

APRIL 2025



Land and Water Conservation Fund



Grant Application For:
Douglas County
Recreation Area Playground Update

Board of Douglas County Commissioners

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April 1, 2025

Ms. Kerri Richards
Division of Parks and Recreation
523 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182

Dear Ms. Richards:

Douglas County is submitting a Land and Water Conservation Fund application for a project consisting of new playground equipment at the Douglas County Recreation Area. The attached project justification provides details about the project. We sincerely hope you consider this project for funding, and please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lori Sparks
County Commission Chairperson
Douglas County



SOUTH DAKOTA LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

GRANT APPLICATION 2025

Instructions: A working copy of your application can be saved for editing until you are ready to print the final copy. Be sure to:

- Sign and date the final copy of the application.
- Include all attachments, at the proper size.
- Mail prior to the application deadline. Must be postmarked on or before April 25, 2025.
- See the [Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Manual](#) for format restrictions and tips.

1. Project Information

Project Name: Douglas County Recreation Area Playground Update

Description of Project: Remove dilapidated playground equipment and replace with new, insurance compliant equipment.

2. Project Sponsor

a. Name of Political Unit Douglas County

(example: City of Miller, City of Belle Fourche, Hughes County)

b. Type of Political Unit County

c. Primary Contact

Name: Phyllis Barker

Title: Auditor

Address: 706 Braddock Ave, PO Box 159

City: Armour

State: SD

Zip: 57313

County: Douglas

Work Phone: 605-724-2423

Mobile Phone:

Home Phone:

Fax: 605-724-2204

Email: phyllis.barker@douglas.sdcounties.org

d. Grantee UEI ZK29W3VWAT43

(Unique Entity Identification Number):

e. Census Population 2,835

3. Location of Proposed Project Site:

Park Name: Douglas County Recreation Area

Street Address: 39490 274th St, Armour, SD

+4 Zip Code: 57313

Section: 9

Township: 99

Range: 63

GPS Coordinates: 98°17'45"W,

43°25'25"N

4. Property Ownership / Control

If Owned by Grantee

Est. Acquisition Date: 1938

Date and Year Park was
Established/Created: 1938

If Leased by Grantee:

Landowner:

Term of Lease:

Size of Park: total acres

Size of Park: 120

total acres

Years Left on Lease:

5. Culture and History

Identify quantity and type of any Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) or Works Progress Administration (WPA) Structures or Landscapes are located in the park.

[The spillway and dam for Corsica Lake were constructed by the WPA in 1938 when the lake was created.](#)

If Cultural or historical resources exist on or adjacent to the project site, how will they be affected by your project?

[There are no known cultural or historical resources on or adjacent to the project.](#)

Identify any known archeological surveys that have been completed on the site:

[None known.](#)

Age of each building, facility, or structure to be removed or renovated:

[No building, facility or structure will be removed or renovated as part of this project.](#)

6. Utilities

Are all utility lines on the proposed project site buried?

Yes

No – Explain [Overhead powerlines are along the outside of the rec area.](#)

If no, will they be buried as part of this project?

Yes – Explain

No

List and describe each easement and location in this park. Include holder of easement and purpose for each easement. Include easements on park maps.

[There are no easements.](#)

7. Project Justification – Address each of the following points in your narrative:

a. Who will be served by this project

[See attached narrative.](#)

b. Analysis of need for the completion of this project

[See attached narrative.](#)

c. Goals and objectives to be met

[See attached narrative.](#)

d. Describe the proposed action and alternatives

[See attached narrative.](#)

e. Describe the planning process that led to the development of this proposal. Your narratives should address:

i. How was the interested and affected public notified and provided opportunity to be involved in planning for and developing you LWCF proposal? Who was involved and how were they able to review the completed proposal, including any state, local, federal agency professional, subject matter experts, members of the public and Indian Tribes. Describe any public meetings held and/or formal public comment periods, including dates and length of time provided for the public to participate in the planning process and/or to provide comments on the completed proposal.

[See attached narrative.](#)

ii. What information was made available to the public for review and comment? Did the sponsor provide written responses addressing the comments? If so, include responses.

[See attached narrative.](#)

- f. Public comment periods and agency response – include how long the comment period was, when in the process was it completed, and who was invited to comment
[See attached narrative.](#)
- g. When will the project be completed and open for public outdoor recreation use? Assume that successful applicants will have access to grant funds by spring 2026.
[See attached narrative.](#)
- h. What strategies in the 2023 SCORP support your project? Explain how each strategy applies to your project
[See attached narrative.](#)
- i. Will the proposed project compete in any way with similar facilities in the private sector?
 - Yes – Explain
 - No – Explain [There are no private sector facilities nearby.](#)
- j. List each facility accessible to disabled persons at the project site:
[All facilities are accesible to disabled person at the project site.](#)
- k. Explain any existing non-recreation and non-public uses that will continue on the sites(s) and/or proposed for the future within the park boundary:
[There are no non-recreation or non-public uses on the site.](#)
- l. Additional information to share supporting your park project, if needed
[Letters of support attached.](#)

8. Social, Economic, & Environment Assessment Checklist *(this must be completed for all projects)*

Will the project...	None	Major	Minor	Degree of Impact
Access Control:				
...change access to properties (close, change location, make one-way)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air Quality				
...degrade air quality?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle and Pedestrian				
...impact bicycle and/or pedestrian movement?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Construction impacts				
...cause construction impact (erosion, noise, air, vibration, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Controversy				
...have controversy or will likely cause controversy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endangered Species				
...impact any endangered, threatened, or species of special concern due to the project location or design?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy Impacts				
...have major energy implications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excess Materials				
...involve disposal of excess material outside planned construction limits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmlands				
...require any rights-of-way?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floodplain				
...cross or lie adjacent to any floodplain area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groundwater, Geology, Earth Borne				
...impact groundwater, geology or cause earth borne vibrations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handicapped				
...impact sidewalk or curb and gutter?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historical, Archaeological, Cultural				
...impact any historical structures?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Use				
...be consistent with local and regional land use planning?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minerals				
...impact commercial minerals and/or peat resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Noise

...impact noise-sensitive receptors?

Parks and Recreation

...use significant public park, recreational, historical or wildlife related sites? Will the project impact any LWCF land?

Right of Way

...require any easements?

Relocation

...require any relocation of homes of businesses?

Stream/River Modifications

...change the course, current or cross section of any stream or river?

Social

...impact public safety?

...impact sensitive groups (children, handicapped, minorities, poor, etc.)?

...impact accessibility to schools, churches, recreational facilities?

Safer equipment for those at the park
The new equipment will be accessible for all children, not matter ability or economic status.

Transportation

...require road re-routing, closing or redevelopment?

...be accessible by mass transportation?

Visual Quality

...impact visual quality (view to or from facility)

The project will improve visual quality at the rec area.

Wetlands

...have wetlands present within construction limits?

...destroy, impact or improve/create wetland habitats?

Wild and Scenic Rivers

...impact a state or federal wild and scenic river, federal candidate wild and scenic river?

9. Project Budget

Detailed Cost Estimate/Itemized Description of the Project.	Value in \$/Item
Play Equipment - Grand Ventian	\$19,051
Play Equipment - 2 Bay Frame (Arch Post Swing Set)	\$2,399
Play Equipment - 1 Bay Frame (Tire Swing Set)	\$1,466
Play Equipment - RockWell Teeter Duo	\$754
Play Equipment - Shipping and Freight	\$2,862
Site Furnishings - 6' UltraLeisure Standard Bench (Qty: 2)	\$1,098
Furnishings Shipping and Freight	\$397
Raw Materials - Concrete for Anchoring	\$697
Rental, Labor, Installation Costs (Does not include proposed discount)	\$16,768
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Archeological Survey	\$3,500
Estimated Total Project Cost	\$48,992
General Funding Requested (not to exceed 50% of total cost)	\$24,000

10. Status of Funding

Amount of grantee's share budgeted, secured and currently available to complete the project. \$24,992

Amount of grantee's share remaining to be raised or secured to complete the project. \$0

How to Apply

Please read and sign below:

Include one copy of each of the following documents:

- A letter of intent
- A completed and signed LWCF Application
- Color Maps (8.5x11-inch or 11x17inch paper)
 - vicinity map
 - site location map
 - park boundary map of entire park
 - contractor staging area
- Detailed budget
- Resolution of support
- Proof of property control (deed, lease)
- Detailed plans
- Written estimates, on vendor letterhead
- Build America, Buy America certification letters (if needed)
- Project Narrative
- Other information that will strengthen the application
 - Maintenance agreements
 - Resolutions of support
 - Letters of support

All answers and statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge:

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Mail completed application to:

Kerri Richards, Grants Coordinator
SD Dept. of Game, Fish, and Parks
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-3181

Application must be postmarked on or before April 25, 2025

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Douglas County Recreational Area
Playground Equipment Replacement
LWCF Grant Application 2025

Douglas County



a. Who will be served by this project?

The project consists of adding new playground equipment to Douglas County's Recreation Area that replaces the old equipment currently in the area. The main piece of equipment will be a mega-tower playground structure for children ages 5 to 12. Other items include a set of regular swings, a tire swing, a spring rider, and two benches for seating.

Located by Corsica Lake and Dakota Trails Golf Course, Douglas County Recreation Area is a major recreational asset for the County and the region. The recreation area features camping sites, bathhouses, a picnic shelter, walking trails, a fishing dock, and a playground.

The highlight of the recreation area is its location by Corsica Lake. Family households dominate the living arrangements in Douglas County (71.6%). 11.4% of the County's population is reported to have a disability of some sort. The majority of those claiming a disability reported having an ambulatory difficulty. The greater region in a 25-mile radius around Douglas County has a population of 14,860. Charles Mix and Aurora Counties, adjacent to Douglas County, have grown by an average of 1.5% over the past ten years.

Those groups benefiting from the proposed playground upgrades are summarized below:

Children: At the core, children are the primary beneficiaries. The new equipment offers them a world of adventure and discovery. It's here that they develop gross and fine motor skills, as they climb, swing, and slide. They learn about balance, coordination, and the physical limits they can push beyond. According to the Census Bureau, preschool (under 5 years old) and school-age (5 to 17 years) children comprise 26.2% of the County's population.

Families: Families find a common ground in playgrounds. Parents and guardians watch over their little ones, often joining in the fun. It's a place where busy schedules give way to the simple pleasure of spending time together. New playground equipment means new experiences and opportunities for families to create memories and enhance their camping experience.

Educators: Educators see playgrounds as extensions of the classroom. The equipment serves as practical tools in teaching children about physics, mathematics, and the natural world. They observe as children learn social skills like

sharing and cooperation, which are as vital as any academic lesson. The kindergarten teacher in Armour is an avid, nationally known birder and nature enthusiast. She takes her classes to the Douglas County Recreation Area every year for a field trip. She has asked the Commission if new equipment was a possibility.

Community Leaders: For the County Commissions and towns in the County, new playground equipment means progress. It's a visible commitment to the well-being of the County's residents. Playgrounds can become hubs of community events, fostering a sense of belonging and pride. They also know that such installations can attract more visitors, boosting the local economy.

The Disabled: Inclusive playground equipment breaks barriers, allowing children with disabilities to play alongside their peers. It's a testament to a community's commitment to inclusivity, where every child, regardless of ability, can experience the joy of play.

b. Analysis of need for the completion of this project

The equipment in question is nearly 40 years old, and much of it is no longer safe for children to use. Additionally, a significant portion of the playground is not accessible to individuals with disabilities. The County is also unable to obtain replacement parts for the current structures, meaning the slide and swings must be removed to comply with the latest safety standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Images of the existing playground equipment are included in the attachments.

Upgrading the playground at the Douglas County Recreation Area is a key priority for both the County's recreational and economic development goals. The County is fully committed to completing the project in 2026, and the requested LWCF funds will be essential in making this a reality.

c. Goals and objectives to be met

The objective of this project is to enhance outdoor recreational opportunities for the children of Douglas County. The Douglas County Recreation Area is a popular destination for families, with many children playing in the park when the weather permits. Upgrading the play equipment will improve the park's value and provide local children and families with years of enjoyment, further solidifying the park as a community asset.

A broader aim of this project, as well as the Recreation Area in general, is to celebrate the natural beauty of the "Prairie Potholes" that are abundant in Douglas County. These features are not merely geographical landmarks; they are vital ecosystems, rich in

biodiversity, and stand as a testament to the enduring legacy of glaciers that once shaped the northern Great Plains over millennia.

The prairie potholes of South Dakota are an essential refuge for wildlife, particularly migratory waterfowl. More than 50% of North America's migratory waterfowl depend on these areas for breeding and feeding. The region's shallow lakes, marshes, fertile soil, and warm summers make it one of the world's most significant wetland ecosystems. Prairie potholes are not only crucial for the survival of various species but also serve as natural flood control systems, absorbing rain, snowmelt, and floodwaters, thereby reducing the risk and severity of downstream flooding. These natural treasures warrant both respect and protection.

d. Describe the proposed action and alternatives

This project will remove the unsafe and outdated playground equipment and replace it with accessible and safe equipment for children. Without the funding of this grant, the playground will likely remain as it sits today. Unfit and unsafe equipment will need to be removed due to safety and liability concerns, but there will not be funds to replace them. Therefore, the playground would become much smaller, and likely fewer children would have the opportunity to utilize the outdoor space and spend time enjoying the beautiful recreational area.

e. Describe the planning process that led to the development of this proposal. Your narratives should address:

i. How was the interested and affected public notified and provided opportunity to be involved in planning for and developing you LWCF proposal? Who was involved and how were they able to review the completed proposal, including any state, local, federal agency professional, subject matter experts, members of the public and Indian Tribes. Describe any public meetings held and/or formal public comment periods, including dates and length of time provided for the public to participate in the planning process and/or to provide comments on the completed proposal.

Design South Dakota (Design:SD) was an AIA South Dakota program comprised of architects, landscape architects, urban designers, planners, and other experts in design and community development. Begun in 2006, its volunteer teams worked in several communities in rural South Dakota, helping them to develop shared visions for improving their physical and environmental designs.

Design:SD's first visit was to Corsica, South Dakota in 2007. As part of the three-day workshop, the team visited several locations in and around Corsica, including the Douglas County Recreation Area at Corsica Lake. One of the final presentation boards included a visionary concept for the Recreation Area (shown at right). The concept illustrated more park development where the campground currently sits.



However, updates such as adding additional campsites, a new boat dock, and a fishing dock paired with the improvements made to the adjacent golf course have proven to be the right decisions.

People who camp at the recreation area frequently and use the facilities have been asking for new equipment for several years. The insurance company has also been telling the Commission for years that the playground equipment should be updated or removed. It has been discussed at commissioner meetings as well as during the budget process. There is money budgeted in the park budget for repairs and maintenance in the amount of \$50,000.00 for 2024. The budgeted amount is for materials for a new bathhouse and stairs. The remainder of the budgeted funds will go towards the County's match.

ii. What information was made available to the public for review and comment? Did the sponsor provide written responses addressing the comments? If so, include responses.

The public had a wonderful opportunity to provide their thoughts and ideas about the rec area during the Design South Dakota program. Since the concept was first developed, residents in the county and county commissioners continue to talk about the great need for updated equipment, as well as the liability issues that could occur if updates are not completed.

The project has been discussed at recent county commission meetings. The application was also uploaded to the county's website for people to review and provide comments (see screenshot below from the Douglas County website).

e. Public comment periods and agency response – include how long the comment period was, when in the process was it completed, and who was invited to comment

The public comment period started when the LWCF application was discussed at the April commission meeting. This period continued while the application was available on the county website on April 14. Comments were accepted from everyone.

f. When will the project be completed and open for public outdoor recreation use? Assume that successful applicants will have access to grant funds by spring 2026.

The City will be ready to begin the project immediately after notification of the award, ideally in the spring of 2026. The exact timing of the work activity will depend on the vendor's availability, but City staff will be available at a moment's notice to do any pre-work site prep that may be needed.

g. What strategies in the 2023 SCORP support your project? Explain how each strategy applies to your project

The 2023 SCORP provides ample justification for this project. The 2023 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), **Strategy #1** page 3.4, states, "Provide and promote year-round, diverse outdoor recreation opportunities for South Dakotans of all ages, interests, economic status and ability." The strategy is supported by the first objective, "Develop additional diverse outdoor recreational facilities and renovate/replace existing ones to meet current demands." The strategy is further supported by the objective, "Provide more universally accessible outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities" and action, "Design and construct outdoor recreation facilities for varying ages, mobility and ability levels, especially playgrounds, trails and the like, so that multiple age and mobility groups can enjoy the experience." The proposed playground improvement project is consistent with priorities that are ranked as "high" (page 3.6) under Strategy 1.

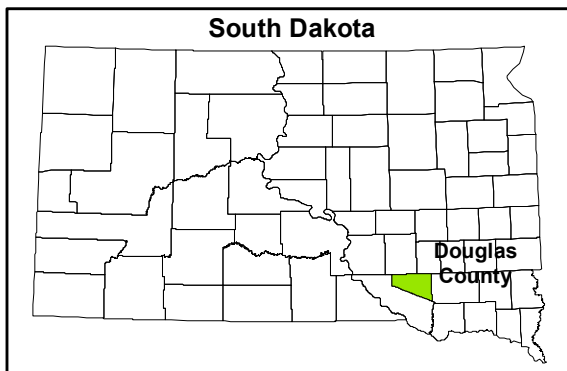
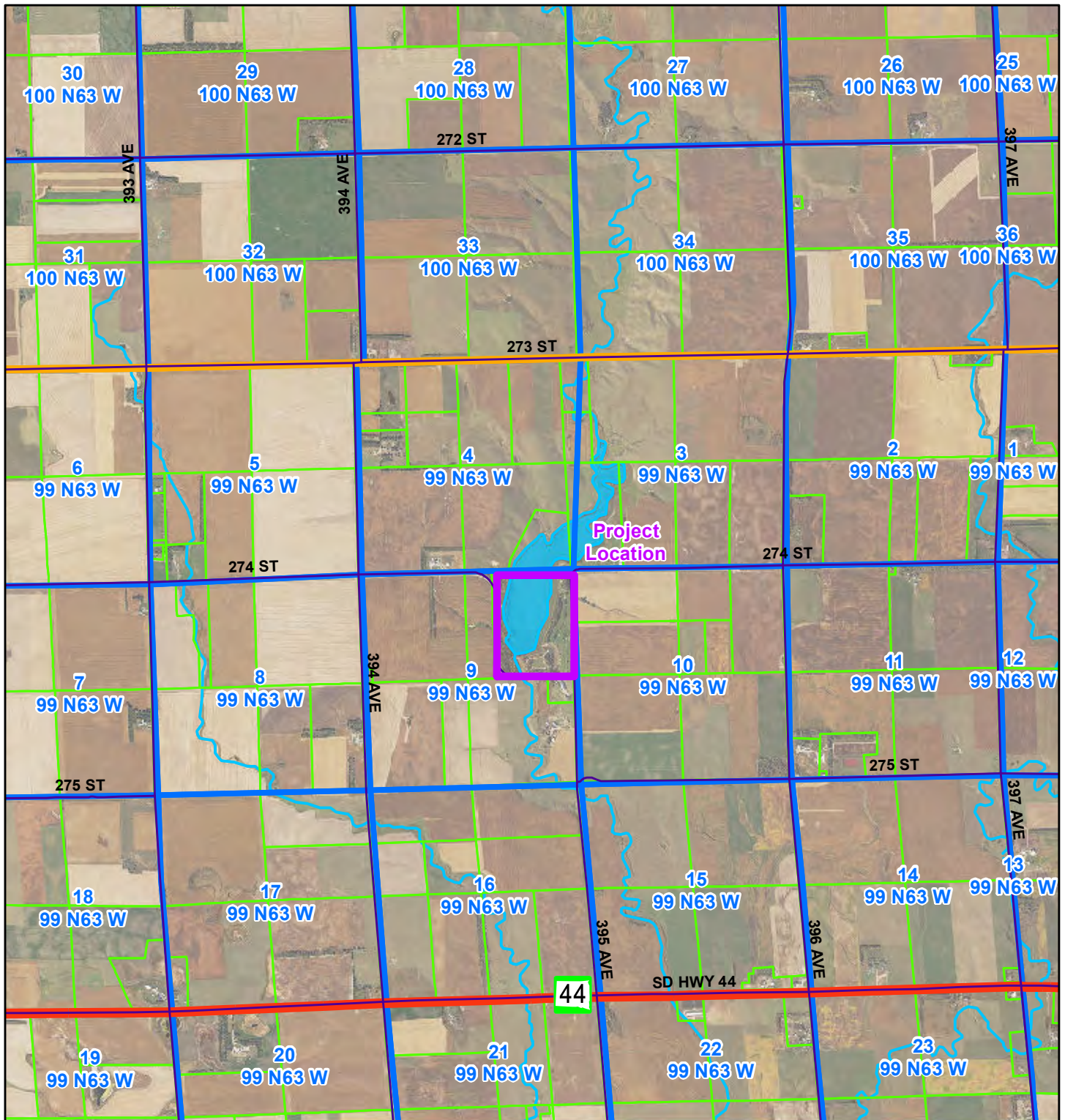
The project ultimately aligns with **Strategy #2** on page 3.7 of the 2023 SCORP: "Maintain and improve existing park and recreation areas, open spaces, and facilities for outdoor recreation opportunities." Playgrounds are a high priority for all classes of cities in the state under Strategy 2, "Projects that maintain, improve or update existing outdoor recreation facilities, when the availability of other federal matching fund programs is not possible or practical. Projects may include playgrounds, sports courts and fields, trails and tracks, swimming pools and other renovated facilities."



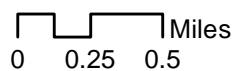
ATTACHMENTS

- Location and Site Maps
- Photographs of Park
- Illustrations of New Playground Equipment
- Cost Estimate
- Resolution of Support
- Property Ownership Documentation

Douglas County Playground Equipment Project



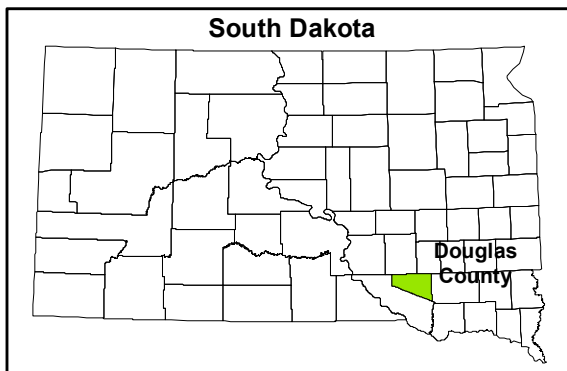
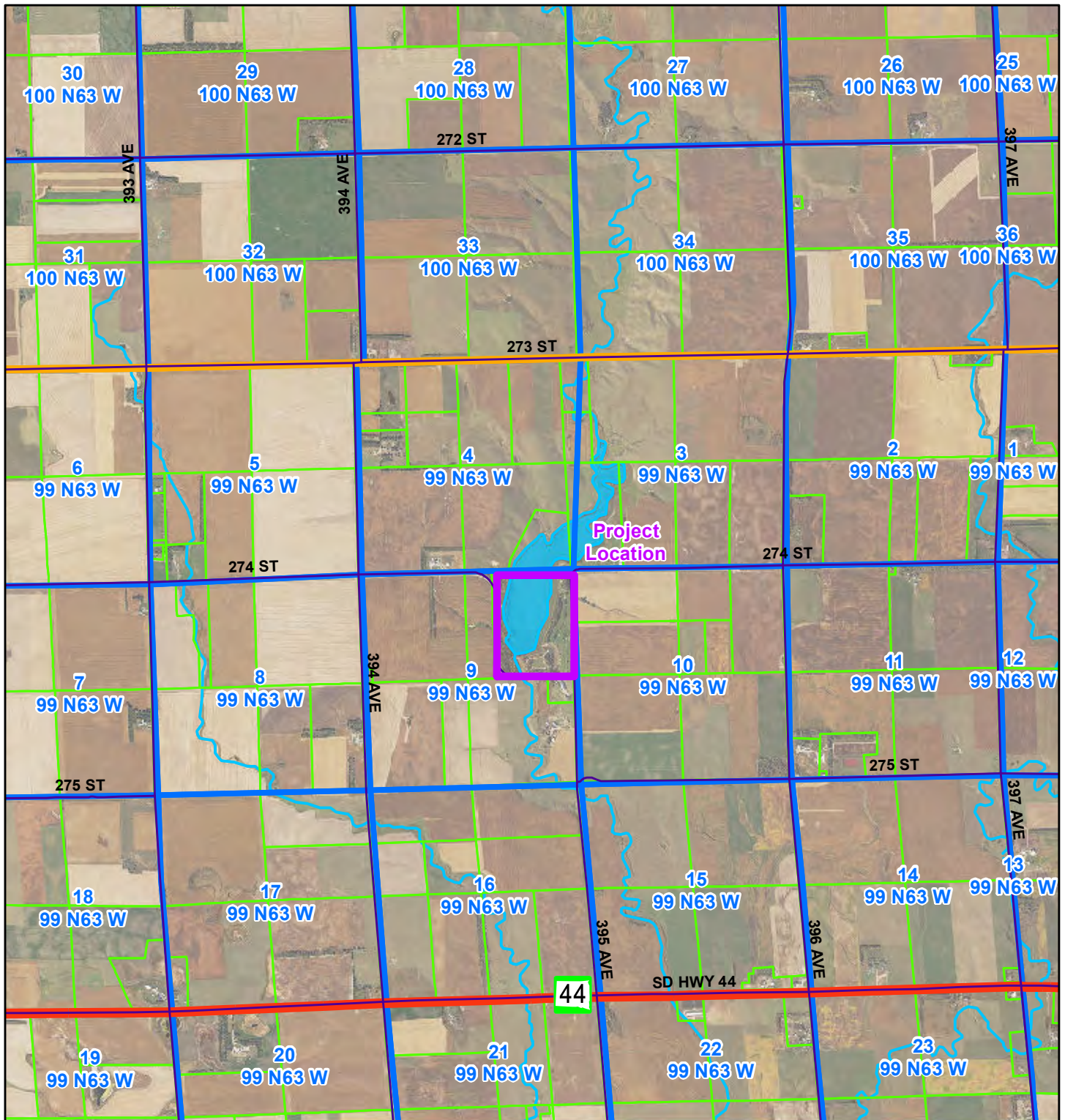
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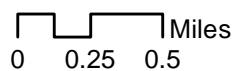
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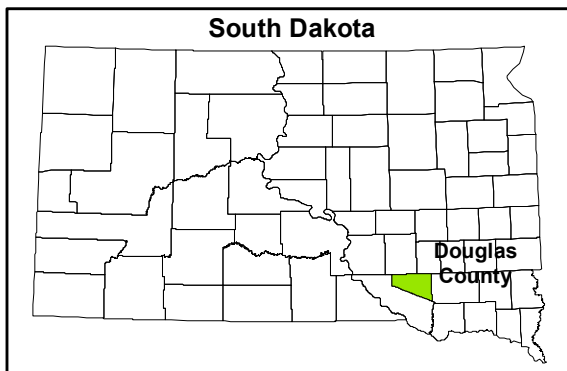
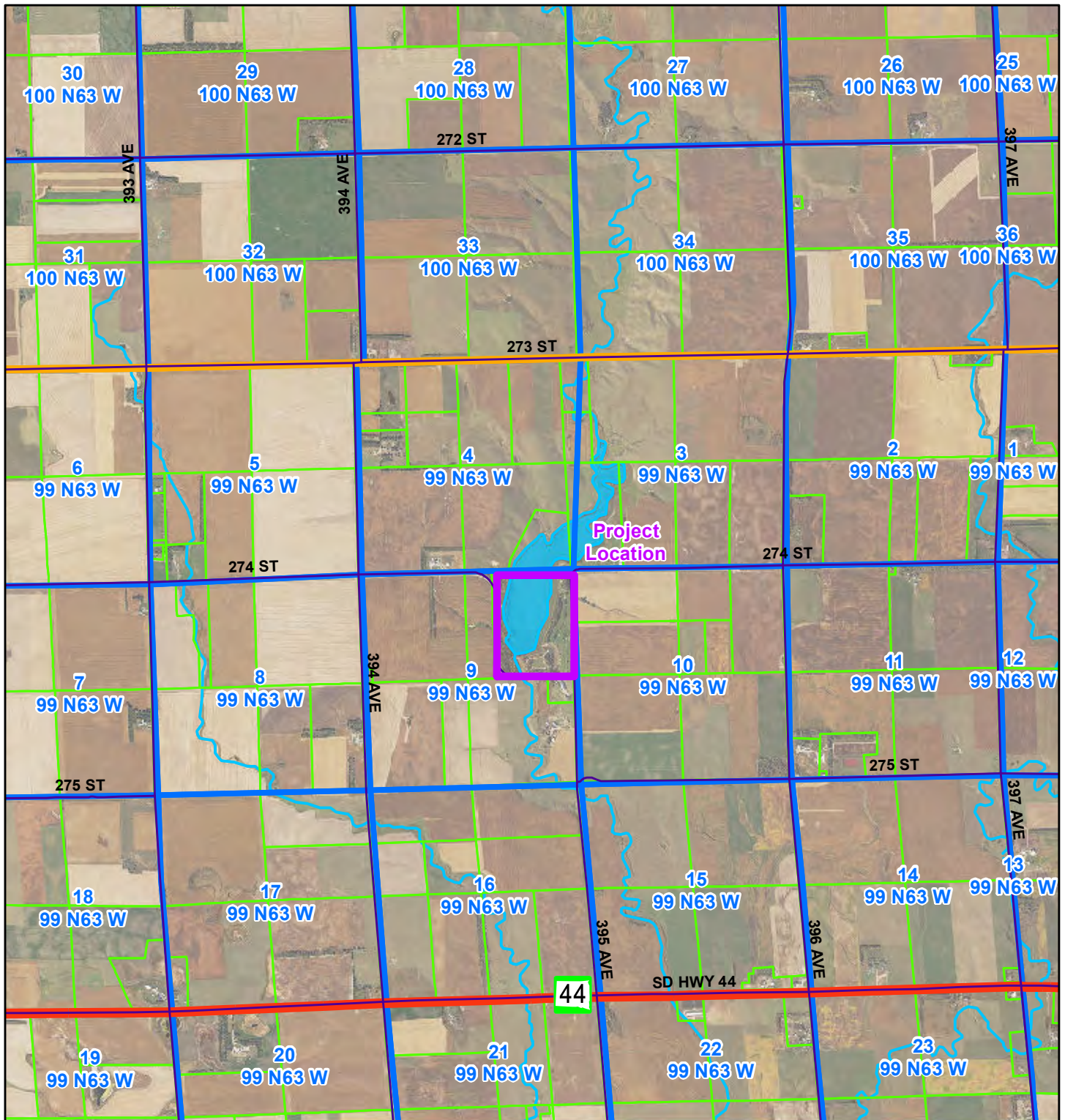
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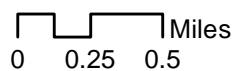
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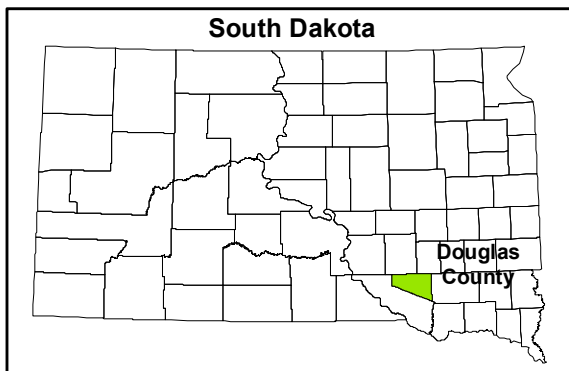
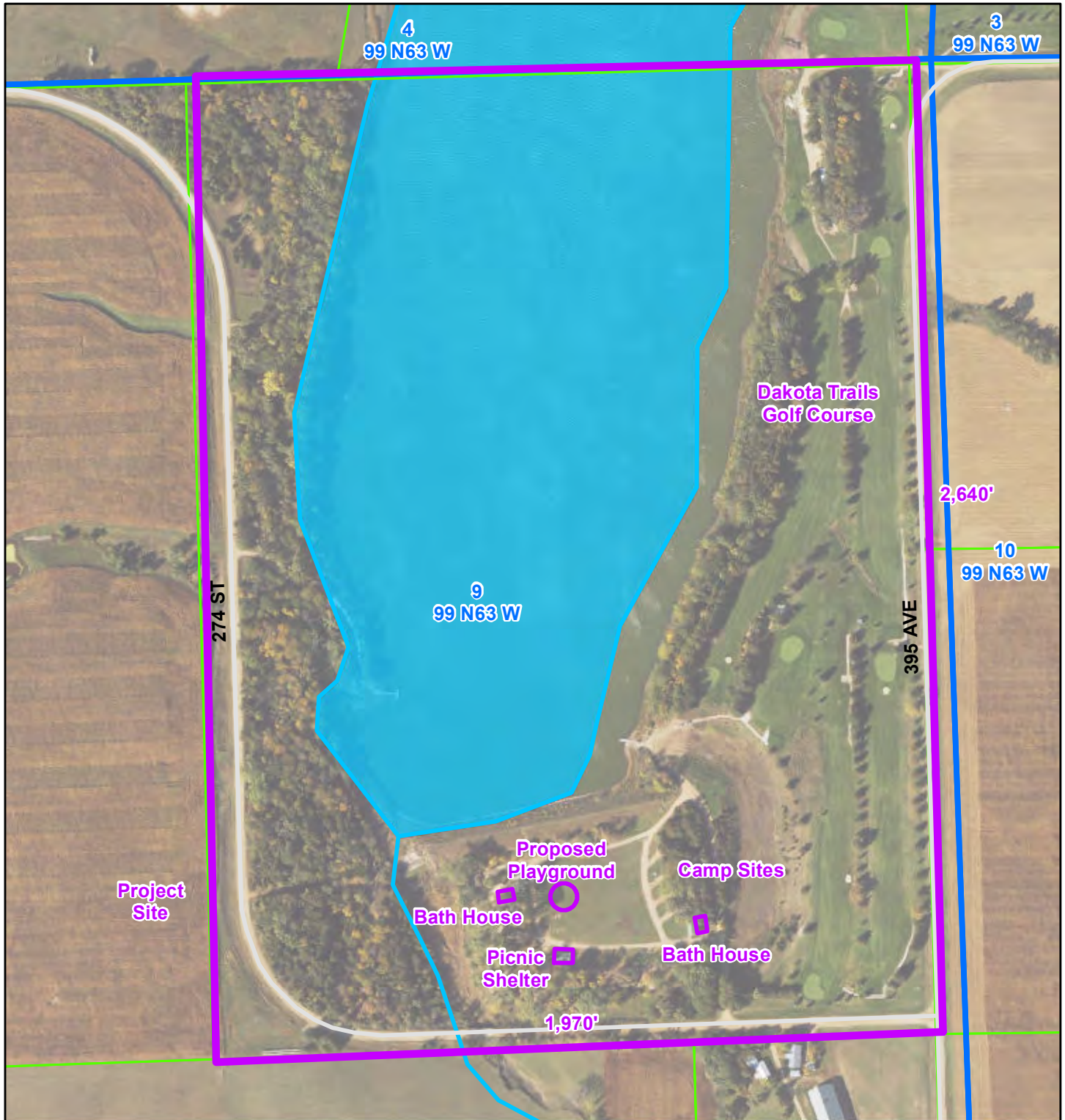
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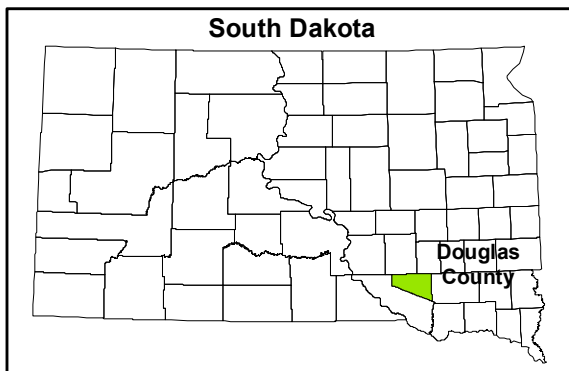
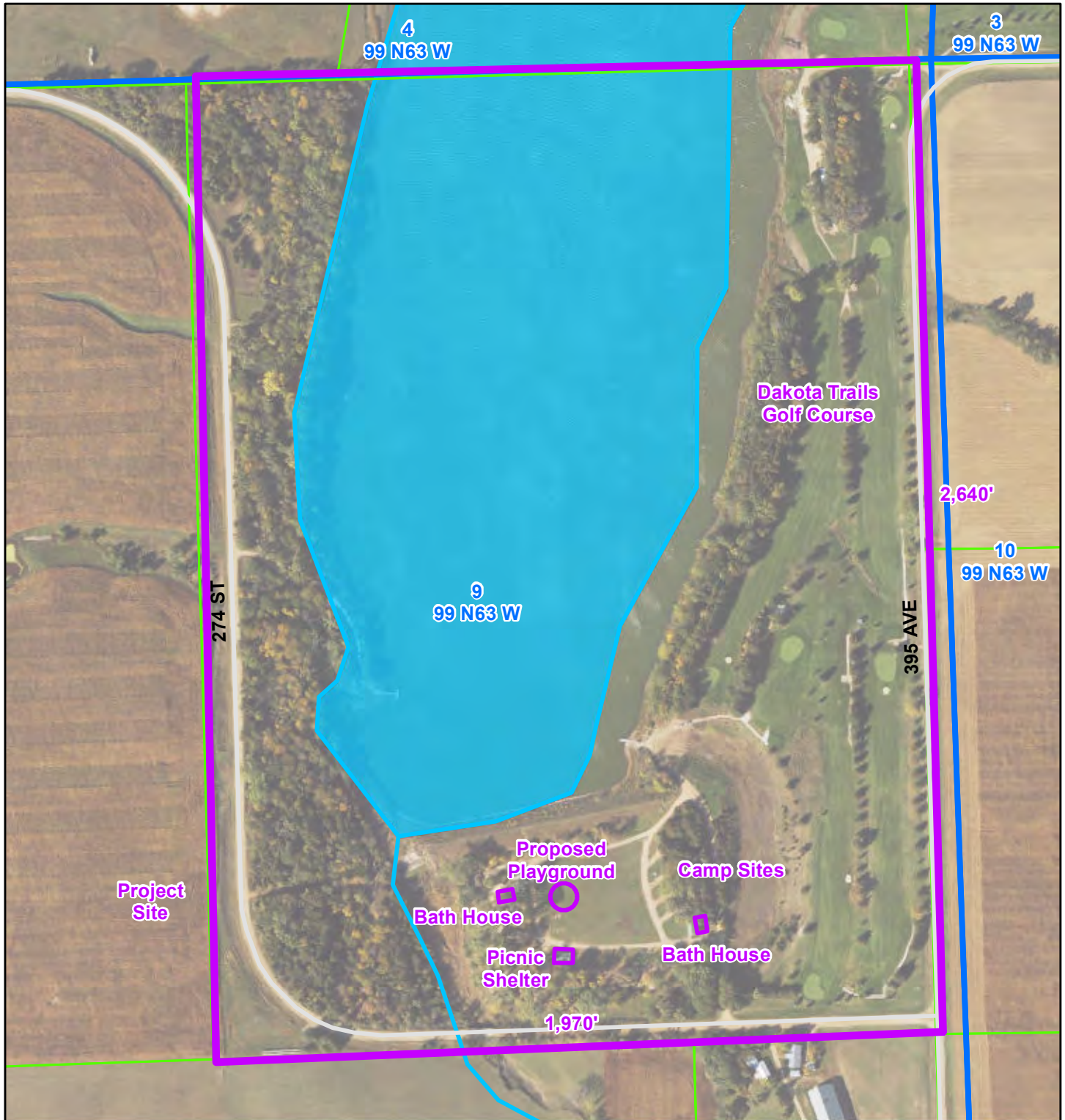
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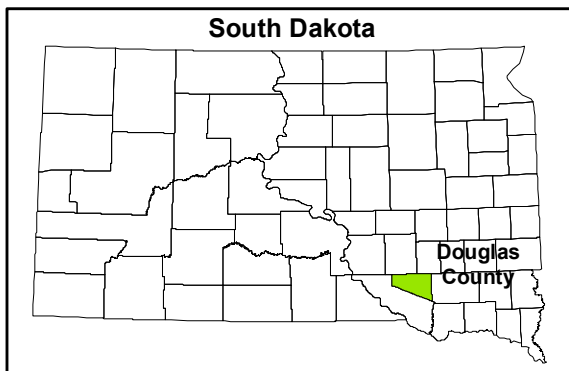
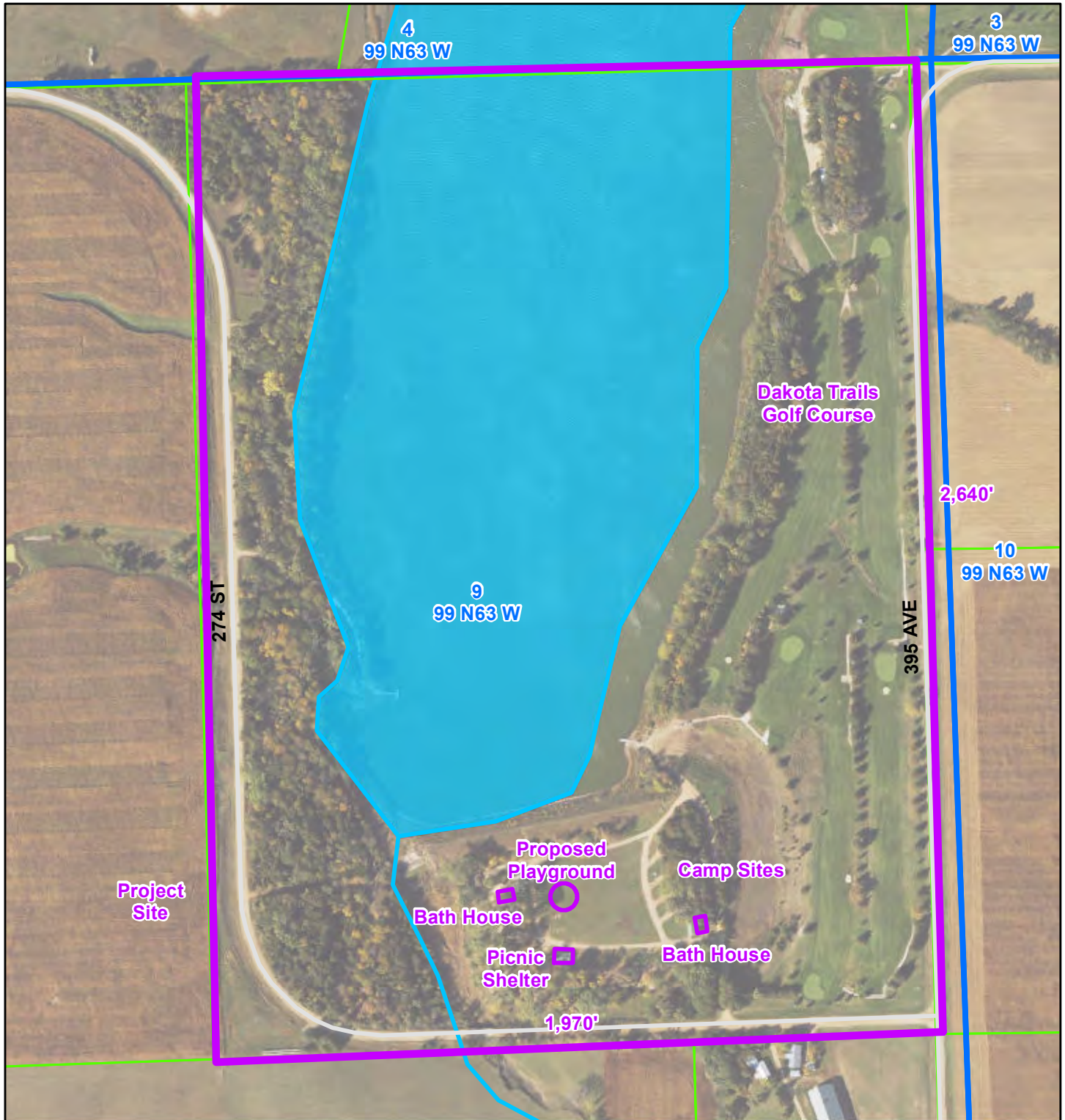
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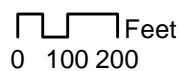
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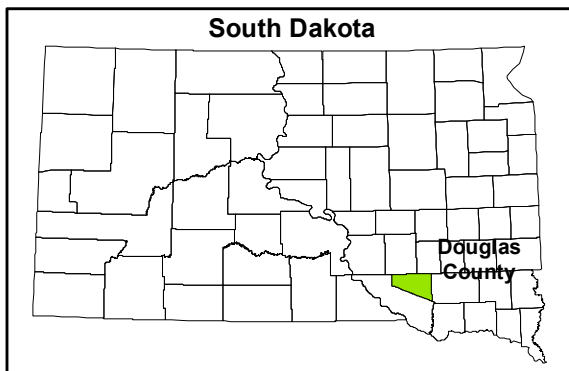
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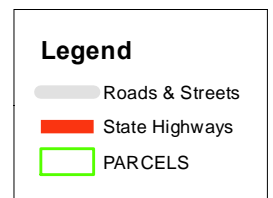
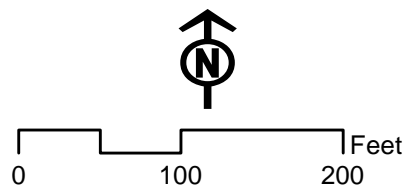
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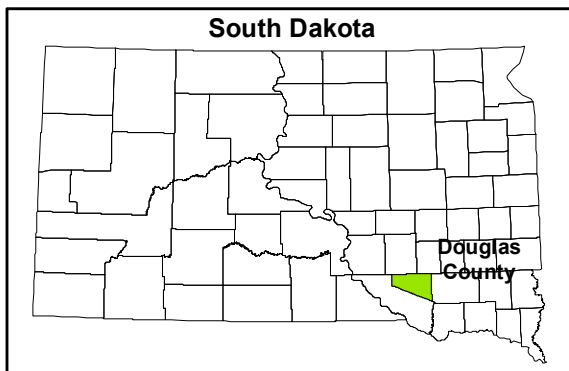
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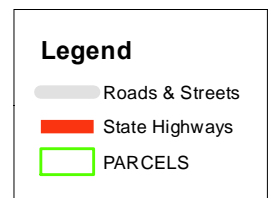
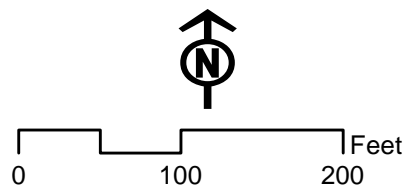
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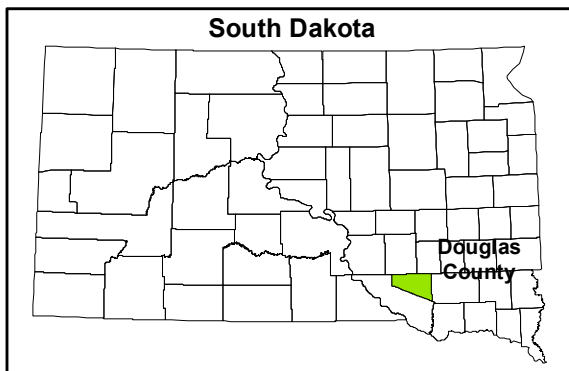
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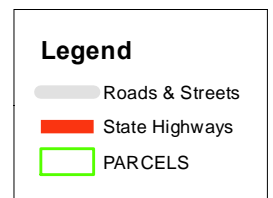
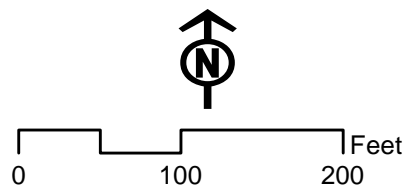
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Site Map



PARK FEATURES

Which will remain at the park for public use



Picnic Shelter and Picnic Tables



Electrical Hookups for Campers



Restroom Facilities

PARK FEATURES

Which will be replaced with new equipment



PRO PLAYGROUNDS

The Play & Recreation Experts

Grand Venetian Playground System

SKU: **PKP029**

**Ages
5 to 12**

Details

Use Zone: **39' x 35'**
Capacity: **45**



Call the Experts
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3.5" Arch Post Swing Set

SKU: PSW006WSRG

Ages
2 to 12

Details

Size: 2-Bay with 4 Belt Seats

Use Zone: 36' x 32'

Quick Ship Color: Rainforest Green



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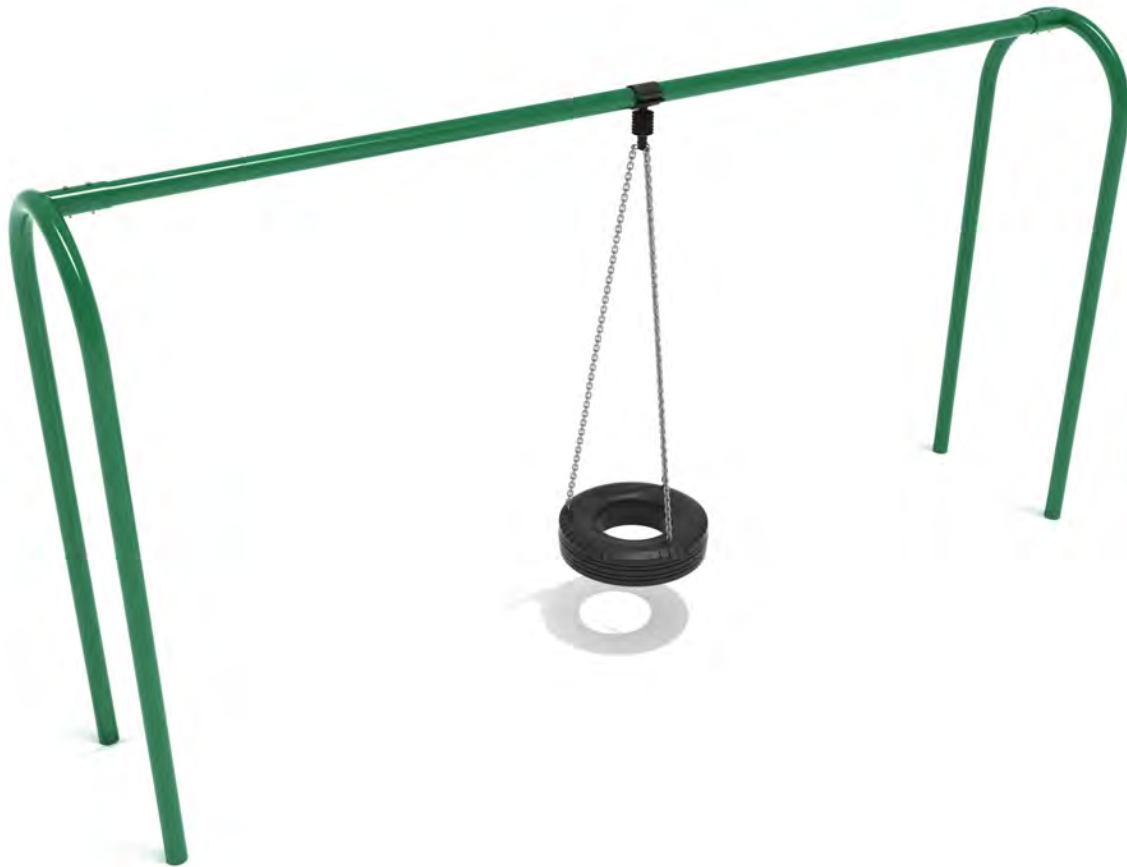
Arch Post Commercial Tire Swing Set

SKU: **PSWTIRWS**

Ages
2 to 12

Details

Use Zone: **24' x 32'**
Capacity: **1**



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RockWell Teeter Duo Spring Rider

SKU: **PFB009**

Ages
2 to 5

Details

Use Zone: 19' x 14'
Capacity: 2



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Quote

Date	Estimate #
4/2/2025	41248

Project Name
Douglas County, South Dakota - ...



Customer / Bill To
Douglas County, South Dakota ATTN: Phyllis Barker 706 Braddock Ave Armour, SD 57313

Ship To
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Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total:
	Furnish labor and materials to install 1 play system, 2 swing sets, & 1 spring rider			
	PLAY EQUIPMENT			
25-PKP029N	Grand Venetian - Neutral	1	19,051.00	19,051.00
25-PSW006WS CLR	2 Bay Frame: incl. Hangers & 2 Bay Belt Seat Pkg Colors: GREEN	1	2,399.00	2,399.00
25-PSWTIRWS CLR	1 Bay - Frame w/ Hanger & 1 Tire Swing Seat Pkg Colors: GREEN	1	1,466.00	1,466.00
25-PFB009N	RockWell Teeter Duo - Neutral	1	754.00	754.00
Shipping	Combined Shipping and Freight Charges	1	2,862.00	2,862.00
	Sub Total			26,532.00
	SITE FURNISHINGS			
25- B6WBULS	6' UltraLeisure Standard Bench with Back, In-Ground Mount	2	549.00	1,098.00
Shipping	Combined Shipping and Freight Charges	1	397.00	397.00
	Sub Total			1,495.00
	RAW MATERIALS			
CC80	Concrete for Anchoring - Delivered Cost	83	8.40	697.20
	RENTALS, LABOR & INSTALLATION			
LBR	Labor and Installation	1	16,768.00	16,768.00
DSC	Discount: Valid for 60 days	1	-1,993.20	-1,993.20

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:
If the above total price, scope of work, specifications, terms and conditions are acceptable, sign below indicating your acceptance and authorization for Pro Playgrounds to proceed with the work and/or sales transaction described in this quotation. Upon signature and payment in accordance with this quote, Pro Playgrounds will proceed with the work and/or sales transaction.

_____/_____/_____
Signature Name / Title Date

Subtotal:	\$43,499.00
Sales Tax: (7.5%)	\$0.00
Total:	<u>\$43,499.00</u>

Terms and Conditions - Price valid for 30 days and subject to change. 1. If installation is not included with your purchase, client will be responsible for coordinating, receiving and unloading of all goods, delivery drivers will not help unload goods. 2. Client will be responsible to inspect goods for defect, damage or missing parts, any deficiency or missing parts must be noted on delivery slip. 3. Client will be responsible for costs due to cancelled or missed delivery appointments. 4. Client has reviewed all items, colors and descriptions on this quote for accuracy and correctness. 5. If quote includes installation of goods, the installation is subject to the terms and conditions of Pro Playgrounds "Standard Installation Agreement" a copy of which may be obtained from your Sales Representative.

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3. That Douglas County shall provide a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project; and will assume all responsibility in the operation and maintenance of the project upon completion of construction, for the reasonable life expectancy of the facility.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting as the Auditor of Douglas County does hereby certify:

That the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution, authorizing the filing of application with the National Park Service as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Douglas County Commission duly held on the 1st day of April, 2025 and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of April , 2025.

Phyllis Barker
Signature of Recording Officer

SEAL

Auditor
Title of Recording Officer



WARRANTY DEED RECORD NO. 33

MITCHELL PUB. CO., MITCHELL, S. DAK.

Art P. Bergakker and Ziena J. Bergakker, husband and wife,

grantor of Douglas County, State of South Dakota, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration DOLLARS, GRANTS, CONVEYS AND WARRANTS TO Douglas County, South Dakota,

grantee of Armour, South Dakota, P. O., the following described real estate in the County of DOUGLAS, in the State of South Dakota:

The East Half of the North East Quarter of Section Nine (9) and the East Half of the West Half of the North East Quarter of Section Nine (9) all in Township Ninety-nine (99) North, of Range Sixty-three (63) West of the 5th P.M., containing 120 acres more or less according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof

Dated this 14th day of November 1938 Art P Bergakker Ziena J Bergakker

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, County of Douglas ss: On this 14th day of November in the year 1938, before me, James R. Bandy a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared Art P. Bergakker and Ziena J. Bergakker, husband and wife,



known to me to be the person s who are described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the y executed the same.

James R Bandy Notary Public.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, ss: On this day of in the year 19, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared



known to me to be the person who described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

My Commission Expires 19 Notary Public.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, ss: Filed for Record this 6th day of December A. D., 1938, at 3:25 o'clock P. M., and recorded in Book 33, Page 386.

A. Tecklenburg Register of Deeds

By Deputy.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Letters of Support for Project
- County Commission Minutes
from April 1, 2025 Meeting

March 21, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the installation of new playground equipment at the Douglas County Recreation Area. As the park caretaker, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that well-maintained recreational facilities have on the overall experience of families and children who visit our campground.

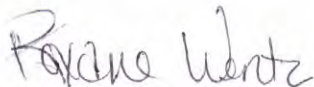
A new playground would not only enhance the attractiveness of our campground to families seeking outdoor recreation but also provide a safe and enjoyable space for children to play and interact with one another.

Furthermore, investing in new playground equipment aligns with our campground's commitment to providing quality amenities and enhancing the overall experience for our guests. It will undoubtedly contribute to the long-term success and sustainability of our campground by attracting more visitors and encouraging repeat visits.

I firmly believe that the installation of new playground equipment is a worthwhile investment that will benefit our campground community for years to come. I urge you to consider this proposal and allocate the necessary resources to make it a reality.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roxane Wentz".

Roxane Wentz
Douglas County Park Caretaker

DAKOTA TRAILS GOLF COURSE

March 27, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

As the president of the Dakota Trails Golf Course Board, I strongly urge the support of updating the playground equipment at the Douglas County Recreation Area. Dakota Trails Golf Course is a nine-hole golf course adjacent to the Corsica Lake Campground in Douglas County.

Many of our members come to our rural course and utilize the campground on the weekends. Adding new playground equipment would be a wonderful addition, encouraging members to bring their families with them to enjoy the outdoor amenities offered at the Douglas County Recreation Area and in turn, could increase the number of family memberships the golf course receives.

In today's digital age, I believe any project that provides children with the opportunity to engage in physical activities and foster social interaction in a natural environment, is absolutely worth the costs necessary to implement the project.

As a taxpayer in Douglas County, I believe grant funding for this project is necessary to make this project feasible, allowing the County to remain fiscally responsible, while still emphasizing the importance of youth in our rural community having access to many outdoor recreation options.

Thank you for your consideration of Douglas County's application for Land and Water Conservation Fund program. I look forward to the opportunity to see this project come to fruition and its positive impact on our community.

Sincerely,



Jay Spaans

President, Dakota Trails Board of Directors

(605) 530-3683



PO Box 165
Corsica, SD 57328

PHONE (605) 946-5108
EMAIL dakotatrailsgolf@gmail.com

March 21, 2024

Letter of Support

I share a camper with my son and his family. We have had a reserved summer spot for the past few summers. We enjoy the beautiful campground with the Dakota Trails Golf Course adjacent to it. Douglas County has done a great job of improving the grounds. The playground equipment that is there now is very old and is close to the creek that runs alongside the campground. There are many families with small children that have reserved spots and are there most weekends throughout the summer. These children would utilize this new playground equipment as well as the occasional campers and those that come for a day for a picnic or reunion. This new playground equipment would be a great addition to the campground.

Barb Groeneweg

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT The Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Members present were Dan Koedam, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks, Jerod Star and Jim Werkmeister. Auditor Phyllis Barker was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Werkmeister to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 a.m. a motion was made Koedam and seconded by Werkmeister to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 9:29 a.m. with no action taken.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, and Callie Nichols, Assistant Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss their department. Ellwanger asked for clarification on the overtime policy. Ellwanger would like his crew to continue working if they are working on a project that is near completion at the end of a workday as opposed to hauling all equipment back to the shop and starting again the next day. The board agreed that it would be in the best interest of the county to allow for overtime hours to be flexed out in the same work week, if this is not possible, overtime pay will be at discretion of the Department Head.

Dust Control and road reclaiming were discussed. It was agreed that areas with dust control already applied will still be reclaimed and reshaped so that water is not standing on the roads. It will be the responsibility of the landowners to re-apply dust control if they feel it is necessary once the road is reshaped.

379th Street north of New Holland is scheduled to be resurfaced this year. There are two culverts that need to be replaced prior to the overlay. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Werkmeister to approve the quote from Dave VanderPol Construction to complete the project at a cost of \$24,600 plus the additional cost of the culverts. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

TIF DISTRICTS

Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, and Phyllis Barker, Auditor, met with the Board to discuss the TIF District implementation process and the possibility of establishing an administrative fee. Craig Parkhurst, States Attorney, was also present. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Lau, Chief Deputy Powers and Craig Parkhurst, States Attorney met with the Board. Lau informed the Board that Powers' sixth month probation will be completed as of April 7th. No action was taken at this time.

Mental Health holds and the need for someone to sit with these individuals at the hospital while they go through the mental health hold process was discussed. A motion was made by Werkmeister and seconded by Star to hire Pat Harrington as a Mental Health Attendant on an as needed basis to oversee the mental health hold process if the need arises at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:03 a.m., a motion was made by Koedam seconded by Maas to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 11:37 a.m. with no action taken.

Chief Deputy Powers brought concerns to the Board about the holiday pay policy for the one month of payroll that the Sheriff's Deputies were paid as hourly employees. Discussion was held. It was agreed upon that the full-time Sheriff's Deputies shall receive retroactive holiday pay for the recognized holidays paid out on January payroll.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:55 a.m. a motion was made by Werkmeister and seconded by Maas to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 12:26 p.m. with no action taken.

LWCF GRANT

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to introduce the following resolution:. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

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Dated this 1st day of April, 2025 at Armour, South Dakota.

SIGNED: _____
Lori Sparks, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker, Auditor

DELMONT SHED

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Werkmeister authorizing the Chairperson to sign a sixth month lease agreement for the Delmont Maintenance Shed between Douglas County and the Town of Delmont. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

OVERTIME

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to add the following statement to the Douglas County Personnel Policy: Overtime worked must be with the prior knowledge and approval of the department head or disciplinary action may be taken. Department heads have the authority to flex employee schedules within the work week to limit the amount of overtime worked. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

An email from Governor Rhoden was read regarding the Easter Holiday hours granted to state employees. No action was taken; therefore, the County will follow the Douglas County Personnel Policy in granting Good Friday as a holiday. The Courthouse will be open on Monday, April 21st. State offices within the courthouse will be closed.

CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

March Payroll: Commissioners 7025.52 Auditor 10,348.28 Treasurer 11,518.60 States Attorney 5980.23 Courthouse Janitor 15,814.35 Equalization 10,457.26 Register of Deeds 9032.41 Veterans Service Officer 1160.33 Sheriff 26,402.41 Coroner 0.00 Welfare 154.48 Ambulance 2938.09 Extension 5926.39 Weed & Pest 911.34 Fair board 480.28 Drainage 411.86 Planning and Zoning 1087.87 Park 0.00 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 608.66 Agland Coop 387.50 propane; Armour Chronicle 804.24 publishing; Armour Dray 120.00 utilities; Blue Moon 60.00 WP meeting food; Cole Papers 67.88 supplies; Corsica Globe 671.49 publishing; Dean's Auto Body 1184.16 repairs; John Engelland 548.86 supply reimb; Renee Engelland 50.00 reimb; AT&T Mobility 431.15 utilities; Goldenwest 736.10 utilities; H&H Electric 185.07 repairs; Johnson Controls 899.80 repairs; Kimberly Klein 608.00 reimb; Gary Loseke 54.45 reimb.; Midwest Fire & Safety 150.00 maint.; Nextraq 46.00 utilities; Northwestern Energy 3217.82 utilities; Melissa Odens 24.70 prof fees; Office Products Center 346.58 supplies; Parkston Advance 70.88 publishing; SD Dept of Public Safety 2340.00 state radio; SDML Work Comp. 1293.81 ins.; TEAM Laboratory 100.50 supplies; Two-Way Solutions, Inc. 165.97 supplies; Two Trees Technologies 1689.76 supplies; Tyler Technologies 449.00 prof fees; US Bank 1365.81 fuel; Wilson's True Value 175.87 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

March Payroll: 28,656.02; Agland Coop 736.00 tires; Armour Dray 35.00 utilities; C&B Operations 55.53 supplies; Mike Carpentier 690.00 prof fees; Diamond Mowers 1247.62 repairs; Ernie Dufek 218.85 reimb.; Equipment Blades 4160.00 supplies AT&T Mobility 80.08 utilities; Goldenwest 183.95 utilities; The Lodge at Deadwood 210.00 conference; Midwest Fire & Safety 262.00 maint.; Nextraq 132.65 utilities; Sd Dept. of Transportation 1688.57 prof fees; Two Trees Technologies 249.18 prof fees; US Bank 53.53 gas.

E911 FUND

March Payroll: 26.67; Goldenwest 200.00 prof fees; Midstate Communications 440.11 e911 system.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

March Payroll: 2,627.81; AT&T Mobility 33.26 utilities; Two Trees Technologies 153.66 prof fees.

MODERNIZATION AND PRESERVATION FUND

Office Products Center 2451.20 supplies.

RURAL ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Midwest Ag Center 10,200.00 supplies- Chester Twp.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:00 p.m. a motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Werkmeister to adjourn until the next meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2025. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Lori Sparks, Chairperson
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis Barker, Auditor