

Dornix Park Citizens Committee Milestones...So Far

- April 23, 2006 A group of citizens meets to discuss their hopes to turn the property formerly owned by the Stene/Williams family, now owned by the City of Big Timber, into parkland.
- May 18, 2006 Einar Stene meets with the Committee and enthusiastically supports the vision for a park.
- June 19, 2006 The Committee presents the Big Timber Council with a map, mission statement, and request for approval of a Feasibility Study. Results to be reported to the Council at completion. Because of the proximity of the site to the closed landfill and waste water treatment lagoons, the Feasibility Study will include an assessment of remediation and recovery measures (if any) necessary to prepare the site for public use. Costs for the project and funding sources will be identified. No request for funds was made to the Council.
- June 2, 2006 Bill Pond, MLA, ASLA, Assistant Professor of Landscape Design, Department of Plant Science and Plant Pathology, Montana State University – Bozeman explores the Dornix Park site with Committee members. He is enthusiastic about involving MSU students and faculty in the project.
- August 15, 2006 A Dornix Park account is opened at City Hall to receive contributions for the project.
- September 6, 2006 The Committee signs an agreement with Bill Pond and MSU for help with the Feasibility Study.
- December 6, 2006 MSU student Landscape Design Team works with the Committee to prepare a draft Master Plan for Dornix Park and presents its final report.
- November, 2006 Sweet Grass County High School secures a three-year Service Learning Grant with Dornix Park as one of its project areas.
- November, 2006 11 acres are purchased by a private individual along Hwy 191 to serve as a site for a Skateboard Park and regulation soccer fields. This project is separate from Dornix Park, but will add recreational opportunities to the area.
- March, 2007 The Dornix Park Citizens Committee presents the results of the Feasibility Study to the Big Timber City Council and receives permission to continue with the development of Dornix Park.
- April, 2007 Community planning workshops (charettes) are held to determine priorities for the Park. A Preliminary Plan, to be presented in July, is being prepared based on the input received.
- July, 2007 Big Timber City Council and the Stillwater Mining Company agree that the Hard Rock Mining Board Impact Funds may be used for the preparation of a Final Master Plan for Dornix Park. The services of CTA architects are engaged to prepare the Plan.
- September, 2007 Community Meetings are held to get input as the Final Plan is developed.
- December, 2007 CTA presents the first draft of the Master Plan to the DPCC. Editing will continue.

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- March, 2008 Yellowstone Business Partnership selects Dornix Park as a Pilot Project to test a set of environmental standards that will be used for “green” accreditation.
- Master Plan editing is complete. A report will be made to the City Council, and copies made available to the public.
- May, 2008 A Logo is conceptualized by the DPCC, and CTA finalizes the design.
- Eagle Scout candidate commits to making and installing trail signage.
- Sweet Grass High School students build 3 gates for installation at the Park as part of the Learn and Serve Grant.
- June, 2008 Sweet Grass Conservation District receives a \$15,000 grant from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to assess the impact of the artificial berm along the Boulder River in Dornix Park.
- A 2008 Summer Wish List is prepared. (Attached)
- Stillwater Mining Company donates \$5,000 to Dornix Park for a riding lawnmower and Third Street Entry signage.
- Montana Conservation Corps crew works at Dornix Park for 2 days.
- The DPCC schedules 7 community Work Days at the Park to take place throughout the summer.