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Project Area
2021
Project Adopted
13 months
Timeline

NORTH RIVERSIDE PARKS & TRAILS PLAN. MISSOULA, MONTANA

The North Riverside Parks and Trail project includes Caras, East Caras, and Bess Reed Parks. The parks are important gathering venues for farmers' markets, concerts, and events. The Clark Fork River and the system of parks and trails along its banks are an integral part of Missoula's identity. People celebrate the river year-round as a place to play, learn, travel, fish, surf, meet up, and contemplate.

The ideas for North Riverside Parks and Trails first emerged from the Missoula Downtown Master Plan charrette. The design efforts for the parks continued after the Downtown Master Plan process. The planning process for the parks included a series of in-person public workshops and interactive on-line events. Thousands of people contributed their ideas. The North Riverside Parks and Trails Design Plan was adopted in September, 2020. The Plan will help make tomorrow's riverfront even more vibrant, accessible, sustainable, and green. The Plan offers detailed design ideas and strategies to enhance the connection, circulation, and programming.

The multi-disciplinary design team was led by Dover, Kohl & Partners. The design effort occurred in two phases: concept design and schematic design. Plan implementation is underway.

Below: Riverfront enhanced with access



Below: Bess Reed Park proposed entry



Below left: Ice Ribbon in Caras Park in summer. Below right: Ice Ribbon in Caras Park in winter.



Below: Caras Park long term plan proposed

