained w/ timbers

Swings

Ballfield Backstop

40' x 40' Basketball Court

Benches

Litter Containers

Parking

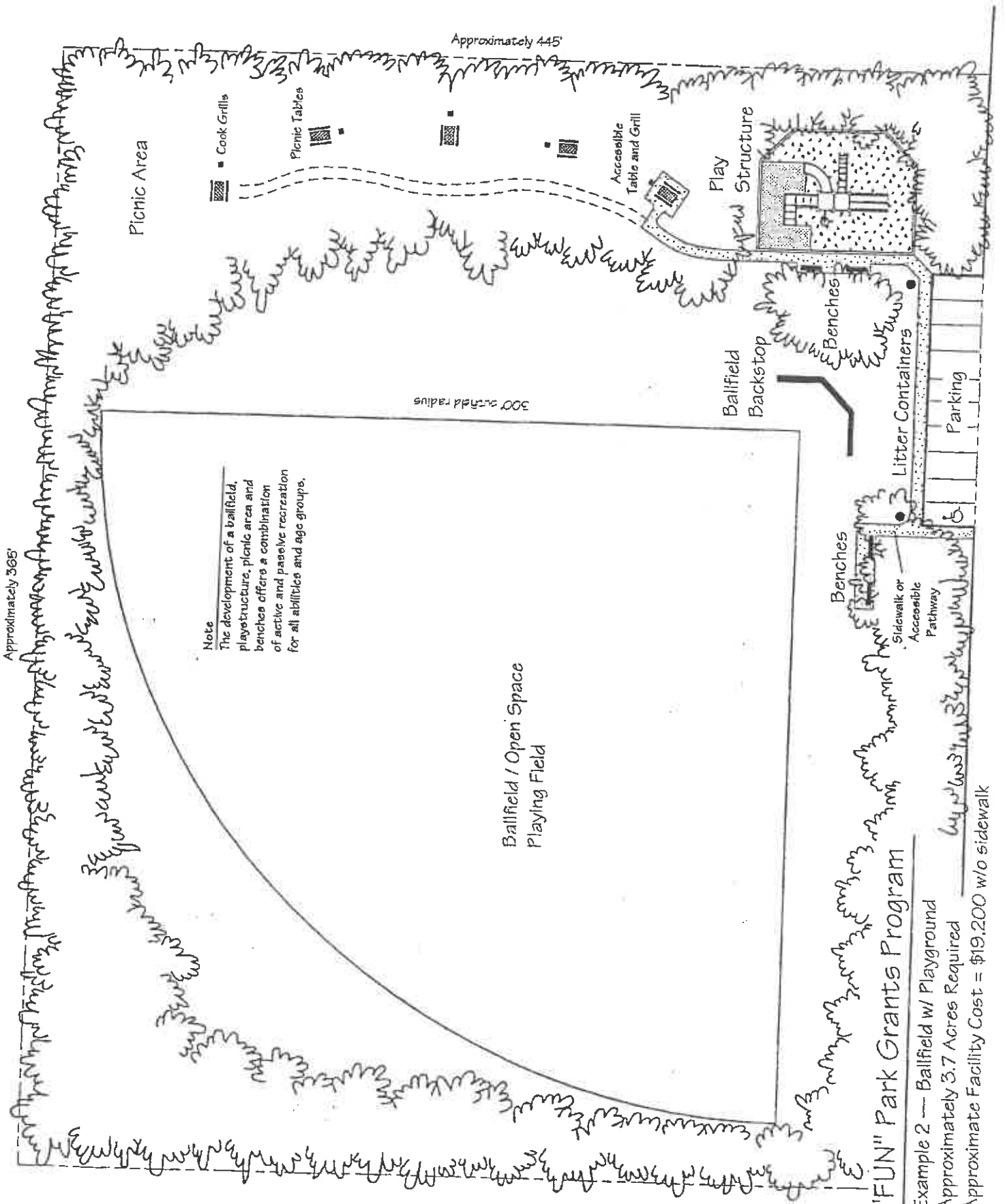
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Example 1 — Ballfield w/ Basketball Court

Approximately 3.7 Acres Required

Approximate Facility Cost = \$13,900 w/o sidewalk

Approximately 365'



Note

The development of a ballfield, play structure, picnic area and benches offers a combination of active and passive recreation for all abilities and age groups.

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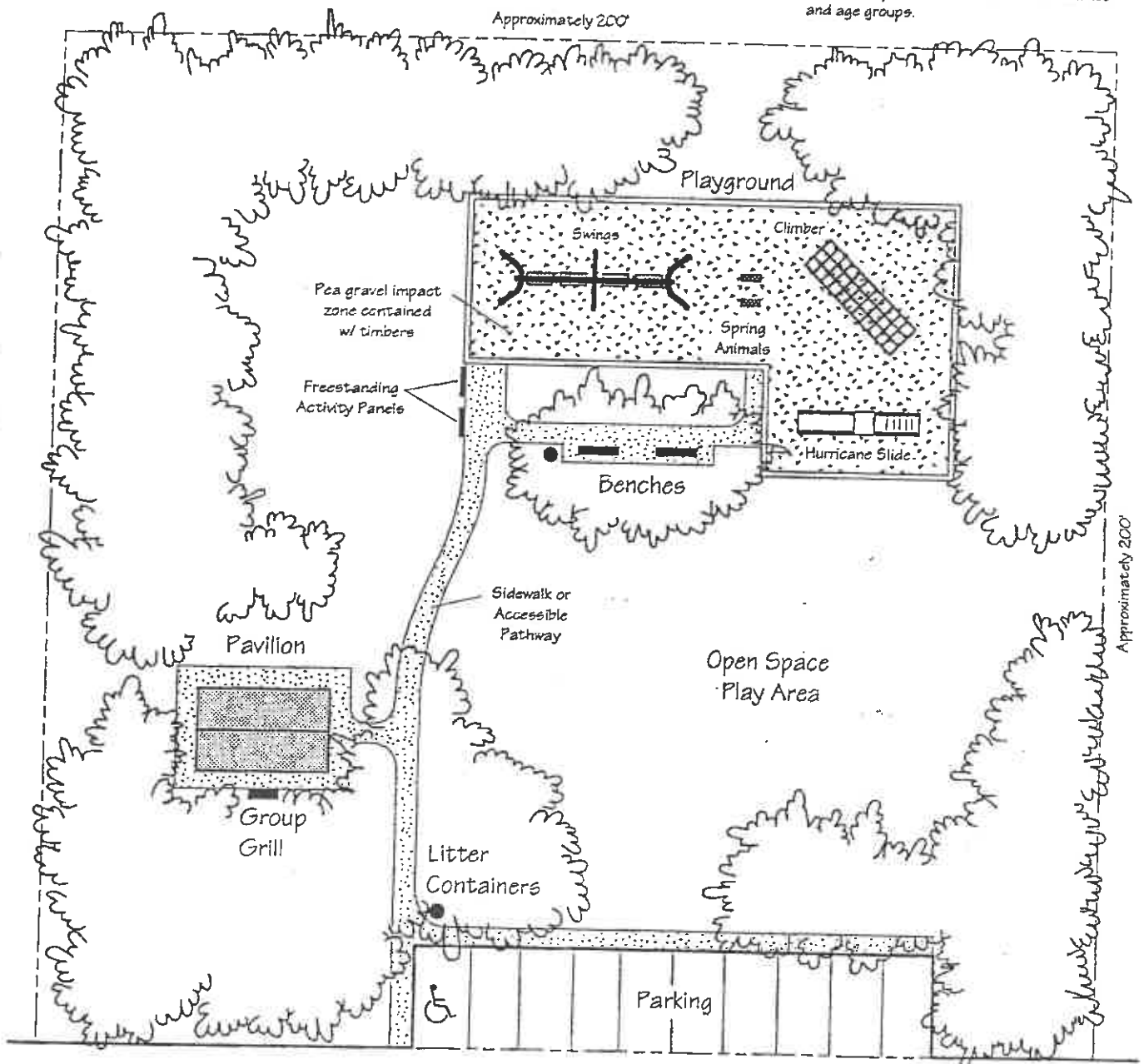
Example 2 — Ballfield w/ Playground

Approximately 3.7 Acres Required

Approximate Facility Cost = \$19,200 w/o sidewalk

Note

The development of a pavilion, playground and benches offers a combination of active and passive recreation for all abilities and age groups.



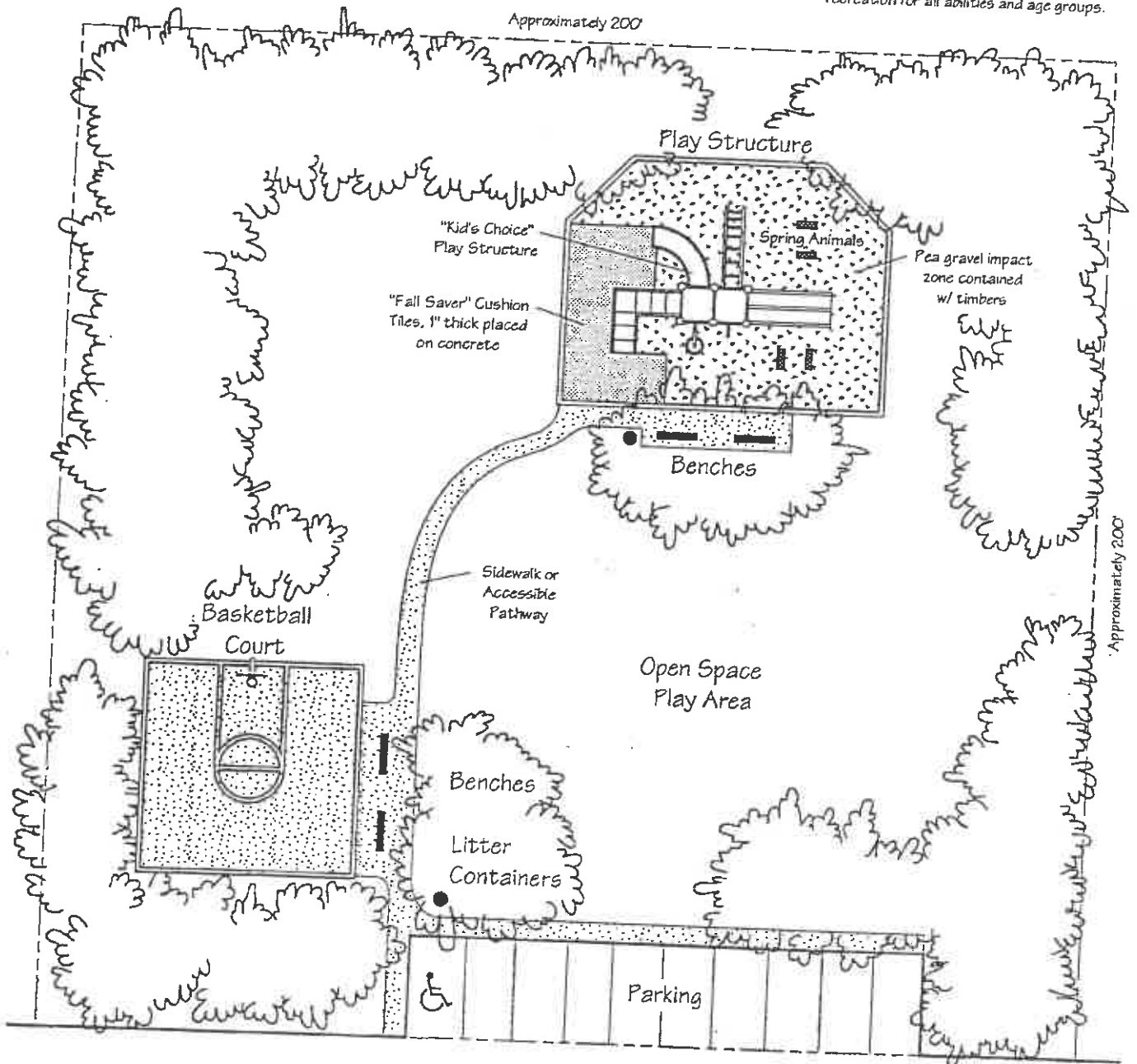
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Example 3 — Pavilion and Playground

Approximately 1 Acre Required

Approximate Facility Cost = \$20,162 w/o sidewalk

Note
The development of a basketball court, playstructure and benches offers a combination of active and passive recreation for all abilities and age groups.



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Example 4 — Basketball Court and Playstructure
Approximately 1 Acre Required
Approximate Facility Cost = \$19,120 w/o sidewalk

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Appendix 1 — Arkansas Park, Recreation and Athletic Equipment Vendors

Arkansas Playground, Inc.

Jennifer Schueck
4 Shackelford Plaza
Suite 204
Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 224-8654

Diversified Recreation, Inc.

Jim Edwards
5 Wingfield Circle
Little Rock, AR 72205
(501) 228-9191

ABC Playgrounds

Rob Schmidt
Interstate 30 East
Little Rock, AR 72202
(501) 455-3342

Apex Equipment

Ron Bales
P.O. Box 1130
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088
1-800-274-1130

Rex Playground Equipment

Mike Pacheco
17 Kings Court
Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 227-5412

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Appendix 2 — Facility Cost Estimates

• **BASKETBALL COURT**

—40' x 40' concrete slab — 4" thick minimum with 6" x 6" x 10/10 WWF on \$4,000.00
4" compacted crushed rock fill — estimated @ \$2.50 per square foot.

—4 1/2" galvanized steel 30' x 32' concrete slab — 4" thick minimum with 6" x 6" x 10/10 WWF on \$2,400.00
4" compacted crushed rock fill — estimated @ \$2.50 per square foot.

— Estimate on Pavilion Installation (30%)
\$1,360.00

\$8,451.00 Sub-total

\$845.00 x 10% contingency

\$9,296.00 TOTAL

• **BALLFIELD / OPEN SPACE PLAY**

—Backstop — Miracle Recreation Equipment Softball Model #341-333,
\$1,373.00
or approved equal — 20' - 6" span x 13' front height with overhead hood

— Estimate on Backstop Installation (30%)
\$378.00

—Medium brush and small tree clearing, disking and seeding
\$1,650.00
\$1,100 per acre x 1.5 acres

\$3,401.00 Sub-total

\$340.00 x 10% contingency

\$3,741.00 TOTAL

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• PLAYGROUND

OPTION #1

— "Kids Choice" play structure by Miracle Recreation Equipment, or approved
\$5,715.00

equal, to include:

Spider Climber	Twister Slide
Curved Loop Climber	Climbing Pole
Side by Side Slide	3' High Square Deck
5' High Square Deck	Therapeutic Transfer Point *

— "Fall Saver Tile" impact zone surfacing material (approx. 178 sq. ft.) *
\$877.00

— Concrete Slab under "Fall Saver Tile" (\$2.50 per sq. ft. x 178 sq. ft.) *
\$445.00

— Pea Gravel impact zone surfacing (approx. 680 sq. ft. x 12 inches deep)
\$250.00

— landscape timbers to contain playground impact zone surfacing material
\$250.00

— Estimate on Playground Installation (30%)
\$1,775.00

Sub-total

\$9,312.00

x 10% contingency

\$932.00

TOTAL

\$10,244.00

OPTION #2

— Individual components for playground to include:

- 4 place swing set with 8' high top rail, Miracle model #2654,
\$781.00

or approved equal

- 2 way galvanized steel climber, Miracle model #407, or approved equal
\$465.00

- 5' high platform, Hurricane Stainless Slide, Miracle model #121-11A,
\$1,130.00

or approved equal

- Two 'C' spring animal riders