

Projected Timeline for Rotary Joy Place Dog Park

Grant Requests Submitted by:	Dec. 31, 2018
Grants Approved by:	Jan. 31, 2019
Schematic Approved by:	Feb. 14, 2019
City Maintenance MOU Completed by:	Feb. 28, 2019
Materials Ordered by:	April 15, 2019
Materials Arrive by:	April 28, 2019
Job Corps Site work begins:*	May 6, 2019
City Delivers wood chips:	May 20, 2019
Rotary Fence Install Workdays:	June 8 & 15, 2019
Park Opens:	June 30, 2019

*Site work may change depending on unfrozen ground and no snow. Material purchase and groundwork can be advanced if weather permits.

Budget:

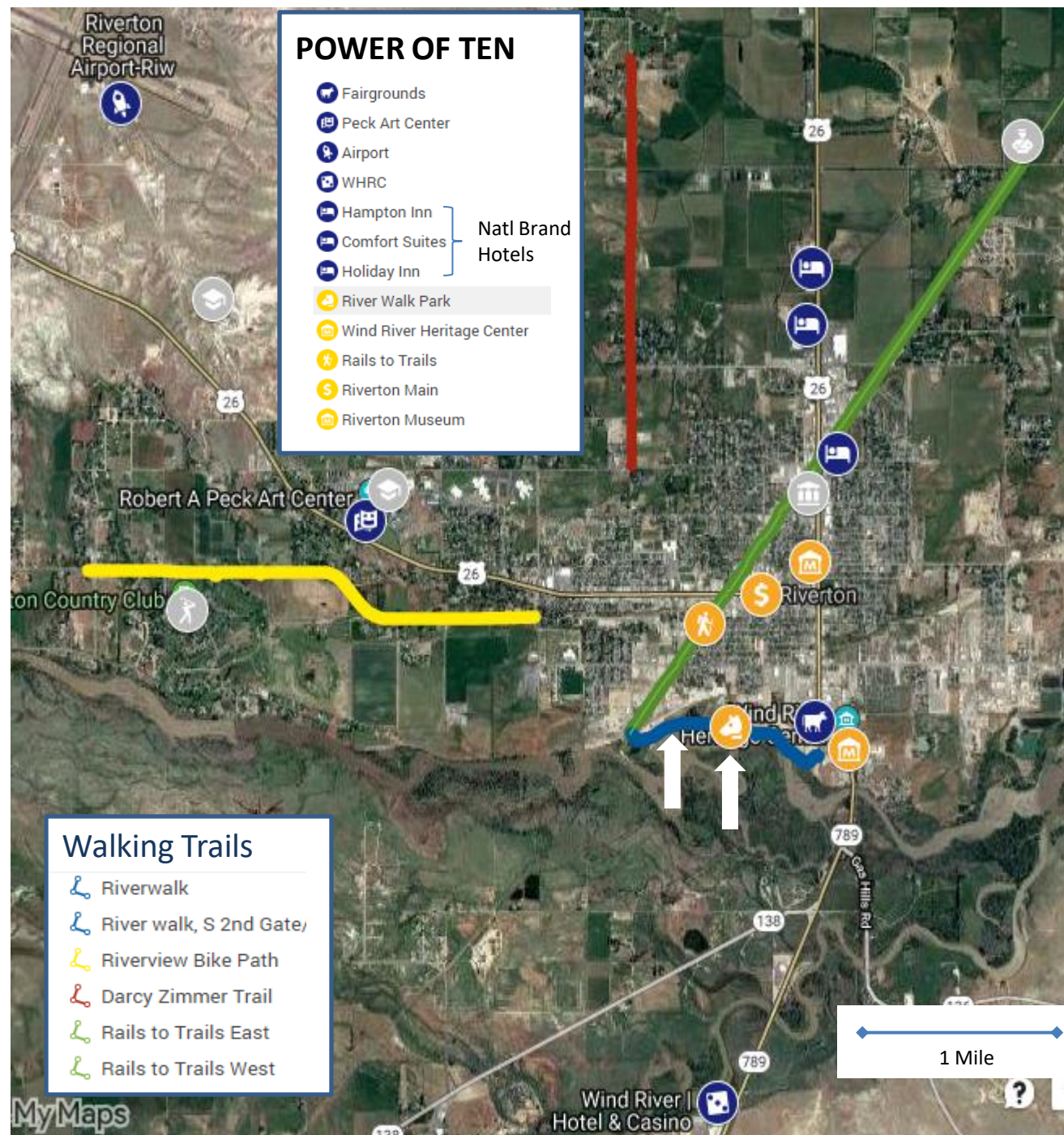
Please see price quotes attached. Our only expense is for these fence-building materials. All other expenses (labor) are donated services.

Project Evaluation











In the process of determining how to best use our Rotary Club efforts, we looked at five community assets that are currently effective or successful in attracting people (BLUE), and 5 community assets that need improvement (yellow), and how those assets connect. The goal is to build a holistically stronger community as related to gathering places. The River Walk Park (chosen here) is an area in which we had invested in the past, building a large, 3-tiered fire pit that can accommodate about 100 people. It gets some good use, but also some vandalism. Our secondary goal is to produce more regular traffic in the area that will serve as better security for the current structure. In Placemaking terms, this is called a Power of 10 exercise.

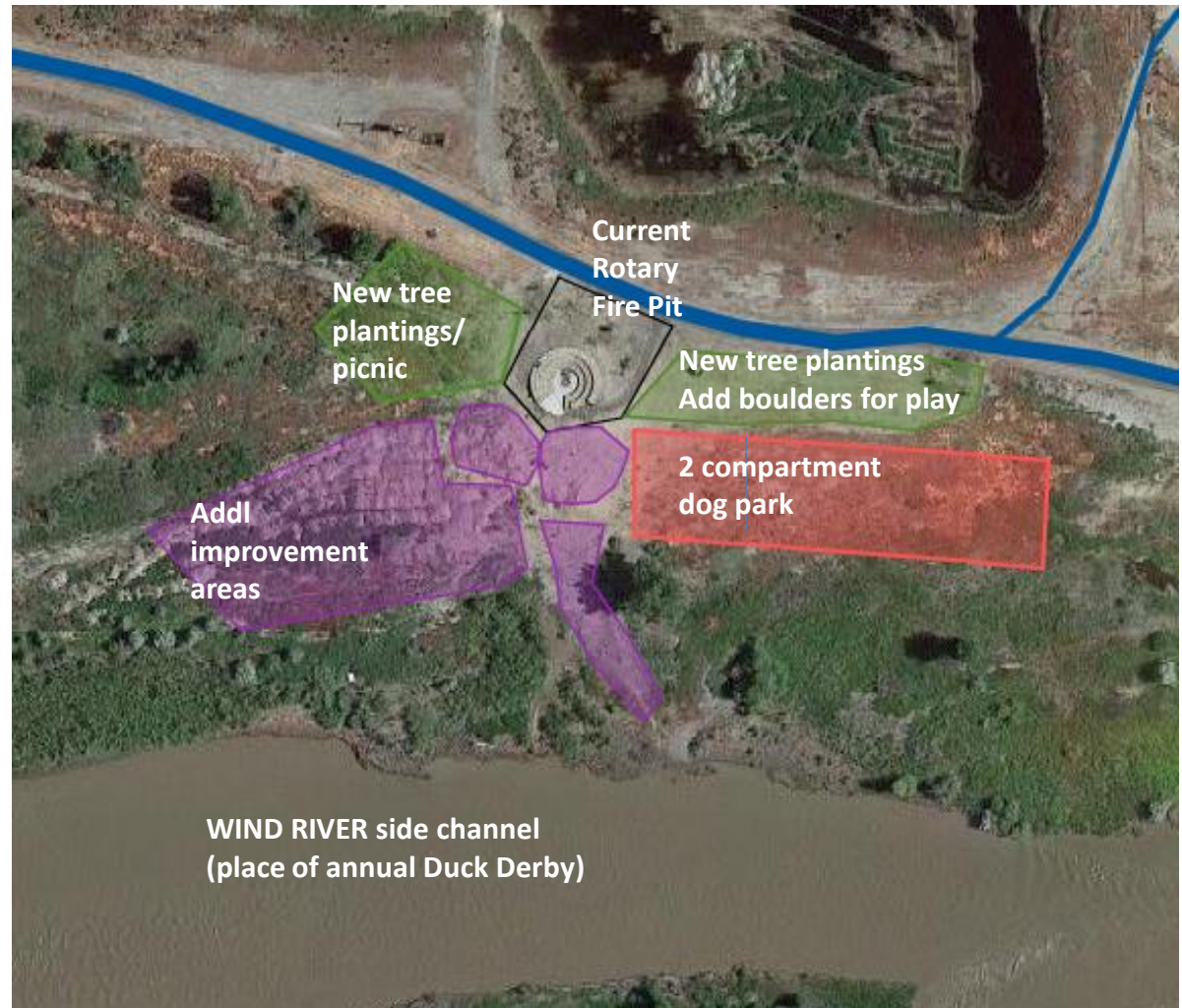
10+ things to do now or with improvements at RiverWalk Park

1. Run/Walk/Bike the 1 mile pathway.
2. Extend your walk from Rails to Trails.
3. Extend your experience from the County Fairgrounds and /or Heritage Museum.
4. Picnic around the firepit/tree area.
5. Enjoy bonfire, roast marshmallows and group sing-along at the fire pit.
6. Fish off the river.
7. Wade/hunt rocks along river.
8. Perform STEM activities along River.
9. Photograph a sunset.
10. Birdwatch among the wetlands or just sit and listen to all their noise.
11. Race your duck at Rotary Derby.
12. Let your dog run safely.
13. Teach your dog to socialize w/others.



RiverWalk Improvement Opportunities

-  Riverwalk
-  River walk, S 2nd Gate/Parki...
-  CURRENT FIRE PIT
-  Tree Planting
-  New Tree Plantings
-  Dog Park Area
-  Expansion Opportunity
-  Expansion Opportunity
-  Expansion Areas
-  Avenue to River



Community Consensus Development

The development process for this project began last April when we brought in the first of 2 Rotary-assigned Job Corps interns to look at gathering place opportunities in Riverton. Her job was to identify the city's geographic assets available for improvement and/or development, with an eye on building social contact, to chronicle them and the issues of needed improvements, then to present these options and opportunities to various stakeholders.

Some of the options considered were developing a mural art program along the Rails-to-Trails, history and culture signage along the trail for visitors, improvements in multiple parks including City Park and a number of possible installations to the RiverWalk Park including a river rock labyrinth, community garden, boulder playground and kids learning maze.

Early developmental meetings were held with various city departments – the community liaison, public works director, public works operations, mayor and citizen's Parks Committee. Additional meetings and progress reports were provided to Idea Inc (Riverton's economic development arm) and the Depot Foundation (holders of the note that will eventually transfer the property to the city), Rotary Club members and a council of Job Corps instructors. These last two groups being the workforce on the project.

SAMPLE PRESENTATION PAGES USED AT MEETINGS

The Fire Pit

- Broken, up rooted bricks (some vandalism, some weatherrelated)
- Debris (nails, etc.) left over as people burn oversized items (like wooden pallets)
- Good school use (public and private, high school freshman, etc.) for STEM and outdoor education.
- Safety concerns on vandalism.



The RiverWalk Park became a focal point because of the very attractive natural setting, the great opportunities for expansion, and the impact increased traffic would have in decreasing vandalism of our previous Rotary Firepit project.

In nearly all of the meetings, the proposal of a dog park garnered the most enthusiasm.

Rails To Trails Buildings

- Big blank walls provide opportunities for art (Painted or Printed). Possible solution to visual challenges.
- Have identified 3 possible areas with multiple buildings where owners might be a partnership opportunity.

Signage

- Promote community culture, history, and places to visit.



Fire Pit & River Walk Development

- Innovative, Fun
- Experiences
 - Adults
 - Kids
 - Seniors
- Natural Setting

Pathway



Community Consensus Development Process

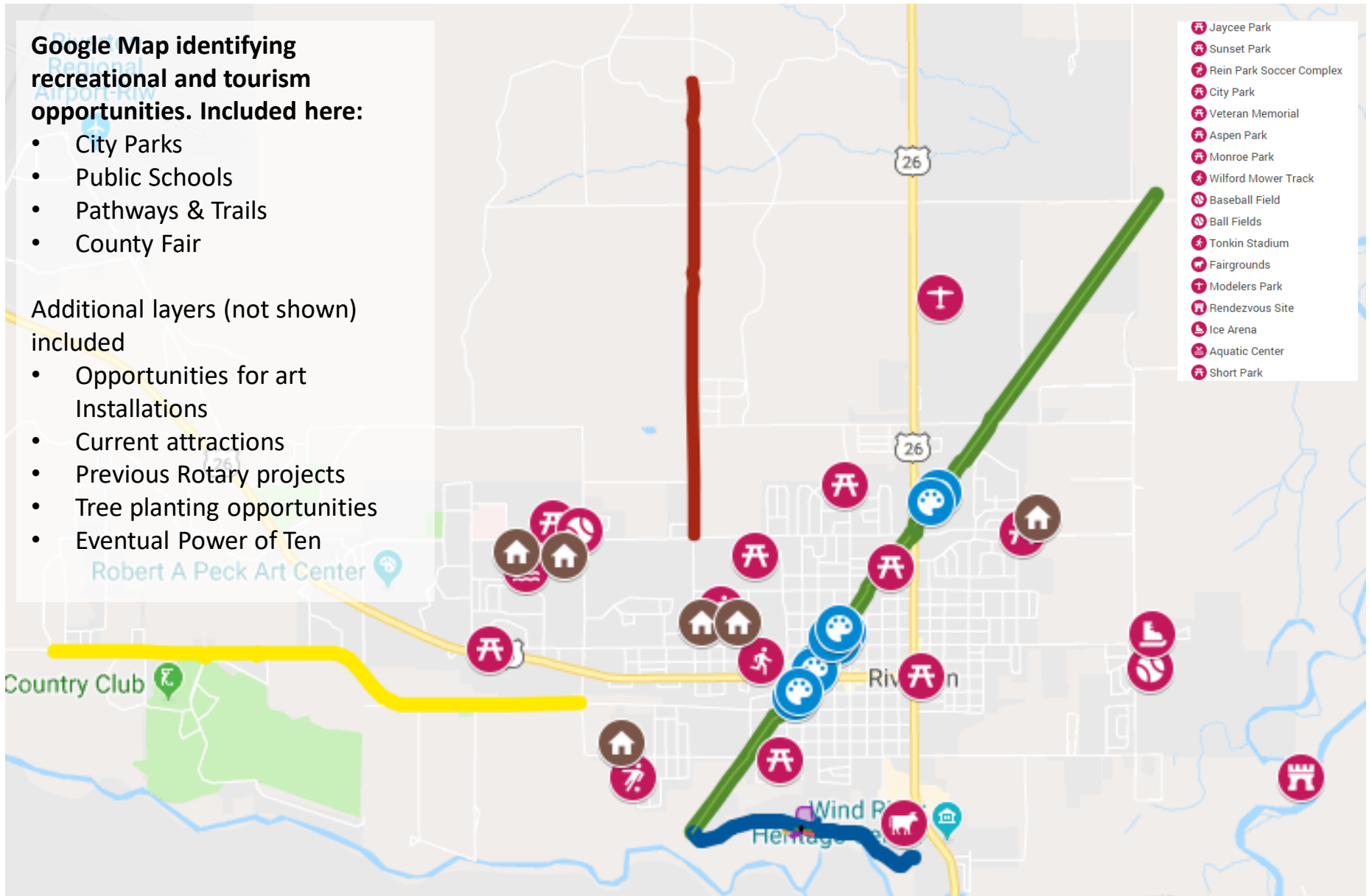
Google Map identifying recreational and tourism opportunities. Included here:

- City Parks
- Public Schools
- Pathways & Trails
- County Fair

Additional layers (not shown) included

- Opportunities for art Installations
- Current attractions
- Previous Rotary projects
- Tree planting opportunities
- Eventual Power of Ten

- Jaycee Park
- Sunset Park
- Rein Park Soccer Complex
- City Park
- Veteran Memorial
- Aspen Park
- Monroe Park
- Wilford Mower Track
- Baseball Field
- Ball Fields
- Tonkin Stadium
- Fairgrounds
- Modelers Park
- Rendezvous Site
- Ice Arena
- Aquatic Center
- Short Park



Riverton Community Endorsements

"I believe a dog park in Riverton is not only a safe area for dogs to be off leash, but also serves as a community development project that can promote the City as being family friendly."

Lance Goede-City Councilman and CWC Counselor

"I have had a lot of people asking me for ways of socializing dogs. I sadly never have an answer. Having a dog park would not only give a place for dogs to exercise, play, and socialize, but it would also bring pet people and parents together. It would benefit not only people already living in Riverton, but also those who are new to the area and do not know others in the pet/animal community. Socialization is vital for dogs' development and can help to curb and/or avoid some bad habits that can arise."

Brandi Snider-pet parent and petsitter

"I would like to have a dog park in Riverton so there is an appropriate place I can take my dog to run, and socialize and interact with other dogs and dog owners."

Lea Aldridge-Manager Restore Riverton Wyoming

"I would like to have a dog park so my dog can socialize with other dogs and people."

Kelly Goede-Massage Therapist

"I would love a place to take my fur babies where they can safely play and enjoy exercising and the outdoors as any dog should be able to."

KaCee Bailey-volunteer and stay at home wife and mother

"I would love a dog park in Riverton so I don't have to worry about finding a safe place my fur baby can run off the leash that isn't far to drive"

Kaya Reed-Billing and Insurance Teton Therapy

Riverton Community Endorsements

"I'd like to see a dog park because it's another avenue for our community to bond. I don't know anyone who doesn't own a dog. It would be nice to have the social interaction not just for the dogs, but for people like me."

Rusty Wuertz- Program and News Director Wind River Radio Network

"I would like a dog park in Riverton for many reasons, but my top two are to give dogs ample exercise that don't have the space (an exercised dog is usually a better behaved dog) and in return, less given up for adoption. It gives people a place to socialize their animals and make friends."

Kinsy Hall-Bookkeeper

"I would LOVE to have a dog park in Riverton. We take our dog on walks, but it is always on a leash where there is limited freedom to run. If he had a place where he could run without his leash for a bit he would be one happy doggie! I also think having lots of friends to play with would be amazing for him!!!!"

Lisa Liesure-Williams, Cosmetologist

"I am so excited for a dog park in Riverton. I had a Yorkie-poo that escaped the normal tie out last May at the dog sitter's and the UPS driver ran over him. Needless to say I was devastated, as were the driver and the dog sitter too. Murphy my dog was an icon in the neighborhood I couldn't believe all the calls, gifts and cards I received. In fact the flowers at the entry of Village drive were planted as a memorial for him by a neighbor.

So, the possibility of having a place for dogs where they can run and socialize and most important be safe would be awesome for the citizens of Riverton and their fur babies.

I went to a dog park in Denver with my adult children and their dogs in November. It was a wonderful experience! It would be nice to be able to have one here."

Patti Weber, Riverton

Riverton Community Endorsements

“As a supporter of recreational growth in Riverton, being outside, and finding excuses to socialize, our whole family is in favor of a dog park. This town may have more dogs than people, and there isn't a more appropriate place to take "man's best friends." than a dog park.”

Matt Wright and family, Riverton

“Dog parks are essential for tourists/travelers that don't necessarily want to let dogs run in gas station lots while traveling. Whenever we travel back home to WY, we utilize the dog park by Scheel's in Billings and have a quick lunch while the kids and dogs exercise”

Warren Logan, Riverton

“Riverton for years has needed something to encourage its citizens in a more active lifestyle. As an owner of an active dog I have often been frustrated with the lack of options in letting my dog have fun, or feel welcomed in a public setting in town. I run with her and play fetch if a park is empty but that hardly dents her ambition. After those have been exhausted, there are no leash-less options in town or even near town and we find ourselves driving miles to let her run. A dog park where we could meet others and let our furry kids play, frolic and gain joy would be a blessing. It would help myself and others get out and enjoy this town in a more social, healthy, and approachable manner that also allows us to include the four legged members of our family.”

Andrea Luton, Riverton Police Department

"We have rescued abused and neglected pugs for 10 years. Three fur family members need to be able to walk and get their wiggles out in a controlled space. A dog park would be an asset to Riverton.”

Tara Carr, Marketer