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Black River Falls All-Abilities Playground Receives Statewide Recognition

Black River Falls, WI — The Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association (WPRA) has announced that the Black River Falls All-Abilities Playground at Lunda Community Park has received the 2025 Park Design Award in the \$500,000–\$999,999 category. The award recognizes excellence in innovation, functionality, community impact, and inclusive design.

The All-Abilities Playground was created through a collaborative effort between the City of Black River Falls, Jackson County Behavioral Health, local organizations, and community members. The space was thoughtfully designed to provide a safe, engaging environment for individuals of all ages and abilities. Featuring sensory-based adaptive play technology, poured-in-place rubber surfacing, and accessible pathways, the playground ensures that every person—regardless of age or ability—can play, explore, and connect.

“This playground represents the heart of our community—where inclusion, creativity, and connection come together,” said Parks and Recreation Director Jarod Meyer. “We’re proud to offer a space where everyone feels welcome.”

The award will be formally presented at the 2026 WPRA Annual Conference and Trade Show Awards Banquet on February 5, 2026, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

The All-Abilities Playground is part of a larger vision to make Lunda Community Park a regional destination for recreation, accessibility, and community engagement. The project was made possible through grants, business sponsorships, and private donations, reflecting a true community effort.