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View South, Existing Conditions at Great Western Park



View East, Proposed Signage at Great Western Park

## Great Western Park Improvements

Great Western Park provides active recreation opportunities for Manning, however, the park entrance is not clearly marked and is easy to miss, often mistaken for a private driveway. The concept plan proposes new, improved signage to be placed at the entrance beyond the right-of-way. The sign should feature Manning's new identity branding and be constructed from durable materials like etched aluminum and corten steel. During the special places mapping assessment, committee members noted that there are no existing trail routes from the park to the community. Creating a dedicated trail that connects to the community is a top priority. The proposed trail would connect the northeast corner of the existing lake trail then follow the

trail by the MRHC, before crossing West Street to eventually connect with the trail at the community baseball fields.

Additional improvements to Great Western Park include the creation of an accessible walkway from the campsites to the shelter and restrooms, and creating a larger accessible fishing pier. Current access is less than ideal, forcing campers to either walk down the steep hill, or walk along the roadway. Creating an accessible walkway will improve safety and the park experience overall.

The existing fishing pier at Great Western Park is narrow and does not meet accessibility requirements based on its current configuration. Serious erosion of the path creates a large step and is an impediment to access. The narrow dimensions of the pier limits the number of users that can use it at one time. Proposed improvements include widening the pier to a minimum of 10 feet, extending the accessible walkway to the pier, and adding a 4" wheel stop edge on the pier to meet accessibility requirements.

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