



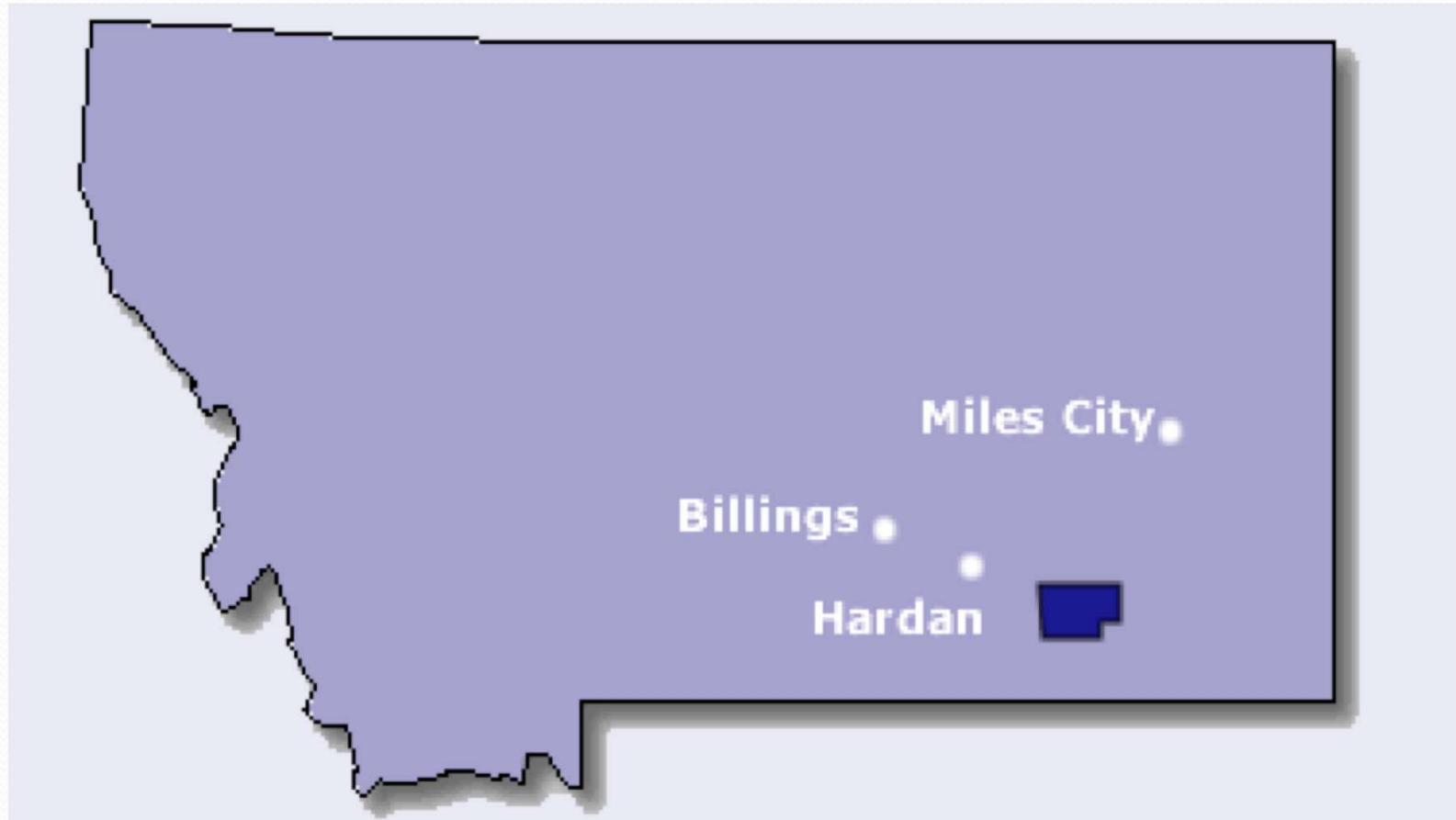
# **SMART GROWTH AND TRIBES**

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# SMART GROWTH AND TRIBES INTRODUCTION

## Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation



# Smart Growth and Tribes

## OVERVIEW

- **Unique challenges facing tribal communities**
- **Planning stages and Lessons learned in efforts to create sustainable communities**
- **Funding to expand housing and community services**
- **Keys to success**
- **Smart growth principles & culture**



# Smart Growth and Tribes

## Unique Challenges

- Most Interior Tribes do not have gaming
- Many Tribes have natural resources such as Coal, Methane and Hydroelectricity
- Internal apathy and the status quo of “coasting” along with the belief that the Federal Government “owes us”
- Opposition from different groups & individuals
- A toxic society of colonization & poverty



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## Planning Stages & Lessons Learned

- Discussion about need for positive outlets from Tribal officials
- Identifying goal and planning the developing of a city park
- Tribal Officials work with Land Authority, Housing Planner and Architect
- Lessons include the need for the “Constellation Factor” and long term sustainability



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## Funding and Ability to Expand Housing & Community Services

- Northern Cheyenne is not a wealthy casino tribe
- Specified funding sources such as NAHASDA and Title VI loans
- Include projects in the Annual Indian Housing Plan
- Other sources of funding for future developments include Tax-credits and USDA Funding



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## HESTONEO'O PARK “The People’s Park”

- Components of healthy, functional society
- Bold Youth challenging the Tribal Council
- Funding set-aside from the Tribe
- Tribal Leaders set the Vision which reflects Cultural Value and Community needs under Self-determination
- Housing program takes the lead to build Park



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## Hestoneo'o Park Overview

- Planning of Phase I
- Components (courts, playground, softballfield, Horse shoe pits, walking path, building)
- Tournaments
- Tribal Events
- Continuing to complete future phases

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- Features Include:**
- Skate Park
  - Horseshoe Pits
  - Volleyball
  - Covered Areas
  - Picnic Areas
  - Walking Bridges
  - Softball/Soccer Fields
  - Natural Areas
  - Bow Range
  - Playground Equipment
  - Concessions
  - Basketball Courts
  - Entrance Plaza
  - Entrance Drive
  - Parking Area



Tribal Housing Authority

Parks & Recreation

Board of Health

"People's" Park



# Smart Growth and Tribes Keys to Success

## Northern Cheyenne officials break ground on new recreation complex

By Dick Crockford  
*Big Horn County News*

Members of the community applauded as gold-plated shovels turned fresh earth to mark the beginning of construction of a new softball complex for Lane Deer.

Several dignitaries from the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, as well as officials with the Tribal Housing Authority, the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the tribal Health and natural resources offices and the Boys and Girls Club, were on hand June 4 to assist in the symbolic commencement.

The ceremony included remarks by various officials and a prayer before the shovels

were taken up for the traditional groundbreaking.

"Let's dream the best we can get... let's not settle for second best," Lane Hauppon of the housing authority told the gathering.

The 18-acre tribally owned site is on the south end of Lane Deer. John WalksAlong, the housing authority executive director, says the work on the softball fields is expected to take two or three months to complete.

Plans call for eventually including basketball courts, volleyball courts and soccer fields, a walking path, horseshoe pits, barbecue areas, restrooms and a concession stand, and there is even talk of a community swimming pool at the site.



Big Horn County News Photo by Dick Crockford  
Shovels glint in the sunshine as work begins on the new recreation complex at Lane Deer.

- Core group to lead (constellation factor)
- Genuine humanitarian contributions from groups
- Combination of earnest participation, volunteer and mandated involvement
- Culturally sanctified: groundbreaking ceremony with Sacred Hat Covenant Caretaker



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## Smart Growth Principles & Culture

- Family is all-important
- Stewardship for future generations
- Determination- Finish what you started
- Tribal Leadership- Must build capacity and take ownership in these types of sustainable developments
- Development must be culturally sensitive



# **Smart Growth and Tribes**

## **Hestoneo'o Park Closing**

- **The conceptual translation of “Hestoneo'o” describes the Human Race; the Cheyenne as a People; and in a spiritual context: The Nation**
- **All of our hopes for healthy families & strong youth – a sustainable society – are embodied in Hestoneo'o Park**



