

February 10, 2026

Kevin Kuchenbecker  
Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Officer  
City of Deadwood  
Department of Planning and Preservation  
108 Sherman Street  
Deadwood, South Dakota 57732

RE: Conceptual Design - Days of '76  
Parking Lot and New Campground

Kevin,

Thank you for contacting Wyss Associates with an opportunity to provide conceptual design services for the Days of '76 Museum Parking Lot Upgrades and a new RV Campground for the City of Deadwood. We are very excited about this project, and we hope you find our proposal deserving of consideration.

We have a well-rounded experience of campground design and parking lot design. I have studied this area extensively over recent years understanding the lay of the land and the infrastructure. I understand that you intend for the parking lot to be upgraded to asphalt surface with curb and gutter. The parking lot needs to be configured to allow for the truck and horse trailer parking, as well as standard parking. The parking lot will be landscaped where appropriate and lighting will be included for security and safety while protecting the night sky. The RV campground will be located on the lower ledge and a possible second level on the elevated ledge of the slag pile property. RV sites will have water, sewer, and electrical hookups with concrete pads and an asphalt roadway. The check-in building will be moved from the museum property and be located on the new campground site.

I have already put some rough concepts together to gain further understanding of the campground site and the challenges of fitting a campground on the terrain.

### **Our Scope of Services:**

#### Conceptual Design

##### Investigative Services

Our office has topography and property linework for the property and base aerials and we will utilize these for the development of the concept. If the City of Deadwood has more current base information we will use that data to generate the concepts.

We will provide conceptual layout of the parking lot improvements at the Days of '76 Museum and the new RV Campground on the slag pile property. Conceptual layout plan will include utility layout to connect to existing infrastructure.

We will provide an opinion of cost for the improvements to aid in funding the project through construction.

This proposal does not include any civil, survey or geotechnical services. If these services are needed for the conceptual design, these can be provided at an additional mutually agreed cost.

We anticipate the conceptual design task to be accomplished in approximately 30-45 days from the notice to proceed.

Conceptual Design meetings:

Design kick-off meeting – initial meeting with you and staff to understand your needs and expectations for the project.

Coordination and review meetings – we anticipate this to be completed in one or two meetings depending on comments. Email and phone communications will be used to communicate comments and interim review.

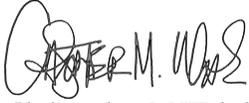
**Proposed Fee:**

Wyss Associates, Inc. will complete the Scope of Services listed herein for a lump sum fee of **Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars**. This proposal does not include any sales tax as this is a tax-exempt municipal project.

**Total Fee: \$6,500.00**

Kevin, please review this proposal & let me know if you have any questions. If these arrangements are acceptable, please sign and return one copy to our office electronically or provide other means of approval and notice to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal.

Sincerely,



Christopher M Wehrle,  
Landscape Architect  
Wyss Associates, Inc.

Authorization to Proceed:

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Name and Title*

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*Date*



Chris has been an integral part of the team at Wyss Associates, Inc. since joining the company in 1997, his responsibilities include: project management, construction administration, cost analysis, contracts, construction details, design, bidding, and conceptual plans. Chris is a South Dakota native and Registered Landscape in South Dakota. As president of the firm, Chris is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company and has been key in the design of many of our award winning projects since 1997

Rapid City Beautification Committee	2011-2013
Rapid City Historic Preservation Board	2015 - 2020
Council of Landscape Architects Registration Board (Exam Writing Committee)	2017-2021

### Relevant Projects

#### Rapid City Downtown Landscape Master Plan Rapid City, SD

Wyss Associates recently completed the 2025 master plan for the Rapid City Downtown. Working closely with the community, Chris managed the project through completion. The project required open houses, meetings with businesses, & civic leaders. The plan included budgets and layouts for design implementation.



#### Dignity of Earth & Sky Chamberlain, SD

Wyss Associates coordinated the multi phase plaza development of this popular state landmark. Project required permitting and approval with the SDDOT and the City of Chamberlain. Plaza design included colored concrete, varieties of seating and landscape design.



#### Elkhorn Ridge Development Spearfish, SD

Wyss Associates, Inc. has coordinated the full design efforts for the RV Resort, Elkhorn Ridge Golf Club, Elkhorn Ridge Travel Center, and the Peaceful Pines Senior Living Community. Chris Wehrle provided the full site design and coordination of the design team to complete these projects to completion.



#### Dakota Fields, Rapid City, SD

Wyss Associates has been working with the Black Hills Rapids Soccer Club since 2004. The 12 full size soccer field complex is located 1.25 miles north of I-90 at Exit 61. Careful planning was necessary to minimize impact to the existing floodway. All projects are coordinated with the City of Rapid City Public Works and Parks and Recreation Department.



### Professional Registrations:

Montana	# 10767
South Dakota	# 16437
Virginia	# 406002100
CLARB	# 39310
Wyoming	#LA-0303C

### Education:

AAS, Design  
Western Dakota Technical Institute

### Professional Experience:

1997-Current

Wyss Associates, Inc., Rapid City, SD  
President and Landscape Architect of Wyss Associates. Chris provides full project management, design, contract negotiation, and construction observation for the firm's projects under contract.

1991-1997

Galyardt Associates Rapid City, SD  
Civil Engineering Technician / Survey Crew Chief/ Designer  
Chris was responsible for the firm's survey and construction staking department. He also prepared contract documents on numerous municipal and military projects.



Wyss Associates, Inc. served as prime consultant and lead designer on this state of the art recreational Camping Resort. The facility was first conceived of during a master planning process we conducted for the 4,500 ranch complex. The facility is strategically located adjacent to US Interstate 90, a short distance from Sturgis, SD (home of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally attracting approximately; 500,000 motorcyclists over a two week period), as well as Deadwood, SD, Devil's Tower National Monument, WY & Mt. Rushmore National Memorial in SD.

Elkhorn Ridge Camping Resort has won numerous camping industry awards for the facility layout, amenities and service.

Known as the finest RV Resort in the Black Hills, the Elkhorn Ridge

Resort has all the comforts of the RV lifestyle.

Located in beautiful Spearfish, this full-service RV Resort offers 185 full-hookup RV sites with 110 pull-throughs and 75 back-ins along with 24 large cabins and 12 smaller cabins. Each RV site has full service with 20/30/50-amp service available, city water and sewer and every campsite is paved and leveled. Amenities include high-end shower houses, full laundry facilities, heated pool and hot tubs, tennis courts, basketball courts, and a playground for all ages. The main lodge has a gift shop and café.

The resort complex has great access to Highway 85 and Interstate 90 and minutes away from Deadwood, Spearfish and Sturgis. The grounds includes extensive landscaping & privacy berms to provide privacy from the highway and interstate. ■





Wyss Associates, Inc. served as the project designer and community facilitator for this family camping center for the Ft Belvoir military community. The site is located on the environmentally sensitive banks of Thompson Basin, a tributary of the Potomac River. Our services included community participation leadership, site design, and coordination with environmental review agencies.

The resort features 52 full service RV camping spaces with options for pull through and back in RV camping along with rustic cabin rentals. Each RV site has a picnic table, fire ring for grilling and campfires and a stunning view of the Potomac River. Additional amenities include family style restroom and shower house and self serve laundromat. ■



# RUSHMORE SHADOWS CAMPGROUND *Black Hills, South Dakota*

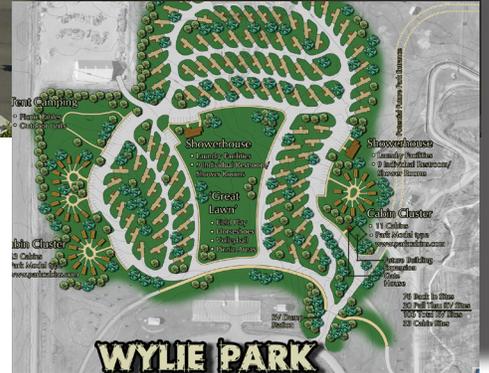


Wyss Associates master planned a major expansion to the popular Rushmore Shadows resort. The resort owners desired a plan that would map out their expansion efforts over a period of time to accommodate today's modern RV's and provide aesthetic improvements to the existing campground areas. Our plan included large pull through RV pads, buddy pads, back in sites, new cabin sites, a dog park, expansion to the existing swimming pool, tent camping expansion, hiking trails, a new shower house and

laundry facility, and a new campground administrative office complex.

When fully built out with the proposed master plan, the resort will be able to serve 203 RV's and 45 cabin rentals at any given time. All RV and cabin sites have either 50 amp or 30 amp service with water and sewer hookups along with wireless internet service throughout the resort. This popular resort is located on the way to Mount Rushmore on the scenic Highway 16.





Wyss Associates, Inc. worked with the City of Aberdeen to create a Master Plan for the expansion of the Wylie Park Campground. When complete the campground will add 106 RV sites, 33 cabins and two new tenting areas. The expansion will also provide two new shower/rest-room facilities along with a great lawn area.

After completing the master plan, Wyss Associates completing the design of phase one of the campground and was on site providing full construction administration services through the completion of the project.

The expansion is planned to be completed in three phases. ■





The Construction of Outlaw Square began in the fall of 2018. The city square is located on the corner of Deadwood Street and Main Street at the former site of Deadwood's City Hall and the Deadwood Theater. The City of Deadwood needed the square to bolster its entertainment venues and give families more activity options while visiting historic Deadwood. The Square features a large stage built with heavy timbers to handle major acts. Fronting Main Street is a historic-replica gazebo that is an architectural recreation of the original meeting place for townspeople. A water feature utilizes

an 1890's spigot and the Main Street entrance is framed by gallows poles. A 4,000sf engineered synthetic Ice, Glice®, skating rink can be used during any season. When the skating rink is not in use, visitors can gather on a synthetic turf lawn to relax and enjoy entertainment. 12,205 Reclaimed pavers from Deadwood Street were used as hardscape and a Historic Opera House stacked stone foundation wall was preserved for display. Wyss Associates completed the site design, including grading, hardscape, landscape and irrigation.

