

The Process/Timeline

- **2009: The City of Winona's East Recreation Center playground made the capital improvement list.**
- **2010: Gave park proposal and requested the reigns**
- **2010-2011: Spent time gathering more data and preparing a plan and theory**
 - Ten destinations within the space
 - Collaborate with a variety of artists and landscape architects, current users, and futures users to fashion unique environments
 - Allow transition areas to be play spaces of their own
 - Equipment alone does not constitute a playground
 - Children thrive in natural play environments
 - Investing in parks as community assets is an important economic development strategy,
 - Social capital can be generated with parks and is one of the most important assets to a community and its leaders.
- **2011: Started turning this theory into practice**
- **2011: Met Chris Florin who owns and operates Christine's Landscape Design, LLC / agreed to work with us!**
- **2011—2012: Worked with Chris on final vision and development of plan**
- **2012: Implementation of the plan begins!**
 - Took out existing equipment and salvaged what was re-usable
 - Pea Gravel and concrete frame was removed
 - Dirt was brought in to fill and grade the space
 - Piers and tunnel was set out in preparation for the burm
 - The burm was filled and compacted and fitted with boulders
 - Pod shapes were contoured
 - Landscape fabric and pea gravel was placed into pods
 - Large boulders and fallen trees were placed as natural boundaries between pods
 - Concrete pathway was formed up and poured
 - Pod features were installed (swing set, rock wall, jedi training course, etc...)
 - Community Art work days brought people together to work on the labyrinth
 - Plants and trees arrived and were planted, mulched and watered
 - A watering plan began
 - Sod arrived and was laid
 - Final purchases were made (movable seating, grill, trash can, water fountain, etc...)
- **2012: Open for PLAY!**

