



March 1, 2011

Jerry Cole
Department of Parks and Recreation
125 Waterloo Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Director Cole:

Thank you for the opportunity to put forth a request for CIP funds to replace the failing sidewalks at Storybook Island Park. As you know, Storybook Island Park has been a part of the Rapid City landscape for more than fifty years. Every year the park entertains a quarter million visitors or more. Storybook Island has much to offer with our beautiful lawns, ponds, and storybook sets that invite children and their families to spend an afternoon together at play. Storybook Island has the only live summer theatre for children in Western South Dakota. We also host the "Once Upon a Festival" each fall as well as the Storybook Island's "Lights of Christmas."

Over the past three years, my staff, volunteers, and I have done extensive work in the park; Park sets have been painted, re-shingled and refurbished. New sets to the park will continue to be added as finances allow. Last year we took on the huge project of renovating all the ponds and improved the water flow. There is still more to do but we have accomplished much.

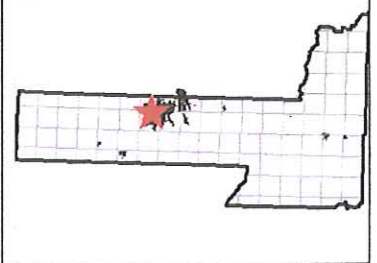
In 2010, we began a 5-year commitment to replace the badly damaged and worn sidewalks because they are quickly becoming a serious safety issue. With the aid of a \$12,499.00 matching grant from the *Park/Recreation Facility Partnership Program*, we were able to replace 3476.5 sq ft of badly deteriorated walkway last year. However, this is just the beginning, as we need an additional 22,388 sq ft of sidewalk replaced to make the park safe again. If we received additional funds from the CIP, it would be wonderful!

In the past two years, several accidents have occurred where children or adults have fallen because of the cracks, unevenness, or low spots on the walkways. I need your help now. I understand it is not possible to do all the walkways in one year but I ask you to look at the accompanying pictures that show the urgency I feel when I walk the park. The safety of our visitors is our priority and as they are also visitors to your city, I know their safety is your priority as well.

I invite you to come anytime to the park and see what we have accomplished already and encourage you to help us keep Storybook Island a safe, family focused park for this generation and the next.

With Sincerest Regards,


Connie LeZotte
Executive Director



Legend

- Roads**
- Not classified
- Interstate
- US Highway
- SD Highway
- County Highway
- Main Road
- Minor Arterial
- Collector
- Ramp
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Unimproved Road
- Trail
- other
- Not yet coded
- Township/Section lines**
- SECTION
- TOWNSHIP
- Parcel Boundary
- Lot Lines**
- COUNTY
- LOT LINE
- PARCEL LINE
- ROAD ROW
- RR ROW
- SECTION
- TOWNSHIP
- WATER LINE
- PLSS Sections**
- County Line
- City Boundaries**
- Rapid City
- Box Elder
- New Underwood
- Wasta
- Wall
- Quinn
- Hill City
- Keystone
- 2008 Developed Areas**
- 2008 Rapid City Aerial Photography**

0 125 250 ft.

Map center: 44° 4' 20.0" N, 103° 15' 48.5" W



Scale: 1:2,169

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