



February 4, 2022

TO: Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

FROM: Tam Rodier, CD Program Coordinator

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) – CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDS FOR
OPTIMIST PARK IMPROVEMENTS, BILLINGS**

We come before you today to review the above mentioned property according to the Programmatic Agreement requiring identification, evaluation and treatment of historic resources associated with the expenditure of federal assistance from HUD.

The above mentioned property is slated for improvements using federal funds. Proposed work not excluded from historic review is the possible installation of hardware, conduit, wiring, and/or cables necessary to provide new public Wi-Fi within the park.

Sincerely,

Tam Rodier
CD Program Coordinator

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW REQUEST

As required by Secretary of Interior due to project use of HUD funding

City of Billings
Community Development Division
Community Development Block Grant (CDB) Programs

Address: Optimist Park, 500 Hallowell Lane, Billings, MT 59101

Owner: City of Billings

Year Built: 1968 (estimated)

Proposed Work: (Work that is not excluded from SHPO review according to the terms of Amendment #1 of our programmatic agreement)

- Possible installation of hardware, conduit, wiring, and/or cables necessary to provide new public Wi-Fi within the park.

CD Coordinator

Tam Rodier

Date: February 4, 2022

MONTANA HISTORIC PROPERTY RECORD FOR HUD PROPERTIES

For the Montana National Register of Historic Places Program and State Antiquities Database

Montana State Historic Preservation Office
Montana Historical Society
PO Box 201202, 1410 8th Ave
Helena, MT 59620-1202

Property Address: 500 Hallowell Lane
City/Town: Billings, MT
County: Yellowstone

Site Number:

(Note UM Arch Records: Please contact SHPO with site number at 406-444-7718)

History of Property <http://gis.mt.gov/>
(Much of this info can be gathered from on-line Cadastral maps.)

Legal Location www.nris.state.mt.us/gis/
(All of this information can be gathered from the NRIS site.)

Current Ownership Private Public

PM: **Montana** Township: 01S Range: 26E
¼ Section: 09

Current Property Name: Optimist Park

24K Quadrangle Name: Billings West / Billings East (?)

Owner(s): City of Billings

NOTE: Link above broken; used info within legal description

Historic Use: City Park

UTM Zone www.nris.state.mt.us/gis/

Current Use: City Park

NAD 83

Construction Date: 1968 Estimated Actual

UTM:

Zone: 49T **Easting:** 307259.59 **Northing:** 5070461.10

Original Location Moved Date Moved:

NOTE: Link above broken; online tools to determine UTM Zone, Lat/Long:

[What UTM Zone am I in ? - Interactive Web Map \(mangomap.com\)](#)

[Lat Long to UTM Converter](#)

National Register of Historic Places

Name of Historic District if Applicable:

Recorder Information

This Property is listed in the National Register: Unknown

Date of this document: February 4, 2022

This Organization/Agency believes this property is eligible for NRHP listing: Yes No

Form Prepared by: Tam Rodier

Organization/Agency: City of Billings
Community Development Division

MT SHPO USE ONLY

SHPO Comments:

Eligible for NRHP: yes no

Criteria: A B C D

Date:

Evaluator:

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style, i.e. Victorian Era, Arts & Crafts, Mid 20th Cent., vernacular, other: **Other**

Property Type, i.e. residential, commercial, agri., government, religious, institutional: **Landscape / Public Park**

ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

Property can be described as:

- Excellent, unaltered historic character-defining features are intact
- Good, architecture is altered, but building retains its form and many character-defining features
- Fair, architectural features are missing, but building form is recognizable as historic
- Poor, architectural features are missing and form is unrecognizable as historic

Describe the property and alterations below. Number the buildings and features on property to correlate with the Site Plan on the next page.

This property is currently in use as a public park known as Optimist Park. At least one reference to Optimist Park was found within the City of Billings' Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Department records that suggests the park came into existence sometime between 1956 and 1968. The original park master plan is dated 1967.

This 16-acre park currently features a playground pod and equipment, multi-use trail system, restrooms, basketball court, softball/baseball field, Craft House, trees, bushes and grass. Curb, gutters and sidewalks front Hallowell Lane only.

There is a paved, free parking area near the north end of the park. On-street, free parking is also available along Hallowell Lane.

NOTE: This historic review is undertaken to contemplate the possible installation of hardware, conduit, wiring, and/or cables necessary to provide new public Wi-Fi within the park.

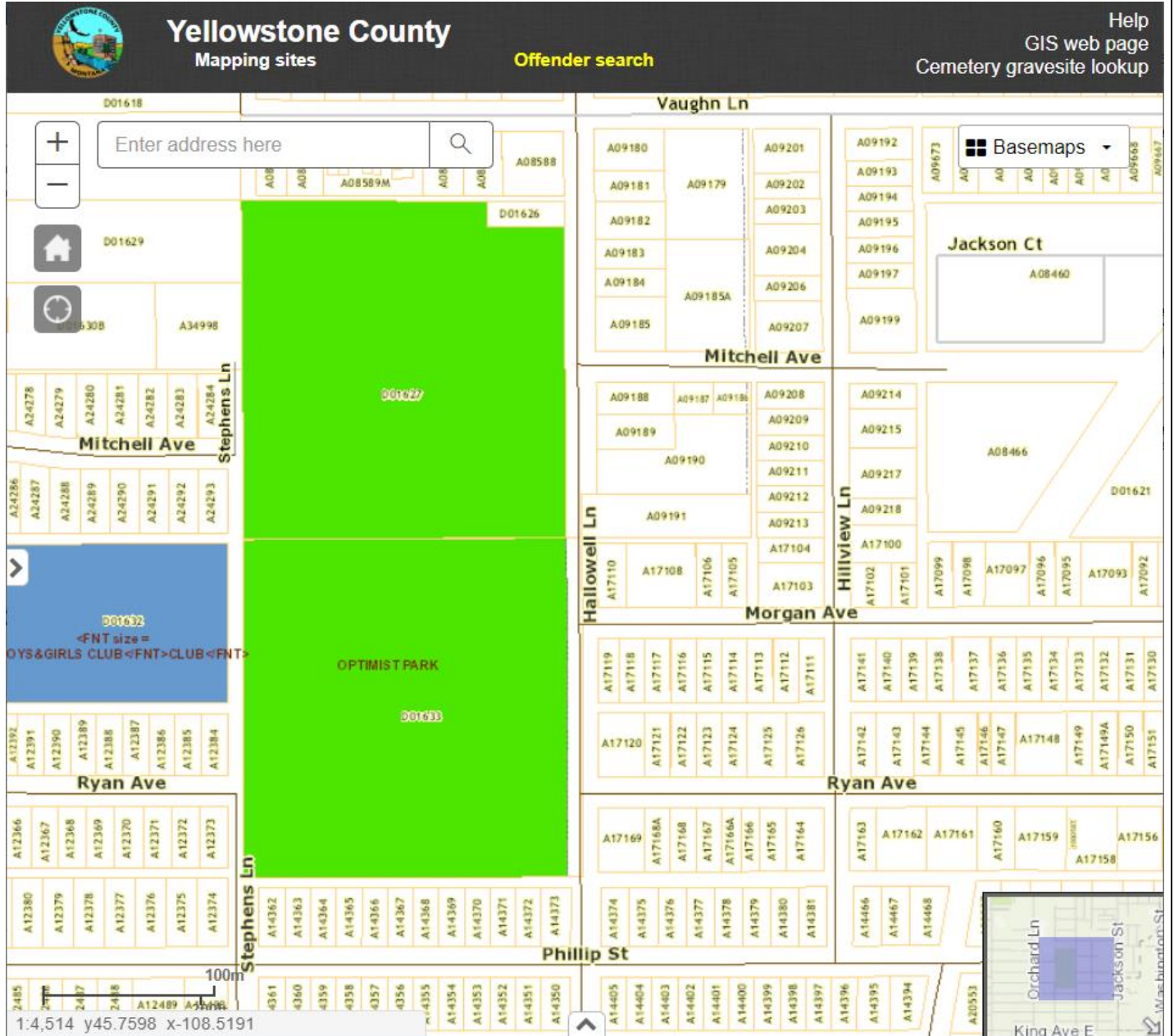
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SITE PLAN (drawn & labeled with street names and addresses)



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TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP www.nris.state.mt.us/gis



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PHOTOGRAPHS (35mm or good quality digitals of each exterior side of property, and photos of adjacent streetscape)
Photocopy this page for additional photos



Subject of photo: Optimist Park from Hallowell Lane, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: Southwest



Subject of photo: Optimist Park from Hallowell Lane, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken looking: West

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Subject of photo: Optimist Park from Hallowell Lane, Billings, MT 59101
Alley entrance lower left corner
Photo is taken looking: West



Subject of photo: Optimist Park trail system, Billings, MT 59101
Photo is taken from Ryan Ave looking: Northeast

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Subject of photo: Residential properties along at the east end of Ryan Ave, Billings, MT 59101

Photo Taken Looking: Northwest

Property across the street to the west of the subject property



Subject of photo: Residential properties at the east end of Ryan Ave, Billings, MT 59101

Photo Taken Looking: Southwest

Property across the street to the west of the subject property

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Subject of photo: Residential properties along south end of Hallowell Lane, Billings, MT 59101
Photo Taken Looking: Northeast

Property across the street to the east of the subject property



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Photo Taken Looking: Northeast

Property across the street to the east of the subject property

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Photo Taken Looking: Northeast

Property across the street to the east of the subject property



Subject of photo: Residential properties along Hallowell Lane, Billings, MT 59101

Photo Taken Looking: East

Property across the street to the east of the subject property

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Photo Taken Looking: South

Property across the street to the east of the subject property



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Photo Taken Looking: South

Properties across the street to the east of the subject property