

Dornix Park Milestones... So Far

- April 23, 2006 A group of citizens meets to discuss the possibility of transforming property owned by the City of Big Timber (formerly owned by the Stene/Williams family) into parkland. The Dornix Park Citizens Committee forms.
- June 19, 2006 The Committee presents the Big Timber Council with a map, mission statement, and request for approval of a Feasibility Study. Because of the proximity of the site to the closed landfill and wastewater treatment lagoons, the Feasibility Study includes an assessment of remediation and recovery measures (if any) necessary to prepare the site for public use. No request for funds is made to the Council.
- 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, MLA, ASLA, Assistant Professor of Landscape Design at 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 \$27,000 three-year Service Learning Grant with Dornix Park as one of its project areas.
- 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 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 Dornix Park. CTA Architects are engaged to prepare a Master 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 Committee.
- March 2008 Master Plan editing is completed. A report is made to the City Council, and copies made available to the public.
- May 2008 Logo is conceptualized by the Committee, and CTA finalizes the design.
- Sweet Grass County High School students build 3 gates for the Park as part of the Service Learning 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.
- Stillwater Mining Company donates \$5,000 to Dornix Park for a riding lawnmower and Third Avenue Entry Sign.
Montana Conservation Corps crew works at Dornix Park for 2 days.
- June 2008 Site preparation and cleanup continue throughout the summer. Community volunteers and Sweet Grass County High School students and teachers participate.

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- September 2008 Musical benefit raises funds for the Park.
- December 2008 Sweet Grass Conservation District and the Dornix Park Citizens Committee receive a final report on the impact of the artificial berm on the Boulder in Dornix Park.
Main Entry Sign is installed on Third Avenue.
- March 2009 One mile of groomed trail is completed. Eagle Scout installs mileage signs along trail.
Friends of Dornix Park receives a 501c3 tax-exempt designation replacing the Dornix Park Citizens Committee
- April 2009 Sweet Grass County High School students and teachers help with trail building in honor of Earth Day.
- June 2009 First Annual Dornix Park Festival provides a picnic lunch and activities for over 70 people at the Park.
- August 2009 Second annual musical benefit raises funds for the Park.
- November 2009 Cookie Agnew donates approximately 9 acres of riparian land along the Boulder River for Dornix Park pending a survey to be paid for by Friends of Dornix Park.
- December 2009 The Sweet Grass Conservation District receives a \$20,000 grant to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report on the status of the berm and construction of wetlands to further treat the effluent from the City's waste treatment ponds before it reaches the Boulder river. The City Council will vote not to support the construction of the wetlands in 2010.
First annual holiday appeal successfully raises funds for Dornix Park.
- June 2010 Second Annual Dornix Festival, and osprey pole installed.
- Summer 2010 Third Annual Musical Benefit
Boulder River Trail Segment added
- Summer 2011 Website developed at www.dornixpark.org
- November 2011 City Council votes to approve an agreement that licenses the maintenance of Dornix Park to the Friends of Dornix Park
- Summer 2012 Completion of Boulder River Trail bridge
- Spring 2013 Compassionate Friends develops a memorial site along the Boulder River Trail
Judy Fjell presents a musical benefit for the Park
- Summer 2013 Benches and picnic table installed; cabin roof covered with donated metal; 400 bulbs planted
- Summer 2014 Trail Entrance installed, fencing repaired, recycling bin donated
Creation of a Facebook page
- Spring 2015 Entry road repaired and up-graded