City of Steamboat Springs

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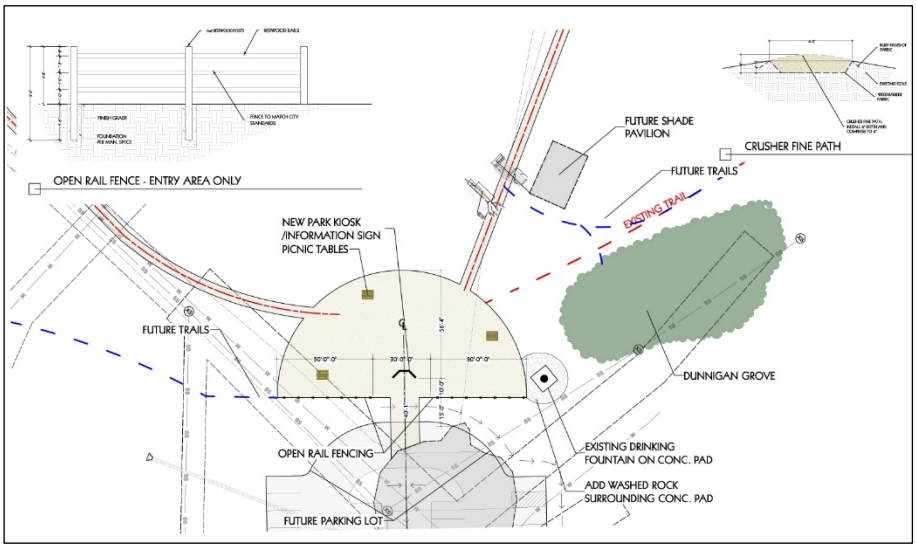
Steamboat Digs Dogs Funds Rita Valentine Fall Improvements

Aspen Grove Fence, Kiosk & Signage Installed By Native Excavating

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-September 29, 2020-With the dog days of summer behind us and cooler, crisper fall temperatures and seasonal weather ahead, crews from Native Excavating will begin installing the next phase of improvements at the Rita Valentine Park.

During this project, crews will install a new fence to enclose 'Chuck's Grove', and aspen grove of 25 trees planted earlier this summer, construct a welcome kiosk with park information and incorporate updated park signage. The fall improvements are funded fully by Steamboat Digs Dogs and build upon earlier enhancements this year which spanned trails, landscaping and irrigation (*see graphic*).



The fall project is anticipated to start as soon as Friday, October 2 and continue for one week. Sections of the park may see closures or detours while the project is underway. City staff asks all park users to remain out of work zones for their safety and that of their four-legged companions.

Over the past two summers, park users have seen significant improvements including water service flow to the park, a tri-level water fountain, soft surface trail made of crusher fines, planting of the aspen grove, irrigation system, and formal structured entry to the parking lot and back park entrances. Park users should know the doggie water fountain has been winterize for the season.

Rita Valentine is one of two dog parks within the City of Steamboat Springs. This grassy open field offers trails & an off-leash area for dogs amid scenic mountain surroundings. Rita Valentine Park is accessible from Highway 40 (Lincoln Avenue) and Anglers Drive intersection.

Steamboat Digs Dogs is a coalition of your neighbors, who advocate for dogs and their caregivers to bring dog friendly lifestyle opportunities to Steamboat Springs. The group works with the city, police department, animal control, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Parks & Recreation Commission, and the City Council in efforts to restore Steamboat's long-practiced lifestyle of recreating with our dogs in a voice and sight control manner at neighborhood parks and city trails.

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