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MISSOULA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PARK CONSTRUCTS GRASS PAVE PARKING LOT

Missoula County's Development Park, located north of the Missoula International Airport, is finishing up construction of a reinforced grass parking lot for the Mount Jumbo West Little League ball fields. The ball fields have been attracting a growing number of participants and spectators. The Little League's plans to construct two more fields prompted County Commissioners and the Development Park Board to explore parking lot options.

Aesthetically and environmentally, the grass pave parking lot presents a number of advantages over asphalt including enhanced capacity for storm water runoff. Additionally, grass is an acceptable surface form for parking lots required to meet air quality standards.

"One of the guiding principles of the Development Park is to help create economic activity in a park-like setting," said Barbara Martens, Missoula County Special Projects Coordinator. "Providing green space for development park visitors in an area that can double as a parking lot is a real benefit."

Grass pave parking lots contain a geomatrix under the grass that provides the strength to support a vehicles' weight, but allows the grass to remain healthy.

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