

Northglenn PLAYBOOK

Parks, Recreation & Culture
Long-Range Plan

2024

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NORTHGLENN PLAYBOOK

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Northglenn Playbook, attached hereto, is hereby adopted as the official long-range plan for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department of the City of Northglenn, Colorado.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 9th day of December, 2024.

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The City of Northglenn extends sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the development of the Playbook.

The immense amount of effort devoted to this planning process is indicative of the commitment by the residents, City staff, and elected/appointed officials of Northglenn to enact positive change within their community and to shape the parks and recreation system for years to come.

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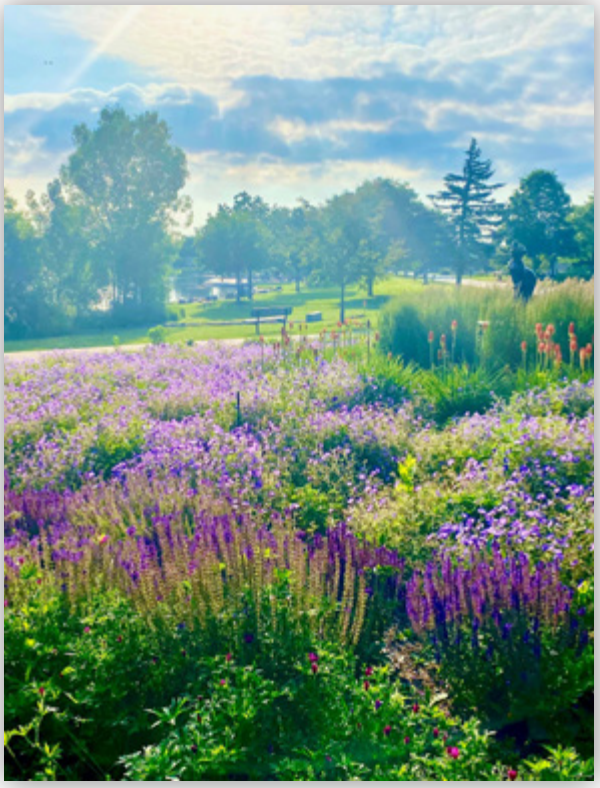
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Parks and recreation is integral to the City of Northglenn.

Prior to the City's incorporation, Perl-Mack, the first developer for the area, had the foresight to set aside property for parks and established the North Glenn Metropolitan Recreation District in 1965. The City and the District successfully merged in 1972, said to be the first merger of its kind in Colorado. The Northglenn Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that was developed as a result of that merger continues to provide leadership and direction for the department today.

The District's Parks and Recreation Growth Plan & Program, the only long-range plan developed by the district, was completed in 1968. Northglenn's City Council adopted the City's first comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 1983, followed by the adoption of the ten-year implementation plan in 1987. Although the plan has been regularly updated and facility-specific needs assessments have been conducted throughout the years, a comprehensive parks and recreation needs assessment has not been conducted since that time.

The authors of both the Master Plan and the Implementation Plan recognized that the parks and recreation desires and preferences of the community are continually evolving and recommended that an annual evaluation be conducted to address and consider revisions to the plan.

The most recent update was completed in 2017. That update included an inventory of existing parks and facilities, a five-year Capital Improvement Plan, an extended list of future capital improvement needs and desires, and a series of parks maintenance standards. As of 2024, all of the funded projects and priorities in the 2017 plan have been completed. The one unfunded project included in that plan, a trail extension at Badding Reservoir, has not yet moved forward, though still remains a viable possibility.

As per Chapter 17-2-7(d) of the Northglenn Municipal Code, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has the following responsibility: "To assist and advise the City Manager and the City Council in determining the community's needs and desires for parks, programs, and facilities in relationship to the Parks Master Plan, to review the Parks Master Plan on a yearly basis, and to recommend formal updates to the Parks Master Plan no less than every five (5) years to achieve an equitable balance, within reason, of parks, programs and facilities in the City."

Additionally, Chapter 17-1-1 of the Northglenn Municipal Code reads, "The City Council of the City of Northglenn finds, determines and declares that it is necessary and desirable that the City undertake to provide parks and recreation services, within the territorial limits of the City; and that it is necessary and desirable that the City provide recreation facilities of high quality to its citizens."

This plan seeks to complement city-wide efforts and organizational direction as it relates to the roles and functions of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and staff to complete capital improvements throughout the City's parks, public grounds, and recreational assets and amenities, setting and achieving maintenance standards and level of service standards, and continual assessment and evolution of programming to best meet the community's needs. Previous planning efforts were utilized to provide guidance throughout the development of Playbook. These plans were reviewed and taken into consideration to ensure alignment with the goals and vision of Northglenn as a whole. These plans and documents include:

- **Northglenn Municipal Code, Chapter 17 — Parks & Recreation**
- **2010 Open Space Management Plan**
- **2017 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**
- **2017 Civic Center Master Plan**
- **2018 Connect Northglenn (Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan)**
- **2023 Comprehensive Plan — Looking Up!**
- **2024 Northglenn Arts & Humanities Long-Range Plan**
- **2024 Strategic Plan**

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Playbook was developed utilizing a robust public engagement approach. As such, it is anticipated that the community at large will support the recommendations herein. This document is intended to serve as a roadmap to help assure the achievement of City Council strategic goals, the goals of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the expressed wishes of the public, and in so doing, provide a means to achieving what we all cooperatively strive for.

The City Is Seeking a Plan That Answers Four Primary Questions

1. **How does the number, quality and proximity of Northglenn's parks and recreation facilities and amenities compare to local and national benchmarks?**
2. **To what degree do those facilities and amenities, along with the events and programs held at those facilities, meet the diverse needs of all members of the community?**
3. **What gaps exist in Northglenn's parks and recreation system?**
4. **What investment should Northglenn anticipate making to improve or expand our parks and recreation facilities or programs in the next 10-15 years?**

This document is submitted in accordance with the Northglenn Municipal Code. It is intended to guide the City's investment in parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities and programming for the next 10-15 years.



Purpose & Process

The development of Playbook included five phases aligned to a series of key tasks and milestones. This process began in October 2022. Engagement efforts and activities were designed to gather input from a wide variety of participants, including residents, businesses, visitors, City staff, elected officials, and other stakeholders. This outreach included an open-house style meeting, pop-ups held at various community events, a community-wide statistically valid survey, individual interviews with City Council members, and meetings and work sessions with the Department, City Council, Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The purpose of the Plan is to:

- Define the community's long-term vision for both facilities and programming in parks, recreation, trails, arts, and culture.
- Complete a system-wide needs assessment and gap analysis.
- Update policies, maintenance standards, and service levels with data-driven recommendations to maximize the City's investments.
- Identify community priorities for park system improvements and identify a short-term action plan while incorporating flexibility to adjust to unforeseen circumstances, trends, and events affecting the Department and the City over the life of the plan.

Public Engagement



Mission & Vision

In 2019, City Council identified eight strategic priority areas. These include High-Performance Government, Public Safety, Housing Opportunities, Sustainability, Community Engagement, Business Retention & Growth, Diverse Community and Infrastructure. The strategic plan states “A collaborative approach, measurable goals, and clear performance expectations will provide the roadmap for city staff to align resources with integrity, innovation and creativity, ultimately improving levels of service for our residents.” Additionally, City staff identified a series of core values by which staff throughout the City operate. These core values include Customer Service Excellence, Integrity, Respect, Inclusivity, Accountability and Joy. These city-wide initiatives helped set the tone for the development of an updated mission and vision statement for the department and the City’s Parks & Recreation system as a whole.



In the heart of Northglenn beats a commitment to community well-being, vibrancy, and inclusivity. As stewards of this vision, the City’s Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture seeks not just to exist, but to thrive, embodying a purpose that resonates with the pulse of its residents. Through a collaborative process involving staff, public input, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Department has crafted a mission statement that serves as the guiding light for its endeavors: to promote health and well-being, enrich the community’s quality of life, and foster meaningful interactions through inclusivity with exceptional recreation programs, parks, facilities, and special events. The mission is more than a declaration; it is a commitment to a future where every individual feels valued, engaged, and empowered. With a clear vision for the journey ahead, grounded in community aspirations, the Department embarks on a path toward creating parks and recreation spaces that not only enriches lives but also builds enduring connections, ensuring that Northglenn continues to shine as a beacon of vitality, unity, and pride.

MISSION

The City of Northglenn's Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture's mission is to promote health and wellbeing, enhance the community's quality of life, and provide opportunities for community interaction through inclusive and high-quality recreation programs, parks, facilities, and special events.

VISION

Parks and recreation facilities and programming help make Northglenn a great place to live and contribute to a healthy and vibrant community. Community connections are built through diverse recreational activities that ensure accessible, welcoming, and safe experiences for all residents and participants.

Priority Goals

Priority goal areas provide general direction for implementation of the vision. Throughout the planning process, staff and the consultant team utilized community input to develop a series of priority goal areas. The identified goals are representative of the values that have been expressed by the community. Based on feedback from the community, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City Council, the following seven priority goal areas have been selected as the basis for this plan:





EXISTING CONDITIONS



Community Profile

The City of Northglenn is 7.4 square miles and lies approximately 12 miles north of Denver.

As depicted in the map on this page, 6.4 square miles are within Adams County and are home to the City's 38,000 residents. The remaining one square mile (not depicted) is in Weld County, approximately eight miles to the north. With nearly 39,000 residents, Northglenn is surrounded by other North Denver suburbs, including Thornton to the south, east, and north; Westminster to the southwest; and Broomfield to the northwest. Interstate 25 (I-25) runs north-south, bisecting the city. Major roads such as 120th Avenue, 104th Avenue, and Huron Street define its northern, southern, and western boundaries, respectively.

The City is serviced by the N Line - RTD commuter rail, which runs along its eastern edge, connecting Northglenn to Downtown Denver and Thornton. The Wagon Road Park & Ride includes a RTD commuter bus line, 120X, with 5 stops connecting Northglenn and the Union Station bus terminal in downtown Denver with an approximate trip duration of 20 minutes.



The demographics of Northglenn have evolved significantly over its 50 years of incorporation. The population grew by about 8.3% in the last decade, reaching 38,870 residents. Approximately 60% of residents identify as white alone, while about 34% are Hispanic, with the Hispanic population growing by 21.5% since 2010. The median age is 33.3 years, younger than both the county (34.1 years) and the state (37.1 years). There has been an increase in residents aged 65 and older and those aged 9 and under, indicating a community predominantly composed of younger families and seniors.

Northglenn has a suburban character with primarily residential areas and commercial centers along major arterial roads. Population growth was significant at 8.3% between 2010 and 2020 but has slowed recently. This growth can be attributed to relatively affordable housing. The City is landlocked by surrounding jurisdictions, limiting annexation opportunities and making it almost completely built out, aside from some redevelopment opportunities. Notable areas for potential future development include the recently completed Northglenn 112th Avenue Station on the N Line – RTD commuter rail, which offers transit-oriented development opportunities; the Civic Center Master Plan, currently in Phase 2 with plans for a new City Hall and a higher intensity mix of uses; Karl's Farm, which includes commercial uses and a central park space; and the Northglenn Marketplace, where redevelopment is underway, including the opening of Prost Biergarten in January 2024, with a comprehensive subarea planning process starting in 2024.

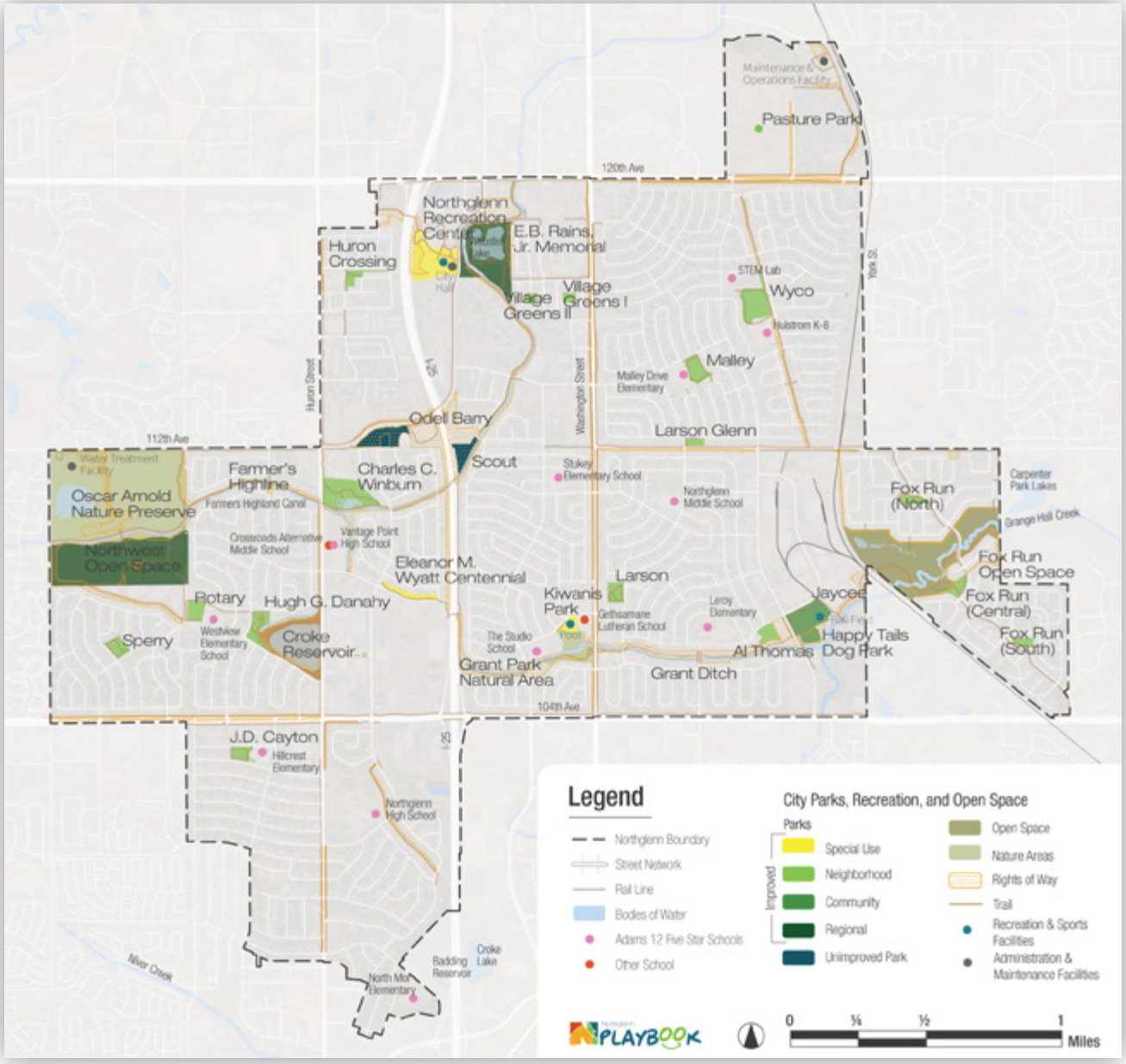
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System Profile

Parks and Open Space

Northglenn owns and maintains 29 sites, including 341.1 acres of parks, undeveloped parks, open spaces, and nature areas, 170 acres of right of way, and 36.5 miles of trail, as shown in the map below. Pasture Park, Northglenn's newest 1.3-acre park, is owned and maintained by the Karl's Farm Metropolitan District. These parks range in size, type, and use to provide variety and interest to the community. This section will define and explore the major differences between these park types. A detailed inventory is provided in Appendix A: Park System Inventory.

Existing System Map



Classification	Sites	Total Acres	Park Names
Regional	2	81	E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park & Northwest Open Space
Community	2	18.7	Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park, Jaycee Park & Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park
Neighborhood	16	47.5	Alvin B. Thomas Memorial Park, Central Park, Charles C. Winburn Park, Huron Crossing Park, J.D. Cayton Park, Larson Glenn Park, Larson Park, Malley Park, North Park, Pasture Park, Rotary Park, South Park, Sperry Park, Village Greens I, Village Greens II, Wyco Park
Special Use	3	18.6	Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park & Sculpture Garden, Kiwanis Park & Pool, Northglenn Recreation Center
	2	9.4	Odell Barry Park & Scout Park
Undeveloped	1	7	Grant Park
Nature Area	3	158.9	Croke Reservoir Nature Area, Fox Run Open Space and Stonehocker Park, Oscar Arnold Nature Preserve
Rights-of-Way	Citywide	170	Medians, Intersections, & general Rights-of-Way
Trails	Citywide	36.5 miles	Farmers' Highline Canal Trail, Grange Hall Creek Trail, Wyco Trail, Tuck Lateral Trail, etc.
ALL PARKLAND TOTAL:	**29**	**341.1 acres**	

Developed Parks

There are 165.8 acres of land in 23 developed parks, as shown in the table above. These parks provide built features and amenities to serve the community. Developed park spaces are further classified based on the park size, number and type of amenities, and who the park is meant to serve. These classifications are:

- **Regional:** Regional parks draw a high volume of both local visitors and those from the surrounding communities through their size, features, location, and programming. These sites will have specialized facilities to support major community events and activities.
- **Community:** Community parks are multi-purpose sites with recreational amenities and sports facilities meant to serve the entire local community. These parks often provide space for large, organized activities and group gatherings.
- **Neighborhood:** Neighborhood parks are typically smaller, less than 10 acres, and support nearby residents, generally within a 10-minute or half-mile walk. These parks offer essential recreational and play amenities to serve the immediate area.
- **Special Use:** This broad range of spaces includes public parks with specific or limited uses. The size of the space or types of amenities at the special use parks varies greatly.



Undeveloped Parks, Open Space, and Nature Areas

These areas are distinct from developed parks by their uses, purposes, and the way in which they are maintained. Nature areas and open spaces are opportunities for conservation within Northglenn. There are currently six of these areas, totaling over 175 acres, as shown in the table on page 12.

- **Undeveloped Parks:** These locations are City-owned parcels held for future recreation and park development. These sites may not be currently accessible and are not shown as an existing park. Northglenn currently has two undeveloped park sites, Odell Barry which is designed and Scout Park which is currently used for archery.
- **Open Space:** These spaces are defined as outdoor areas of vegetation and other natural features that can support a variety of wildlife. Additionally, these spaces are opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with nature.
- **Nature Areas:** Nature Areas have the greatest restriction against development. In addition to the departmental designation assigned to other park types through this plan, a Nature Area is a use by right in Open Zone Districts. This zoning designation was authorized through Council Bill 1562, Series of 2006. Designation of a parcel as a Nature Area requires authorization of City Council via an ordinance. Likewise, the only way to remove the designation of Nature Area is by ordinance. These spaces are primarily used for conservation purposes to preserve the natural character, landscape, and environment. Development is limited to trails and existing utilities; improvements should be made and maintained with minimal environmental impacts.



Rights-of-Way

Public rights-of-way (ROW) owned by the City and maintained by the City's Parks Division include streetscape landscaping, improved spaces, and beautification areas. Features of these spaces include plantings, irrigation, and signage. These areas can be found surrounding public buildings, along major roadways, and adjacent to trails. There are approximately 170 acres of ROW currently maintained by the City's Parks Division.

Recreation and Culture Facilities

Trails

Approximately 36.5 miles of paved and soft-surface trails connect residents to Northglenn's parks and recreation facilities, neighborhoods, and other destinations.

Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Northglenn's outdoor recreation facilities include playgrounds, fishing piers, a splash pad, outdoor exercise equipment, a dog park and a skate park.

Sports Facilities

Northglenn's parks include a total of 36 sports facilities including basketball courts, baseball/softball diamonds and backstops, pickleball courts, tennis courts, and multi-sport rectangular fields.

Recreation Center, Senior Center & Theatre

The City opened an 87,700 square foot Recreation Center, Senior Center, and Theatre facility in 2021 which serves as a hub for Northglenn's recreation and culture programs.

Other Buildings/Facilities

Northglenn Parks and Recreation manages additional buildings and facilities that serve the community including the Kiwanis Outdoor Pool, the boathouse at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, the restroom/scorekeeper's booth at Jaycee Park, and the parks maintenance facilities including, the parks barn at the Maintenance and Operations Facility, additional park maintenance facilities are planned for Northwest Open Space and E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.



Parks and Open Space

Parks, recreation, and culture programming is at the heart of what the Department does. Programming serves as a way in which the Department and City are able to connect with residents and non-residents alike and, in turn, enhance the quality of life for the entire community. Further, programming aids in helping create a unique sense of identity and belonging within the community. It is aligned with the City's comprehensive plan and values and is reviewed on a rolling basis to ensure community needs are being met. When deemed of benefit and with consideration to the necessary resources, new programs are added and existing programs adjusted or removed, as warranted.

Programming Types & Locations

Parks, recreation, and culture programming is created using the conceptual foundations of play, recreation, and leisure. The philosophy suggests that most people will opt to spend non-work time engaging in some form of relaxation or diversion from the standard work schedule and activities. The City of Northglenn offers a wide range of programs and services to meet this model. Examples include formal, informal, and open access programming in the areas of aquatics, arts, culture, day camp, events, fitness, general leisure and play, outdoor education, preschool, sports, seniors, theatre, trips, and more. Programming is designed to be as diverse, inclusive, and equitable as possible across the community.

The City utilizes the Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior, and Parsons Theatre facility as a hub for programs, services, and events. In addition, there are other facilities and spaces where programming takes place. Parks, playgrounds, ballfields, multi-use fields, open space, natural areas, and trails are also utilized for an assortment of programming.

Programming Strategy & Resource Allocation

Programming is designed to meet the wants and needs of the community. Resource allocation, such as personnel and operating funds, along with infrastructure and organizational structure is a reflection of those wants and needs. Moreover, City staff strive to make programming diverse, equitable, and inclusive so as to reach and provide opportunities for the majority of the community. Considerations include age, interest area, fees, day and time. A matrix of currently-offered programs can be found in the table on following pages (14 and 15).



Program, Activity, or Service	Location		Service Categories												Target Audience						
	Indoor	Outdoor	Open Access Activities	Community Events	Community Services	Drop-In Activities	Education & Enrichment	Introductory Level	Special Events	Rentals	Advanced Activities	Competitive Activities	Personalized Services	Resales	All Ages	Ages 0-4	Ages 5-12	Ages 13-18	Ages 19-49	Ages 50-69	Ages 70+
After School Care	•						•										•	•			
Art Classes	•						•	•			•						•	•	•	•	•
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Birthday Parties	•	•								•					•						
Book Club	•					•														•	•
Card & Tabletop Games	•					•														•	•
Concerts	•	•	•	•					•	•					•						
Daddy Daughter Ball	•							•									•	•			
Dancing Through the Decades		•		•											•						
Day Camp	•	•					•										•				
Day Trips	•	•			•		•											•	•	•	•
Emergency Preparedness	•	•			•												•				
Fishing		•	•	•											•						
Fitness Classes	•	•				•		•										•	•	•	•
Flag Football		•						•									•	•	•	•	•
Food Truck Carnival		•		•											•						
Fourth of July Festival		•		•											•						
Grand & Me Tea	•			•												•	•			•	•
Lifeguard Training	•	•			•													•	•	•	•
Line Dancing	•							•										•	•	•	•
Lunches & Dinners	•			•																•	•
Martial Arts	•					•		•			•						•	•	•	•	•
Mudapalooza		•							•									•	•	•	•
Nature Education		•	•	•			•								•						
Neighborhood Nights		•		•											•						
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Path to Preschool	•						•									•					
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Pirate Festival		•		•											•						
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Public Art	•	•	•												•						
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Softball		•									•	•						•	•	•	•
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Strength Training	•	•	•			•		•					•				•	•	•	•	•
Swim Lessons	•	•					•	•					•		•						
Swimming	•	•				•									•						
Swim Team	•										•	•					•	•			
T'ai Chi	•					•														•	•
Technology Classes	•					•														•	•
Teddy Bear Picnic		•		•												•	•				
Tennis		•	•												•						
Theatre Classes	•						•	•			•					•	•	•			
Theatre Productions & Shows	•							•		•	•	•			•						
Triathlon	•								•									•	•	•	•
Video Gaming	•					•	•	•									•	•			
Volleyball	•	•				•		•									•	•			
Volunteering	•	•					•	•										•			
Wiffleball		•							•								•	•	•	•	•

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Season				Days & Times								Service Provider			Division				
Winter (Dec.-Feb.)	Spring (March-May)	Summer (June-Aug.)	Fall (Sept.-Nov.)	Weekday Early Morning	Weekday Morning	Weekday Afternoon	Weekday Evening	Weekend Early Morning	Weekend Morning	Weekend Afternoon	Weekend Evening	City	Contracted	Partnership	Parks	Recreation	Culture	Seniors	Events
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Planning & Development

The City of Northglenn program planning and development is constantly taking place with idea generation and brainstorming happening throughout the year, coupled with the solicitation of feedback from the community through the distribution of surveys, questionnaires, comment cards, and public engagement. The goal in soliciting feedback is to gain insight from program participants, facility users, and those who do not fall into those categories. As ideas are vetted and become more strongly considered for implementation, the planning process becomes increasingly formal. A multitude of considerations are made to ensure there is mission and vision alignment, financial sustainability, community interest and need, and more. Program implementation and rollout takes place on a trimester cycle and is centered around the seasons.

Program Assessment & Review

Parks, recreation, and culture programs are routinely assessed through performance measure tracking and the solicitation of both quantitative and qualitative feedback. Performance measures include indicators such as participation, attendance, revenue, expenditures, and cost recovery among others. Surveys are regularly distributed to participants to learn more about their personal experiences and satisfaction levels. Further, program summaries are oftentimes drafted as a way to document and holistically evaluate implemented programs.

Cooperative Programming

Existing City of Northglenn resources do not allow for the provision of all programs, events, and services the community desires. As a result, partnerships are sought and formed as a way to expand and enhance levels of service. Moreover, community partners and contractors are sometimes able to provide a different service or higher level of service than the City based on their business model and existing market share, allowing the City to dedicate valuable resources elsewhere.

Marketing & Promotion

The City actively markets and promotes its programs and services. It does so through an array of mechanisms and outlets with the intent of reaching a broad audience. Marketing and communication outlets include but are not limited to the following: City website, direct mail, email, newsletters, postcards, social media, flyers, brochures, banners, digital signage, and program-specific applications.

A seasonal activity guide is created, published, printed, and distributed to the community and serves as a way to effectively market and promote programs, events, and services. The publication and distribution schedule of the guide can be found below:

Activity Guide Season	Publication Timeline	Distribution Timeline
Winter & Spring	Mid-November	Early December
Summer	Late March	Early April
Fall	Late July	Mid-August

> A multitude of considerations are made to ensure there is mission and vision alignment, financial sustainability, community interest and need, and more.

Registration & Enrollment

For many programs the City of Northglenn offers, registration is required. Registration aids staff with participant management, staffing coordination, and fiscal stewardship. Two primary registration platforms are utilized by the City, RecTrac and AudienceView.

RecTrac is utilized extensively for program enrollment, room rentals and facility scheduling. The software allows for household accounts to be created, capturing key demographic information, program identification and descriptions, and ultimately, both in-person and online, self-serve registration. AudienceView is utilized for ticket sales and box office management.

For programs not requiring registration, they are typically structured as a drop-in program, meaning someone has gained admittance to a facility through an alternative means such as a through membership or daily fee, or there is open access to the program or event where there is no predetermined limit for participation or number of attendees.





NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Public Engagement

To achieve a deep understanding of the needs of the community, the team provided a strategic and thorough engagement process involving as many user groups and residents as possible.

This process aimed to educate the community, develop a community vision and goals for the parks and recreation system, and encourage the community to provide meaningful input on real choices and tradeoffs.

Engagement tasks and activities were designed to:

- Clearly explain the project goals, scope, process, and purpose to educate the community about the plan.
- Leverage local events, groups, and tools to build on the existing energy, resources, and participation and to meet people where they are.
- Reach a broad cross section of the community and strive to include those who may not typically be involved in the planning process.
- Develop, communicate, and confirm the vision, values, and goals for the future of the system, as expressed by the community.
- Identify community needs and priorities and determine preferences for future investments in the parks and recreation system.



The insight provided by those that use our facilities and programs, live in our neighborhoods, do business in the City, and provide services in the region is invaluable. A robust community engagement process was crucial in developing this plan. Various methods, including a statistically valid survey, an open link survey, focus groups, workshops, and pop-up engagements at local events, ensured comprehensive feedback. These opportunities were designed to meet people where they are, whether that be providing quick feedback at a local event or providing an in-depth response to a survey.

Focus Groups & Interviews

From January to April 2023, engagement methods were focused on developing a department vision and mission statement as well as identifying the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. Initial stakeholder interviews and focus groups provided key themes and topics regarding the City's vision, goals, and priorities for the long-range plan. The community open house identified important community needs, what is working well for the parks and recreation system, and where improvement is needed.



Surveys

A survey was developed to gather community feedback on the City's parks, recreation facilities, amenities, and arts and culture programs. Questions were developed to help identify how the community utilizes parks and recreation amenities, areas for improvement, satisfaction levels and desires for future improvements. To ensure statically valid results, the survey was initially provided to a randomized sample of Northglenn residents by mail, with an option to complete the survey on paper or online. Instructions were provided in both English and Spanish. A total of 300 Northglenn residents responded to the statistically valid survey.

The survey was then opened to the general public, which received an additional 135 responses. These self-selected respondents included both residents and non-residents, many of whom indicated regular use of the facility and/or parks and trails.

In total, 435 responses were submitted. The two sets of survey responses had similar, reinforcing results. A copy of the survey and the complete results are available in Appendix C: Statistically-Valid Survey.

Common Themes

Key themes emerged from the feedback, highlighting community priorities such as safe and connected trails, protection and enhancement of natural areas, and a desire for more varied park activities. Residents emphasized the need for improved safety and security in parks, a broader range of recreational programming, and continued investment in park maintenance and enhancements. The community also expressed appreciation for citywide events and the new Recreation Center, with suggestions for further improvements and additions. These insights underscore the community's commitment to maintaining Northglenn's reputation and fostering community pride through ongoing development and enhancement of parks and recreational opportunities.

64% of respondents rated satisfaction with the quality of parks, recreation and culture facilities a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-5. The average rating is a **3.8 out of 5.**

When asked what kind of new programs or events were desired, the most common word used was **"More,"** followed by **"Trails"** and **"Classes."**

47% of respondents said they would like to see the City invest more or much more money in parks, recreation & culture. 42% said they would like to see the City spend about the same. Only **2%** indicated a desire to spend less.



42% of respondents use the City's parks, open spaces and trails at least once a week.

60% of the sample said that maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing amenities and infrastructure is the top priority.

The average condition of parks, recreation and culture facilities was rated at **3.9 out of 5.**

56% said that off street trails connecting parks and other destinations was the top needed future amenities, followed by natural areas, quiet places to relax and community gardens.

79% of respondents rated the quality of programs at a 4 or 5, with an average rating of **4.1 out of 5**.

When asked if the City's parks and open spaces, the Recreation Center, Senior Center & Theatre, and trails meet the needs of the community, the average rating was between **3.5 and 4.2** in all categories. Parks & Open Spaces (**80%** said mostly or completely), Recreation Center (**80%** said mostly or completely), Trails (**75%** said mostly or completely), Events (**73%** said mostly or completely).

Parks, open space and trails were rated as the most important facilities to respondents, with an average rating of **4.6 out of 5**, with 5 being very important.

When asked how they generally hear about parks, recreation and culture opportunities, respondents most commonly said **"Mail,"** followed by **"Newsletter," "Facebook,"** and **"Center."**

Additional lighting, improved safety & security and additional amenities were the highest rated aspects that would increase respondents use of the city's parks, recreation & culture facilities, programs and services.



Safe and Connected Trails

Community members would like to see increased connectivity throughout the trail system to destinations like parks and open spaces by building additional trails and paths. Complementary wayfinding signage, trail markings, and improved street crossings are desired to enhance trail safety.

Protecting or Enhancing Natural Areas and Open Space

Residents indicate a desire to maintain and enhance existing natural areas throughout the City. These features can be enhanced and utilized as a recreational and environmental resource for the community.

Activities in Parks

The community would like to see more variety in park enhancements with unique and interactive amenities such as community gardens, disc golf, and extraordinary play features. Additionally, they would like to see parks as a gathering place for all user groups.

Safety and Security

A common sentiment is that there is a strong need for increased lighting, security, and other safety improvements in Northglenn's parks. A perceived lack of personal safety is often attributed to alcohol and drug use, trash, panhandling, and the presence of people experiencing homelessness in parks.

Recreation Programming Variety

The quality of programs is seen very positively but people in Northglenn have noted some specific gaps in programming capacity/availability and options. Users would like to see additional recreational programming opportunities for adults. There is also a need for enhancing marketing and communication about programs. Residents are favorable toward the City expending more money on parks, recreation, and culture programs, however, there was also an indication that individuals would participate more if fees were lower.

Northglenn Events

People in Northglenn have expressed their appreciation of Citywide events and would like to see their community more activated by continuing to expand the frequency and variety of events held.

Continued Improvement

The City of Northglenn has grown considerably in the past ten years and community members would like to see the City's parks and recreation opportunities continue to support Northglenn's reputation and foster community pride. Residents noted that maintenance and repair of existing amenities is important and should be a focus in the future.

Recreation Center

The new Recreation Center is a highly valued community resource. With an understanding that the facility is still very new, some residents expressed an interest in additions to the facility and points of concern on the facility's operations, noting room for improvement.

National Trends

Each year the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) publishes an article titled "Top Trends in Parks & Recreation." Notable trends that may be relevant to Northglenn published between 2022 and 2024 include:

- **Pickleball:** *"What seemed to be a niche activity for older adults with bad knees has exploded into a full-fledged recreation trend, complete with pickleball performance apparel, celebrity influencers and even professional leagues."* It's estimated that over 4 million people play it annually. While pickleball continues to grow in popularity, so do noise related concerns. Noise impacts should be considered when locating a pickleball court.



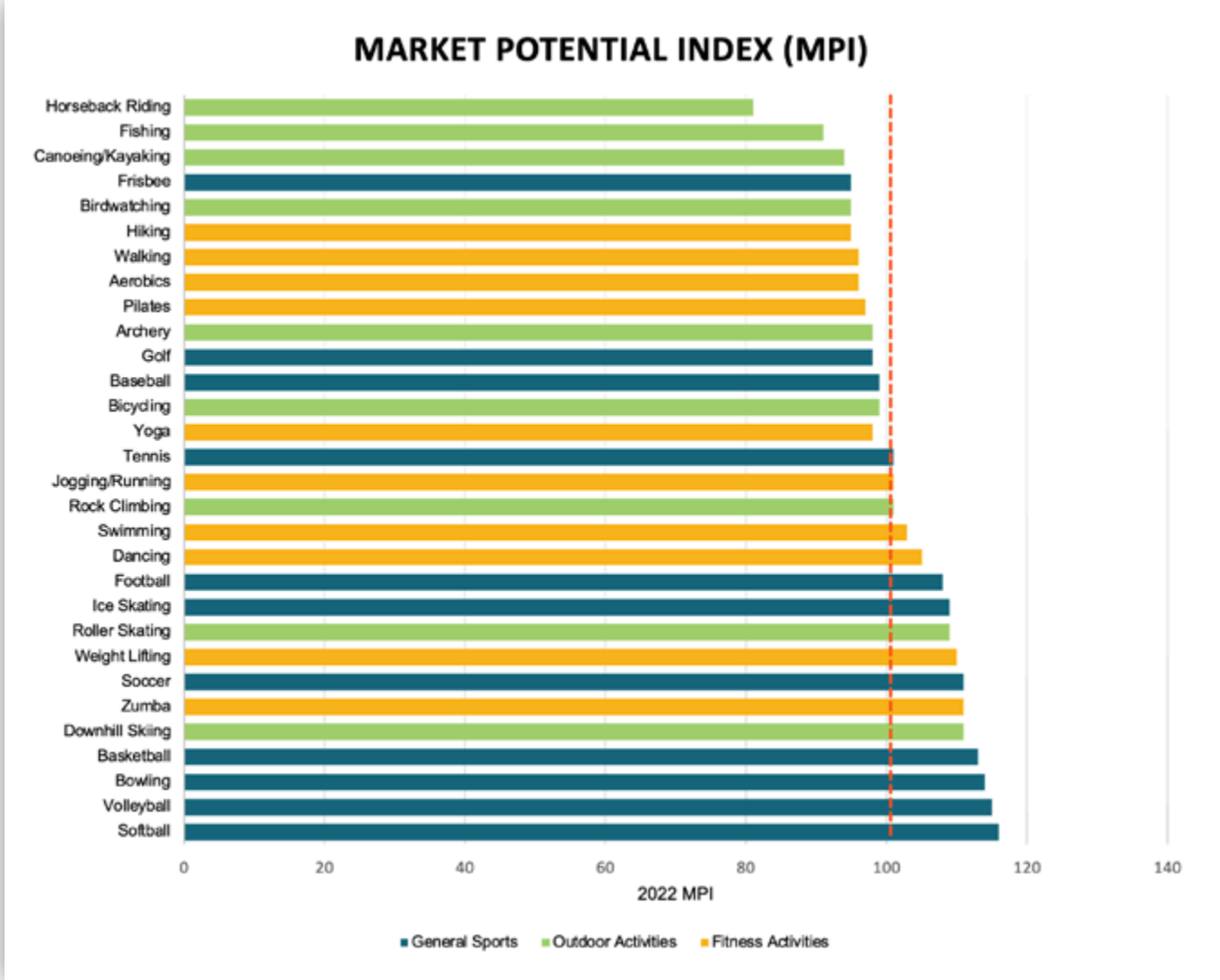
- **Mindfulness, Nutrition, and Stress Reduction:** Programs that support mental, emotional and social health are growing in popularity. These include *"yoga, tai chi, guided meditation, nature therapy — including forest bathing — and especially programming to teach mindfulness and stress reduction are all growing in popularity."* This trend has been growing nationwide since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Climate Change:** As climate change continues to impact our communities worldwide, awareness is growing regarding the function of parks and open spaces to combat it. NRPA states that — *"Parks and green spaces are proving to be among the most effective tools to combat the effects of urban heat islands, and cities and urban counties are looking to maximize the benefits of their park systems to combat urban heat island effects."*
- **Decline in Youth Sports Participation:** Starting before the pandemic, NRPA states that *"Multiple studies have found that there has been a sharp and continuing decline in youth sports participation. Concurrently, there also has been a steady decline in physical activity by youth."* Sports sampling programs, offering non-traditional sports, and pop-up parks are all methods being tried by agencies to increase sports participation and exposure to youth.
- **Technology:** *"There is little doubt that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will bring disruptive innovation to parks and recreation on a scale that we have never seen before."* AI is anticipated to assist with everything from security and surveillance to park planning and energy savings. Northglenn is already utilizing AI through Placer.ai, a location analytics company, to gather data about park usage. Technology is also coming into play as it relates to park maintenance. From drones that can apply herbicides to the impacts that robotic delivery service may have on public trails, technology may create efficiencies in some areas, while introducing challenges in others.
- **Special Events:** Festivals and events continue to be an area of growth across the country. This includes *"family engagement nights, seasonal festivals, fitness programming, holiday karaoke, "eldertainment," games and activities for "kidults," and partnerships with libraries…."* This is an area that Northglenn has seen growth in the past decade, and one that continues to be of interest to the community.
- **Self-Cleaning Restrooms:** A costly endeavor at $100,000 for a single unit, self-cleaning restrooms have been in use in Europe and Asia for decade. These units have more recently been introduced in the United States, including a recent installation in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A programmable cleaning cycle notifies users that it is about to begin and disinfectant spray washes all surfaces.
- **Staffing:** The recruitment and retention of part-time staff is identified as *"the biggest pain point." Agencies across the country are struggling to find lifeguards and children's program staff, to name a few. This is impacting the ability to provide programming, even as demand for those programs is increasing. Staff are seeking higher pay, better benefits, lower stress, and more flexible hours, while also supporting "psychological well-being, providing mental health support and respecting work/life boundaries."*
- **Anchor Institutions:** Parks and recreation agencies are beginning to be seen as *"Anchor Institutions," vital to the community. The article states, "These spaces are not just nice-to-have in communities. They are essential, vital spaces and programs that are social drivers of health, resilience and equity."*
- **Dog Parks and Ownership:** Rising numbers of dog ownership are occurring alongside more emphasis on how our dogs impact our daily lives and decisions. NRPA states that "**43%** of people believe that their dog's opinion matters on where they live" and that dog parks should provide enrichment and both human and dog socialization opportunities through a cooperative planning process.

Park Usage

Metric Name	Northglenn Recreation Center	E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park	Oscar Arnold Nature Area	Northwest Open Space	Jaycee Park	Alvin B. Thomas Park	Sperry Park	Rotary Park
Visits	274.4K	305K	22.5K	226.9K	46.6K	11.7K	7.9K	5.7K
Visits / sq ft	0.46	0.27	< 0.01	0.1	0.12	0.1	0.07	0.04
Size - sq ft	591.9K	1.1M	3.3M	2.3M	399.8K	118.9K	120.5K	126.8K
Visitors	70.6K	150.8K	10.1K	70K	14.8K	4.3K	2.5K	1.7K
Visit Frequency	3.92	2.02	2.24	3.24	3.15	2.7	3.13	3.37
Avg. Dwell Time	95 min	72 min	74 min	81 min	55 min	100 min	87 min	66 min
Panel Visits	16K	11.7K	962	9.4K	2K	496	303	252
Visits YoY	+3.4%	-0.8%	+18.7%	+3.8%	-13.9%	-11.7%	-30.1%	-8.4%
Visits Yo2Y	+51.3%	+3.9%	+74.2%	+13.7%	-10.4%	+3.2%	+9.2%	+36.6%
Visits Yo3Y	+1.5K%	+18.2%	+115.3%	+59.2%	+27.4%	-9.8%	-27.1%	+53.5%

Market Support

To help inform the allocation of City resources into parks and recreation facilities and programs, the below chart show recreation participation rates for Northglenn adults (18 years or older). The Market Potential Index (MPI), provided by Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI), represents the expected demand for a particular activity based on consumer behavior or purchasing patterns as compared to the larger U.S. These data are not available for youth; however, they help understand trends and needs in recreation and can be used to help inform recreational resource allocation.



The National Average MPI is set at 100. Therefore, a Northglenn MPI with a score greater than 100 indicates a higher demand than the national average, and a score less than 100 indicates a lower demand than the national average. Relevant recreational activities have been organized into three categories:

- **General Sports**
- **Fitness**
- **Outdoor Activities**

Participation levels (and the corresponding MPI score) represent both interest and/or access. For example, a low MPI score on “walking” could indicate low demand, however it could also reflect secondary considerations such as unsafe or uncomfortable conditions, few walking paths, minimal rest points, etc.

General Sports

In the General Sports category, the market potential for softball is highest, closely followed by volleyball, bowling, and basketball. Soccer, ice skating, football, and tennis also score above the national average. General Sports collectively have a high MPI and likely reflect both interest and access in Northglenn and nearby.

Fitness

In the Fitness category, the market potential is highest for Zumba and weightlifting. Dancing, swimming, and jogging/running also score above the national average.

Outdoor Activities

In the Outdoor Activity category, the market potential is highest for roller skating (as relevant to Northglenn). Rock climbing also scores slightly above the national average, while mountain biking, road cycling, and archery are just below the national average.

Combined Activities

Out of all categories, 16 activities score higher than the national average market potential in Northglenn and are spread across all categories, but the majority are related to sports. Popularity also varies between individual and team/group activities. This data suggests that Northglenn should consider provision of these most popular indoor and outdoor activities through direct provision of facilities and/or programs, as well as partnerships.

Benchmarking

Benchmark Communities

Comparing Northglenn's parks and recreation system to other cities provides context and helps us understand performance, offerings, and operations relative to real world examples. Benchmark cities were selected based on their similarity to Northglenn in size, population, suburban location, municipal structure, and overall standard of service. The nine benchmark communities include Brighton, CO; Deer Park, TX; Englewood, CO; Erie, CO; Fountain, CO; Greenwood Village, CO; Lynnwood, WA; Parker, CO; and Wheat Ridge, CO.

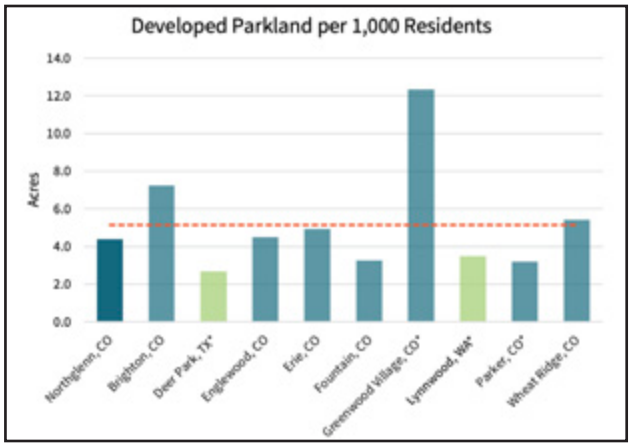
Benchmark Metrics

Data was collected directly from each of the nine budget documents, benchmark communities utilizing annual reports, long-range plans, system maps and other local publications. When possible, staff from each community verified the accuracy of the data. The comparison data is from 2022, the most recent full year for which data was available. Key findings are noted below, and a full benchmark matrix and related assumptions can be found in Appendix D: Benchmarking Matrix. Metrics reviewed include system statistics, population per facility, budget, and staffing.

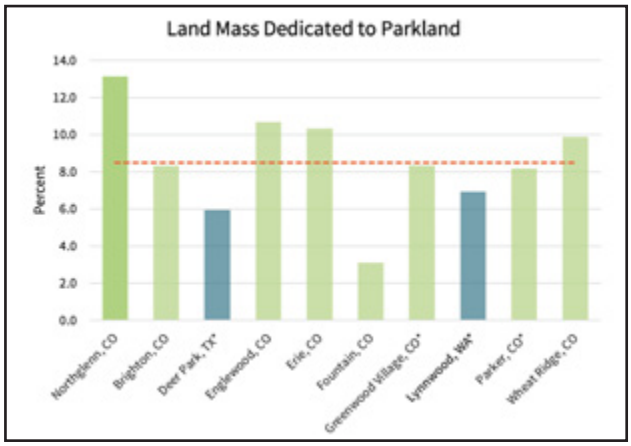
Benchmarking Analysis

System Statistics

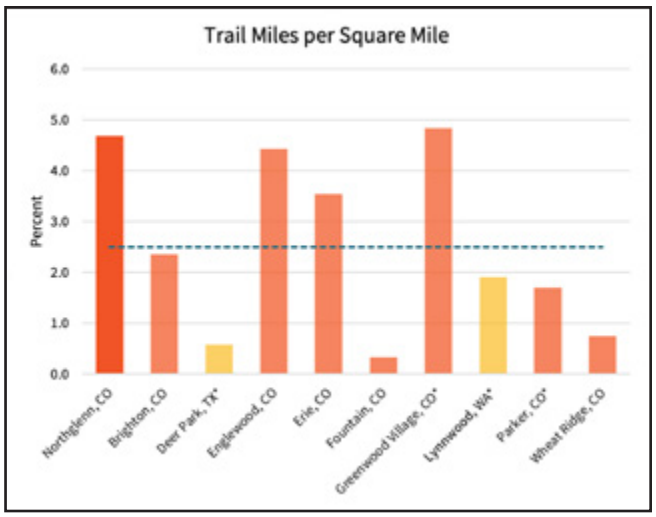
- Northglenn has fewer acres of developed parks per 1,000 residents than the average of the benchmark cities.

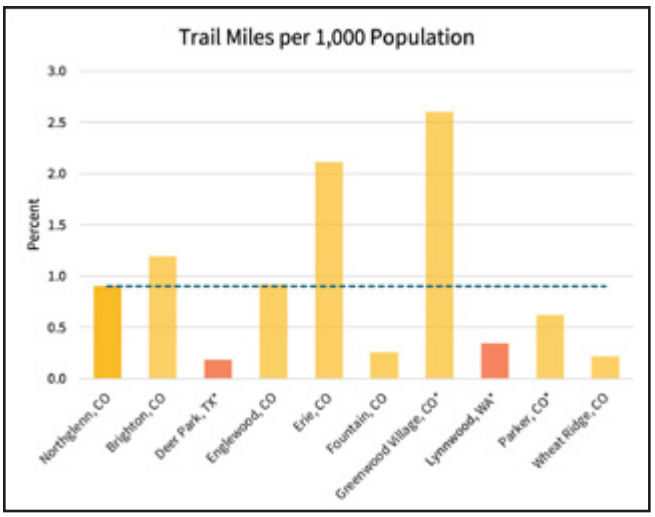


- At 13.1%, Northglenn has a higher portion of overall land mass dedicated to parks and open space than the average of the benchmark cities.



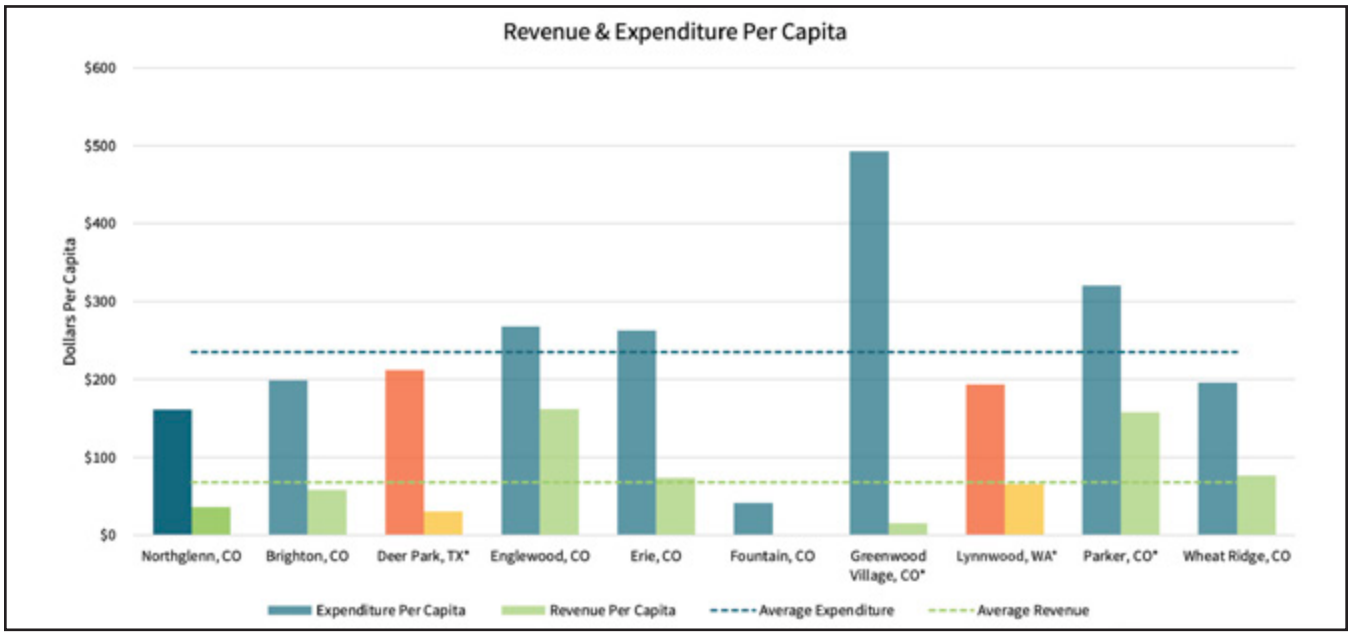
- Acres of undeveloped open space can range greatly depending on a jurisdiction's size, but compared to benchmarked cities of a similar size, Northglenn has a relatively large amount of open space.
- Northglenn's 36.5 miles of maintained trails is second highest of the benchmarked cities, and significantly higher than the benchmark average per 1,000 residents and per square mile. Trail miles per 1,000 residents are on par with the benchmark average.





Budget

- Northglenn operating expenditures per capita is below that of the benchmark average, as is revenue per capita.



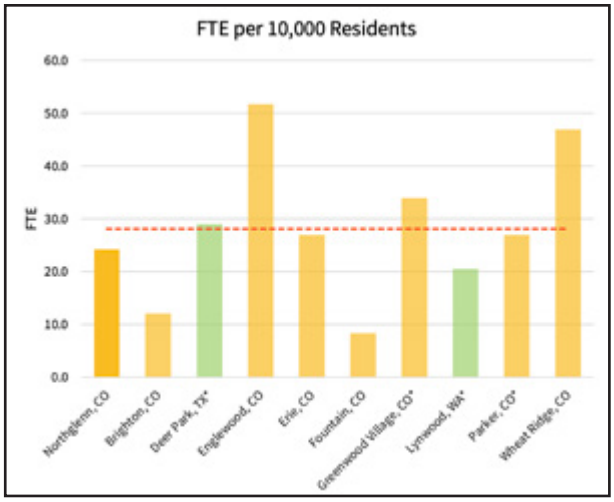
- Northglenn spends approximately 34% of the budget on parks maintenance. This is in alignment with the benchmark average. Fountain and Greenwood Village have the inverse rates (approximately 70 percent on parks). Parks expenditures are lower in Lynnwood and Parker, at approximately 20%.

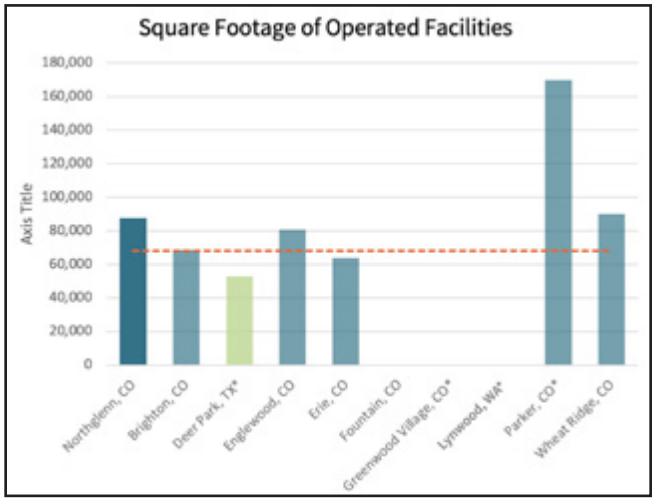
Population per Facility

- Northglenn has relatively fewer playgrounds, diamond fields, and tennis courts.
- Northglenn has relatively more rectangular fields, pickleball courts, and community gardens.
- Northglenn has one dog park and one skate park which is typical for the benchmarked cities.

Staffing

- Northglenn has 92 department FTEs, which is in line with the average of the benchmark communities.
- When compared to population, Northglenn still has fewer staff (24.3 per 10,000 population) than peer cities (28.1 per 10,000 population).
- Northglenn also has fewer acres per FTE (3.6) than the benchmark average (4.1).
- *Different agencies may have different responsibilities, services, facilities, and contracting practices that can contribute to variations in staffing levels.



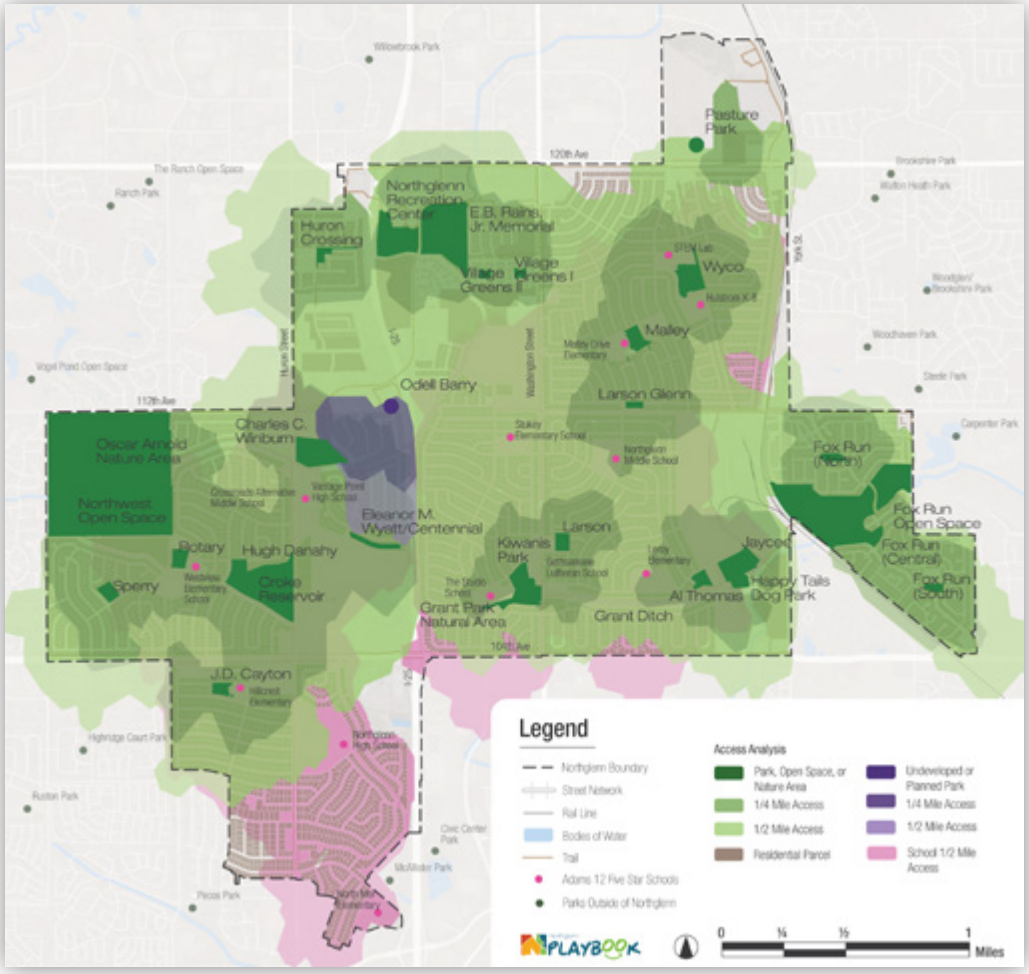


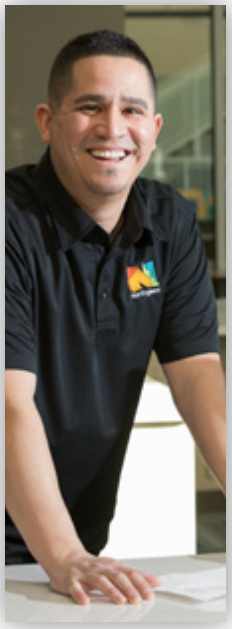
Operated Buildings

- Northglenn's square footage of operated buildings is slightly higher compared to benchmarked cities. This includes the recreation center facility and any other recreation or parks-related buildings.
- Northglenn has a higher ratio of population to recreation facilities, at nearly 50% more than the benchmark cities.
- None of the benchmarked cities charge a parking fee at parks or facilities.

Access and Gap Analysis

This analysis looks at how well parkland, amenities, trails, and facilities geographically serve the Northglenn community and where there are gaps in service and access.





Parks and Open Space

Walkable Park Access

It's important to look at where developed parks are in the City, if walkable access exists between neighborhoods and these parks, and who lives in the gap areas. Approximately 50 percent of Northglenn's nearly 10,000 homes are within a quarter mile walk of a developed park and 88 percent of homes are within a half mile walk of a City-owned developed park. This is a very high level of park service area coverage. While I-25 is a major north/south barrier, it does not greatly impact park access in Northglenn (see Trail Opportunities for more detail on crossings).

Residential areas not within walkable access to Northglenn's developed parks tend to have walkable access to parks in neighboring jurisdictions, schools, and/or planned parks. Also, planned development of undeveloped park land at Odell Barry Park will help fill in gaps. Within a half mile of Northglenn's boundary, there are approximately 31 other parks and outdoor sports facilities, five nature/open spaces areas, and two recreation/community centers. These places offer additional convenient access to parks and open space for Northglenn residents, and Northglenn's facilities offer the same for residents of nearby communities.

Schools provide 14 percent of homes with walkable access to play areas and recreational amenities. There are also several schools with outdoor fields and play amenities within a half mile of Northglenn. For this reason, and the lack of available land for new parks, it's important that the City and schools continue to partner on public accessibility for school park and open space amenities to serve people in the purple areas on the map on page 26.

Open spaces and natural areas are currently one of the top used areas in Northglenn's park and recreation system. Community feedback also indicates that natural areas and quiet places to relax are a top need for the Northglenn community moving forward. While there isn't additional City land to provide new nature areas, this is important to note as a highly valued part of the system that should be prioritized for maintenance and improvements.

Level of Service

Parkland level of service (LOS) is typically measured as a ratio of acres of developed parks per 1,000 residents. The term "parkland" includes both maintained parks and open space areas, as well as other publicly accessible green spaces and courtyards.

U.S. Census estimates show that Northglenn has 38,106 residents as of July 2022, a number that has remained relatively stable since 2015. Within the City, minimal population growth at an annual rate of approximately .1% resulting from infill development is anticipated for the foreseeable future. According to the State Demography Office, a higher growth rate is anticipated for Adams County as a whole, with a projected increase from 527,501 residents in 2022 to 775,000 in 2050. NRPA states that the national average for similar sized communities is 10.6 acres of park land per 1,000 residents.

The U.S. Census estimates that Northglenn has 38,106 residents as of July 2022. The 2017 Parks Master Plan references a Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) projection of 40,200 people living in Northglenn by 2040. This is a 5.5 percent increase over 18 years (2,094 additional residents). Additional housing units will largely be dependent on infill and targeted redevelopment areas, such as Karl's Farm.

Level of Service

	Current Quantity	Existing LOS	NRPA Average (communities 20,000 to 49,999 population)
All Parkland	341.1 acres	9.0 (acres per 1,000 residents)	10.6 (acres per 1,000 residents)
Residents per Park	38,419 residents, 23 parks	1,314 residents per park	1,941 residents per park
Total Trail Miles	36.5 miles	n/a	8 miles

Sources: City of Northglenn, NRPA, U.S. Census, DRCOG

Despite a lower-than-average existing and future LOS for parkland, the City has great park service area coverage, additional coverage through schools and parks in neighboring jurisdictions, a high existing and future LOS for all parkland, and is near full buildout, aside from limited redevelopment opportunities. The overall number of park facilities and the number of trail miles are higher than national averages.

Amenities and Maintenance

A vibrant community thrives, with its parks and recreation spaces serving as the beating pulse of neighborhood life. But like any bustling hub, these beloved amenities require care and attention to keep them vibrant and welcoming.

When the City sought input from its residents through online surveys, the message was clear: maintaining, repairing, and enhancing existing amenities was paramount for future improvement. Residents voiced their desire for a blend of excitement and tranquility in their outdoor spaces. Extraordinary and unique play features, challenge elements, and community gardens emerged as top contenders for future additions, with hopes of injecting fresh energy into the landscape.

Yet, amidst the buzz of innovation, the classics remain essential. Freshly maintained grassy lawns, picnic areas, and trails stood as steadfast favorites among park-goers, offering solace and connection in the midst of nature. But the Community's vision didn't stop there. Respondents yearned for more than just the status quo. Additional lighting emerged as a beacon of safety and accessibility, promising to extend the hours of enjoyment for all.

As the city dove deeper into understanding the pulse of its parks, a comprehensive assessment was conducted. From art installations to basketball courts, every asset was meticulously evaluated to gauge condition and vitality. Supplied with this knowledge, dedicated staff set out to document the state of each amenity, laying the groundwork as a benchmark for future improvements.

The journey didn't end with assessment; it was merely the beginning. Equipped with a scoring guide and a digital platform to collect the data, the city now possesses a roadmap to guide its efforts. This tool isn't just about categorizing amenities – it's about empowering progress. With each entry logged, Northglenn inches closer to realizing the community's dreams, one playground, one trail, and one bench at a time.

In Northglenn, the story of its parks isn't just about spaces; it's about the people who inhabit them. It's about the laughter of the children on the swings, the camaraderie of neighbors at picnic tables, and the shared sense of pride in a community that cares deeply for its green spaces.

Conditions Assessment

An Asset Condition Rating Guide was developed and utilized to assess the condition of amenities throughout the parks system. Assets reviewed included: buildings, sculptures, irrigation components, barbeque grills, sports courts and fields, benches, bike racks, bridges, detention or water quality basins, dog parks or off-leash areas, drinking fountains, exercise stations, fishing dock or piers, flowerbeds, play equipment, signs, kiosks, lighting, little libraries, parking lots, pet waste stations, picnic tables, planter pots, restrooms, shade structures, skate parks, soccer goals, splash pads, trails, and trash or recycling receptacles.

Staff were tasked with logging the location and condition of amenities to determine the existing conditions. This tool can be used in the future to continue identifying needs and tracking progress. The scoring guide used to categorize amenities by condition is shown in the **Conditions Assessment Scoring Guide** seen below:

5 - Excellent	4 - Very Good	3 - Fair	2 - Poor	1 - Failing
New or nearly new What to look for: -Fully functional and meets safety standards -Standard for new amenities	*Very good condition considering age* What to look for: -Minor cosmetic flaws (i.e., paint chips, minor scratches, etc.) -Minimal functionality issues -Minor wear and tear	*Good or as expected based on age* What to look for: -Moderate wear and tear -Small cracks or uneven surface -Still functional but may require some repair -Not standard	*Poor or recommended replacement within near-term* What to look for: -Not fully functional -Damaged or broken -Outdated -Faded materials -Small amounts of rust	*Failed or nearing failure, needs immediate attention* What to look for: -Presents a safety hazard -Broken or not functional -Structurally unsound -Rusted
				

Source: MIG

1,450 amenities were assessed and categorized as follows:

- **Excellent:** 323
- **Very Good:** 389
- **Fair:** 615
- **Poor:** 109
- **Failed/Critical:** 14

Amenities in the poor or failed/critical categories are from several parks, but most predominantly at Charles C. Winburn Park, E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, and Northwest Open Space/Oscar Arnold Nature Preserve. Amenities most frequently in these categories include benches, picnic tables, signs, and trash/recycling receptacles. Larger amenities in the poor or failed/critical categories include playgrounds and equipment (7), backstops (7), shelters/pavilions (3), parking lots (3), restrooms (2), and sports fields/courts (2).

In addition to developing an amenity catalogue, an assessment of park identity and capacity was done to identify additional areas of opportunity. Key findings from these assessments include:

- **Shade:** Parks are generally lacking shade. While there is a good proportion of mature trees and an effort to plant new trees, additional opportunities like shelters should be considered.



- **Parking:** Many parks do not provide parking or designated on-street parking.
- **Activities:** Parks are generally missing unique activities that add to their identity and can be used to draw users to the park.
- **Gathering Spaces:** There are limited communal and gathering spaces in Northglenn parks for group use.

NRPA Facility Metrics

The table below (Facility Metrics) provides a summary of Northglenn's existing amenities compared to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) metrics for communities similar in population.

Facility Metrics

	City of Northglenn		
Facility Type	Current Inventory	Current Residents per Facility	NRPA Metric (Residents per Facility)
Playgrounds	16	2,540	3,028
Basketball courts	9	4,234	7,117
Rectangular fields: multi-use	16	2,722	4,947
Tennis courts (outdoor)	4	7,621	5,815
Pickleball (outdoor)	8	9,527	9,257
Diamond fields	7	5,444	8,509
Community gardens	2	19,053	26,741
Dog parks	1	38,106	28,000
Skate parks	1	38,106	32,000

Sources: City of Northglenn, NRPA, U.S. Census, DRCOG



Trails

The City's existing trails are visible earlier in this report on page 13, Existing System Map. There are currently 36.5 miles of trails and paved paths. The Comprehensive Plan states that trails "…connect residents of Northglenn and allows for alternative means of transportation throughout the city. In addition to connecting the parks of Northglenn, the Greenway Trails also make regional connections to Standley Lake Reservoir in Westminster, the Farmers Highline Canal Trail and trails along the South Platte River."

I-25 stretches 2.25 miles across Northglenn from north to south. Six crossings of the interstate exist within the City limits every quarter- or half-mile along I-25. This includes three grade-separated bike/pedestrian crossings and three at-grade crossings on vehicular overpasses, these crossings are narrow and have no separation form the adjacent roadway. The longest stretch without a crossing is about three-quarters of a mile between the Civic Center campus underpass and Community Center Drive.

Community Feedback

Trails and pathways are very important to Northglenn's residents based on community feedback. Many parks are connected to the trail network, but there is a desire for additional connection points. Trails are one of the most used parks and recreation amenities in Northglenn and over half of survey respondents said that building and improving off-street trails connecting parks and other destinations was the top need for the community.

Connect Northglenn

Connect Northglenn, the City's bicycle and pedestrian master plan, provides a thorough inventory and analysis of trail connections in Northglenn. The plan identified project recommendations including 15 projects specific to trails and shared use paths, summarized in the tables on the following pages.

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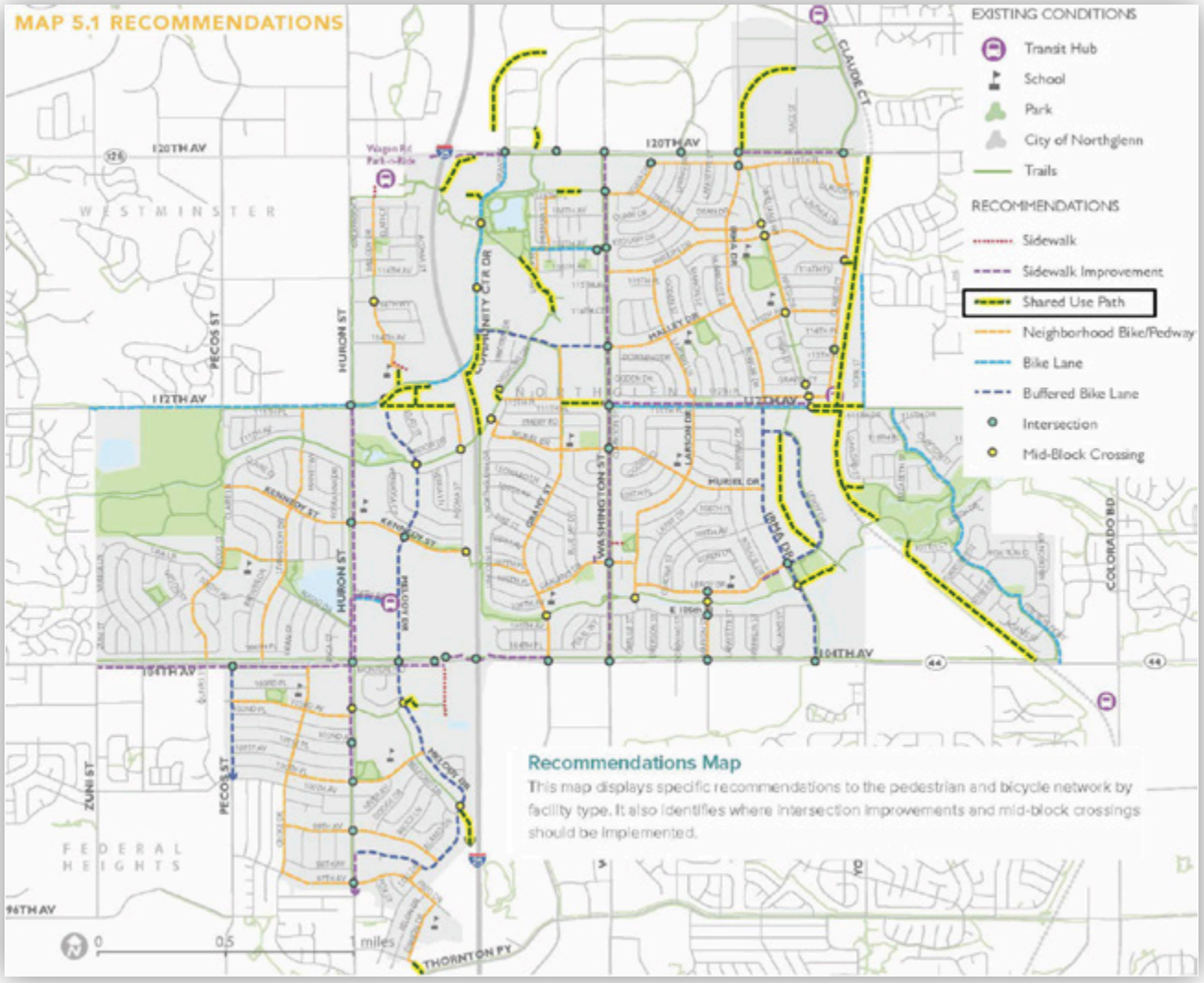
Trail Projects from Connect Northglenn

Project Name	Project Description	Project Type	Priority	Status
112th Ave.	Construct 5' sidewalk on north side of 112th Ave. west from Washington St. Remove existing trail and replace with 10' Shared Use Path (SUP).Construct SUP connecting shared use path to Highline Dr. Install lighting along corridor. Improve intersection at 112th Ave and Washington St. to facilitate pedestrian and bicyclist access.	Sidewalk and Trail	Medium	Planning stage
112th Ave. East	Reconfigure roadway cross-section to accommodate bike lanes. Remove existing sidewalk on north side of road and construct 10' sidepath. Construct trail connecting 112th Ave. crosswalk and proposed trail on west side of railroad tracks to existing Thornton trail. Improve intersection at Washington St. and 112th Ave. to facilitate pedestrian and bicyclist access.	Sidepath Improvement, Bike Lane, and Trail	Medium	Planning stage
112th Ave. – Fox Run Open Space - RTD Trail Connector	On the south side of 112th Ave, remove existing sidewalk and construct 10' sidepath. In coordination with RTD, railroad, and private property owners, construct SUP along railroad corridor to connect to trails south. Install RRFB and crosswalk across 112th Ave.	Trail	Medium	Planning stage
Community Center Dr. Trail Connection	Construct 10' shared use path along Interstate 25, and construct bridge over creek. Project will require coordination with CDOT.	Trail	Medium	Planning stage
Ditch Trail East	Construct 10' SUP in coordination with private property owners. Project may require environmental review and permitting.	Trail	Medium	Planning stage
Justice Center Trail – Community Center Dr. – Acoma St.	In the short term, on Acoma St., install SLM and signage, and in the long term, reconstruct roadway to accommodate wider sidewalks. Construct curb extension where trail crosses Acoma St. Construct new trail segments in coordination with Justice Center Development on the north side of 112th Ave., along Community Center Dr. from the existing trail east to the new traffic signal on Community Center Dr., and north of Community Center Dr. connecting to Melody Dr.	Neighborhood Bike/Pedway and Trail	Medium	Planning stage
Melody Dr. -Bannock St. - High School Trail Extension	Construct 10' shared use path connecting to existing trail in coordination with private property owners. Install mid-block crossing at trail. Reconfigure Bannock St. to accommodate wider detached sidewalk.	Neighborhood Bike/Pedway and Trail	Medium	Planning stage
Plaza Trail - 117th Ave. Neighborhood Connector	In the short term, install SLM and signage on the roads. In the long term, reconstruct roadways to accommodate wider sidewalks. Assess opportunity to construct 10' shared use path through development to connect existing trails, which will require coordination with property owners.	Neighborhood Bike/Pedway and Trail	Medium	Planning stage
Rec Center-I-25 Trail Connector	Construct 10' shared use path to connect to existing trail network. One segment of trail will require construction of retaining wall adjacent to Interstate 25. Environmental permitting and review may be required. Project will require coordination with CDOT.	Sidewalk and Trail	Medium	Planning stage
120th Ave. Trail Connector	Construct 10' shared use path along creek in coordination with City of Thornton.	Trail	Low	Planning stage
Jaycee Park Trail	Construct 10' shared use path between Irma Dr. and existing trail east of Jaycee Park.	Trail	Low	Planning stage
Karl's Farm	In coordination with Karl's Farm development, construct 6' wide detached sidewalks on Race St., and shared use path through development. Improve intersection at 120th Ave. and Irma Dr to facilitate pedestrian and bicyclist access. On 120th Ave. from Gilpin St. to Irma Dr., construct detached 8-10' sidewalks in coordination with roadway widening project. Improve intersections to facilitate pedestrian and bicyclist access.	Sidewalk, Sidewalk Improvement, and Trail	Low	Complete
Railroad Trail	Coordinate with railroad and property owners to construct 10' shared use path in abandoned railroad ROW.	Trail	Low	Planning stage
RTD Commuter Trail	Construct shared use path along railway corridor. Project will require coordination with property owner. Assess making connection from Claude Ct. to proposed trail corridor at 116th Dr. and 113th Ave.	Trail	Low	Planning stage
Thornton Trail Connection	Construct 10' shared use path in coordination with City of Thornton and private property owners. Construct curb extensions at Melody Dr. to facilitate trail crossing.	Trail	Low	Planning stage
Thornton – Grange Hall Creek Connection	Work with Thornton and partner to construct and trail underpass under 104th Ave connecting with trail alongside Irma Drive and Jaycee Park	Trail Connection	Low	Planning stage

Source: Connect Northglenn Plan

The below is an excerpt of Map 5.1 Recommendations from Connect Northglenn, showing the shared use path projects highlighted in yellow. Existing trails are shown in green.

Connect Northglenn Recommendations





Programming

Marketing

Northglenn has a very robust set of programs which are publicized three times a year through the activity guide and throughout the year on the City's website, the Connection newsletter, and through various social media platforms. It is also available at the theatre and recreation center. Communications may need to be increased with 43 percent of survey respondents saying that more information about current offerings would increase their participation.

Offerings

Two of the top reasons why households participate in Parks, Recreation, and Culture programs are the location of the facility and to support a healthy mind and body/ general wellness. While offering more special events, programs, classes, and activities was important to 39 percent of survey respondents, current programs are generally perceived to be meeting the needs of the community. Many responses indicated that more class times and offerings outside of typical daytime working hours would increase participation for non-senior, working adults.



In review of the current offerings, there may be opportunities for more fall and winter sports, arts for all ages, and teen fitness/wellness. Specific programs mentioned for expansion/addition included soccer, gymnastics, adult performing arts, judo, tai chi, art (pottery, painting), young children's offerings, daycare, and adult (non-senior specific) classes.

Top Needs Summary

Table 8 below summarizes top needs for Northglenn's park and recreation system based on community input, trends and market support, benchmarking, and the access and gap analysis. The top needs will be elaborated on in the next section, the Implementation and Action Plan.

Top Needs

Category	Top Needs
Parks/Open Space	• Maintain and enhance existing open space and nature areas • More gathering spaces within parks • Unique park features that contribute to identity
Amenities	• Repair and maintain existing amenities • Add unique and interactive amenities • Focus on outdoor recreation opportunities • Lighting and increased security
Trails	• Additional off-street connectivity through Northglenn and to destinations • Improve/add signage and wayfinding • Safe and improved street crossings • Enhance I-25 crossings (including pedestrian tunnel)
Programming	• More adult-focused programming options and times • Recreation program communications and limit barriers to access • Higher frequency and variety of community events • Expand capacity for youth sports and activities

FINANCIAL STRATEGY



Department Budget:

Operating, Capital, & Special Revenue Funds

The City of Northglenn's general fund is the main operating fund for the city. It accounts for discretionary City resources for the purpose of providing activities, programs and services deemed necessary and desirable by the community. It accounts for all general revenues of the City not specifically levied or collected for other City funds and the related expenditures. The major revenue sources for this fund are sales taxes, property taxes, and other general revenues. Activities in the general fund include general administration, economic development, public safety, development review, parks and recreation, arts and culture, and public works.

The capital projects fund is used to account for all capital projects scheduled to take place in a given year other than those financed by enterprise and internal service funds. Funds are derived from various restricted and non-restricted sources including county-shared sales tax revenues, grants, and transfers from the general fund. Projects may include road construction, building construction, vehicle purchases, parks and open space repairs, investments in technology, new equipment, and other infrastructure.

The City also receives financial resources through several special revenue funds with one, Conservation Trust Fund, specifically impacting the department. Quarterly per capita distributions are received from State of Colorado lottery proceeds. State law mandates that such funds be used for acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites, for capital improvements, or maintenance for recreation purposes on any public site.

Below is a table depicting the per capita distributions the City has received since 2020.

Per Capita Distributions	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Conservation Trust Fund	$398,000.00	$418,000.00	$477,800.00	$477,801.00	$547,000.00
Adams County Open Space Tax	$372,206.18	$451,514.42	$494,299.70	$489,431.12	$448,500.00

Financial Sustainability Strategy

In alignment with the City of Northglenn User Fee Policy, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture in Northglenn is committed to fostering financial sustainability while ensuring equitable access to services.

The approach incorporates the following key principles:

- **Cost Accounting System Establishment:** A rigorous cost accounting system exists to precisely identify the actual costs associated with delivering parks, recreation, and culture services. This ensures transparency and accuracy within financial management practices, allowing for staff to make informed decisions regarding resource allocation.
- **Classification of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Services:** Parks, recreation, and culture services are categorized into three broad classifications — public service, merit service, and private service. Each category determines the proportion of costs to be recovered by revenues, ensuring fairness and sustainability in pricing structures.
- **Comparative Survey:** Staff regularly conduct comparative surveys of both public and private providers to benchmark the going rates for similar services. This enables staff to set competitive pricing while considering the affordability and value perceived by community members.
- **Examination of Differential Pricing:** Staff carefully assess the appropriateness of implementing differential pricing strategies based on the level of service provided. This ensures that pricing reflects the value delivered while maintaining accessibility for all residents.

- **Five-Year Financial Plan:** A comprehensive five-year plan has been developed for the recreation and culture division aimed at reducing the general fund subsidy level. This plan considers various factors such as increased rates/fees, program administration methods, and strategies to enhance participation levels, ultimately leading to reduced subsidy reliance.
- **Annual Evaluation Process:** An annual evaluation process is conducted with a detailed schedule of tasks and activities to assess the effectiveness of financial sustainability efforts. This iterative process allows for the identification of areas for improvement and the adaptation of strategies to meet evolving community needs.

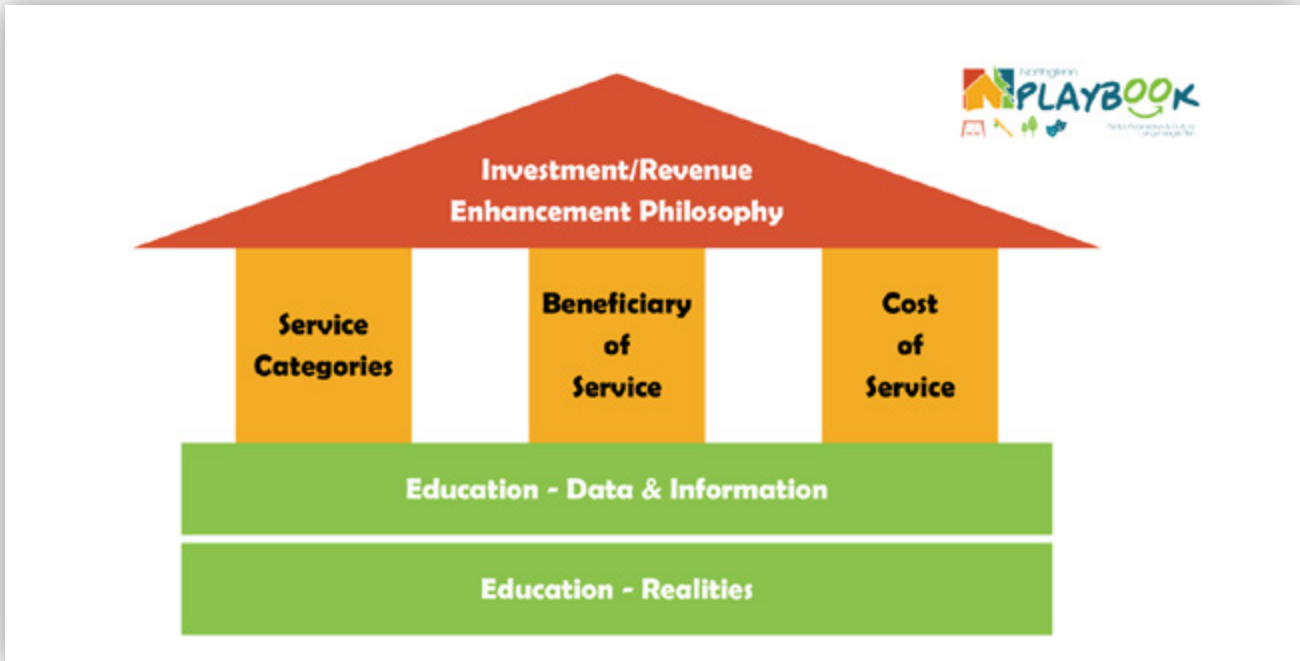
The City's Financial Strategy commitment to responsible financial management practices aligns with the principles of high-performing park and recreation organizations. By understanding cost structure, identifying cost-saving opportunities, and leveraging partnerships for mutual benefit, the City aims to enhance the quality of services while relieving pressure on taxpayer resources.

Through education, data-driven decision-making, and a culture of fiscal responsibility, the City is dedicated to achieving its mission of providing exceptional parks, recreation, and cultural services for the residents of Northglenn. This approach ensures that the investment and spending decisions are built on a foundation of financial sustainability, ultimately benefiting community members and enhancing their quality of life.

High-performing park and recreation organizations seek out and embrace responsible financial and service management practices. They actively understand their cost of doing business, identify cost savings, seek out partnerships that have reciprocal benefit, divest of services that do not align with mission or waste resources, and generate revenues when and where appropriate in order to reinvest in important and often underfunded services and the maintenance of infrastructure, and relieve pressure on taxpayer resources. Ultimately, they possess a financial sustainability philosophy which provides a foundation from which all investment and spending decisions, and funding strategies are built.

The City of Northglenn's Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture chose to engage in the development of a financial sustainability strategy in order to prepare and equip the team with solid financial management competencies, compel it to use data to inform decisions, and cultivate fiscal responsibility at all levels of the department.

The visual model below represents the critical components utilized to determine the direction to the department when supporting the needs and interests of the community members. Educating staff about long-term financial realities and opportunities is the foundation on which each of the three pillars of dedicated work begins. These three pillars enable the department to create a custom preferred investment/revenue enhancement philosophy.



Service Categories

Department services were recategorized from "like type" or service area (e.g., sports, seniors, aquatics, etc.) to "like purpose" service categories. This approach inherently discourages attempts to make cost recovery decisions based upon special interests or social values and help set the stage for defensible and equitable allocation of subsidies. These categories include:

- **Advanced Level Activities:** Classes, clinics, workshops, leagues, and other led and/or instructed activities in which the primary intent is to master a skill and/or participate in a competitive environment. [NYT, NYT Jr.; NYTA classes/camps; Dance, Arts & Culture, classes/camps, group swim lessons, Fusion Swim Club (lower levels), fitness classes, etc.]
- **Beginner/Introductory Level Activities:** Classes, clinics, workshops, leagues, and other led and/or instructed activities which include instruction and the primary goal of introducing participants to a skill at a *"learn to"* level. [Missoula Children's Theatre; NYT Jr.; NYTA classes/camps; Dance, Arts & Culture classes/camps, group swim lessons, youth soccer, youth t-ball, youth basketball, youth volleyball, etc.]
- **Community Events:** Annual events planned to be appealing and accessible to a majority of, or the entire community regardless of age, ability/skill, and family composition. [Culture - Northglenn Arts Presents, bake sale, Veterans Day event, summer concerts & movies, derby days, park ranger programming, recreation center free days, etc.]
- **Community Services:** Services which focus on preventing and remediating life challenges and maintaining independence and connection to community by linking and/or providing resources for those in need. These services may be provided in response to climate emergencies as well. [senior resource navigation, park ranger program, forestry education classes, designated shelter location, universal preschool, etc.]
- **Competitive Level Activities:** Leagues and team play designed to be competitive in nature and where scoring is kept. [Fusion Swim Club (higher levels), outdoor leisure programs, adult basketball, adult softball, etc.]
- **Drop-In Activities:** Activities which do not require registration, are non-instructed, and include staff/volunteer supervision or oversight. [senior cards, book club, and games, pedal boats, open swim, lap swim, self-directed workouts, pickup sports, senior library, lobby computers etc.]
- **Education & Enrichment Activities:** Classes, clinics, workshops, and other led/or supervised activities in which the primary intent is to provide socialization, interaction, and life skills development with a focus on education and lifelong learning. [senior education workshops/classes, public art tours, nature and wildlife programs, outdoor birding, live animal encounters, Leave No Trace, preschool swim lessons, etc.]
- **Open Access Activities:** Access to parks, park amenities, and/or recreation facilities which does not include supervision or oversight by staff and activity is self-directed by the user or participant. [public art program, playgrounds, outdoor courts, skate park, trails, lobby computers, etc.]
- **Personalized Services:** Private or semi-private activities and instruction. [specialized NYTA classes, private swim lessons, personal training, etc.]
- **Rentals:** Space and facility reservations for exclusive use by an individual or group. [Parsons Theatre, theatre support spaces, pavilions, birthday parties, community rooms, gym, pool, etc.]
- **Resale:** Consumable goods and non-consumable goods and services available for purchase. [concessions, alcohol sales, pro-shop items, etc.]
- **Special Events:** Events designed for a niche' market or a specific interest. [Daddy & Daughter Dance, Teddy Bear Picnic, Senior Picnic, Festive Fridays, Bike to Work, Senior Luncheons, Tree Nurturing & ID, Survival Skills series, Nature Art, Nature Poetry and Photography, Amazing Race, Birding, Mudapalooza, Paddle & Run, triathlon, etc.]

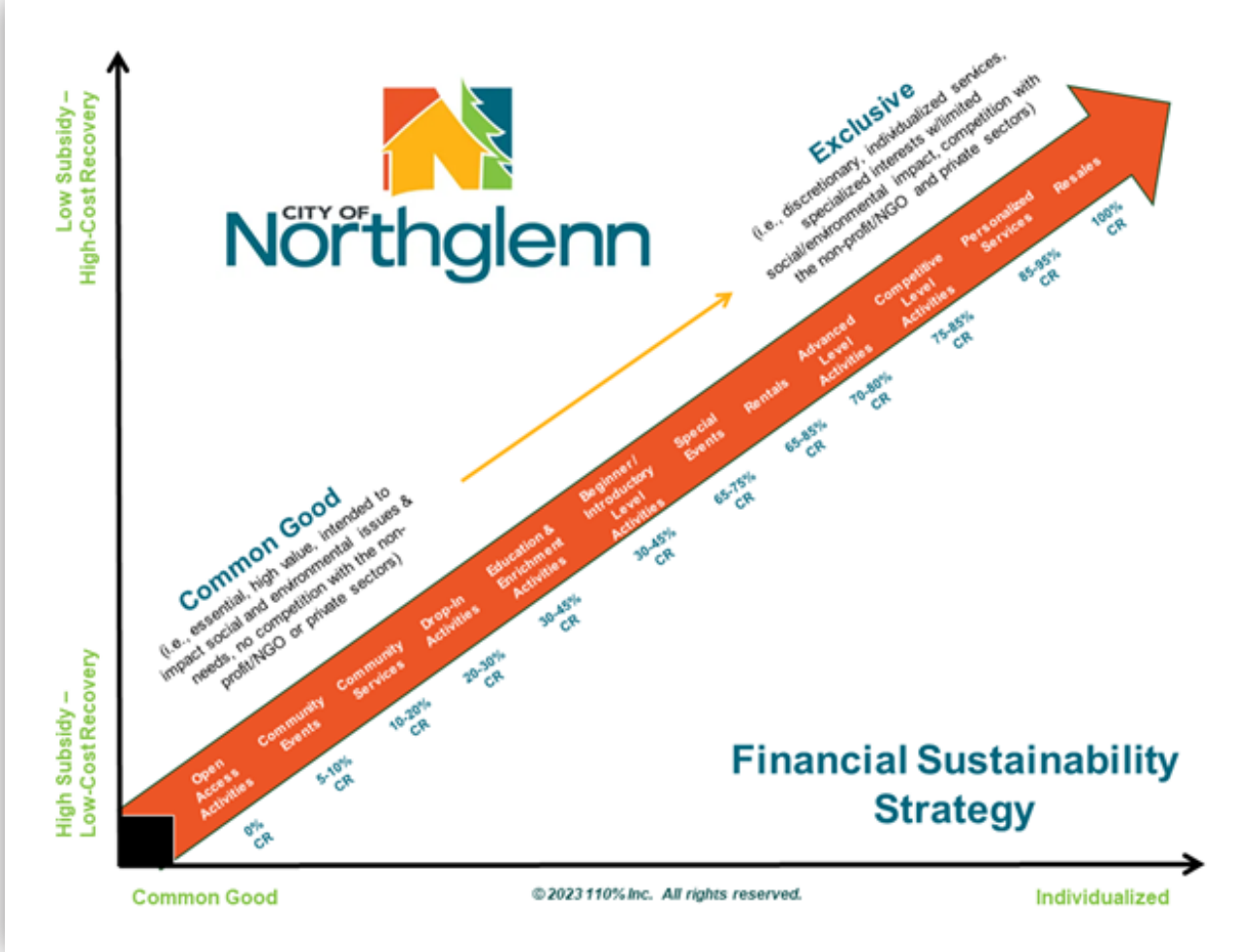


Beneficiary Of Service Model

Determining the "beneficiary of services" becomes a primary driver in how the department can begin to make informed and defensible taxpayer investment decisions. Following this concept, each service category is ranked starting from the category aligning most with the definition of "common good" to the category aligning with the definition of "individual benefit" (see Financial Sustainability Continuum graphic below). By ranking all service categories in this manner, the department can connect the dots between those services that should justifiably receive the greatest subsidy (common good services) to those that may receive little to no subsidy (individual benefit services). This is represented inside of the orange arrow in the continuum below.

Common Good Services are accessible, of benefit to all in a community, and provide universal value. Essentially, these are services that contribute to the "common good" and can be characterized as essential ("must-haves") having community-wide interest and far-reaching impacts. Services contribute to greater equity, cultural awareness, and quality of life for everyone in Northglenn.

Individual Benefit Services provide exclusive benefit to the individual(s) and can include constraints or barriers to access. Essentially, these services benefit the individual more than the community as a whole and can be characterized as discretionary ("nice to haves") with less of a community-wide impact. Individualized services are accessible outside of the system.



Cost Of Service Analysis

Completion of an operational cost-of-service analysis led the department to understand its cost of doing business ultimately revealing each service's cost recovery and subsidy investment levels. Operational revenues (fees and charges, sponsorships, grants, donations), direct costs (expenses associated with the delivery of a service; without the service, the cost would not exist) and indirect costs (expenses that would exist with or without the provision of any one service) that the organization provided were captured and attributed to all services as part of this work, providing several insights that would inform the design and development of the department's Financial Sustainability Strategy.

This is a service-driven approach that aims to provide a broad range of facilities and programming in a manner that is financially accessible to the community. Investment in programs and facilities for the common good will continue to rely on the General Fund, while maintaining or making marginal increases to cost recovery associated with individualized services.

Financial Recommendations

1. **Seek out opportunities to offset expenses:** Identify where revenue dollars can be captured above and beyond the cost of the service and utilize those funds to offset programs that are more highly subsidized. Program areas that reach or exceed maximum participation levels offer a unique opportunity to benefit the department and the community.
2. **Update and/or create financial sustainability policy, equity policy, capital infrastructure policy:** Policies should support department objectives and align with City Council's strategic plan. This allows for a holistic approach to meeting long-term needs and exceeding expectations.
3. **Capture revenues where available:** Improving the operational process will ensure that revenues generated through rentals, outside agreements, and events are collected and accounted for within the fiscal year.
4. **Increase memberships at the Recreation Center:** Implement a marketing strategy and targeted approach to enable the department to improve its overall cost recovery performance without increasing prices.
5. **Continue to invest in contracted programs:** Contracted programs and services allow the department to offer a wider variety of activities to the public without increasing expenses. Additionally, as community interests change, programs can change at the same pace.

> Common Good Services are accessible, of benefit to all in a community, and provide universal value.

STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



To support the future of the park and recreation system, maintenance standards and systemwide recommendations have been developed.

These are intended to help guide decision-making and budget development processes and create a standard that the community can expect.

Recommendations

General recommendations have been developed to These recommendations are organized into three categories:

1. Parks & Facilities
2. Trails
3. Programs

Each recommendation includes icons indicating the relevant goal areas and the level of impact on the community.

In conjunction with this plan, the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation adopted a long-range plan for arts and culture in Northglenn. Although it is a separate document, this arts and culture plan intersects with the parks and recreation plan, providing opportunities for collaboration. An additional icon has been included to identify these collaborative opportunities.



Parks & Facilities

Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

1. Maintain a standard of 88% of households that have a park, open space, or natural area within a half-mile or 10-minute walk.

- Develop and/or program Northglenn-owned undeveloped park spaces to increase access to parks for residents. These include Odell Barry Park & Scout Park.



2. Maintain park and facility maintenance staffing and budget.

- Maintenance staff are responsible for carrying out routine and ongoing maintenance across the park system and to care for groundskeeping, as well as responding to unplanned requests or special projects. Maintenance is a top priority and will provide needed resources to respond to increasing park impacts related to trash pick-up, mowing, vandalism, and other needs.
- The City should assess minimum thresholds for park maintenance services using a dollar amount for each developed acre relative to current expenditures. Actual costs can be re-evaluated over time. This figure should be exclusive of major capital renovation and repairs.



Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

3. Ensure all parks and facilities are ADA accessible.



- This should include play equipment, bilingual and braille signage, and facilities for hearing and vision impairments.

4. Expand lighting in City parks and along trails.



- Adhere to in accordance with dark-sky compliant standards.
- Consider fixtures that avoid spillover onto adjacent properties.
- Utilize energy-efficient fixtures and LEDs.
- Incorporate decorative and artistic lighting to enhance the after-dark experience and placemaking.

5. Provide a high level of maintenance for parks, amenities, and facilities to ensure park safety, make parks more attractive, and provide a higher quality user experience.



- This should include a range of routine and preventative maintenance responsibilities including monitoring amenity conditions, mowing, trash/recycling pick-up, turf and irrigation repair, as well as longer-term or periodic tasks such as trail/pathway resurfacing and equipment replacement.
- Address the park maintenance backlog, and provide greater attention to high-traffic, high-use parks and facilities.
- Utilize an asset management tool, which regularly and proactively enables the City to monitor park asset lifecycles, re-evaluate costs, and implement an annual replacement schedule.
- Dedicate a capital repair and replacement reserve fund to reinvest in aging facilities over their lifespan.
- Document and track facility lifecycles to plan for the ongoing needs for park and landscaping renovations and replacement. The approximate life cycle (in years) of typical major park facilities —
  - Shade Shelters, 20 years
  - Backstops, 20 years
  - Outdoor Fitness Equipment, 15 years
  - Playground Equipment, 15 years
  - Skatepark, 15 years
  - Asphalt Parking, 15 years
  - Sports Court Surfacing, 10 years
- For parks and public spaces, employ a tiered maintenance system based on park type, needs, and characteristics. The tiered system should be applied to existing parks to determine maintenance level of service and to ensure adequate resources and future budgeting. Appropriate tiers may include — enhanced, standard, natural resource stewardship, and undeveloped.
- For amenities and facilities within parks and public spaces, continue to utilize the geo-located 5-tiered conditions assessment rankings.

Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

6. Enhance and sustain tree canopy throughout the park system.



- Maintain Tree City USA status and standards.
- Continue practice of replacement of trees in anticipation of removal of older trees and maintain tree inventory to document diversification of species, age, maintenance.

7. Provide opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with nature, preserve natural resources, and improve ecological systems.



- Provide access to natural areas.
- Incorporate healthy habitats and natural systems in Northglenn's developed parks through strategies such as planting more large canopy trees and clusters of trees, adding more understory plantings and richer planting palettes, adding rain gardens and green stormwater infrastructure, soil erosion and sediment control, and adding pollinator patches.
- Protect and integrate native and drought tolerant plants. Monitor and manage natural areas to minimize invasive species and improve ecosystem health.
- Utilize the Noxious Weed Management Plan and update as needed.

8. Coordinate with transit providers, including RTD (Access a Ride), A-Lift (Via) and others to provide public transportation to community and regional parks and public facilities.



- Fixed route public transportation access should occur within ¼-mile of the desired destination, when possible.
- Senior transportation access should include door-through-door, door-to-door, or curb-to-curb access as appropriate, based on the rider's needs.
- Fixed route service should include bus stops with amenities.

9. Prioritize capital reinvestments that reduce operating costs.



- This may be through reduced water use, decreased energy costs, materials selection, or labor savings.

Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

10. Create unique parks that create memorable experiences and support social gathering.



- Incorporate site and neighborhood features into the design of each park and facility, such as views, geologic features, unique vegetation, and cultural landscape elements.
- Provide a mix of reservable and open use gathering spaces, including spaces that can be used year-round.
- Add new and expanded recreation opportunities, working in collaboration with partners and user groups. These should largely focus on outdoor recreation. Examples of these may include disc golf, community gardens, outdoor aquatics, outdoor fitness opportunities, and/or variety in sports courts.
- Increase the diversity of play experiences and settings in Northglenn's park system. This could include extraordinary play features, challenge elements, nature play experiences, and more universal access play opportunities that integrate people with and without disabilities.
- Enhance visitor experience by providing user amenities to support comfort at all times of year and spending more time in parks.
- Provide additional shade, drinking water, seating, bike parking, and dog waste stations at all parks.
- Consider providing publicly accessible free WiFi connectivity in parks to support use of the parks by more users at more times of day.
- Provide year-round public restrooms at community and regional parks.

11. Irrigation system assessment/study.



- Conduct an in-depth study of irrigation systems across the parks network and formulate a systematic replacement schedule/recommendation. This assessment should be based on the status and issues associated with individual system components and overall functionality. Key factors and considerations should encompass the comprehensive evaluation of the overall system design, age, condition, and sizing of essential components, including backflow preventers, master valves, flow sensors, main lines, electronic valves, irrigation heads, controllers, weather/data sensors, etc.

12. Explore additional partnerships with public, nonprofit, and private entities for operations.



- Aim for partnerships that bring the strengths of each organization to the table and that can relieve the City of long-term operational obligations or share obligations among entities.
- Explore executing a joint use agreement with Adams 12 School District. School sites of particular interest with reduced park access include North Mor Elementary, Northglenn High School, and Stukey Elementary School.
- Continue a partnership with Karl's Farm Developers and any other new future developments to ensure park access is provided by developers for new residential areas.

Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

13. Monitor sports and recreation facilities usage over time to determine if repurposing or adding new facilities is appropriate.

- Consider a variety of data sources, including national averages, community feedback and local market demand in assessing facility LOS.



14. Provide vehicle parking in and/or adjacent to the Civic Campus and for events.

- Prioritize ADA parking when space is limited.
- Distribute parking around major use areas.



15. Pursue the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) accreditation process in order to utilize quality assurance, improvement, and best practices offerings.

- Create a profile in the national NRPA Park Metrics database that includes completion of an Agency Performance Survey.



Trails

Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives

1. Improve community walkability and bikeability.

- Continue to provide and expand an interconnected pedestrian and bicycle system that links parks and open spaces to other parts of the City including neighborhoods, commercial areas, downtown and schools.
- Build out the network of off-street trails and shared use pathways as planned in the Connect Northglenn Plan.
- Evaluate opportunities to add trail routes and connections not addressed in Connect Northglenn if additional opportunities arise.



2. Enhance ADA-accessible trail offerings in parks and natural areas.



3. Expand soft-surface trail offerings in parks and natural areas.



Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

4. Develop attractive trail entries and trailheads with amenities such as signage, trash/recycling receptacles, bike repair stations, drinking water fountains, and seating.



- Consider parks and other City-owned properties for trailhead locations.
- Implement a comprehensive trail signage program. Provide consistent and unified wayfinding and interpretive signage along the City's trails to improve their identity and accessibility.

Programs

Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives

1. Provide a full range of fundamental recreation, arts, and culture programs.



- Coordinate with public, non-profit, and private entities to ensure a variety of recreation options are provided, without unnecessary or unwarranted duplication of facilities and services.
- Continue to leverage all program partnerships and grow the existing contracted services model, recruiting non-profits, partners, or individual recreation providers to offer free or fee-based activities in parks, public spaces, and facilities when appropriate.

2. Expand and diversify existing programs and provide new programs to meet market demand.



- Engage community members as key stakeholders in developing new programs.
- Identify needed spaces and facilities prior to initiating new programs. These spaces may be rented, purchased, or shared.
- Explore offering pilot programs to test viability of new and emerging classes, programs, and events.
- Track and remain responsive to trends on a regional and national basis to determine possible pilot programs and proactively adapt offerings.
- Consider diversifying the range of programs offered, while also expanding programs tailored to specific audiences, including active adults. This may include extending program hours to accommodate work schedules, exploring the possibility of providing childcare services during program sessions.

Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

3. Activate parks and other outdoor public spaces.



- Provide resources to support expanded use of the mobile events vehicle during popular times which provides rentable supplies, equipment, and play elements.
- Coordinate with community partners to provide and facilitate opportunities for special programs.
- Program parks to generate activity at different times of the day, during the evening, and on weekends.
- Offer programming at underused parks or spaces that will encourage more widespread use of parks and increase use.
- Locate programmed activities along site edges, entrances or along a main pedestrian path to promote community access and visibility.

4. Provide inclusive special events that provide fun experiences, encourage interaction between neighbors, and increase community cohesion.



- Sponsor or facilitate community-wide events that promote interaction among people of different generations, cultures, and abilities.
- Increase recreation/sports-related events.
- Continue to refine and utilize the online special event application.
- Streamline special event processes through increased coordination between departments for management, staffing, distinction of roles, and use of spaces.
- Collaborate with community partners to provide and facilitate opportunities for citywide events, including the City's Events Division and the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation.

5. Continue to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in City sponsored events and programming.



- Encourage participation from historically underrepresented groups through continued community outreach regarding offerings, barriers, and opportunities.
- Actively seek candidates for department staff and leadership positions that reflect the diverse cultural backgrounds and languages of Northglenn.
- Include programming and events that reflect local languages, cultures, heritages, and natural, cultural, and historical resources.

6. Emphasize Northglenn's strong investment in arts and culture.



- Continue collaboration with the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation and refer to recommendations in their Long Range Plan.

Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

7. Express Northglenn's identity by integrating cultural, historic, and place-based art and interpretation throughout the City.

- Provide maps and information both through signage and online to facilitate awareness and trip planning for enjoyment of public amenities, including parks, sculpture & facilities.
- Leverage the arts program in capital projects as a strategy to contribute to identity and involve local artists.



8. Improve public messaging and increase community awareness of programs, events and activities provided in Northglenn.

- Establish an annual marketing plan.
- Dedicate additional marketing City staff and contractor resources.
- Identify additional budgetary needs for communications based on the annual marketing plan and outreach to peer communities.
- Provide an improved (simplified or specialized) website, a searchable activity guide, a programming and communications feedback system/platform, utilizing emerging technology, media (press) communications, search engine optimization (SEO), and other creative promotional tactics and channels.
- Provide programming messaging materials in both English and Spanish.



9. Improve safety, security, and cleanliness in parks and along trails through an expanded Park Ranger program in coordination with the Crisis Response Unit and Law Enforcement.

- This may include patrol/monitoring, enforcement of rules, social services outreach, and regular cleanup/waste management.



10. Continue to utilize volunteers and other unique skillsets to support programming throughout the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department.

- Collaborate between City departments to share volunteer coordination resources.
- Assess the resources needed to support management, training, guidance, and supervision of volunteers; consider additional City staff to support volunteer management, if appropriate.
- Increase awareness of volunteer opportunities through marketing and recruitment strategies.



Systemwide Recommendations and Objectives (Applicable to all parks, facilities, and amenities within Northglenn's system.)	Goal Areas (Up to 8)

11. Continue to collaborate with the Northglenn Community Foundation and Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation who can receive tax-deductible donations and sponsorship that can benefit the City.



- These may include trees, benches, art, and other amenities for programming, parks, and recreation.
- Ensure cost includes materials, installation and an endowment that provides for asset preservation or reinvestment is included; cost should be evaluated on a regular basis.



Standards

Park maintenance standards have been developed based on industry standards, type of facility and level of use. These standards serve as a guide for the development of daily work schedules, as well as a benchmark for current park conditions. Assessments should be conducted on a regular basis to assist with identification of training needs, budgetary implications and additional park-specific needs.

These standards can typically be achieved at the current staffing level; if additional parkland is acquired or significant landscaping modifications are made, it may be necessary to provide additional resources and/or adjust the standard to account for those changes.

See the Park Maintenance Standards table on the following pages (50 and 51).

Park Maintenance Standards		Facilities	Regional Park
Turf	Mow	Weekly to Biweekly	Weekly to Biweekly
	Fertilize (broadcast)	Biannually	Biannually
	Fertilize (targeted)	As Needed	As Needed
	Aerate	Annually	Biannually
	Sod Replacement (damaged)	As Warranted	Immediate
	Overseeding (targeted)	Biannually*	Biannually*
	Herbicide (broadcast)	Biannually	Biannually
	Herbicide (targeted)	As Needed	As Needed
	Pesticide	As Needed	As Needed
Irrigation	Start Up	Annually	Annually
	Control Systems (monitor)	Weekly	Daily
	Adjustments	As Needed	As Needed
	Repair Line Breaks	Schedule	Immediate
	Drain Above Ground	Prior to Freezing	Prior to Freezing
	Winterize	Annually	Annually
General	Litter Control	Daily Monitoring	Daily
	Powerwash Pavilions	--	Daily as Needed
	Powerwash Concrete	As Needed	As Needed
	Sweep/Blow Concrete	Daily as Needed	Daily as Needed
	Graffiti Removal**	Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours
	Painting/Staining of Structures	Annually*	Annually*
	Oiling Wood Surfaces	Annually*	Annually*
	Special Amenities (repairs)	Schedule	As Soon as Possible
	Lighting Inspection	Quarterly	Quarterly
	Restrooms (clean & monitor))	--	Daily
Playgrounds	Playground Condition (monitor)	Daily	Daily
	Playground Inspection	Monthly	Monthly
	Playground Repairs (safety hazard)	Immediate	Immediate
	Playground Repairs (non-hazardous)	As Soon as Possible	As Soon as Possible
Horticulture	Planting (Annuals)	Annually	Annually
	Weeding, Deadheading	Weekly	Weekly
	Annual & Perennial Fertilize	Per Plant Standard	Per Plant Standard
	Winterize/Removal of Materials	Annually	Annually
Forestry	Routine Pruning/Inspection	Annually	Annually
	Hazard Pruning	As Needed	As Needed
	Health Monitoring/Treatment	As Needed	As Needed
Snow & Ice Control	Monitoring	Impending Snow	Impending Snow
	Snow Removal (parking area)	Accumulation of 1 Inch	Accumulation of 1 Inch
	Snow Removal (building access)	Any Accumulation (Occupied)	--
	Snow Removal (hard surface trails)	Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours
	Snow Removal (soft surface trails)	None	None
	Application of Ice Melt	As Needed	As Needed

Community Park	Neighborhood Park	Open Space/Natural Area	Trails	Specialty: Pedestrian Underpass
Weekly to Biweekly	Weekly	Only in Drought	Monthly (6 ft)	--
Biannually	Biannually	--	--	--
As Needed	--	--	--	--
Triannually	Annually	--	--	--
As Warranted	As Warranted	--	--	--
Biannually*	As Warranted*	As Warranted*	As Warranted*	--
Biannually	Biannually	--	--	--
As Needed	As Needed	As Needed	As Needed	--
As Needed	As Needed	As Needed	As Needed	--
Annually	Annually	--	--	--
Daily	Weekly	--	--	--
As Needed	As Needed	--	--	--
Immediate	Schedule	--	--	--
Prior to Freezing	Prior to Freezing	--	--	--
Annually	Annually	--	--	--
Biweekly	Weekly	Biweekly	Biweekly	Daily
Weekly	Weekly	--	--	--
As Needed	--	--	--	3 times/week
Weekly	Weekly	Monthly as Needed	Monthly as Needed	3 times/week
Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours
Annually*	Annually*	Annually*	--	--
Annually*	Annually*	Annually*	--	--
As Soon as Possible	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	--
Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
Biweekly	Biweekly	Biweekly	--	--
Weekly	Weekly	--	--	--
Monthly	Monthly	--	--	--
Immediate	Immediate	--	--	--
As Soon as Possible	As Soon as Possible	--	--	--
Annually	Annually	--	--	--
Weekly	Weekly	--	--	--
Per Plant Standard	Per Plant Standard	--	--	--
Annually	Annually	--	--	--
Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually	--
As Needed	As Needed	As Needed	As Needed	--
As Needed	As Needed	--	--	--
Impending Snow	Impending Snow	Impending Snow	Impending Snow	Impending Snow
Accumulation of 1 Inch	Accumulation of 1 Inch	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--
Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours	Within 24 Hours
None	None	None	None	--
As Needed	As Needed	--	Limited	Limited



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



The Playbook's Implementation Plan outlines next steps and specific projects for implementing improvements to the park system including programming recommendations, future capital projects, phasing recommendations, and funding strategies.

Capital projects are summarized in this section and additional detail is provided in Appendix B: Park Profiles. The recommendations noted here may exceed the resources available to implement over the next 10 years, but they are documented to support a long-term funding strategy for implementation.

This was developed based on findings from the Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment, including the specific following sources:

- In-person site visits
- Identity, capacity, and conditions Assessments
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Input from City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Discussions with department staff
- Other pertinent planning documents

Introduction

The word "more" was a common theme heard throughout the public engagement process. More programs, more events, more trail connections, more lighting. This theme is woven through the implementation plan. This plan is intended to serve as guidance for budget development, Capital Improvement Program prioritization, program expansion or changes, and fee development.

A list of general considerations has been developed. These are improvements or modifications that should be assessed during the development of every program or project and incorporated as appropriate. In addition to this list, the planning process should also be informed by the City's Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan, satisfaction surveys, market analysis and the available budget.

- **Lighting:** Assess and provide pedestrian and safety lighting, taking into consider environmental impacts through the DarkSky principles.
- **Safety:** Address safety considerations when making park improvements. This may include hardscape elements (bollards, fencing, etc.), video surveillance, and/or activation of the space.
- **Accessibility:** Ensure compliance with all Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, as well as other barriers to participation. This may include parking, transit, proximity to one's household, fees to participate, etc.
- **Trail Connections:** Identify missing trail connections and consider formalization of developed social trails.
- **Improve and Maintain Existing Facilities:** Prioritize preventative maintenance and asset replacement schedules.
- **Unique Amenities:** Consider unique or interesting elements. This may include playground features, recreation facilities, sculptures or other means of creating identity.
- **Diverse, inclusive, and equitable programming:** Programs should provide something for everyone. The program matrix identifies a wide variety of consideration (age, interest area, location, day of week, time of day, fees, etc.) and should be utilized as a tool when developing, modifying or eliminating programs.
- **Affordability:** Although there is a willingness to pay for programming, affordability should always be a strong consideration. Program fees should be set utilizing the Beneficiary of Services model and the established service categories.
- **Desire to expend funds:** Strong support exists for the City to expend the same or more funding from sources other than direct fees for service.
- **Marketing & Promotion:** Community members have a desire to know more about the programs, services and amenities offered. Consider additional and/or alternative means of community outreach.

Programming

The arts, culture, and recreation program opportunities outlined in the table below were generated based on analysis conducted and community feedback gathered through this process. Some of the programs are new, some are currently offered by the City but are envisioned for expansion, and some are best suited to be offered in collaboration with community partners such as schools, sports programs, the NAHF, and/or private entities. The programs listed are possibilities, but any of these will need a more detailed feasibility assessment prior to implementation.
A complete Program Plan should be developed, using this list as well as the Program Matrix as a starting point.

PROGRAMS Potential Opportunities	**New** (City)	**Expand Capacity** (City)	**Expand Partnerships**
Studio and visual arts*	X	X	X
STEM*	X	X	X
Fishing		X	X
Skateboarding/roller skating	X		X
Tai chi		X	X
Day trips for seniors		X	
Teen fitness/wellness		X	
Adult sand volleyball*	X		
Adult fitness (especially evening/morning)		X	
Adult performing arts		X	X
Youth performing arts		X	X
Youth soccer*			X
Youth gymnastics*			X

**New/additional facilities may be needed*



Capital Projects

Project Types

Park and trail capital projects are sorted into project types, as defined below, with the number of projects recommended within each type identified. The highest number of capital projects identified fall into the "reinvestment" category, followed by the "unique features" category. Only two new parks have been identified for development, both of which are already in the City's Long Range Plan.

Investment Levels

Capital projects for parks and trails are listed by facility in Appendix C: Capital Projects Matrix, with more than one capital recommendation applying to some sites. The following definitions are used to characterize the investment level required for proposed projects:

- **Develop:** Includes land acquisition, site master planning, design concepts/feasibility studies, and construction for new sites. This recommendation also includes working with developers where the City has a vested interest in ensuring the park remains publicly accessible.
- **Enhance:** Provide enhancements at existing parks with the addition of new, expanded or upgraded park features to expand park capacity and use.
- **Renovate:** Make improvements to existing park features, landscaping, and site amenities that are damaged, worn or at the end of their lifecycles. These represent larger repairs or a 'one for one' replacement in the same developed footprint.

Planning-Level Costs

The total estimated rough order of magnitude cost range the Playbook future capital project list over the course of the next 15 years is approximately between $14,770,000 - $44,950,000 (2023 dollars, not accounting for inflation). Projected costs are at a rough order of magnitude (ROM) level of detail in order to support to support planning-level estimating for future department phasing and funding strategies. Capital projects vary in ROM cost depending on project type and investment level. The table below summarizes the envisioned future capital projects and associated cost ranges by park. More details about the projects are available in Appendix B: Park Profiles and Appendix E: Capital Projects Matrix.

Phasing

With 128 capital projects identified, there is a need to phase projects based on community priorities so the City can stagger costs and efforts over time. It's important to note that the projects, phases, and time frames will likely change over time as well based on evolving priorities and available resources. The first and last phases listed below are not included in the Playbook future projects list.

Planned and/or Funded (1-2 years)

"Planned and/or funded" projects are already included in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for completion within the next 1-2 years. Many of these projects were identified again as important through this planning process. Since these projects are already being implemented, they have not been included in the Playbook future projects list.

Short-Term (3-5 years)

Future capital projects that score highest based on prioritization criteria (see next section) are considered "short-term" for recommended completion within 3-5 years, as resources allow.

Medium-Term (6-10 years)

Future capital projects that score in the middle based on prioritization criteria (see next section) are considered "medium-term" for recommended completion within 6-10 years, as resources allow.

- **52 projects:**
  approximately $2,185,000 to $10,600,000 total

Long-Term (11-15 years)

Future capital projects that score lowest based on prioritization criteria (see next section) are considered "long-term" for recommended completion within 11-15 years, as resources allow.

- Approximately $9,195,000 to $32,450,000 total

Wish List (15 years+)

"Wish list" projects have been identified by the project team as longer-term efforts that will likely take extensive funding and efforts to achieve. They are also considered lower priority than other projects. Since these projects are likely outside of the 15-year horizon of this plan, they have not been included in the Playbook future projects list.

Measurable Goals

In order to measure progress over time, City staff should utilize a checklist with projects by phase. This should be updated as priorities change and will be a helpful too for tracking achievements.

Prioritization Methodology

Three main criteria have been used to prioritize capital projects. Each project was given one point for each objective below that is achieves. Projects with the most points are prioritized as short-term and projects with the fewest points are considered long-term.

1. **Does it improve the condition of an asset in poor or failed/critical condition?**
   - Early in the Playbook planning process, City staff utilized a condition assessment tool in the field at each park to rate amenities and facilities from 1 (failed/critical) to 5 (excellent) condition. Throughout this process, it has become apparent that a major priority for the community is to reinvest in and improve existing infrastructure.

2. **Is it a priority project type for the community?**
   - Community input from the second online survey indicated that the two project types that are the highest priority are Universal Accessibility and the Trail Network. Additionally, Citywide safety and maintenance was the highest priority goal area.

3. **Is there a funding source available?**
   - Survey data indicated a willingness to spend additional funds to improve parks, recreation and culture amenities and offerings, while also noting a desire to maintain affordability.





Funding

Strategically utilizing department funding between operations, maintenance, and capital projects will be an important next step once the Playbook is adopted. The information below consolidates funding sources currently available to Northglenn's Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department into one location for easy reference to inform the budgeting process. These funding sources are used for operations and maintenance, in addition to capital projects, as noted below.

Funding Sources

Funding Sources	Department Annual Budget (Fiscal Year 2023)	Allowed Uses/Notes
General Fund	$ 7,879,729	Can be used for capital and operations.
Capital Projects Fund	$ 6,890,000	Can only be used for capital Adams County disbursement.
Conservation Trust Fund	$ 760,000	Can only be used for capital. Funded from lottery proceeds.
Grants	$2,370,000	Includes Adams County Open Space, varies significantly by year.
Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation	$300,000 (funding varies)	Can only be utilized for arts and culture programming, as prioritized by the NAHF.
Various Funds • CDBG • Water • Wastewater • Stormwater • Sanitation	$0	Not typically used for parks and recreation projects but can occasionally be opportunity for eligible projects in collaboration with Public Works and/or Planning Departments.
TOTAL	$17,899,729	

Priority Projects

Huron Crossing

E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park

Odell Barry Park

Amenity Replacement

Lighting & Safety Improvements

Wayfinding

Policy Development & Update

- Volunteer Driven Projects
- Open Space Management Plan
- Noxious Weed Management Plan

Fleet Electrification

Webster Lake Boathouse Replacement



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APPENDIX A: Park System Inventory

	Total Acres	Total Developed Acres	Total Undeveloped Acres	Total Trail/Path Miles	Amenities								
					Bench	Picnic Table	Trashcan	Pet Waste Station	Drinking Fountain	Grill	Bike Rack	Restroom	Shelter/Pavilion	Sculpture/Art
Regional Park														
E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park	27	25.6	1.4	1.9	89	53	38		2	9	2	2	9	5
Northwest Open Space	54	54	0	1.83	15	9	29	4				4	3	3
Subtotal	81	79.6	1.4	3.73	104	62	67	4	2	9	2	6	12	8
Community Park														
The Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park	4.7	4.7	0	0.46		3	9	2		1	1		2	1
Jaycee Park and Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park	14	9.2	4.8	0.46	13	4	14	3	1			1	4	1
Subtotal	18.7	13.9	4.8	0.92	13	7	23	5	1	1	1	1	6	2
Neighborhood Park														
Alvin B. Thomas Memorial Park	2.7	2.7	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	
Central Park at Fox Run	2.3	2.3	0	0.25	2	2	1	1	1		1			1
Charles Winburn Park	11.9	11.9	0	0.16	3	4	4	1			1		2	1
Huron Crossing Park	2.1	2.1	0	0.13	7	3	5	2	1	1			1	
J.D. Cayton Park	2.3	2.3	0	0.23		3	2	1		2				
Pasture Park	1.3	1.3	0	0									1	
Larson Glenn Park	1.3	1.3	0	0.34	4	1	1	1					1	
Larson Park	2.7	2.7	0	0.24	5	2	3	2	1		2		1	
Malley Park	2.72	2.72	0	0.35		2	3	1						
North Park at Fox Run	2	2	0	0.21	2	2	2	1	1		1			
Rotary Park	2.9	2.9	0	0.2			2							
South Park at Fox Run	1.5	1.5	0	0.1	4	2	2		1		1			
Sperry Park	2.8	2.8	0	0.24	4	7	4	1			1			
Village Greens I	1.1	1.1	0	89 Feet	1	2	2				1			
Village Greens II	1.1	1.1	0	100 Feet	2	1	1				1			
Wyco Park	6.8	6.8	0	0.47	1	2	2	3						1
Subtotal	47.5	47.5	0	2.92	36	34	35	15	6	4	10	0	7	3
Special Use Park														
Kiwanis Park and Pool	2.3	2.3	0	250 Feet	7	3	7				1	2	1	
Northglenn Recreation Center	13.6	13.6	0	unknown	41	7					5			2
Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park	2.7	2.7	0	0.32	3		2	1						6
Subtotal	18.6	18.6	0	0.32	51	10	9	1	0	0	6	2	1	8
TOTAL - Developed Parks	165.8	159.6	6.2	7.89	204	113	134	25	9	14	19	9	26	21
Undeveloped Park														
Scout Park	3.1	0	3.1	0										
Odell Barry Park	6.3	0	6.3	0										
Subtotal	9.4	0	9.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open Space														
Grant Park & Ditch	7	*0*	*7*	*1.59*										
Subtotal	7	0	7	1.59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nature Area														
Croke Reservoir Nature Area	22.5	0	22.5	0.56	12		6				2			1
Fox Run Nature Area	60	0	60	1.2	5		4	2					1	2
Oscar Arnold Nature Preserve	76.4	0	76.4	1.24										
Subtotal	158.9	0	158.9	3	17	0	10	2	0	0	2	0	1	3
TOTAL - Undeveloped Parks/Open Space	175.3	0	175.3	4.59	17	0	10	2	0	0	2	0	1	3
TOTAL - All Parks/Open Space	341.1	159.6	181.5	12.48	221	113	144	27	9	14	21	9	27	24

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	Total Acres	*Total Developed Acres*	*Total Undeveloped Acres*	Total Trail/Path Miles	Amenities								
					Bench	Picnic Table	Trashcan	Pet Waste Station	Drinking Fountain	Grill	Bike Rack	Restroom	Shelter/Pavilion	Sculpture/Art
Regional Park	81.0	79.6	1.4	3.73	104	62	67	4	2	9	2	6	12	8
Community Park	18.7	13.9	4.8	0.92	13	7	23	5	1	1	1	1	6	2
Neighborhood Park	47.5	47.52	0	2.92	36	34	35	15	6	4	10	0	7	3
Special Use Park	18.6	18.6	0	0.32	51	10	9	1	0	0	6	2	1	8
TOTAL - Developed Parks	165.8	159.6	6.2	7.89	204	113	134	25	9	14	19	9	26	21
Undeveloped Park	9.4	0	9.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open Space	7.0	0	7	1.59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nature Area	158.9	0	158.9	3	17	0	10	2	0	0	2	0	1	3
TOTAL - Undeveloped Parks/Open Space	175.3	0	175.3	4.59	17	0	10	2	0	0	2	0	1	3
TOTAL - All Parks/Open Space	341.1	159.6	181.5	12.48	221	113	144	27	9	14	21	9	27	24

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	Outdoor Recreation											Sports Facilities					Other	
	Playground	Play Equipment	Swings	Skate Park	Swimming Pool	Splash Pad	Boat/Kayak Rental	Fishing	Exercise Equipment	Community Garden	Off-leash Dog Area	Basketball	Baseball/Softball	Tennis	Pickleball	Multi-Sport Field	Greenway/Trail	Water Features
Regional Park																		
E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park	1			1			1	1					1					1
Northwest Open Space	1	1	1										4			4	1	
Subtotal	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	1	1
Community Park																		
The Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park	1	3	2									1		2	4	2	3	
Jaycee Park and Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park											1		1					
Subtotal	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	4	2	3	0
Neighborhood Park																		
Alvin B. Thomas Memorial Park	2	3	2									1						
Central Park at Fox Run	1	2										1						1
Charles Winburn Park																1	1	1
Huron Crossing Park	1		1									1				2		
J.D. Cayton Park																1	3	
Pasture Park	1		1															
Larson Glenn Park												1				1		
Larson Park	2	9	3						1			1						
Malley Park																1	2	
North Park at Fox Run	1	2	1									1						
Rotary Park													1					
South Park at Fox Run	1	2	1									1						
Sperry Park	2		2									1				1	3	
Village Greens I	1																	
Village Greens II	1																	
Wyco Park										1				2	4	1		
Subtotal	13	18	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	1	2	4	8	9	2
Special Use Park																		
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Northglenn Recreation Center																		
Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park																	1	
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Odell Barry Park																		
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	Outdoor Recreation											Sports Facilities					Other	
	Playground	Play Equipment	Swings	Skate Park	Swimming Pool	Splash Pad	Boat/Kayak Rental	Fishing	Exercise Equipment	Community Garden	Off-leash Dog Area	Basketball	Baseball/Softball	Tennis	Pickleball	Multi-Sport Field	Greenway/Trail	Water Features
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Community Park	1	3	2								1	1	1	2	4	2	3	
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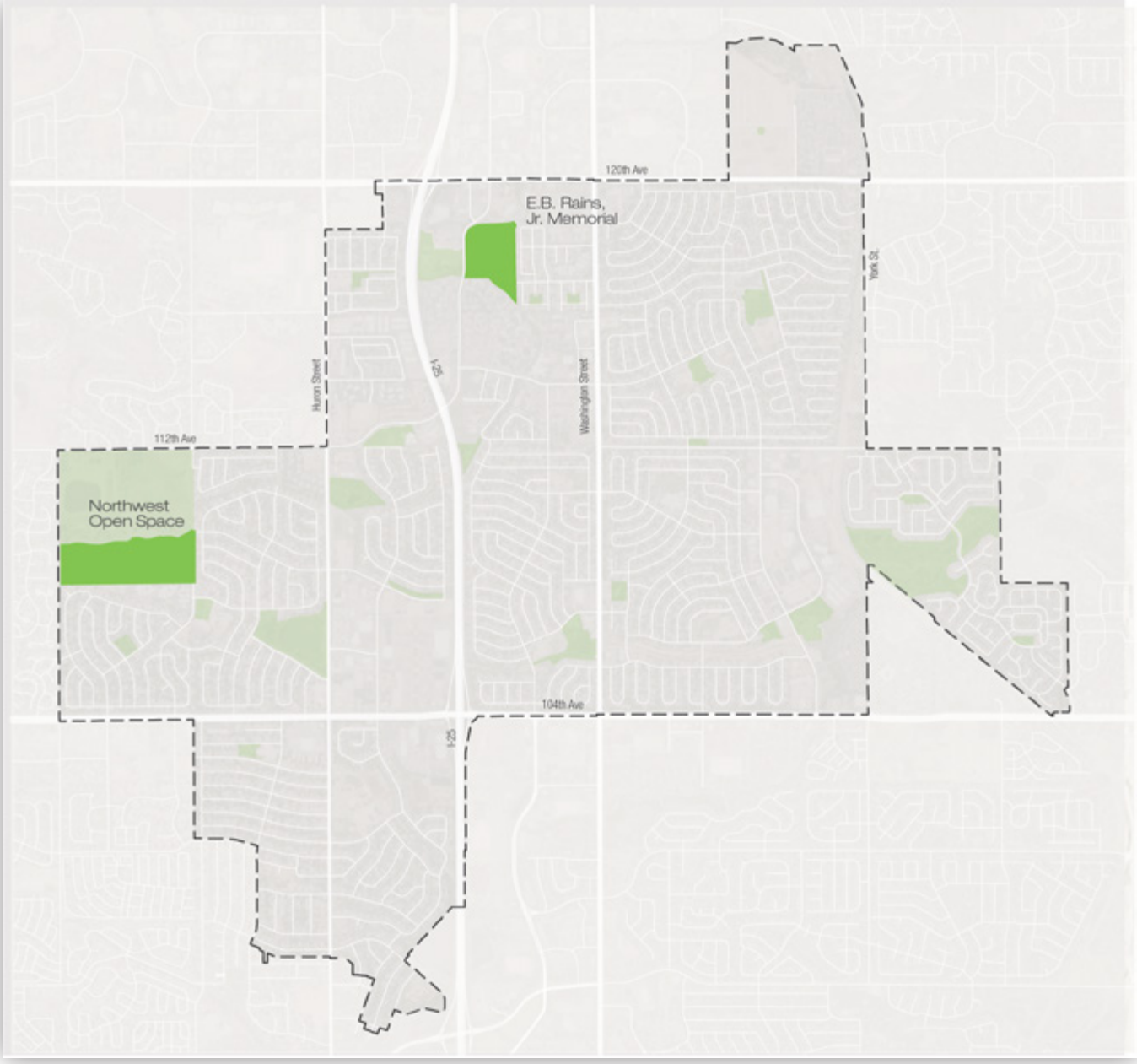
Parks, Recreation & Culture Long-Range Plan

APPENDIX B: Park Profiles

REGIONAL PARKS

E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park
Northwest Open Space

REGIONAL PARKS



REGIONAL PARKS

E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park



Size: 25.6 Acres

Type: Regional

Location: Community Center Drive

Key Features: Large regional park surrounding Webster Lake with a variety of activities. Often the site of community events.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment:
This park has excellent character due to the lake, mature trees, destination play, and pathway system. It is considered one of the best regional parks in the North Denver Metro area. In addition to its variety of play features and facilities, it is well connected to the regional trail system through the Farmers Highline Canal. The park has served as the location for Art on Parade, a temporary gallery for the public art program, since 2000. There is no room for expansion or new facilities, so renovation of existing features is key. The playground was updated this year with the replacement of multiple play features and new poured-in-place surfacing. Upcoming projects include concrete replacement, an additional public restroom, addition of an ADA path to the trail on the east side of the lake, concrete benches and landscaping at the skate park, and a new maintenance/storage facility. Design and engineering of these improvements are currently in progress and construction is funded.

Existing Usage: Community and regional population for recreational and event uses.

Planned/Funded Improvements:

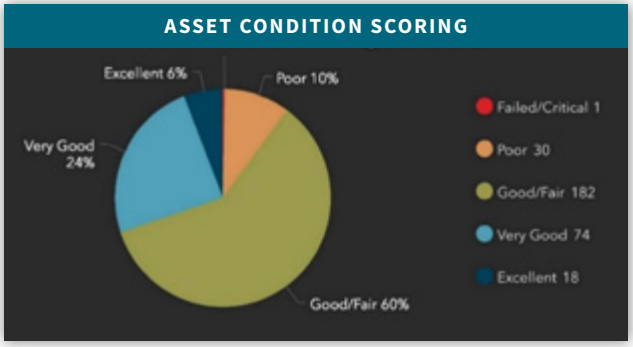
1. West restroom interior renovations, east pedestrian ramp & multi-use path seat wall replacement, skate park planter hardscape, new maintenance building & restrooms
2. Security improvements: auditory announcement, lighting, and video security
3. Repave east parking lot

Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

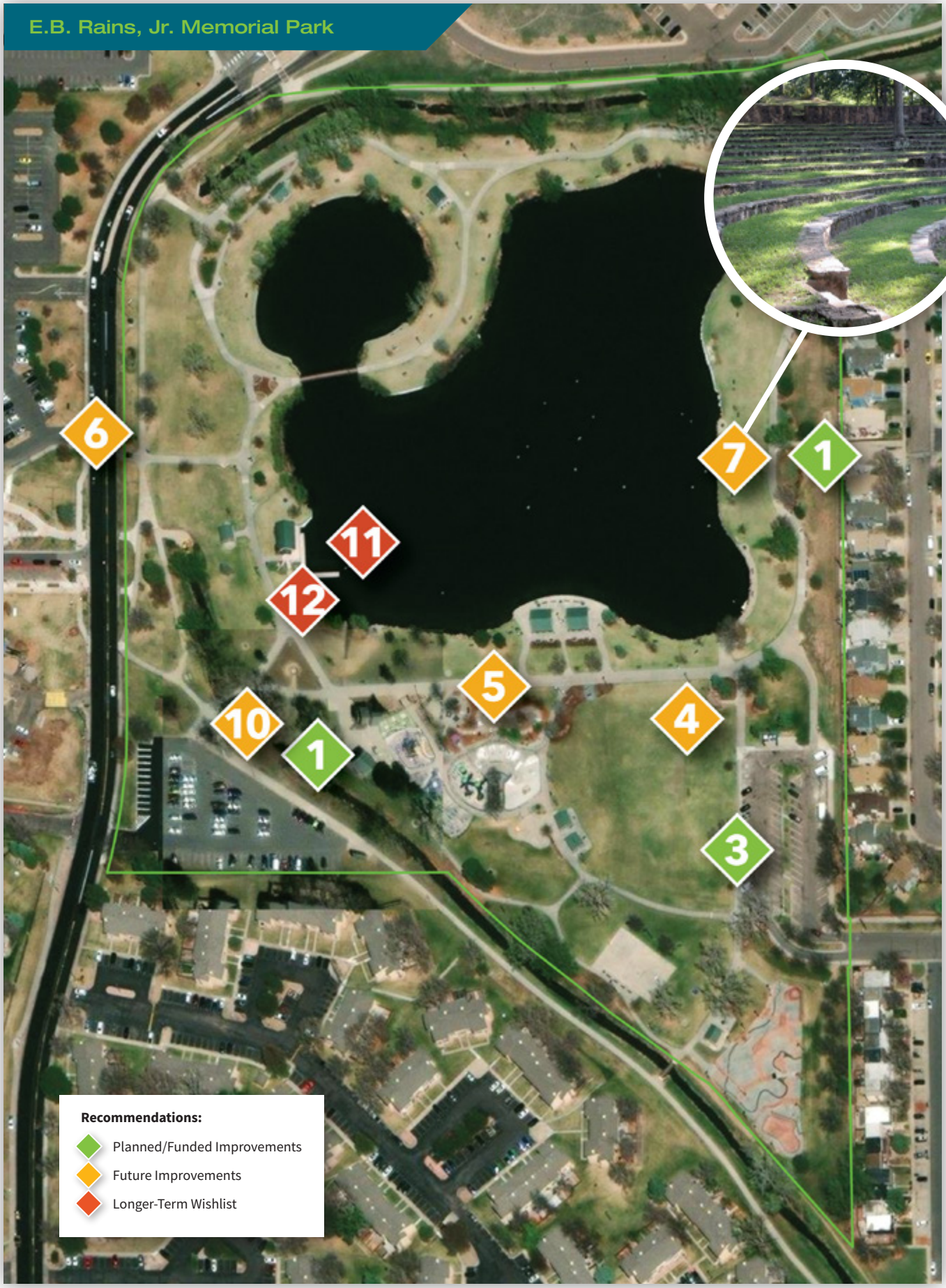
4. Repurpose existing flagpole stage in southeast corner for other uses
5. Add banners to light poles
6. Enhance crossings to Civic Center Campus in conjunction with future development
7. Create a viewing stramp on east side of Webster Lake
8. Add night-sky friendly pedestrian lighting
9. Regularly refresh/rehabilitate features given high usage, projects related to maintenance
10. Replacement of public art concrete pads and pedestals

Longer-Term Wishlist:

11. Renovate boat house and add concessionaire such as a coffee shop.
12. Assess and consider implementation of a non-potable irrigation system



E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park



REGIONAL PARKS

Northwest Open Space



Size: 54 Acres

Type: Regional

Location: N. Pecos St. & Roseanna Dr.

Key Features: Regional park focused on sports uses.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park is a large open space with wide, open turf areas for field sports. There are also unlit ball fields, play equipment for young children, and seating areas. The park has good connections to surrounding neighborhoods through the Farmers Highline Canal Trail running along the park's north side. The park was recently renovated during phase I, and all equipment and facilities are in good condition. There is limited existing shade for spectators on site.

Existing Usage: Recreational and competitive sports

Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Asphalt paving in phase 1 parking area
2. Parks Maintenance building near recycling area by water treatment facility

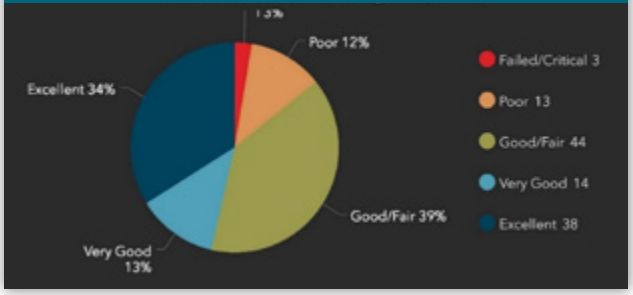
Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

3. Improve dugouts
4. Expand or add an additional picnic shelter to fit groups and barbeques
5. Loop trail around park and extend into Open Space
6. Remove berms on western side to allow for more flexible use
7. Add branded gateways into park
8. Update entrance and wayfinding signage
9. Add commissioned public art to ball field fencing and potentially a public art piece celebrating youth sports
10. Replace aging irrigation and add a night-sky friendly pedestrian lighting
11. Parking lot improvements
12. Plant more shade trees for spectators
13. Add community garden
14. Regular rehabilitation needed given high usage

Longer-Term Wishlist:

15. Expand facility usage & minimize water consumption with synthetic turf multi-purpose fields
16. Assess and consider implementation of a non-potable irrigation system

ASSET CONDITION SCORING



Northwest Open Space

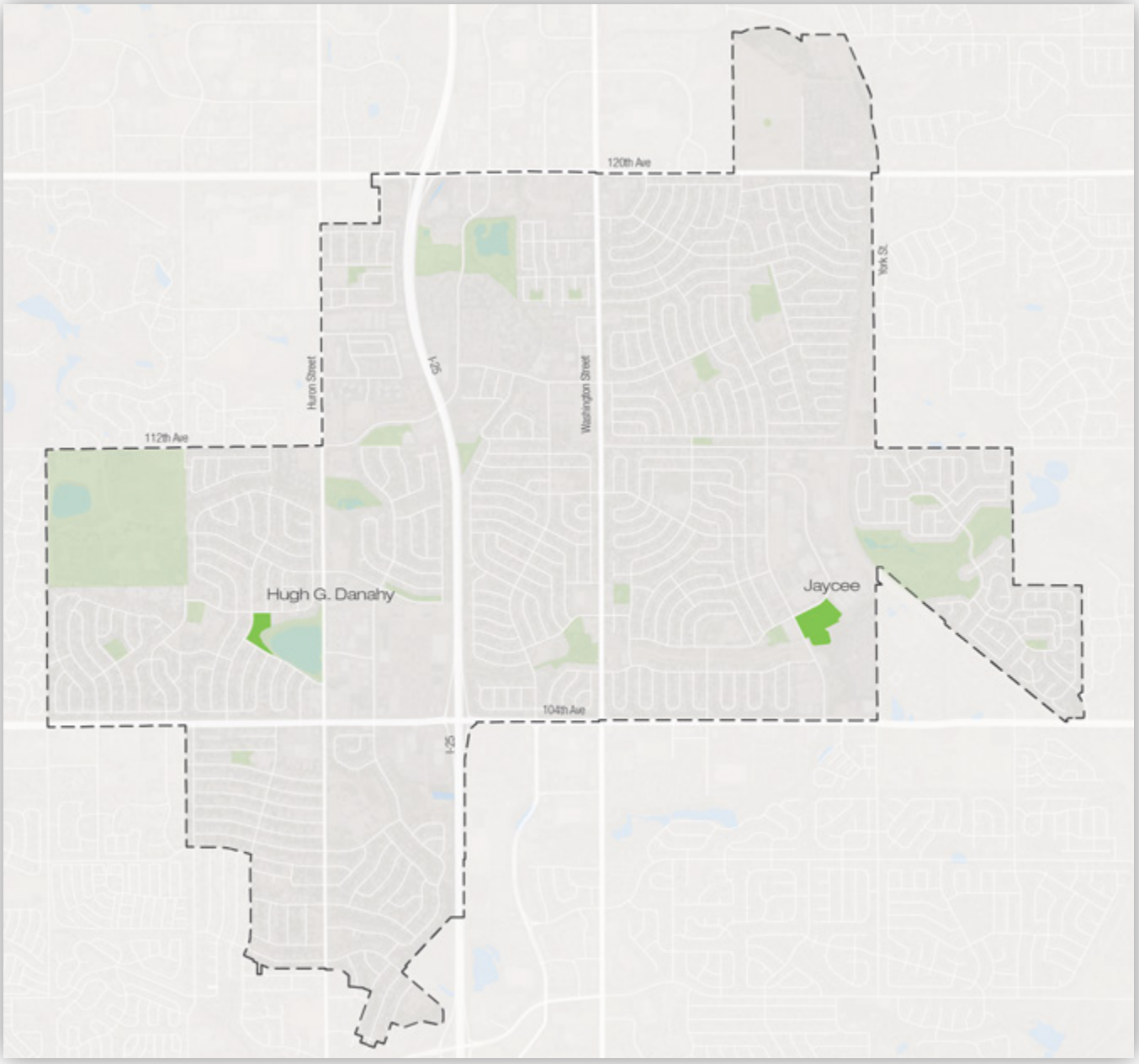


COMMUNITY PARKS

The Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park

Jaycee Park and Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park

COMMUNITY PARKS



COMMUNITY PARKS

The Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park



Size: 4.7 Acres

Type: Community

Location: Roseanna Dr. & Livingston Dr.

Key Features: Park connected to Croke Reservoir with a variety of activities.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment:
The park is attached to Croke Reservoir with trails. There is a large playground with poured-in-place rubber surfacing, sports facilities including a basketball court and tennis courts, and other programmed activities at this park. The current playground is faded and the picnic shelter is in poor condition. The playground and picnic shelter are scheduled for upcoming replacement. Recently a new bocce ball court and tennis/pickleball courts with LED lighting have been installed.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families

Planned/Funded Improvements:

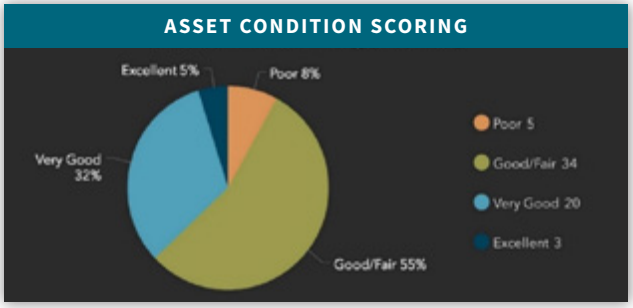
1. Replace existing pavilion structure
2. Enhance playground with shade sails
3. Replace playground and pour-in-place surfacing

Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

4. Add pedestrian lighting
5. Add diagonal pathway at intersection with ADA accessibility
6. Irrigation upgrades
7. Improve signage and wayfinding to Croke Reservoir Nature Area

Longer-Term Wishlist:

8. Enhance connections to surrounding neighborhoods with crosswalks
9. Electrify shelter and add shelter lighting



The Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park



COMMUNITY PARKS

Jaycee Park and Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park



Size: 9.2 Acres

Type: Community

Location: Leroy Dr. & Irma Dr.

Key Features: Special use community park with ballfield and dog park.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park focuses on dedicated use of baseball field, softball field, and dog park. Good connection to nearby trail and mature trees on park's northwest corner. New LED sports lights and an EV charger were added in 2023.

Existing Usage: Community members

Planned/Funded Improvements:

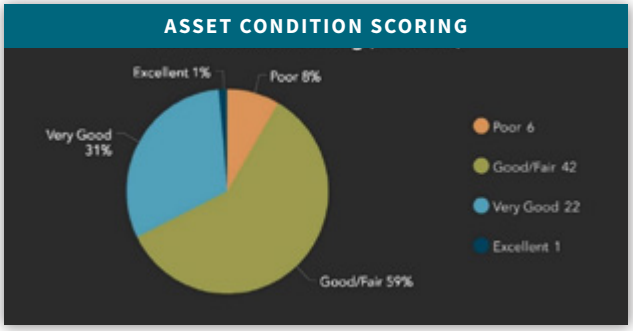
1. Resolve drainage issues on third base line
2. Renovate scorekeepers booth and renovate restrooms for ADA compliance
3. Enhance Irma Drive street crossing and connect to Grant Ditch trail

Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

4. Add picnic area and shelter near baseball field
5. Connect park to southeast apartments with sidewalk
6. Add small play element
7. Complete entry sidewalk and improve ADA access
8. Replace restrooms and scorekeeper's building
9. Add unique public art

Longer-Term Wishlist:

10. 10. Storage building



Jaycee Park and Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Alvin B. Thomas Memorial Park

Central Park at Fox Run

Charles C. Winburn Park

Huron Crossing Park

J.D. Cayton Park

Larson Glenn Park

Larson Park

Malley Park

North Park at Fox Run

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Sperry Park

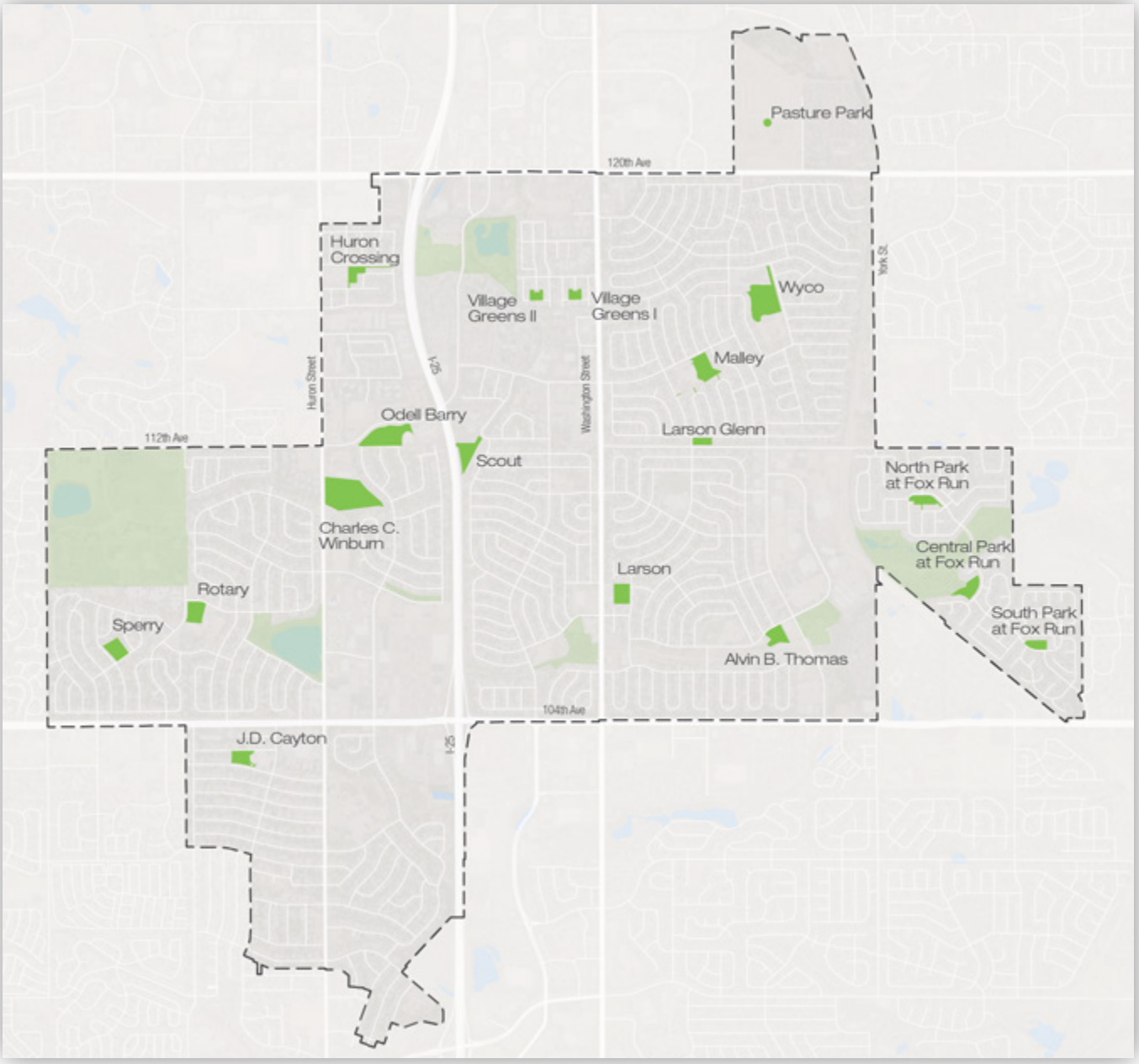
South Park at Fox Run

Village Greens I

Village Greens II

Wyco Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



COMMUNITY PARKS

Alvin B. Thomas Memorial Park

Size: 2.7 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Leroy Dr. & Murray Dr.

Key Features: Small open turf park with basketball equipment

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park features new play equipment for multiple age groups, and two well-lit basketball courts. The only access point to the park is from Leroy Dr.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood residents

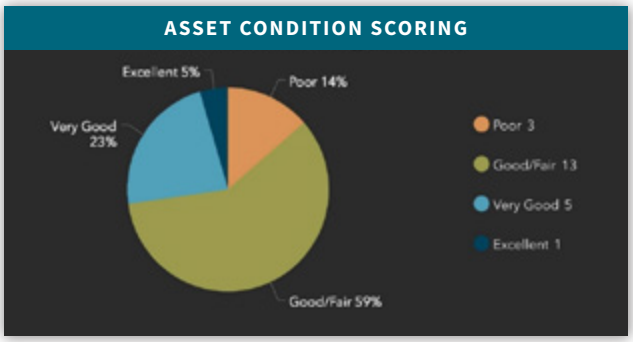


Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Renovate playground with unique play and placemaking elements with shade
2. Upgrade lighting to LED at basketball court
3. Add pedestrian and safety lighting
4. Connect sidewalks for connectivity and ADA accessibility
5. Connect the park to Grant Ditch Trail, possibly including stairs and/or ramp

Future Improvements for Consideration: (not in priority order)

6. Add soft-surface access path on east edge
7. Enclose porta-potty facilities
8. Plant trees to help screen park from house to the west
9. Colorize basketball court and enhance seating




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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

COMMUNITY PARKS

Central Park at Fox Run

Size: 2.3 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Fox Run Pkwy. & E 108th Ave.

Key Features: Neighborhood park located overlooking open space with mountain views.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park has fenced 3/4 basketball court, good connections to Fox Run Open Space Trail system and neighborhood trails, and solar bollard lighting, however it lacks an open, level turf area. Trees in the park are a mix of new and mature shade trees. There is a retention pond along the north edge of the park.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families and trail users.

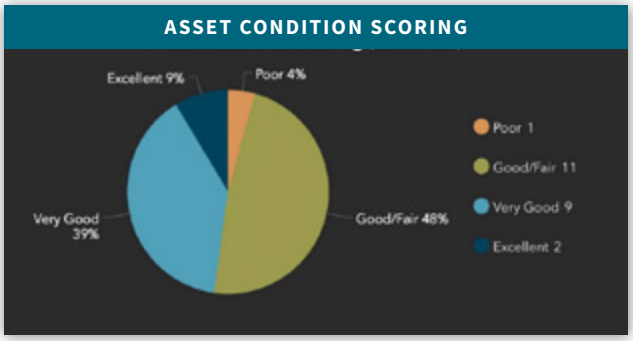


Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Repair or replace existing playground

Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

2. Add additional play features for younger children
3. Use natural grasses around detention basin
4. Add interpretive signage around detention basin
5. Create a path connection around north side of park
6. Add picnic or gathering space south of play area




Central Park at Fox Run
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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

COMMUNITY PARKS

Charles C. Winburn Park

Size: 11.9 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Huron St.

Key Features: Large park with trail running through it, connecting to regional trail system. Has unique water feature, gazebo, and sculptures.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park with a large turf area, pond, and a nice trail along the southern edge. It provides a location for field sports however the park does not offer parking facilities. Connectivity to the park via Huron Street and Farmers Highline Canal Trail.

Existing Usage: Limited to trail users and pedestrians.

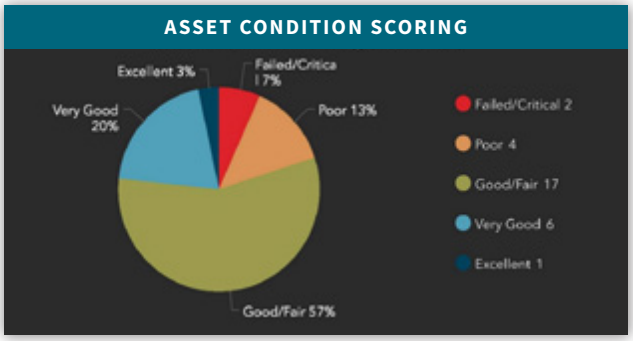


Future Improvements for Consideration:
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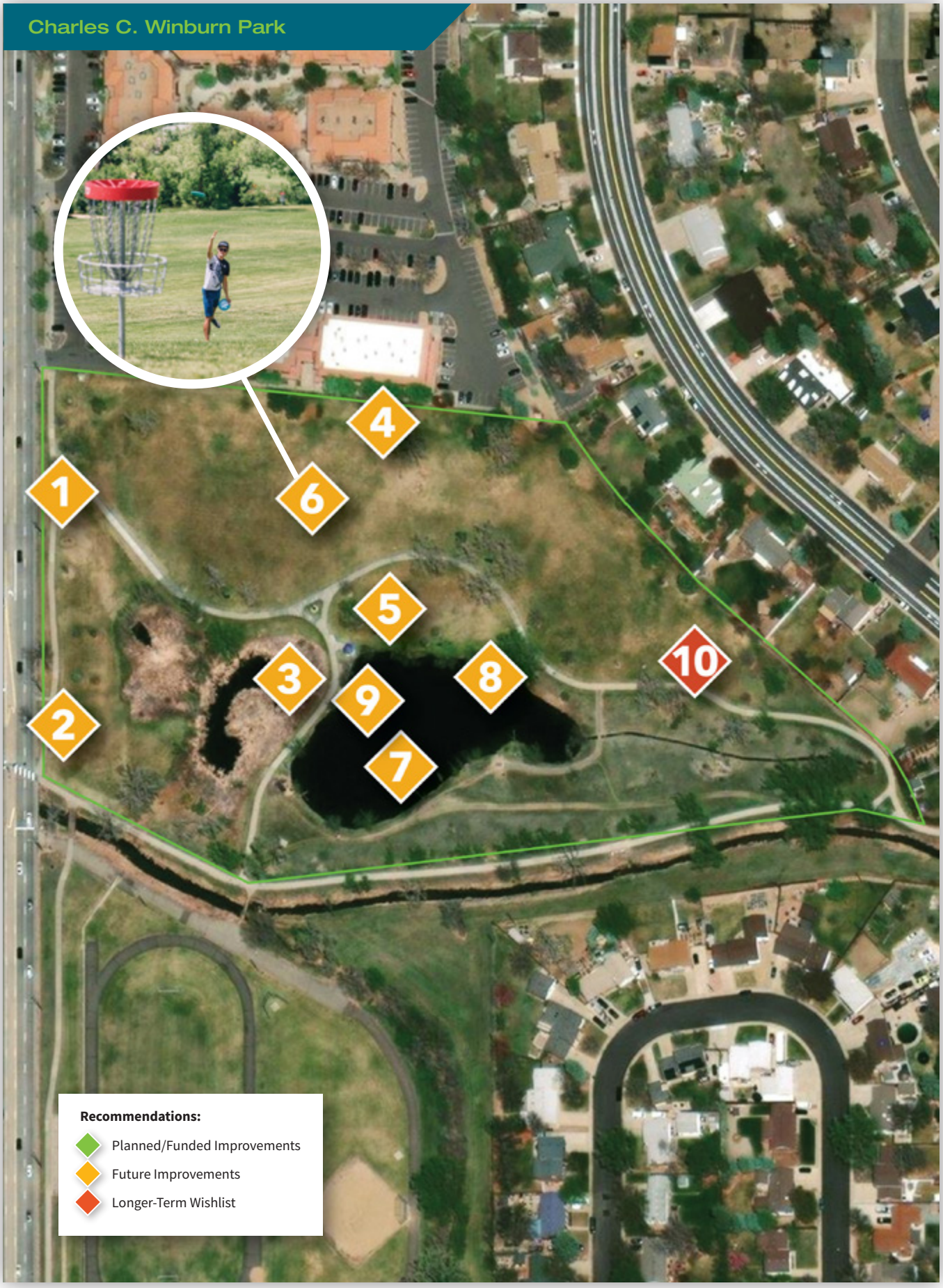
1. Create parking and access from Huron Street
2. Add shelter to existing transit stop
3. Resolve sidewalk flooding issues
4. Loop trail along north side
5. Upgrade existing picnic shelter
6. Add unique play elements, nature play or 3-hole disc golf
7. Continue to address water quality
8. Add fishing platform to pond
9. Add interpretive signage

Longer-Term Wishlist:

10. 10. Water conservation – create wildflower meadow



Charles C. Winburn Park



COMMUNITY PARKS

Huron Crossing Park

Size: 2.1 acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: West 117th Ave. & Melody Dr.

Key Features: Multi-use park space serving surrounding neighborhood.

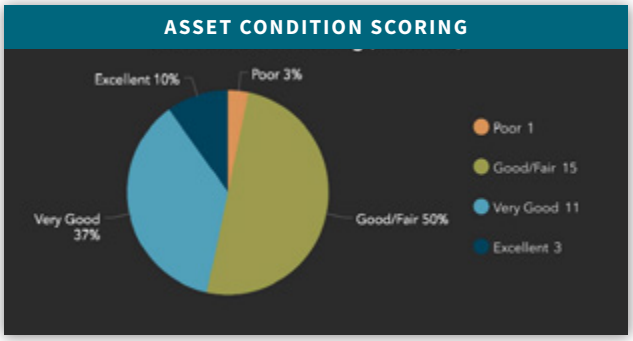
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Attractive neighborhood park with mature trees and unique features including a concrete ping-pong table. Park also serves as a detention basin. The park may not connect to regional rails. There are limited opportunities to expand due to adjacent detention basin.

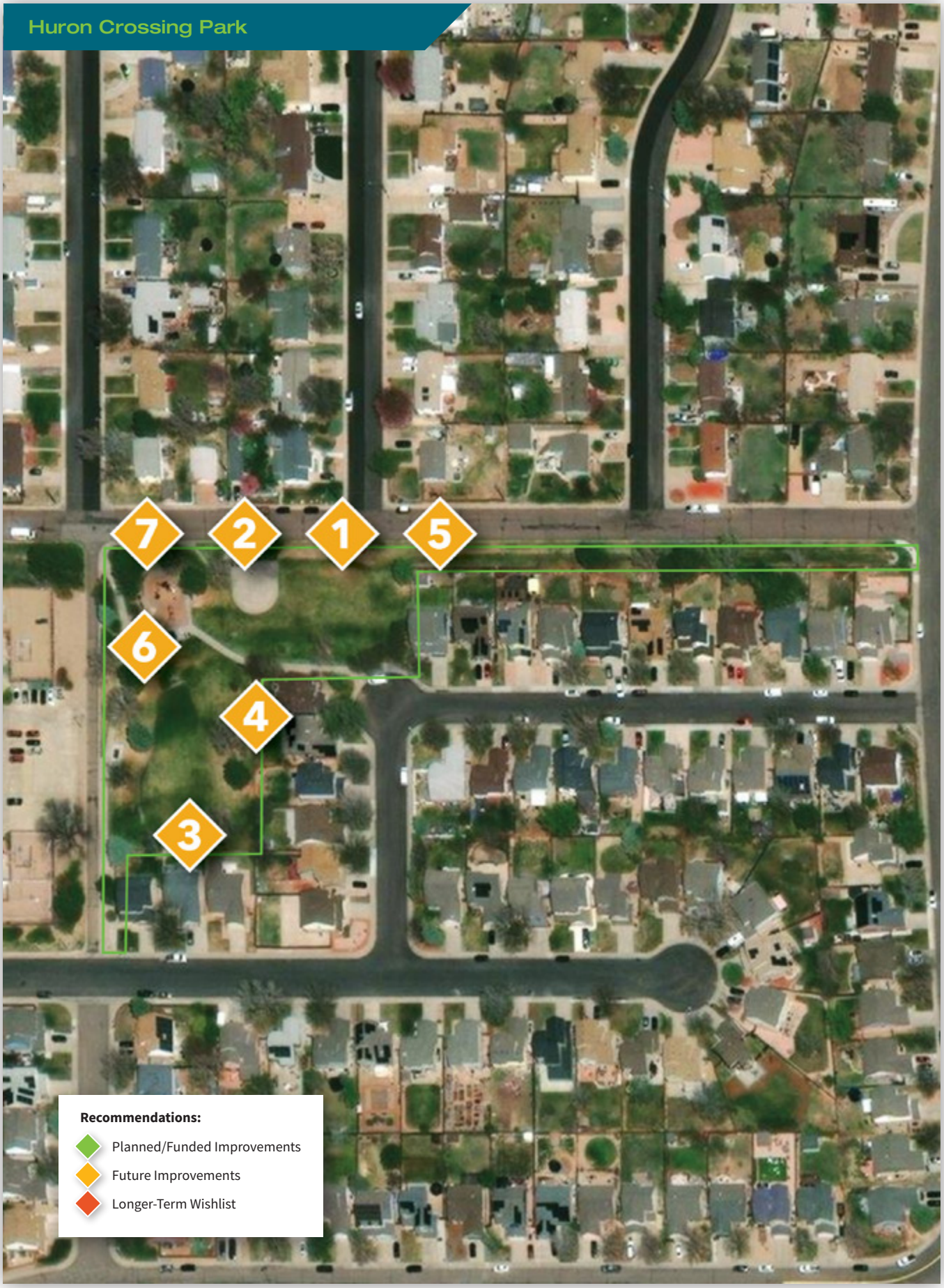
Existing Usage: Surrounding neighborhood families



Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Add sidewalk connection along north side, bulb out into street to save trees and have traffic calming element
2. Add a fence along the north side of the basketball court
3. Loop trail around park
4. Add pedestrian lighting
5. Enhance sidewalk and trail connections
6. Replace playground and add pour-in-place safety surfacing
7. Add public art




Huron Crossing Park
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Recommendations:
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Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

COMMUNITY PARKS

J.D. Cayton Park



Size: 2.3 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: W 103rd Pl. & Croke Dr.

Key Features: Park neighboring Hillcrest Elementary School

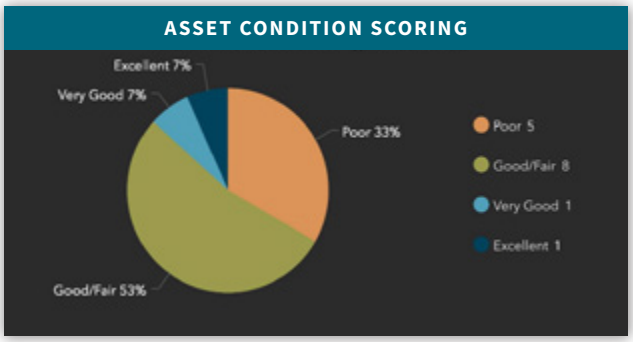
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Site is the neighboring open turf area adjacent to school. There are picnic tables, mature trees in corners, and a loop path.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families and adjacent school.

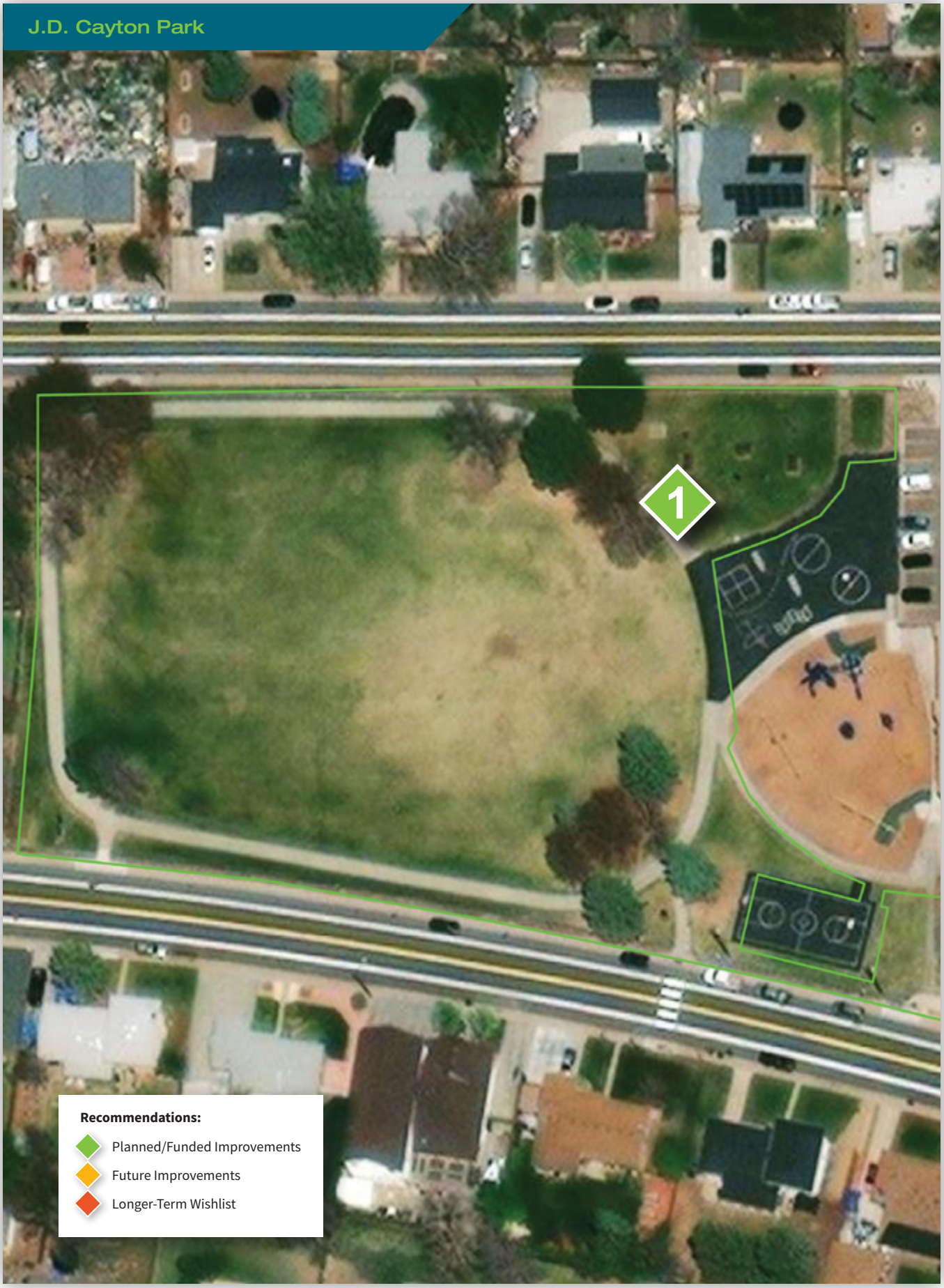
Note: This park is owned by Adams 12 School District. It was named and signed as a City park at a time that a joint use agreement was in place, which is no longer in effect. The City continues to maintain and provide improvements to the park.

Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Improve existing picnic area with shade, shelter, and furnishing upgrades



J.D. Cayton Park



COMMUNITY PARKS

Larson Glenn Park



Size: 1.3 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Larson Ln. & E 112th Pl.

Key Features: Small neighborhood serving park with turf and basketball court.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park has no playground or other play equipment. Use is limited to basketball court and open turf area. The park is landscaped with ornamental grasses along edge of E 112th Ave. to the south. Parking is available but poorly laid out and defined next to the basketball court. The park is surrounded by busy streets and has power lines overhead.

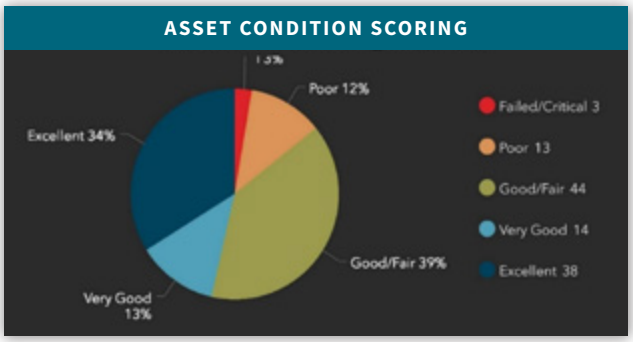
Existing Usage: Neighborhood residents, teens, and older children.

Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Separate parking lot from basketball court using landscape strip or block barriers
2. Restripe existing parking lot
3. Add crosswalk to connect park to the north
4. Add engaging features such as a small play structure, futsol, exercise equipment, etc.
5. Extend arc design to wrap around southwest corner with water wise landscaping
6. Add evergreen trees to screen 112th Ave.

Longer-Term Wishlist:

7. Improve basketball court



Larson Glenn Park



COMMUNITY PARKS

Larson Park

Size: 2.7 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Larson Dr. & E 108th Ave.

Key Features: Unique neighborhood park with themed playground equipment and exercise stations.

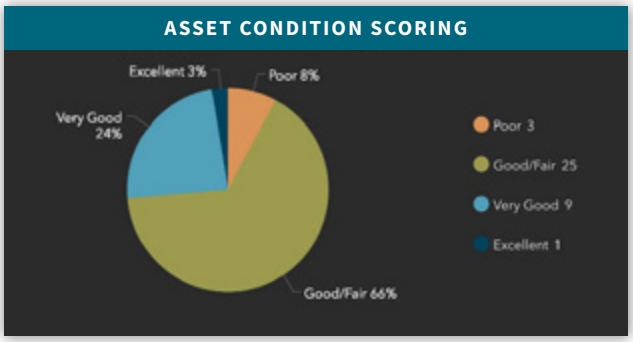
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Large evergreen trees around perimeter define edges and establish park space. Access to park is only from the street side. Current park features include a large playground with varied equipment suitable for children of all ages with poured-in-place rubber surfacing and an exercise equipment pod available for park users. There is limited accessibility to the park with the only access being from the street.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood residents



Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Update exercise equipment with pour-in-place safety surfacing
2. Replace playground equipment and upgrade accessibility while retaining character of park
3. Add pedestrian lighting
4. Formalize social trail and expand loop



Larson Park


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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

COMMUNITY PARKS

Malley Park

Size: 3.6 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Malley Dr & Marion St.

Key Features: Large open turf located next to Malley Drive Elementary School

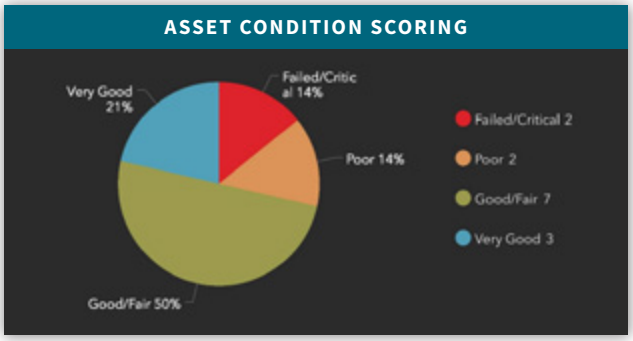
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: This is a joint park and school site with a large turf area, two backstops, and perimeter of large shade trees. The park space is well defined and well connected to the surrounding neighborhood with walking loop around perimeter. Parking is available off-street at the school.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families and school recess.

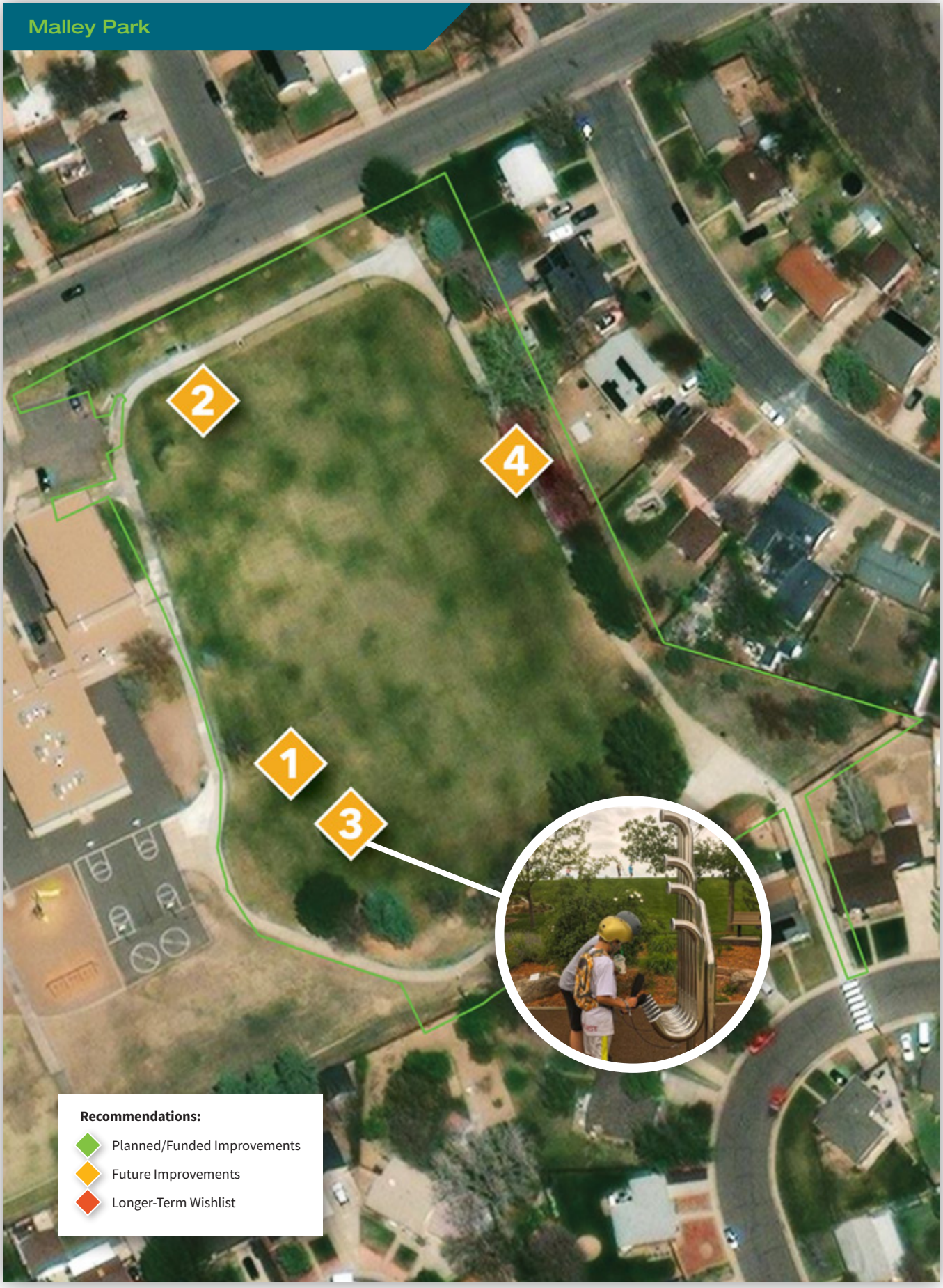


Future Improvements for Consideration: (not in priority order)

1. Add small shelter and gathering space
2. Replace one backstop
3. Replace other backstop with unique outdoor feature, such as a musical play space (plan in partnership with the school)
4. Add distance markers around loop



Malley Park


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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

COMMUNITY PARKS

North Park at Fox Run

Size: 2 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Fox Run Pkwy. & Columbine St.

Key Features: Small neighborhood park connected to Fox Run system.

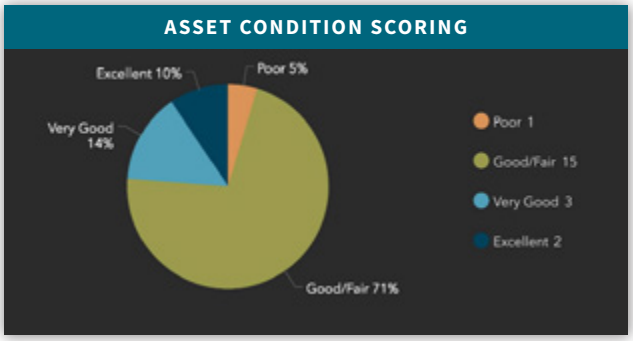
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Almost identical to South Park at Fox Run with circular basketball court and small turf area. There is good sidewalk connectivity to adjacent houses from all sides.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families



Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Replace playground structure with thematic, placemaking elements
2. Add shade around play area
3. Add picnic and gathering space
4. Add additional play feature, such as rock climbing structure



North Park at Fox Run



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Recommendations:

- Planned/Funded Improvements
- Future Improvements
- Longer-Term Wishlist

COMMUNITY PARKS

Odell Barry Park



Size: 6.3 Acres

Type: Undeveloped Neighborhood

Location: W 112th Ave. & Cherokee St.

Key Features: Blank slate located next to the Northglenn Justice Center

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Site is currently undeveloped. Master Plan has been completed and developed site will include parking, landscaping, play spaces, and other amenities.

Existing Usage: None

Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Secure funding to complete construction of the designed park

Longer-Term Wishlist:

2. Connecting neighborhood to the south with new park
3. Create a bridge or tunnel for safe access to neighborhood to the north



COMMUNITY PARKS

Pasture Park



Size: 1.3 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: 124th Ave. & Irma St.

Key Features: Park in a new development (Karl's Farm) focused on placemaking and community gathering.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Site is a new park developed, owned, and maintained by the special district. The park has play equipment, a bandstand, a looped path surrounding open lawn space, and a combination of hardscape and softscape landscaping.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood residents
Note: *Owned and operated by special district.*

Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Continue partnership with KF Development



COMMUNITY PARKS

Rotary Park

Size: 2.9 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: N. Pecos St. & Roseanna Dr.

Key Features: Neighborhood park located next to Westview Elementary School.

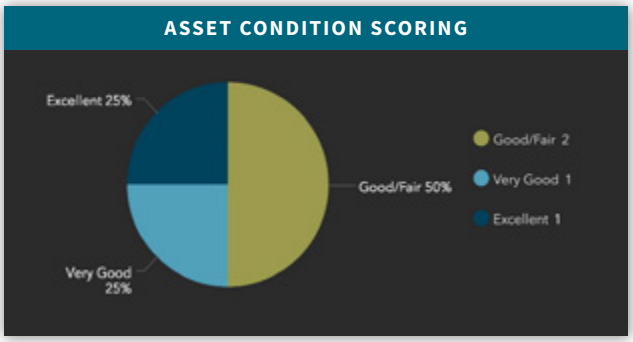
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park is an open turf area with a ball field and limited other amenities. Site has mature trees in one corner with lots of other newly planted trees. There are funds available for shelter.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families and ball field users

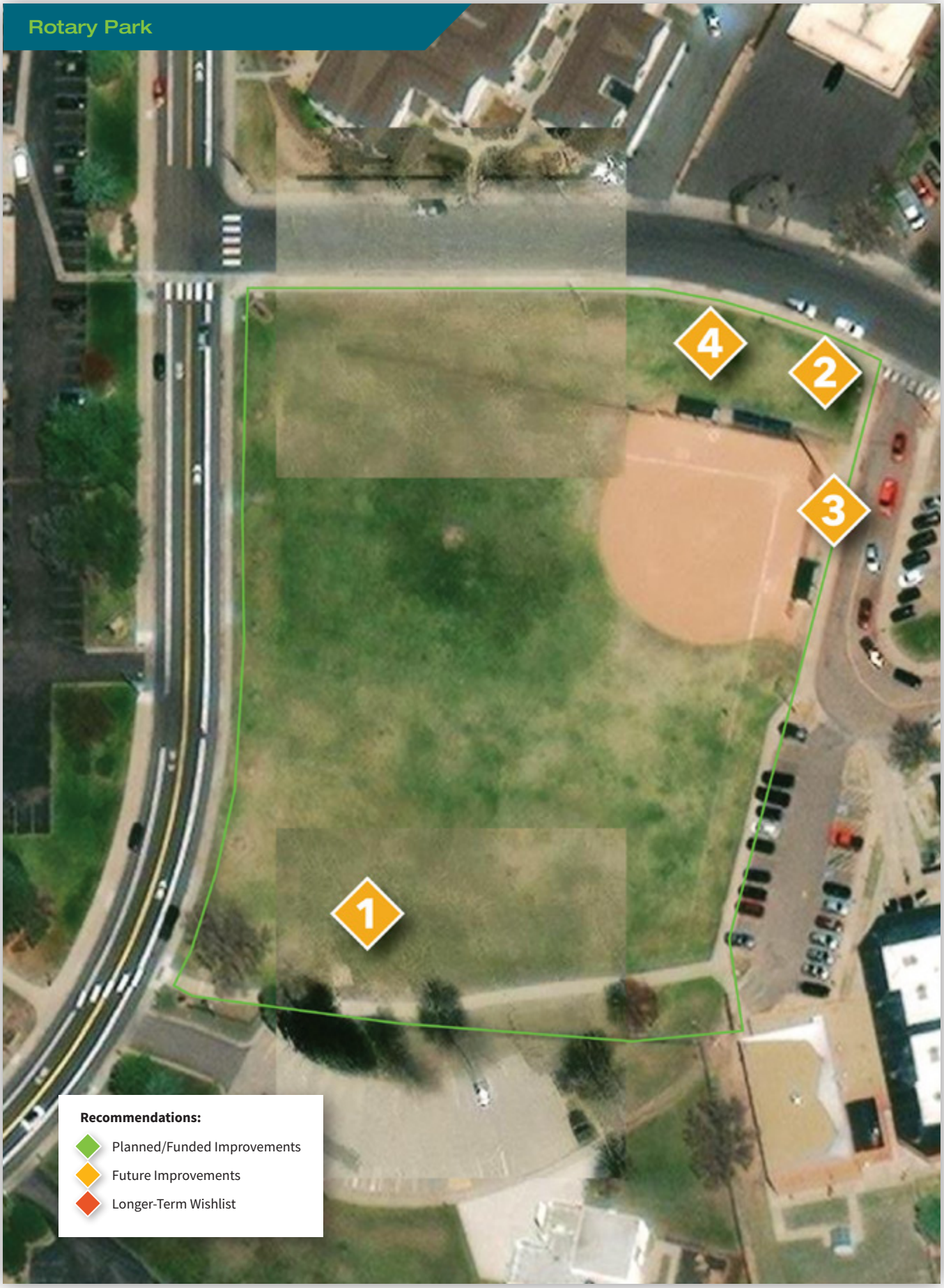


Future Improvements for Consideration: (not in priority order)

1. Install picnic shelter
2. Enclose porta-potty facilities
3. Hardscape and replace wooden seating with aluminum benches and add shade
4. Add small multi-use artistic/play sculpture



Rotary Park


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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

COMMUNITY PARKS

Scout Park

Size: 3.1 Acres

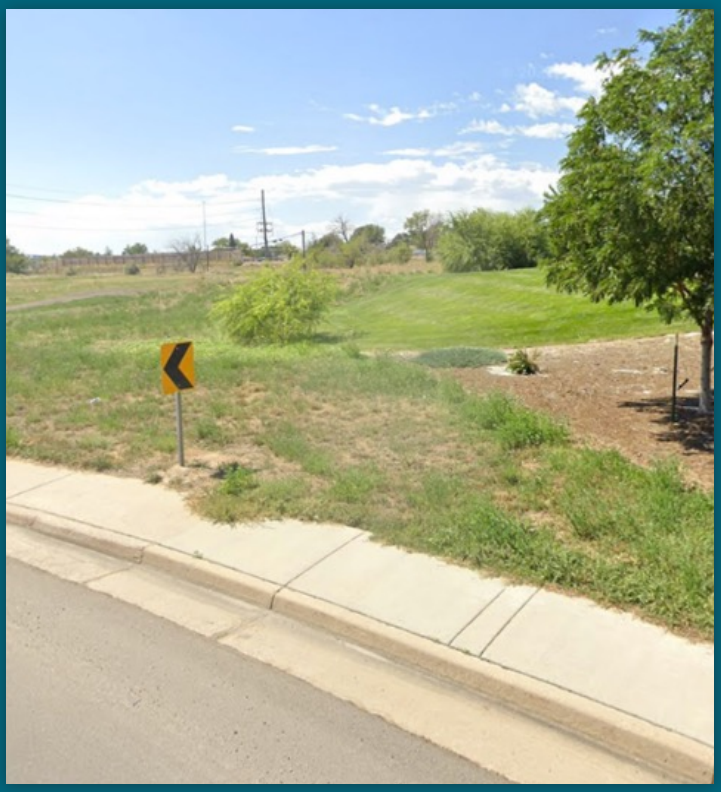
Type: Undeveloped Neighborhood

Location: E 112th Pl

Key Features: Blank slate with opportunities to develop.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: The park offers open space and native greenery. It is a blank slate with connections to I-25 which connects to trails.

Existing Usage: Limited



Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Complete a master plan for the park

Longer-Term Wishlist:

2. Improve driving access with soft surface parking
3. Include elements such as
   - Bike park (dirt),
   - Pump track, or
   - Dog park
   - Formalized archery use
   - Disc Golf
4. Better align trail and enhance safety at trail crossing


Scout Park
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North Glenn Dr

COMMUNITY PARKS

South Park at Fox Run

Size: 1.5 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Fox Run Parkway

Key Features: Quiet neighborhood park within the Fox Run Park system.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: This park features circular basketball courts with benches for spectators, as well as play equipment for toddlers (ages 2-5) and an open turf area. It is overall a good quality neighborhood park with a new urbanist character. South Park lacks shade near the play area and picnic tables. Connectivity is good via neighborhood tails. The off-street trails connect to Fox Run Park system.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families with toddlers and younger children

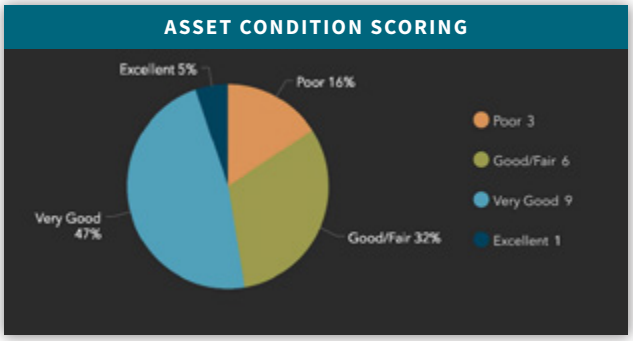


Planned/Funded Improvements:

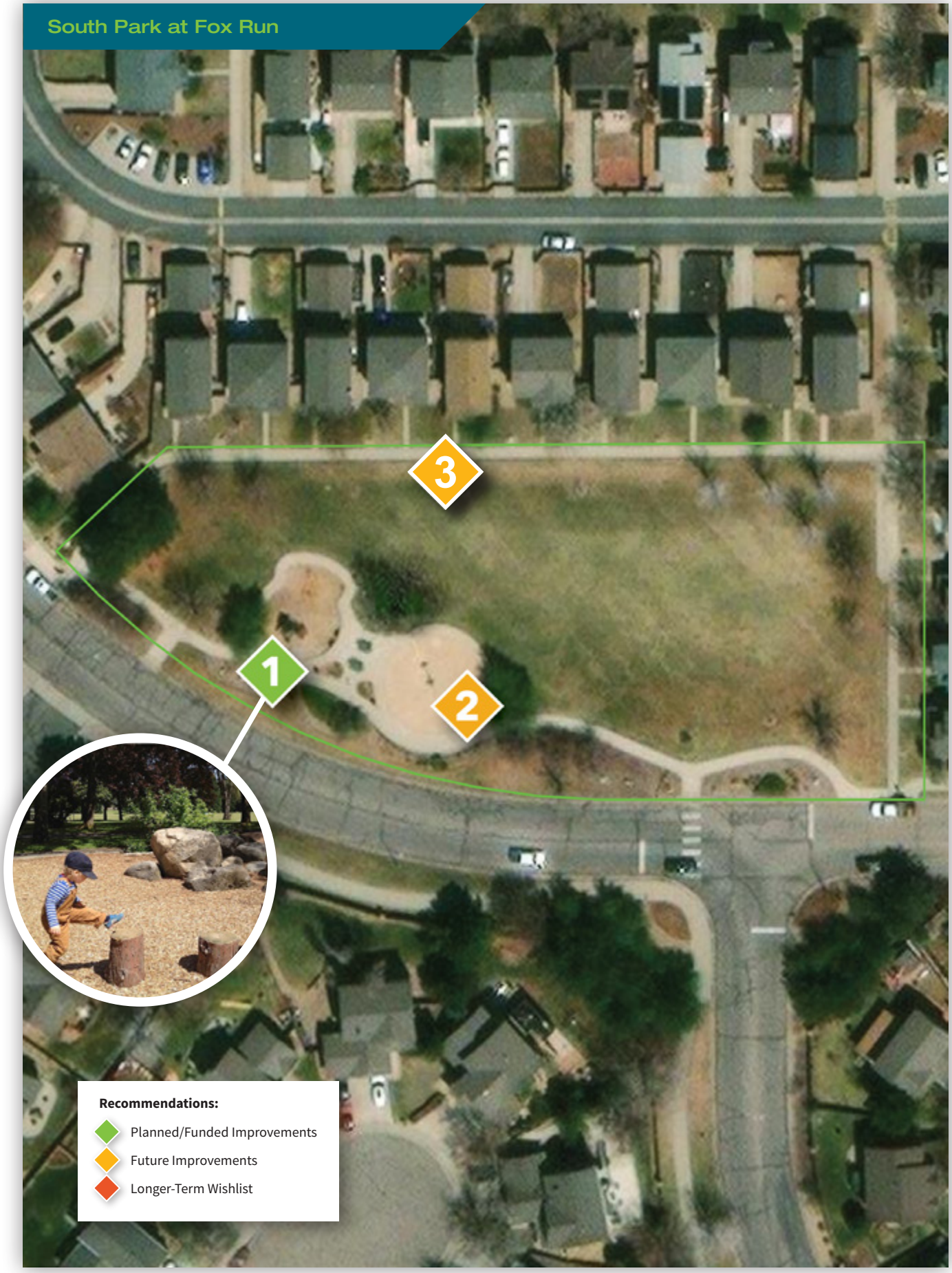
1. 1. Replace play equipment

Future Improvements for Consideration: (not in priority order)

2. Add more unique play features and shade to picnic area
3. Add trees along the north edge



South Park at Fox Run



COMMUNITY PARKS

Sperry Park

Size: 2.7 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: Sperry St. & Utrillo Ln.

Key Features: Neighborhood park in a quiet neighborhood with playground, small basketball court, and looped path connecting to sidewalks

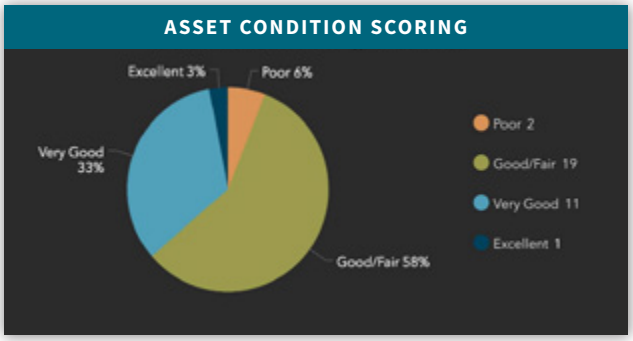
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park has large, established native trees with a good mix of play equipment and recreational activities. Connectivity through the park is good will the paved loop connecting to the sidewalks.

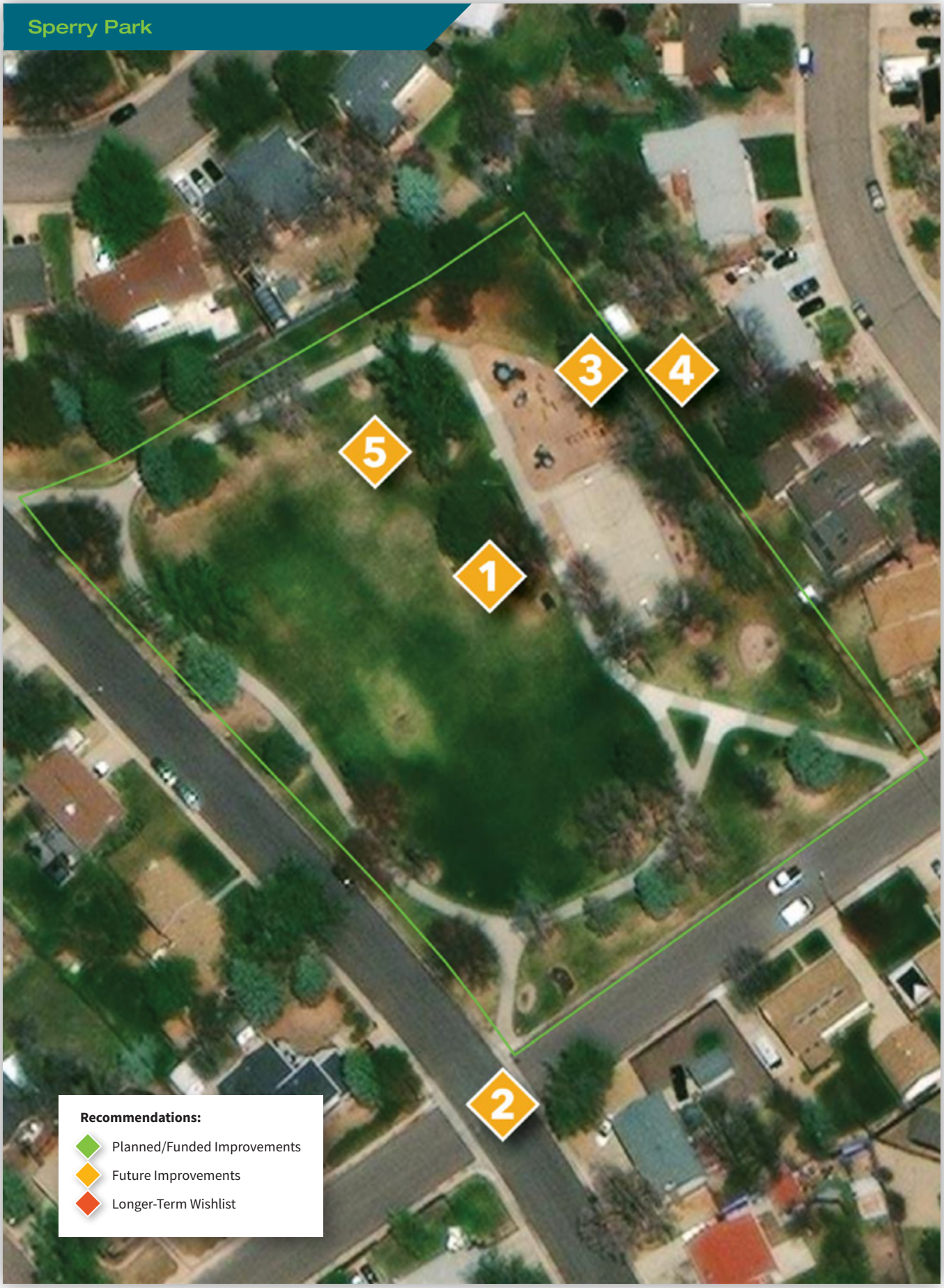
Existing Usage: Neighborhood families



Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Add a picnic shelter
2. Add crosswalks on Sperry Street and Utrillo Lane
3. Replace play structure and enhance theme
4. Add challenge elements and/or parkour when play equipment is replaced
5. Continue shadow planting practices for large trees, specifically around ash, cottonwood, etc.




Sperry Park
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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

COMMUNITY PARKS

Village Greens I

Size: 1.1 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: E. 116th Ave. & Pennsylvania St.

Key Features: Small neighborhood park with play features and seating.

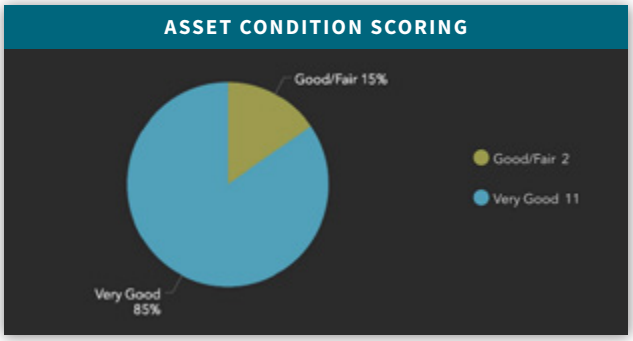
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Open space park with many trees for shade. Although there is not a connection to regional trails, there is connectivity to adjacent housing.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families



Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Add small picnic shelter at playground and barbeque facilities
2. Connect play area to sidewalk with ADA access path
3. Differentiate from Village Greens II with unique elements including:
   - Accessible play equipment and
   - Community gathering space such as a small food truck area with gathering space, artistic sculptural play area, concrete corn hole/ping pong or other permanent games, community garden, etc.



Village Greens I



COMMUNITY PARKS

Village Greens II

Size: 1.1 acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: E. 116th Ave. & Sherman St.

Key Features: Small neighborhood park with play features and seating.

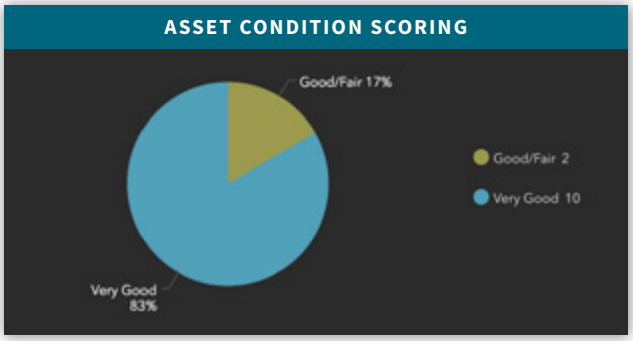
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park has nice, established trees, a shaded playground and lighting. There are connections to nearby streets and housing.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families



Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Small picnic shelter at playground
2. Connect play area to sidewalk with ADA access path
3. Differentiate from Village Greens I with unique elements including:
   - Accessible play equipment and
   - Community gathering space such as a small food truck area with gathering space, artistic sculptural play area, concrete corn hole/ping pong or other permanent games, community garden, etc.



Village Greens II



COMMUNITY PARKS

Wyco Park

Size: 6.8 Acres

Type: Neighborhood

Location: W. Wyco Dr. & E 117th Way

Key Features: Integrated school and park site.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park has shared amenities with neighboring school, the STEM Lab. The site has two lit tennis courts (also striped for pickleball), four pickleball courts, a large open turf area, entry with sculpture, and access to school playground equipment. There is good connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods with a perimeter trail around the park.

Existing Usage: Neighborhood families and surrounding schools

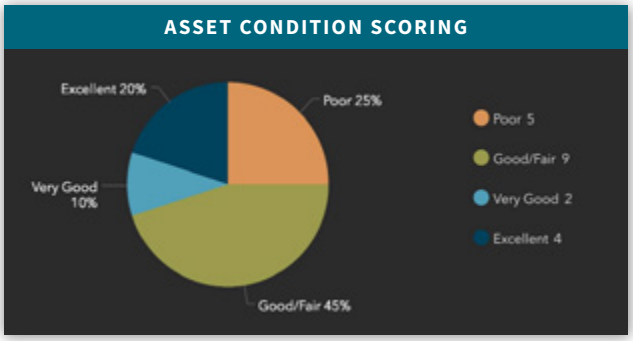


Future Improvements for Consideration:
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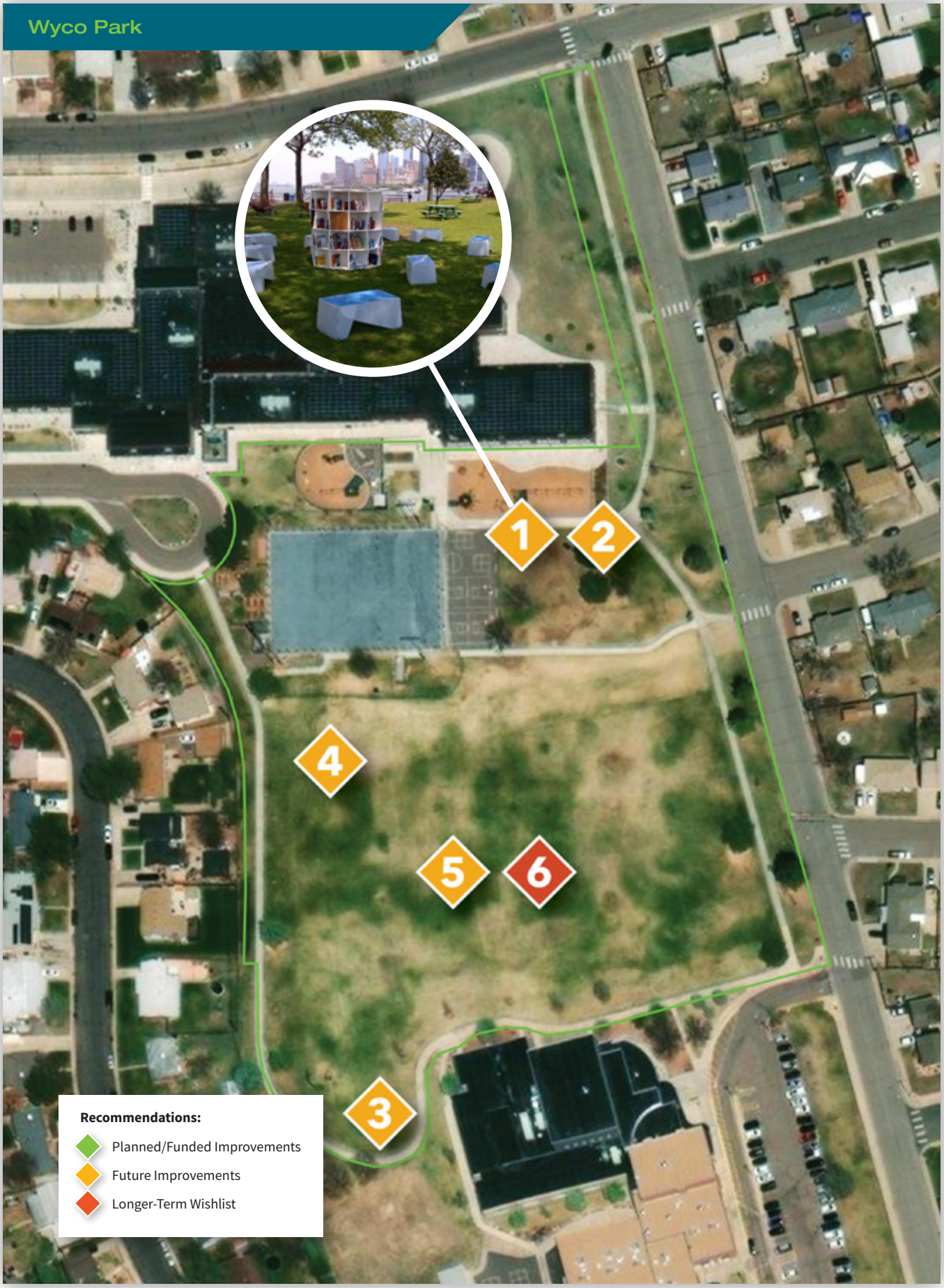
1. Work with school to enhance outdoor classroom and/or community garden
2. Add picnic shelter
3. Add 2-5 year old playground with unique elements or add futsal court as unique element in southwest corner
4. Move backstop to northwest corner
5. Upgrade irrigation in playing field

Longer-Term Wishlist:

6. Consider synthetic turf



Wyco Park


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Recommendations:
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Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

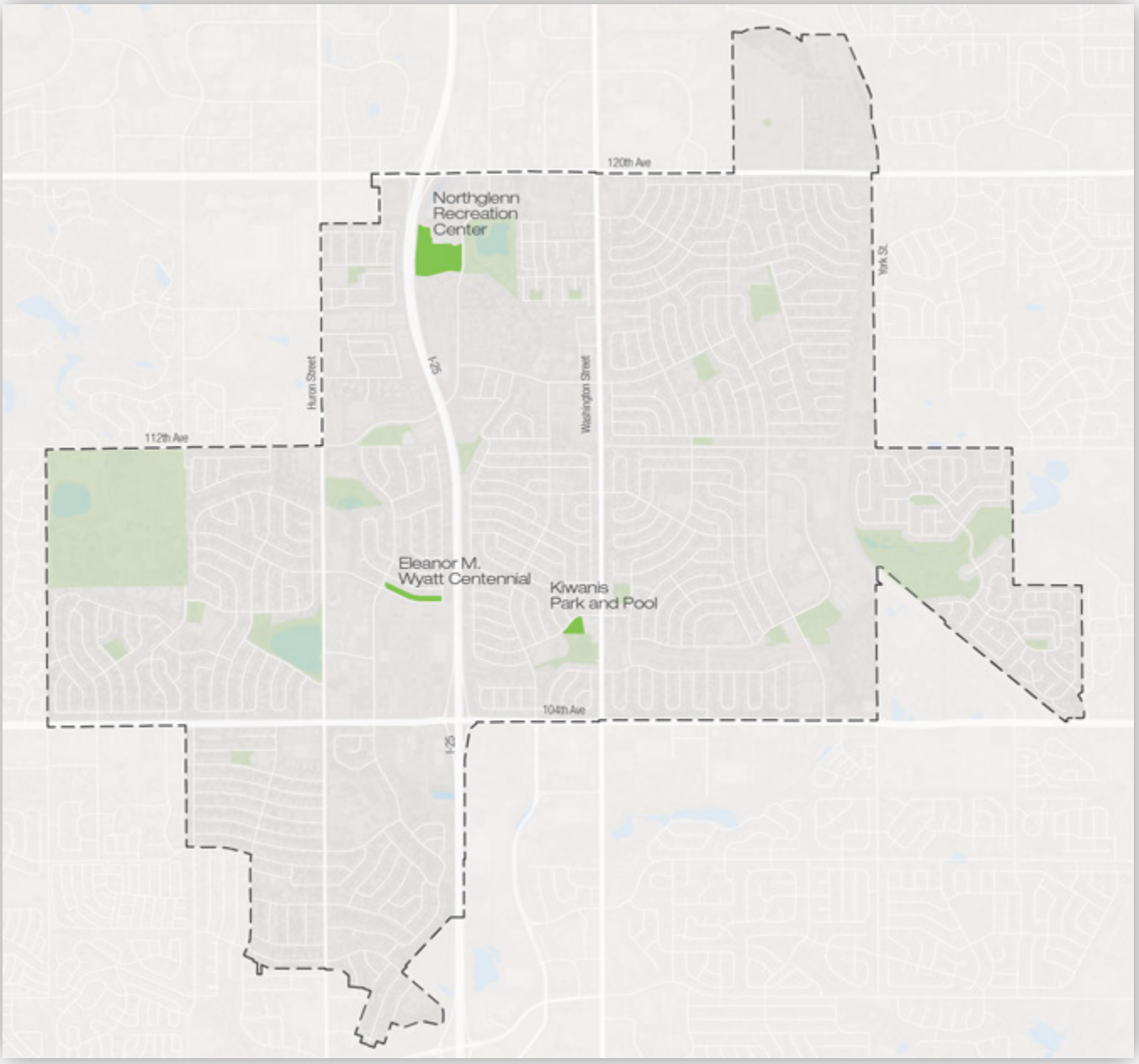
SPECIAL USE PARKS

Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park

Kiwanis Park And Pool

Northglenn Recreation Center

SPECIAL USE PARKS



SPECIAL USE PARKS

Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park and Sculpture Garden



Size: 2.7 Acres

Type: Special Use

Location: Kennedy Dr. & Melody Dr.

Key Features: Park space along trail

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Features of this park include a linear sculpture garden, mature trees throughout, and connectivity to I-25 overpass and bridge using the trail.

Existing Usage: Trail users

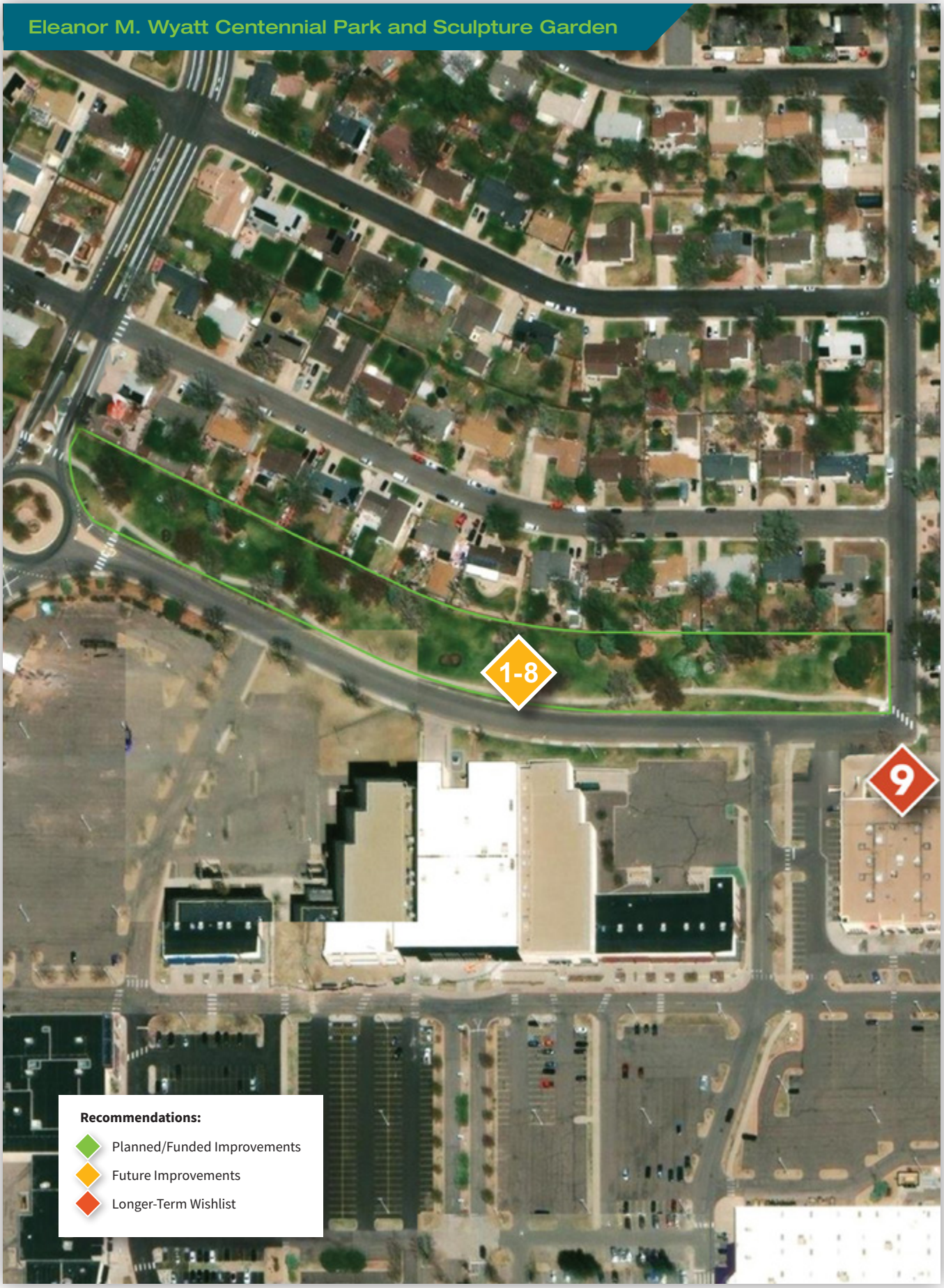
Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Improve connections to nearby regional trails and I-25 pedestrian bridge
2. Add seating and hardscaped gathering spaces near sculptures
3. Add a winding side path to access sculptures
4. Add up to 25 pad sites of various sizes to accommodate future sculptures
5. Restoration and/or improvements to feature gardens throughout the park; consider utilizing as demonstration gardens
6. Add selective nighttime lighting to art and pathways
7. Reconfigure irrigation to water around sculptures
8. Add interpretive signage about art and feature gardens

Longer-Term Wishlist:

9. I-25 pedestrian overpass replacement

Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park and Sculpture Garden



SPECIAL USE PARKS

Kiwanis Park and Pool

Size: 2.3 Acres

Type: Special Use

Location: Leroy Dr. & Garland Dr.

Key Features: City outdoor pool facility

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park currently provides an outdoor pool and splash pad for visitors. The splash pad and pool building were recently renovated. In 2024, the pool shell was fully replaced in a new configuration, all associated decking, mechanical and electrical equipment and site amenities were renovated.

Existing Usage: Community

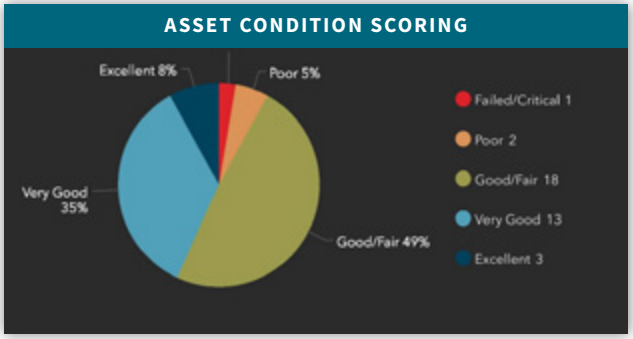


Planned/Funded Improvements:

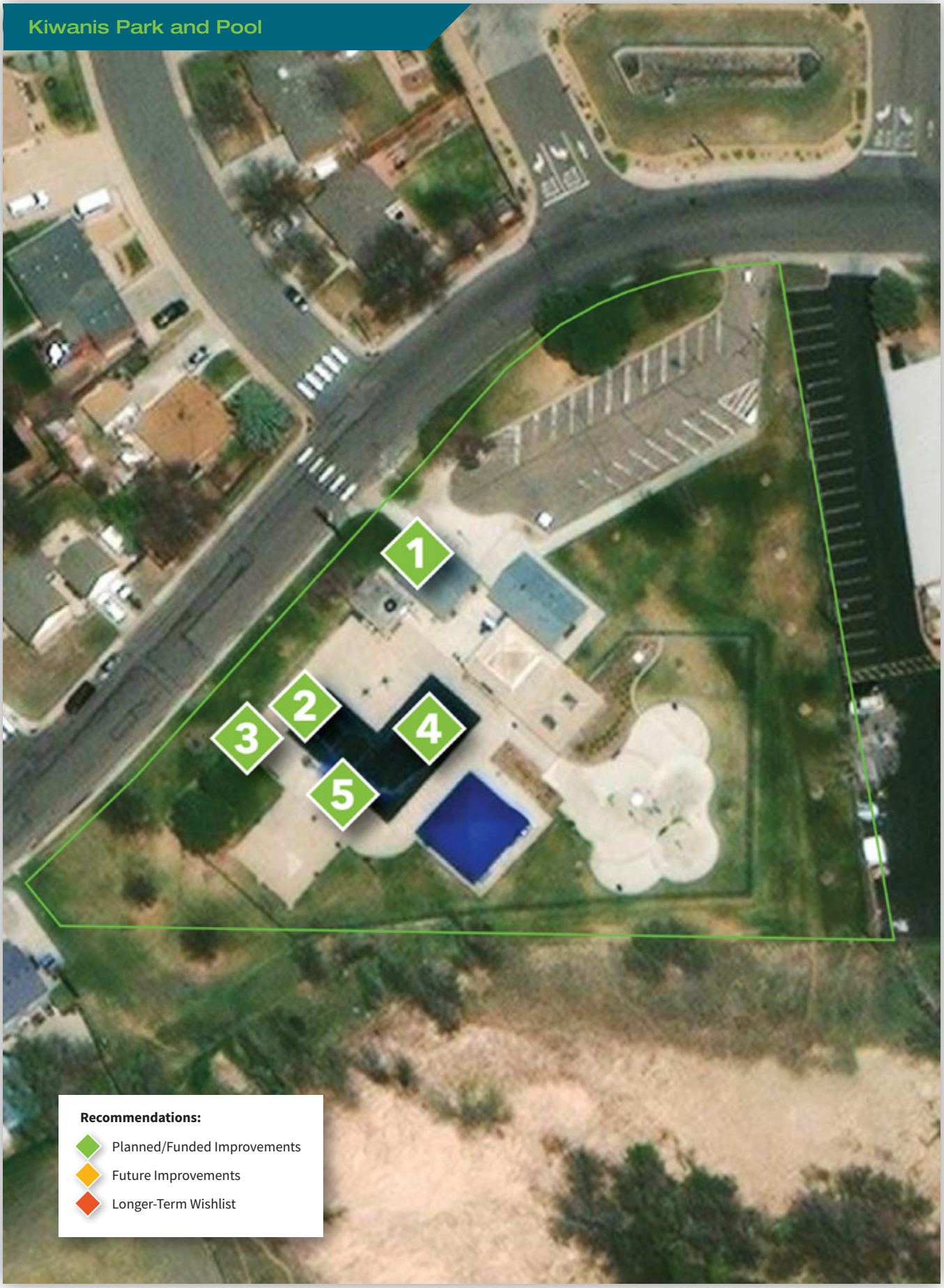
1. Replacement of pool, mechanical, all decking, and new site amenities.

Future Improvements for Consideration: (not in priority order)

2. Incorporate an additional slide, aquatic climbing wall or other large play feature
3. Add paved connection to Grant Ditch Trail
4. Widen sidewalk on north side
5. Incorporate moveable parts/imagination play area



Kiwanis Park and Pool



SPECIAL USE PARKS

Northglenn Recreation Center and Civic Center Campus



Size: 13.6 Acres

Type: Special Use

Location: 1 E Memorial Pkwy.

Key Features: New development supporting the Recreation Center building.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park is the newly developed area surrounding the Recreation Center including the Veterans Memorial and Festival Lawn. The site hosts a variety of events using the Lawn and connects to the Rec Center to E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park to the west.

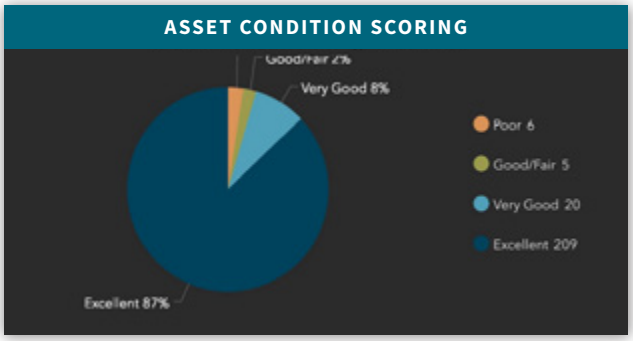
Existing Usage: Recreation Center visitors and community events

Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Add shade structure to Festival Lawn performance area
2. Enhance tunnel lighting and video surveillance

Future Improvements for Consideration: (not in priority order)

3. Enhance connections to E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park



Northglenn Recreation Center and Civic Center Campus



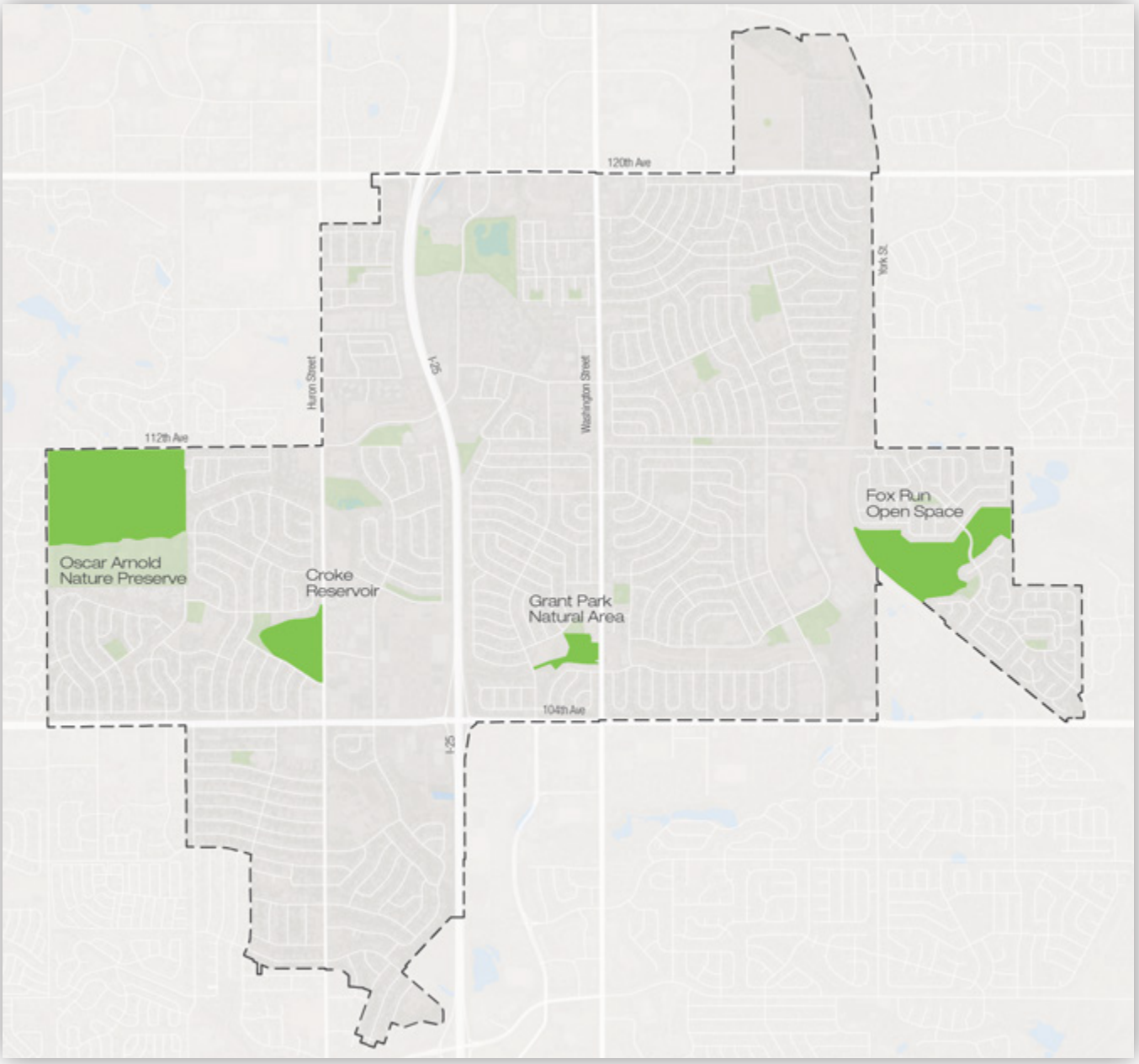
OPEN SPACE AND NATURE AREAS

Croke Reservoir Nature Area

Fox Run Open Space and Stonehocker Park Grant Park

Oscar Arnold Nature Preserve

OPEN SPACE AND NATURE AREAS



OPEN SPACE AND NATURE AREAS

Croke Reservoir Nature Area



Size: 22.5 Acres

Type: Nature Area

Location: Huron St. & Naiad Dr.

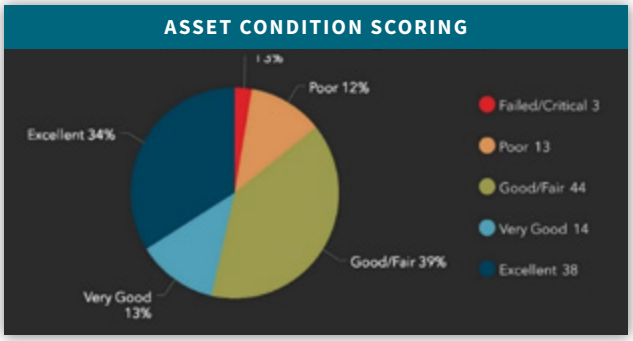
Key Features: Site is a large reservoir with trails connecting to Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park to the West. Fishing in the reservoir is permitted in Summer months.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: The Nature Area is enhanced with a walking path and a pavilion on the East side of the park near Huron Street.

Existing Usage: Trail users and fishing.

Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Improve connection and visibility to Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park
2. Add entrance signage at south
3. Add shade and rest area on fishing pier
4. Update interpretive signage
5. Screen fenced pump area to improve aesthetics




Croke Reservoir Nature Area
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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

Fox Run Open Space and Stonehocker Park



Size: 2.9 Acres

Type: Open Space and Special Use Park

Location: Fox Run Pkwy. & E 109th Ave.

Key Features: Open space with trails and community garden.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Fox Run has excellent character as a wild creek corridor with rolling terrain and naturalized vegetation. The Stonehocker site is a historic farm with great views of the Open Space and Thornton's park. The spaces are connected to the regional trail corridor, connecting them to Northglenn and surrounding communities.

Existing Usage: Trail and community garden users

Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Work with Historic Preservation Commission and Foundation on the Stonehocker site and community garden improvements including public access, and wayfinding and entrance signage
2. Add parking and trailhead amenities
3. Wayfinding and interpretive signage enhancements
4. Add scenic overlooks and additional seating
5. Add pet waste station
6. Consider disc golf course or holes

**A potential event space is being evaluated at the time of this plan by a separate consultant team.*


Fox Run Open Space and Stonehocker Park
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Recommendations:
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Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

Grant Park

Size: 7 Acres

Type: Open Space

Location: Washington St.

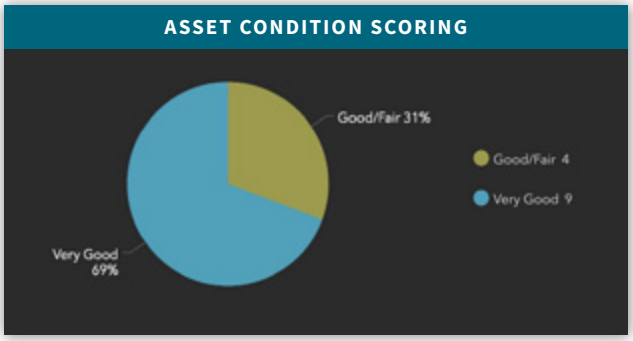
Key Features: Open space along Grant Ditch and trail.

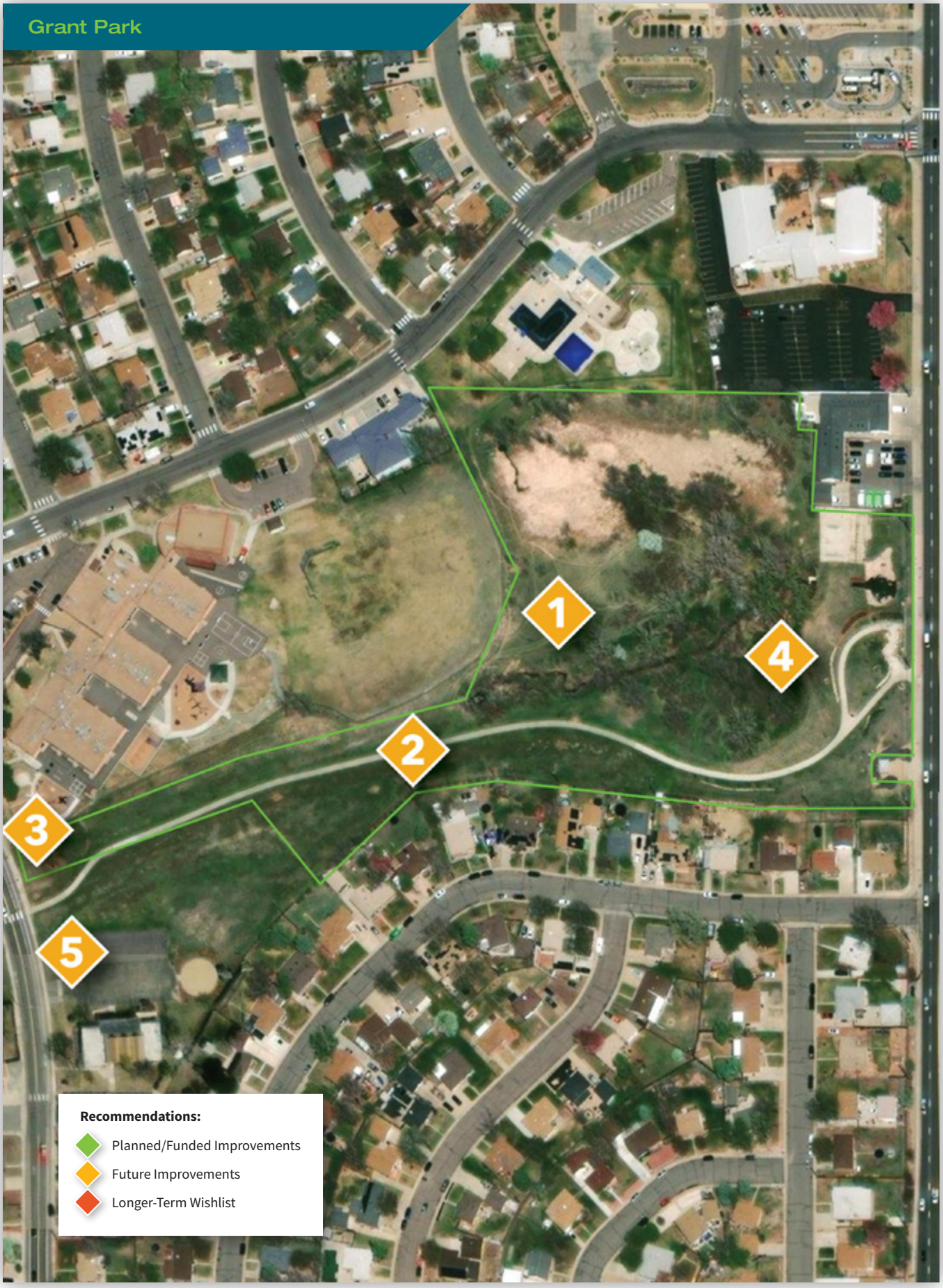
Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: Park can only be accessed by trail, there is no parking at site or on streets. The site is a blank slate in the area behind Kiwanis Outdoor Pool.

Existing Usage: Trail users

Future Improvements for Consideration:
(not in priority order)

1. Connect trail to Kiwanis Pool
2. Add linear amenities including shaded benches, exercise equipment, and art
3. Enhance entrance signage at street crossings
4. Plant shade trees where possible
5. Add sidewalk connection to south along Grant Drive




Grant Park
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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
Future Improvements
Longer-Term Wishlist

OPEN SPACE AND NATURE AREAS

Oscar Arnold Nature Preserve

Size: 76.4 Acres

Type: Nature Area

Location: W 112th Ave & Ranch Dr.

Key Features: Unprogrammed open space.

Highlights from Facility and Condition Assessment: This park serves is purpose as a nature area. The site is well connected through social trails and Highline Canal Trail connection. Provides an urban buffer for neighborhood. The site has central wetland and small shelter.

Existing Usage: Trail users

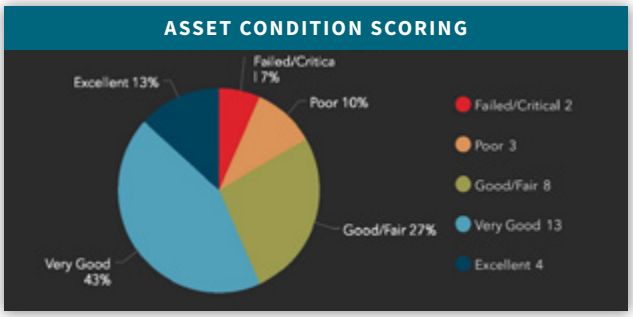


Planned/Funded Improvements:

1. Bridge relocated to create connection from new parking lot area to trail /athletic fields
2. New storage facility located near the public recycling area.

Future Improvements for Consideration: (not in priority order)

3. Formalize soft-surface cross-cutting and discovery trails
4. Include more interpretive signage
5. Add identity sign for park and more shade along 112th Ave.




Oscar Arnold Nature Preserve
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Recommendations:
Planned/Funded Improvements
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Northglenn PLAYBOOK

Parks, Recreation & Culture Long-Range Plan

APPENDIX C: Statistically Valid Survey

CITY OF NORTHGLENN PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MASTER PLAN SURVEY

Help shape the future of our community! The City of Northglenn's Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture wants your feedback to assist in the planning, improving, and maintaining of our community's parks, recreation, and culture opportunities. As one of a select sample to receive this survey, your input is the key to assessing community needs.

1. **How long have you lived in the City of Northglenn? Please enter number:** ☐☐ Years **OR** ☐ Check here if less than a year

2. **Referring to the map on the back of the cover letter, which ward do you live in?**
   - ☐ Ward 1
   - ☐ Ward 2
   - ☐ Ward 3
   - ☐ Ward 4
   - ☐ I don't know
   - ☐ I don't live in the City of Northglenn

SATISFACTION WITH PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

3. **Overall, how satisfied have you been with the quality of parks, recreation and culture facilities and programs provided by the City of Northglenn?**

NOT AT ALL SATISFIED				VERY SATISFIED
1	2	3	4	5
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

CURRENT USAGE

4. **How frequently have you and/or a member of your household used or participated in any of the following facilities or services?**

	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH	A FEW TIMES A YEAR	HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED
City parks & open space	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Trails and pathways	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreation Center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parsons Theater	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Senior Center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Kiwanis Pool	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adult recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth and teen (ages 11-18) recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Children (ages 2-12) recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Senior recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community events (e.g., Pirate Fest)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parsons Theatre performances	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Performing arts/classes/camps	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Public art	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Summer concerts/movies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other: (specify _____)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

5. **Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of ALL the Parks, Recreation, and Culture facilities you have visited?**

POOR				EXCELLENT	DON'T KNOW
1	2	3	4	5	X
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. **Which of the following amenities does your household use when visiting Northglenn Parks, Recreation, and Culture facilities? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**
   - ☐ Art displays
   - ☐ Athletic fields (e.g., baseball, football, soccer)
   - ☐ Boat and kayak rental
   - ☐ Fenced areas for large and small dogs
   - ☐ Fishing
   - ☐ Fitness studios
   - ☐ Grassy lawn
   - ☐ Grills
   - ☐ Indoor gymnasium
   - ☐ Indoor pool
   - ☐ Indoor track
   - ☐ Meeting rooms
   - ☐ Open space or natural area
   - ☐ Outdoor athletic courts (e.g., basketball, tennis, volleyball)
   - ☐ Outdoor fitness area
   - ☐ Picnic areas
   - ☐ Playgrounds
   - ☐ Restrooms
   - ☐ Shelters/Pavilions
   - ☐ Skate park
   - ☐ Soft surface trails and concrete trails
   - ☐ Splash pad
   - ☐ Weight room
   - ☐ Other: (_____)
   - ☐ None of the above

7. **Overall, how would you rate the quality of ALL the programs in which you have participated?**

POOR				EXCELLENT	DON'T KNOW
1	2	3	4	5	X
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8. Please check the TOP THREE primary reasons your household participates in Parks, Recreation, and Culture programs.

a) Quality of instruction
b) Location of facility
c) Quality of facility
d) Cost to participate is reasonable
e) Convenient times
f) Quality of programs
g) Dates offered
h) Friends/family participate
i) Types of programs available
j) Facilities are accessible
k) Feeling connected to the community
l) Healthy mind & body, general wellness
m) Learning and/or educational reasons
n) Other: (specify _____)

Top three reasons (insert letter from above) #1 Reason _____, #2 Reason _____, #3 Reason _____,

9. How do you generally hear about parks, recreation, and culture opportunities?

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CURRENT CONDITIONS

10. For the following section, please rate A: how <u>important</u> the following facilities and services are to your <u>household</u>, and then rate B: how they are currently <u>meeting the needs</u> of the <u>community</u>. Please provide an answer for A and B whether or not you have used the facility or service.

	A) IMPORTANCE TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD					B) MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY					
Fill in two boxes per row (one each in column A and column B):	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT 1	2	3	4	VERY IMPORTANT 5	NOT AT ALL 1	2	3	4	COMPLETELY 5	DON'T KNOW x
City parks & open space	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Trails and pathways	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreation Center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parsons Theater	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Senior Center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Kiwanis Pool	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adult recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth and teen (ages 11-18) recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Children (ages 2-12) recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Senior recreation programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community events (e.g., Pirate Fest)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parsons Theatre performances	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Performing arts/classes/camps	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Public art	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Summer concerts/movies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other: (specify _____)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

11. What are the most important areas, that if addressed, would increase your use of the City of Northglenn Parks, Recreation, and Culture facilities, programs, and services? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Additional major facilities (new recreation center, pool, performing/visual arts facilities, senior facility, etc.)
☐ Additional amenities (benches, playgrounds, etc.)
☐ Additional lighting (parks, trails, facilities, etc.)
☐ Better accessibility for people with disabilities
☐ Better condition/maintenance of parks or facilities
☐ Better signage/wayfinding
☐ Expanded hours of operation
☐ Facilities closer to where I live or work
☐ Improved communication about offerings
☐ Improved customer service/staff knowledge
☐ Improved safety and security
☐ Lower pricing/user fees
☐ Additional parking
☐ Public transportation
☐ Places to eat nearby
☐ More shade
☐ WiFi connectivity
☐ Other: (specify _____)

FUTURE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

12. Understanding that the City has a limited budget, should the City increase or decrease its investment in parks and recreation and culture programs?

Spend much less	Spend less	Spend about the same	Spend more	Spend much more	Don't know/ no opinion
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

13. What are the most important needs for park, recreation, and culture improvements in Northglenn over the next 10 years? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

a) ☐ Adding a greater variety of features in parks
b) ☐ Adding parks in unserved areas
c) ☐ Maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing amenities and infrastructure (playgrounds, benches, parking lots, etc.)
d) ☐ Building or improving trails and paths
e) ☐ Protecting or enhancing open space and natural areas
f) ☐ Expanding or improving existing indoor facilities (Recreation Center, Parsons Theater, Kiwanis Pool, Senior Center)
g) ☐ Adding new indoor facilities (new senior center, new pool, etc.)
h) ☐ Improving or building more sports fields and courts
i) ☐ Offering more special events, programs, classes and activities
j) ☐ Other: (specify _____)

From the list in the previous question, please select the top three highest priority items for you and your household.
Insert letter from Question 13: Most important #_____ Second most important # _____ Third most important # _____

14. If you feel that it is important to add new recreation programs or events, please describe what kind:

_____

15. What types of amenities or facilities do you and your household feel are most important to be added or expanded in Northglenn over the next 10 years? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

a) ☐ Extraordinary play features (e.g., nature play, water play, destination play areas)
b) ☐ Challenge elements (e.g., climbing wall, bike skills course, zip lines, ninja course)
c) ☐ Sports court variety (e.g., badminton, pickleball, shuffleboard, futsal, basketball)
d) ☐ Sports field variety (e.g., soccer, lacrosse, kickball, rugby)
e) ☐ Sports fields quantity
f) ☐ Disc/frisbee golf
g) ☐ Group gathering places (e.g., pavilions, picnic areas, event spaces)
h) ☐ Off-street trails connecting parks and other destinations
i) ☐ Soft-surfaced trails for jogging, running, or hiking
j) ☐ Community gardens
k) ☐ Dog parks (e.g., dog park, run, agility area)
l) ☐ Natural areas (e.g., pollinator patches, native plantings, bioswales)
m) ☐ Quiet places to relax
n) ☐ Additional outdoor aquatic facilities
o) ☐ New fitness center
p) ☐ New ice rink
q) ☐ New fieldhouse or large gymnasium
r) ☐ New performing arts center
s) ☐ New standalone senior center
t) ☐ New rehearsal space or dance studio
u) ☐ More gallery space and art studio
v) ☐ More public art in Northglenn
w) ☐ Other: (specify_____)

From the list in the previous question, please select the top three highest priority items for you and your household.
Insert letter from Question 15: Most important #_____ Second most important # _____ Third most important # _____

ARTS & CULTURE

16. How important are arts and culture opportunities related to:

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT				VERY IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW/NA
	1	2	3	4	5	X
Overall quality of life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Causing positive changes in our society	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Creating sense of place and community pride	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving Northglenn's reputation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Promoting and celebrating our community's diversity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing opportunities for adults to learn and grow	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing opportunities for kids to learn and grow	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bringing communities together	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attracting businesses/retaining employees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attracting tourism	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other: (please specify)_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

17. How important are each of the following arts and culture programs and events to you and/or your family? (Continued on page 4)

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT 1	2	3	4	VERY IMPORTANT 5	DON'T KNOW/NA X
Northglenn Youth Theatre productions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Northglenn Arts Presents: Music Concert	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Northglenn Arts Presents: Dance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Northglenn Arts Presents: Theatre/Musical Theatre	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Northglenn Arts Presents: Holiday shows	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Senior daytime programs (e.g., travel films)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Summer Concert and Movie Series	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Northglenn's Art on Parade/Public Art	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Northglenn performing art classes/camps	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parsons Theatre Gallery Art Exhibit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

18. What would increase your participation in arts and culture opportunities? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ More art exhibits
- ☐ Greater variety of performances offered (specify:_____)
- ☐ Multi-lingual performances/exhibits
- ☐ More welcoming/inclusive theatre space
- ☐ More communication about current offerings
- ☐ More arts and cultural special events
- ☐ Reduction in pricing/fees
- ☐ Childcare at event venue
- ☐ Bus stop near the theatre
- ☐ Maps/information on publicly available art
- ☐ Having someone to attend events/facilities with
- ☐ N/A – I don't participate in arts and culture offerings
- ☐ Other (specify: _____)

19. Do you have any further comments about the City of Northglenn arts and culture programs, events, and classes?

_____

SUGGESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

20. Do you have any further comments about parks, recreation, and culture facilities, programs, and services for the City of Northglenn?

_____

DEMOGRAPHICS

Your demographic information will assist in our analysis. Your responses are confidential and individual responses will not be shared.

21. Please indicate the gender with which you identify:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Nonbinary
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe:_____
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

22. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18 – 24
- ☐ 25 – 34
- ☐ 35 – 44
- ☐ 45 – 54
- ☐ 55 – 64
- ☐ 65 – 74
- ☐ 75 or over

23. Which of these categories best applies to your household?

- ☐ Single, no children
- ☐ Single with children at home
- ☐ Single, children no longer at home (empty nester)
- ☐ Couple, no children
- ☐ Couple with children at home
- ☐ Couple, children no longer at home (empty nester)
- ☐ Multi-generational home (grandparents, parents, children)

24. Do you own or rent your residence?

☐ Own ☐ Rent ☐ Other

25. Are you a registered voter in the City of Northglenn?

☐ Yes ☐ No

26. Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (Americans with Disabilities) facilities and services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

27. Do you or a member of your household own a dog?

☐ Yes ☐ No

28. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

☐ Yes ☐ No

29. What race do you consider yourself to be? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☐ American Indian and Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Some other race:_____

30. Which of these categories best describes the total gross annual income of your household (before taxes)?

- ☐ Under $25,000
- ☐ $25,000–49,999
- ☐ $50,000–74,999
- ☐ $75,000–99,999
- ☐ $100,000–149,999
- ☐ $150,000–199,999
- ☐ $200,000–249,999
- ☐ $250,000 or more

Thank you for taking the time to share your opinions.
Your input will be of great value to The City Northglenn Parks, Recreation & Culture.

Report for Northglenn Prioritization Survey

Response Counts

Northglenn Prioritization Survey

Completion Rate:	**32.9%**		
	Complete		25
	Partial		51

Totals: 76

1. The following activity allows you to spend a hypothetical budget on improvements to parks, open lands, recreation facilities, golf courses, and trails. The following categories of projects have been identified by the community and the planning team and we need your help to divide the budget between them. You have $100 of funding to spread across the following projects. For each line, enter the amount you would spend. The total cannot exceed $100.

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Item	Average	Min	Max	StdDev	Sum	Total Responses
Add more unique features to parks and public spaces such as distinctive play equipment, recreational activities, and public art.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16
Add more sports fields, courts, and features that support fitness, health, and athletics.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17
Increase universal play opportunities through equipment that is accessible for children of all abilities and ADA access paths.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17
Add seating options, gathering spaces, and picnic amenities in parks.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20
Provide more shade in parks and play areas through trees and shade structures.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19
Complete the interconnected trail network across Northglenn and between parks.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24
Create loop trails within each park to support leisure and exercise use.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23
Protect and manage natural resources and open spaces.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20
Development of new park spaces (property which is already owned by the City).	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20
Enhance park safety through elements such as pedestrian lighting, signage, and safe pedestrian crossings.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22
Reinvestment in repair and replacement of aging facilities such as playgrounds, sports facilities, and restrooms.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24
Other item (describe below).	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16

2. If you added another specific recreation facility or project above, please describe:

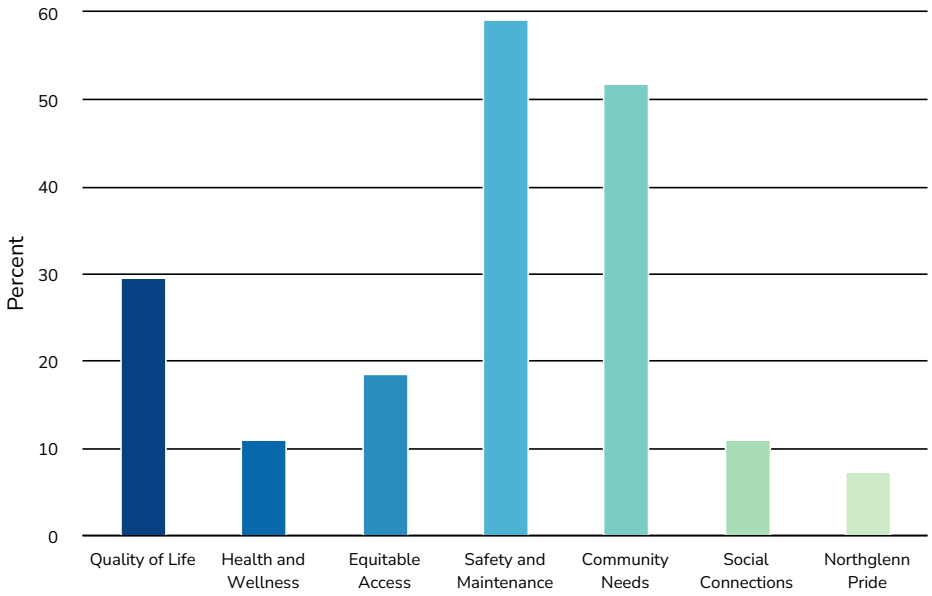
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ResponseID	Response
23	The trail at Webster Lake are not safe with the amount of homeless and violent teenagers. A better lit trail would be appreciated. The lights are dim, some don't work and a few are broken. A few weeks ago a homeless person placed their belongings across the trail, it was dark and I didn't see the skateboard he laid out and I tripped on it, my ankle hurt for several days.
32	I would add an ice rink/ indoor soccer/ indoor rock climbing
37	Off leash area around Open Spaces, voice control of dog required.
43	Hot tub, sauna at the rec center
52	Warm pool for seniors, hot tub, steam, sauna
53	Improve drinking fountains city wide all parks, make them functional. support amenities, resurface open areas that are becoming marshes. Rework bad design elements that cause flooding or other problems. Improve refuse area's, pet waste collection areas, Park sanitation measures for fowl waste and reduction of toxic elements growing in the lakes. Would increase for servicing as current work force at some areas seemed over worked.
54	$50 for adding an Anythink branch to Northglenn. $25 for adult classes at rec center that are inclusive of adults under 55. $25 to heat the rec center pool. It's currently too cold to use.
56	resource officers to police the area and keep vagrants out of the park
61	Stop all the woke nonsense! In stead of spending money to have gender neutral wording use that money to buy needed parts for park maintenance equipment. Use signs that have direction and are established in every driving book for years such as School Zone and not Safety Sensitive Zone. Stop being a Santuary City and supporting those who have no interest in working. Have them mow, pick up trash, park maintenance, trail maintenance as a part of receiving aid. We are being taxed into the poor house. We can't keep our own properties maintained when everyone else is taking our hard earned money to support those who don't want to work. Enforce all existing laws to the fullest, Stop being a a part of the woke crowd and contributing to the increasing crime in our City. Remember you by constitution and law work for us, the citizens and taxpayers of this city.
63	Spend funding to help the homeless population so they aren't destroying our parks.
64	Na

ResponseID	Response
66	Police outreach in each park all day on the weekends and 11-1 and 3-9 (or until dark in winter days). They can exchange parks evrry couple of hours via connecting park paths. (Northglenn has become incredibly dangerous)
67	No one is going to parks where homeless people are and/or serious drug abuse. We need money to police and clean up the disgusting messes left around our city. I'm embarrassed to tell people where I live because the city is not taken care of very well. Invest in safety first. You have no foundation to build from without safety.
71	Not sure

3. Ward 1

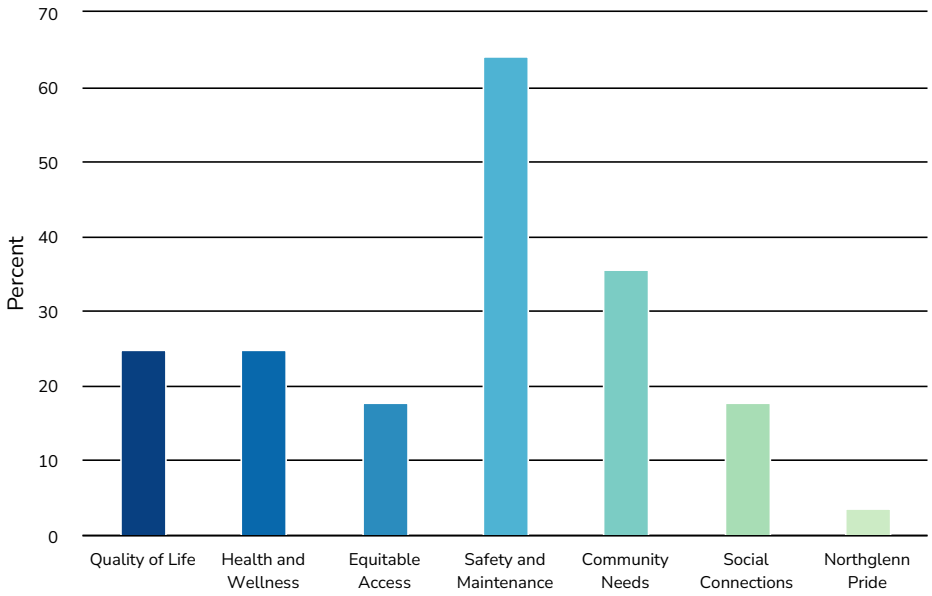
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Value	Percent	Responses
Quality of Life	29.6%	8
Health and Wellness	11.1%	3
Equitable Access	18.5%	5
Safety and Maintenance	59.3%	16
Community Needs	51.9%	14
Social Connections	11.1%	3
Northglenn Pride	7.4%	2

4. Ward 2

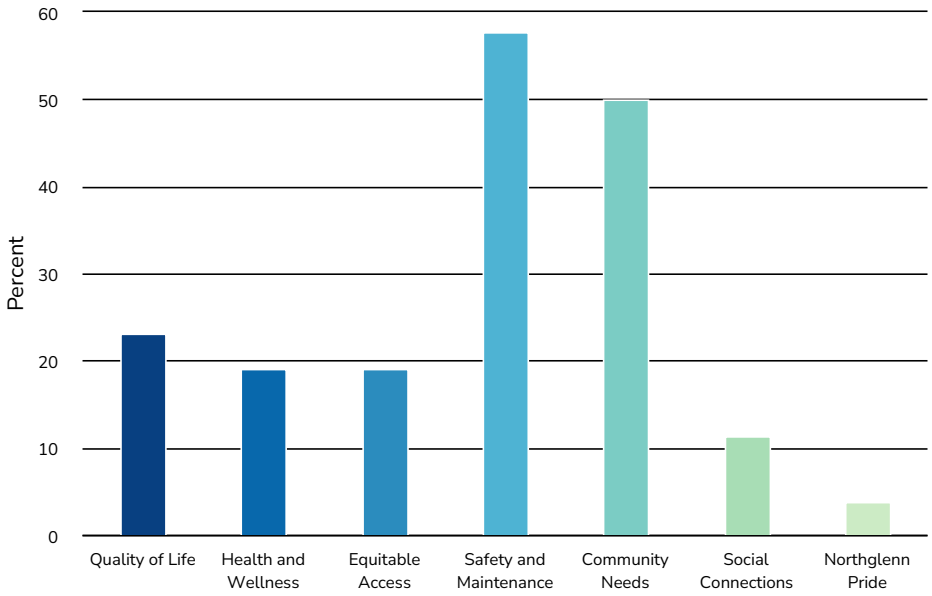
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Value	Percent	Responses
Quality of Life	25.0%	7
Health and Wellness	25.0%	7
Equitable Access	17.9%	5
Safety and Maintenance	64.3%	18
Community Needs	35.7%	10
Social Connections	17.9%	5
Northglenn Pride	3.6%	1

5. Ward 3

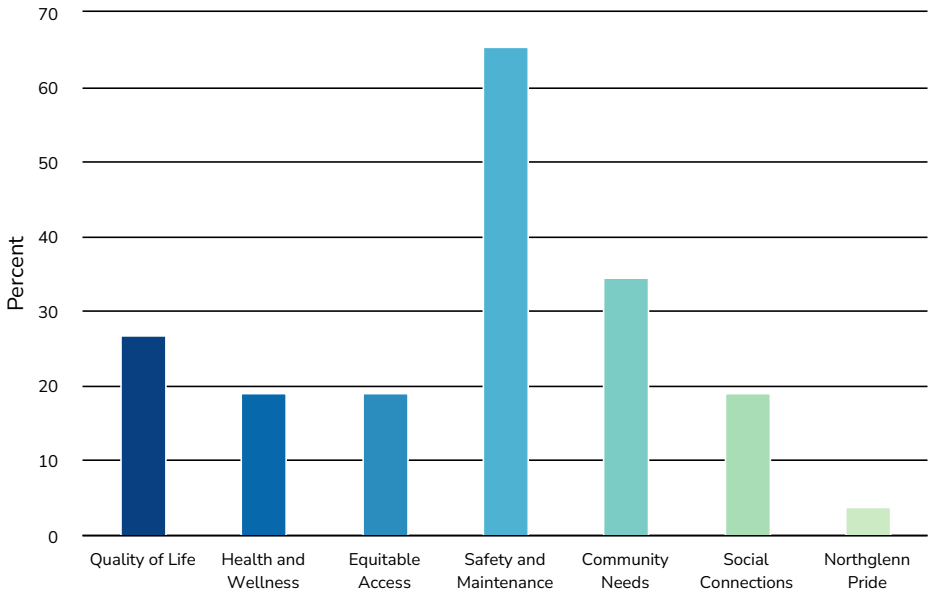
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Value	Percent	Responses
Quality of Life	23.1%	6
Health and Wellness	19.2%	5
Equitable Access	19.2%	5
Safety and Maintenance	57.7%	15
Community Needs	50.0%	13
Social Connections	11.5%	3
Northglenn Pride	3.8%	1

6. Ward 4

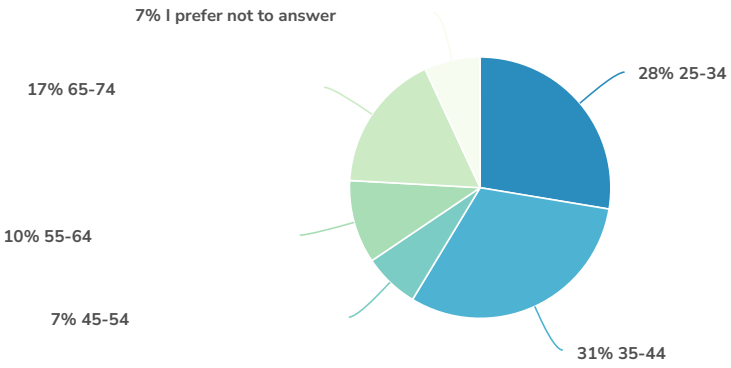
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Value	Percent	Responses
Quality of Life	26.9%	7
Health and Wellness	19.2%	5
Equitable Access	19.2%	5
Safety and Maintenance	65.4%	17
Community Needs	34.6%	9
Social Connections	19.2%	5
Northglenn Pride	3.8%	1

7. Age: (Select from the dropdown menu below)

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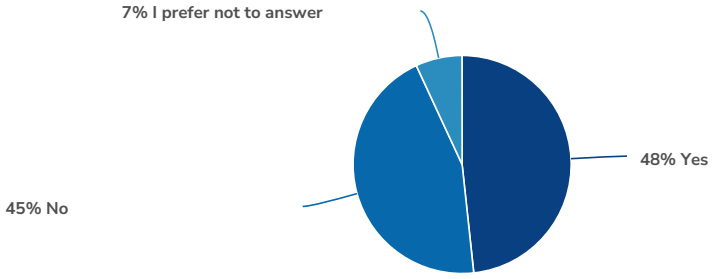


Value	Percent	Responses
25-34	27.6%	8
35-44	31.0%	9
45-54	6.9%	2
55-64	10.3%	3
65-74	17.2%	5
I prefer not to answer	6.9%	2

Totals: 29

8. Are there children in your household?

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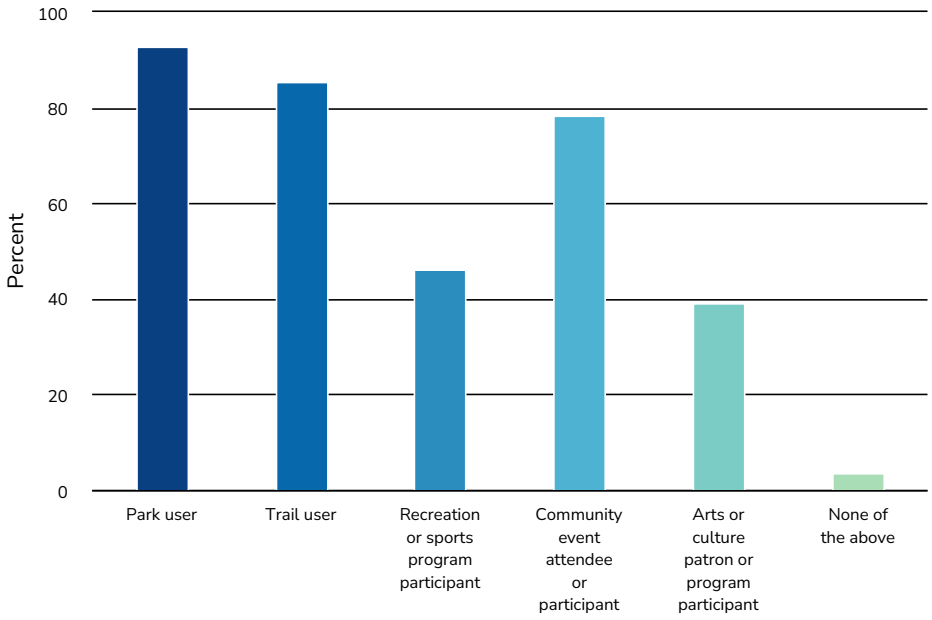


Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	48.3%	14
No	44.8%	13
I prefer not to answer	6.9%	2

Totals: 29

9. I consider myself to be a... (Chose all that apply)

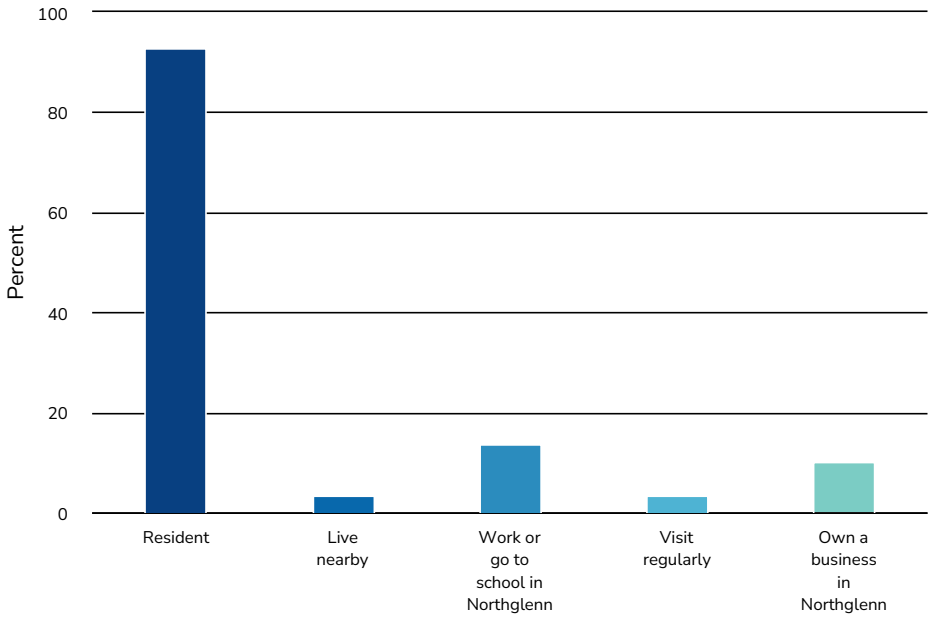
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Value	Percent	Responses
Park user	92.9%	26
Trail user	85.7%	24
Recreation or sports program participant	46.4%	13
Community event attendee or participant	78.6%	22
Arts or culture patron or program participant	39.3%	11
None of the above	3.6%	1

10. What is your relationship to Northglenn? (Check all that apply)

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Value	Percent	Responses
Resident	93.1%	27
Live nearby	3.4%	1
Work or go to school in Northglenn	13.8%	4
Visit regularly	3.4%	1
Own a business in Northglenn	10.3%	3

11. Do you have any additional comments or questions regarding priorities and projects for the Northglenn Playbook Long-Range Plan?

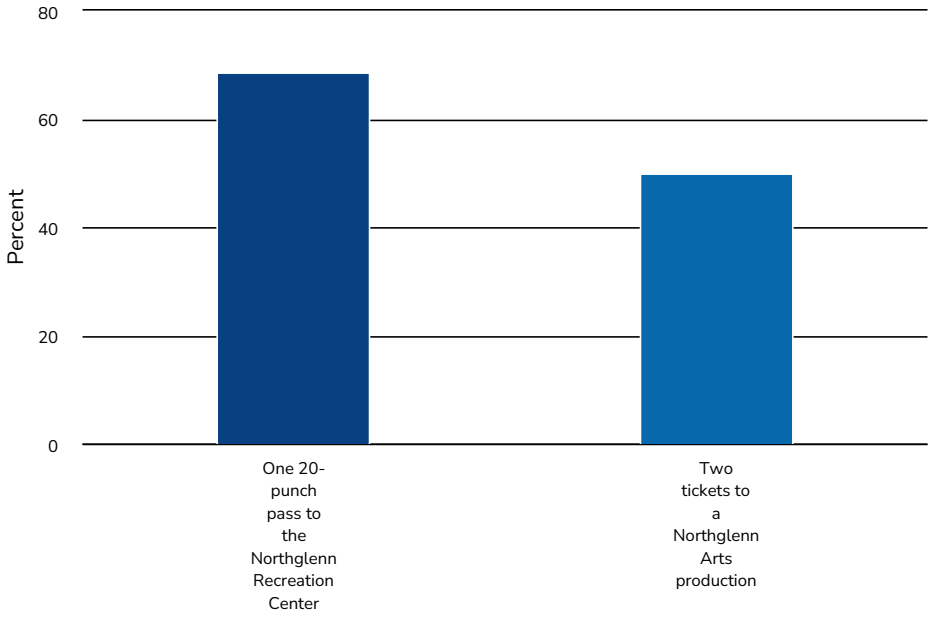
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ResponseID	Response
22	New disc golf courses would be amazing!!!
27	Safety is number 1 priority. It no longer feels safe to live in Northglenn.
32	I would advise safety as a priority due to the increase in crime and homelessness in Northglenn
41	Less money spent on Pride Week. (City paid for banners, lawn signs, a whole festival... maybe a private organization can take this on so it can continue?) I love diversity and inclusion but that money could be much better spent on an event to include all ages, let's teach our kids culture and diversity instead of celebrating sexuality?! I love Northglenn... been visiting for over 12 years and now I live here.
43	Heat the pool! Sauna/Hot tub need to be added
53	When will the Cult of Toxic woke stop ruining Northglenn?
54	Definitely partner more with Anythink!! They are amazing!!
57	Make the rec center pool warm! It is so cold now I quit trying to make myself and two kids suffer through the freeze. I hate that Northglenn screwed it's residence with this new rec center with the freezing pool.
59	Clear out the homeless drug addicts
61	How does the City Government plan on paying for all of this? When will the City Government stop turning a blind eye to all the crime, drugs, and homeless, that is currently occurring in our parks, trails, and around our homes. We should not have to build eight foot fences, have mean dogs, keep all our doors locked all the time, and arm ourselves to be able to keep ourselves safe.
66	We were so excited move here many years ago. Northglenn has changed dramatically and is no longer a safe place for many residents, especially the more vulnerable. And your swimming pool absolutely sucks. We go elsewhere. It's worth the money. When it's appropriate we intend to move to a safer community and one that encourages swimming by keeping their pool at a decent temperature.
67	Clean up the city. It's dirty and there is trash all over the place. Invest in people to clean it. Get us more police. The traffic violations that go unnoticed or undeterred are also eroding trust in the city. And heat up the pool in the new rec center. No one wants to swim there because it's freezing. The new rec center pool is really disappointing. Unfortunately, there have been many areas where Northglenn consistently falls short.

ResponseID	Response
71	Generally speaking I think Northglenn does a very good job of addressing the wants and needs of its residents. I like the outreach to seek the public's opinions and the city's willingness to factor that into its decision making.
72	Family safety, make Northglenn for families through community, businesses, parks and recreation, have outstanding programs for homeschool families through the recreation center. Be FAMILY focused.
77	Everything is about Gay Pride and most activities are for the Hispanic people. Why do you have to get involved in these things. Just make things for everyone. There are still people in Northglenn that aren't gay or Hispanic
78	Work with RTD to connect Fox Run Trails to Irma along the N Line corridor. Work with the City of Thornton to develop an open space park around Eastlake #1 Reservoir.
82	Instead of re-zoning the area north of Karl's Farm neighborhood for more multi-family housing, many of us in the neighborhood would love to see it turned into a natural area with a trail, ideally interconnecting to the other neighboring trail systems. This would not only preserve habitats for SO MUCH wildlife we've seen and enjoyed in the area, but add to new & existing residents' quality of life and encourage overall well-being.

12. If you would like to be added to a drawing for either of the following, check one or both boxes below:

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Value	Percent	Responses
One 20-punch pass to the Northglenn Recreation Center	68.8%	11
Two tickets to a Northglenn Arts production	50.0%	8

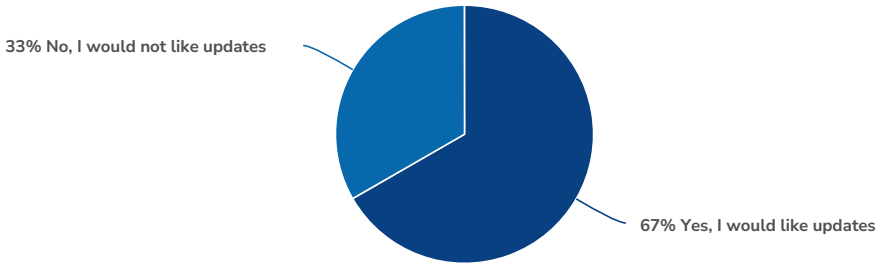
13. Please provide your email below to be notified and if you would like to be added to the project email list:

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22	a.cinthylo@gmail.com
23	melissag1983@gmail.com
27	ATrytek@gmail.com
40	Momtosamco@outlook.com
44	Jmbjvonfeldt@msn.com
47	Donnascottyh@gmail.com
53	Bromleychan@hotmail.com
54	rosalieandalexbettam@gmail.com
71	19nsh74@gmail.com
72	Lovebrittanyhall.xo@gmail.com
77	char9277@gmail.com
78	billandrews80233@yahoo.com
79	carlwsvec@gmail.com
82	whichwayiswest76@gmail.com
83	Ntrostel@gmail.com

14. Would you like to receive email updates regarding the Northglenn Playbook Long-Range Plan?

Northglenn Prioritization Survey



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes, I would like updates	66.7%	14
No, I would not like updates	33.3%	7

Totals: 21

Northglenn Parks, Recreation and Culture Long-Range Plan Survey

Open Link Response Key Findings



Introduction and Methodology

The purpose of this study was to gather community feedback on the City of Northglenn parks, recreation facilities, amenities, future planning, arts and culture communication, and more. Statistically valid survey data was collected first though a mailed paper surveys and a follow-up postcard which instructed respondents to complete the survey via a passcode protected website. After the statistically valid sample or "Invite sample" was collected, the online survey was made available to all Northglenn stakeholders (including non-residents (e.g., commuters, residents of nearby communities). A total of 135 Open link responses were collected.

The two samples provide an excellent source of input on topics addressed through the survey. Survey results are presented in formats that compare responses from each sample. **In general, responses from the Open link survey are similar to the Invite, a positive finding that indicates a more general consensus across the two samples.**

Living in Northglenn

- Open link respondents were well dispersed throughout the 4 Wards with 18% reporting they do not live in the City of Northglenn.
- Overall, respondents from both the Invite survey and Open link survey expressed high satisfaction with the quality of parks, recreation, and culture facilities, with an average rating of 3.8 out of 5 for the Invite survey and 3.9 out of 5 for Open link respondents.

Current Usage

- A substantial portion of both Open link respondents (34%) and Invite respondents (42%) actively engage with city parks, open spaces, trails, and pathways on a weekly basis; however, Open link respondents report using the facilities/services less frequently.
- The quality of all programs received highly favorable ratings, with Invite respondents awarding them an impressive score of 4.1 out of 5, while Open link respondents rated them at a commendable 4.0 out of 5.
- It is evident from the survey findings that children's recreation programs, the recreation center, and city parks and open spaces are meeting the community's needs. Invite respondents assigned them a minimum rating of 4.2 out of 5, while Open link respondents provided a solid rating of at least 4.1 out of 5.

Future Needs and Priorities

- Among both Invite and Open link respondents, the top priorities for the next decade are the preservation and enhancement of open space and natural areas, as well as the maintenance, repair, or replacement of existing amenities and infrastructure. The Open link feels stronger towards the importance of offering more special events, programs classes and activities.
- A higher percentage of Open link respondents (45%) expressed a desire for increased investment in parks, recreation, and culture programs, compared to those who believe the current level of

investment should remain the same. On the other hand, Invite respondents indicated a preference for maintaining the current level of expenditure rather than increasing it in the future.

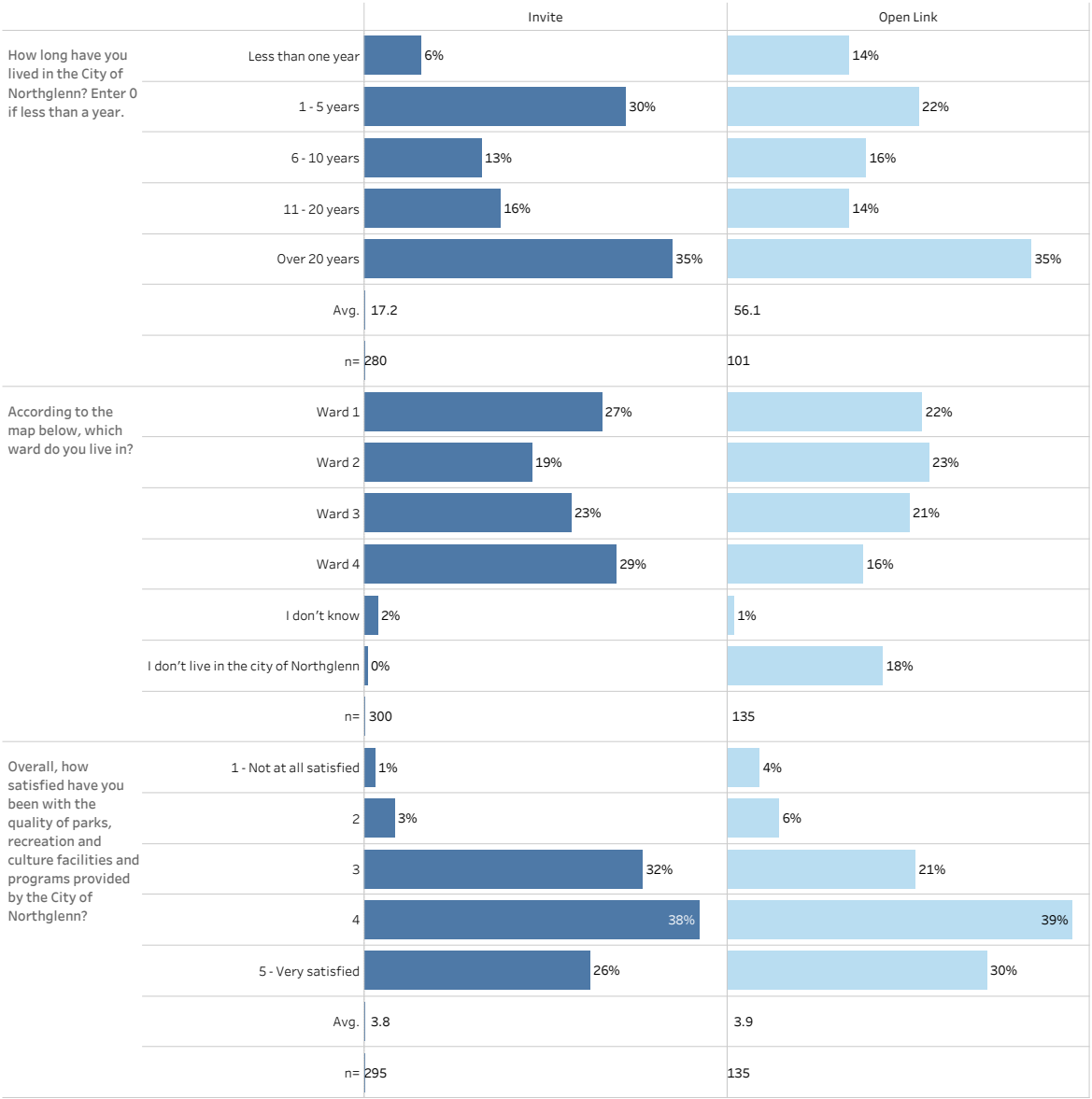
Arts and Culture

- Both Invite and Open link respondents prioritize the significance of arts and culture opportunities in providing avenues for children's learning and personal development, fostering community unity, and instilling a sense of place and communal pride.
- The Summer Concert and Movie Series, along with Northglenn's Art of Parade and Public Art initiatives, stand out as the most prominent programs and events for both Open link and Invite respondents. The Open link sample feels a greater sense of importance towards Northglenn Teacher productions and classes.
- According to the survey results, enhancing communication regarding existing offerings emerges as the primary method to boost participation in arts and culture opportunities, as indicated by both Open link and Invite respondents. The Open link respondents also feel that a reduction in pricing/fees would increase their use in arts and culture opportunities.

Demographics

- The Invite sample was weighted by gender, age and ethnicity, the Open link sample was not weighted.
- The Open link respondents were almost 70% female, have a similar household makeup as the Invite sample, earn a slightly lower income overall, and fewer Open link Respondents are registered voters.

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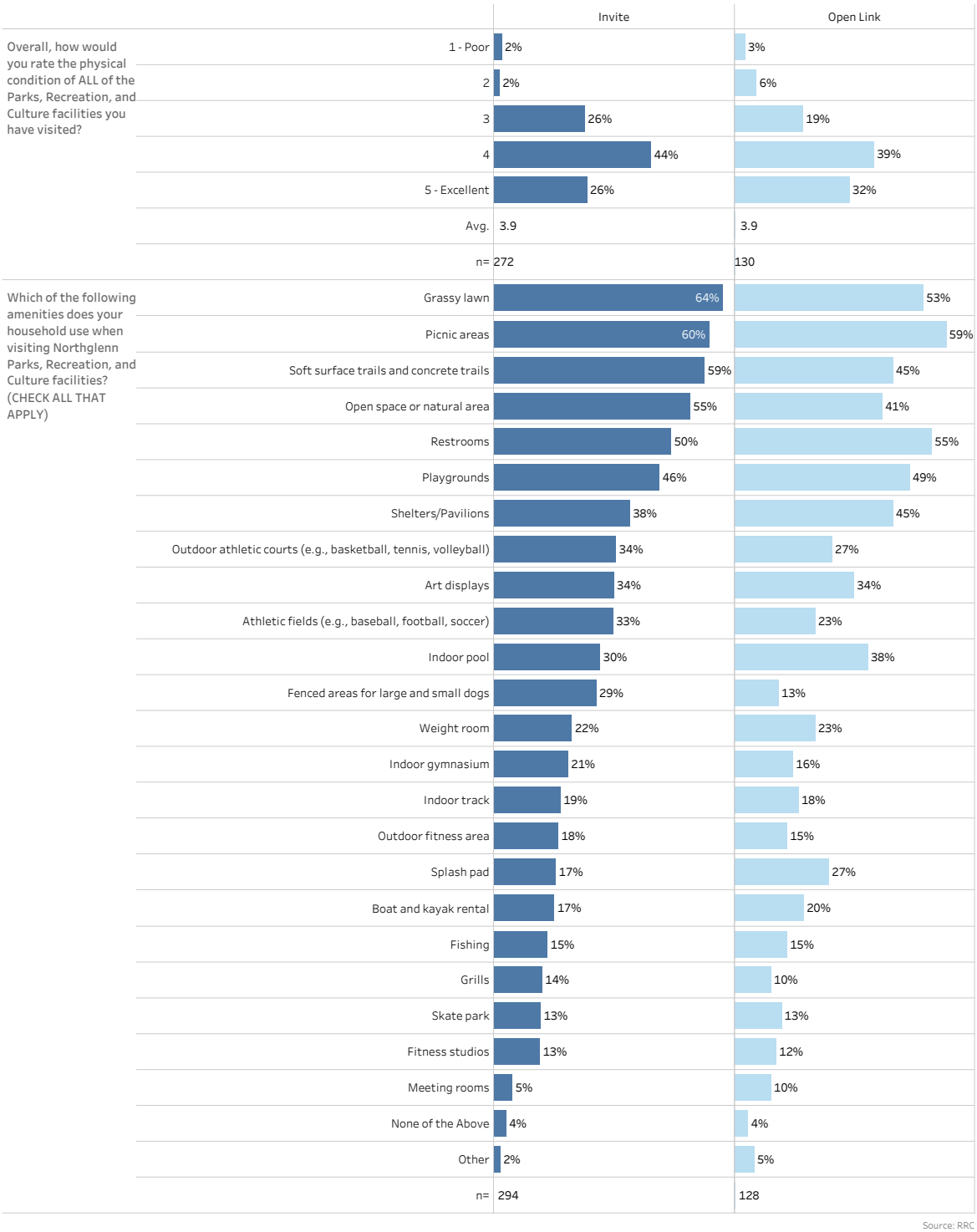


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How frequently have you and/or a member of your household used or participated in any of the following facilities or services?

			At least once a week	At least once a month	A few times a month	A few times a year	Have not participated
City parks & open space	Invite	n=291	43%	10%	17%	25%	4%
	Open Link	n=129	34%	10%	23%	26%	6%
Trails and pathways	Invite	n=290	42%	7%	20%	20%	11%
	Open Link	n=128	34%	7%	24%	20%	14%
Community events (e.g., Pirate Fest)	Invite	n=286		4%	2%	60%	34%
	Open Link	n=126	2%	10%	5%	54%	29%
Recreation Center	Invite	n=288	13%	9%	12%	26%	40%
	Open Link	n=127	17%	12%	13%	26%	32%
Summer concerts/movies	Invite	n=284	0%	5%	4%	42%	49%
	Open Link	n=127	3%	4%	6%	44%	43%
Public art	Invite	n=289	2%	6%	2%	28%	61%
	Open Link	n=128	2%	4%	7%	34%	53%
Kiwanis Pool	Invite	n=290	2%	1%	3%	22%	73%
	Open Link	n=128	3%	3%	4%	20%	70%
Children (ages 2-12) recreation programs	Invite	n=283	4%	4%	3%	12%	77%
	Open Link	n=126	9%	3%	4%	13%	71%
Parsons Theater	Invite	n=288	0%	1%	1%	19%	79%
	Open Link	n=130	5%	3%	5%	31%	57%
Parsons Theatre performances	Invite	n=287		0%		19%	81%
	Open Link	n=128	1%	3%	2%	33%	61%
Adult recreation programs	Invite	n=288	3%	0%	2%	9%	86%
	Open Link	n=129	3%	2%	2%	14%	79%
Youth and teen (ages 11-18) recreation programs	Invite	n=285	1%	3%	2%	7%	86%
	Open Link	n=127	6%	2%	2%	8%	82%
Senior Center	Invite	n=287	1%	1%	1%	4%	92%
	Open Link	n=128	3%	2%		8%	88%
Senior recreation programs	Invite	n=286	1%	1%	1%	6%	92%
	Open Link	n=129	3%	3%	2%	4%	88%
Performing arts/classes/camps	Invite	n=287	0%		1%	7%	93%
	Open Link	n=127	2%	3%	4%	7%	83%
Other	Invite	n=92	4%	2%	2%	4%	88%
	Open Link	n=58	7%	3%	2%	2%	86%

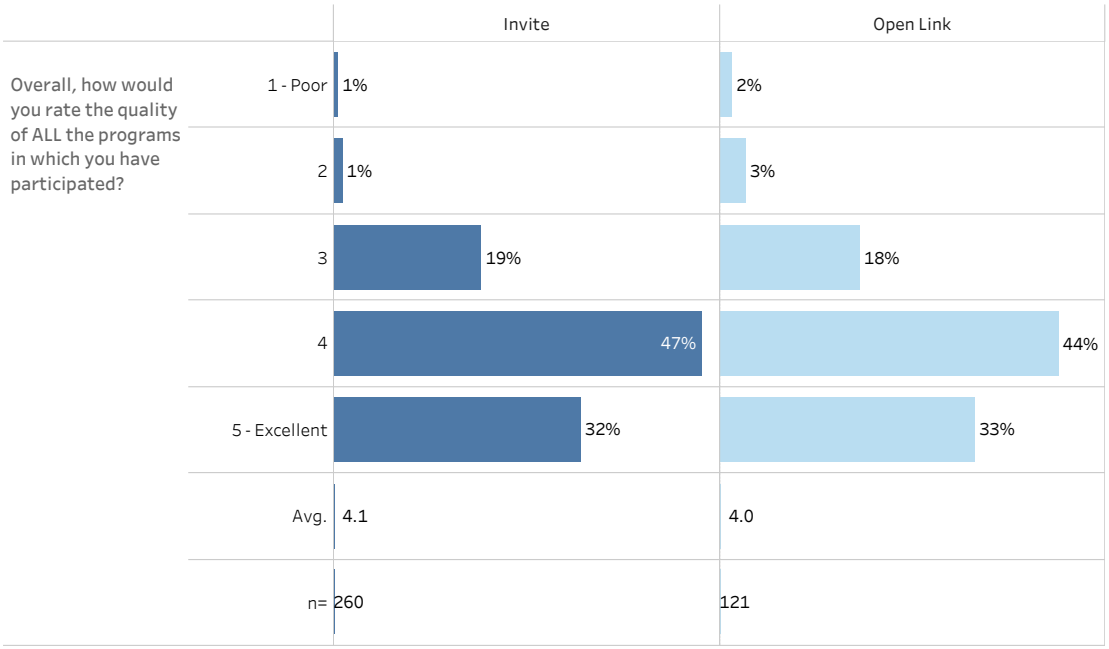
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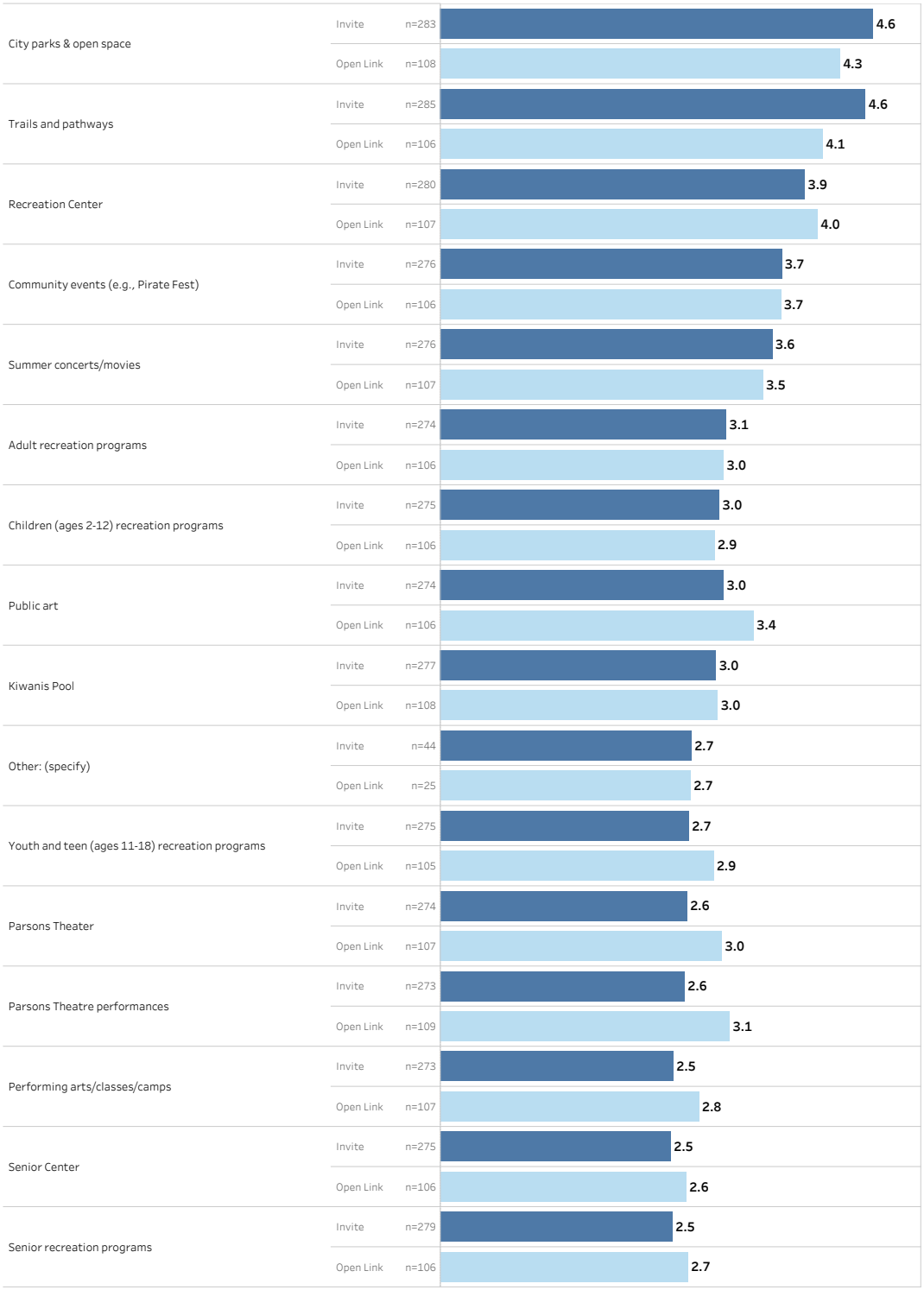


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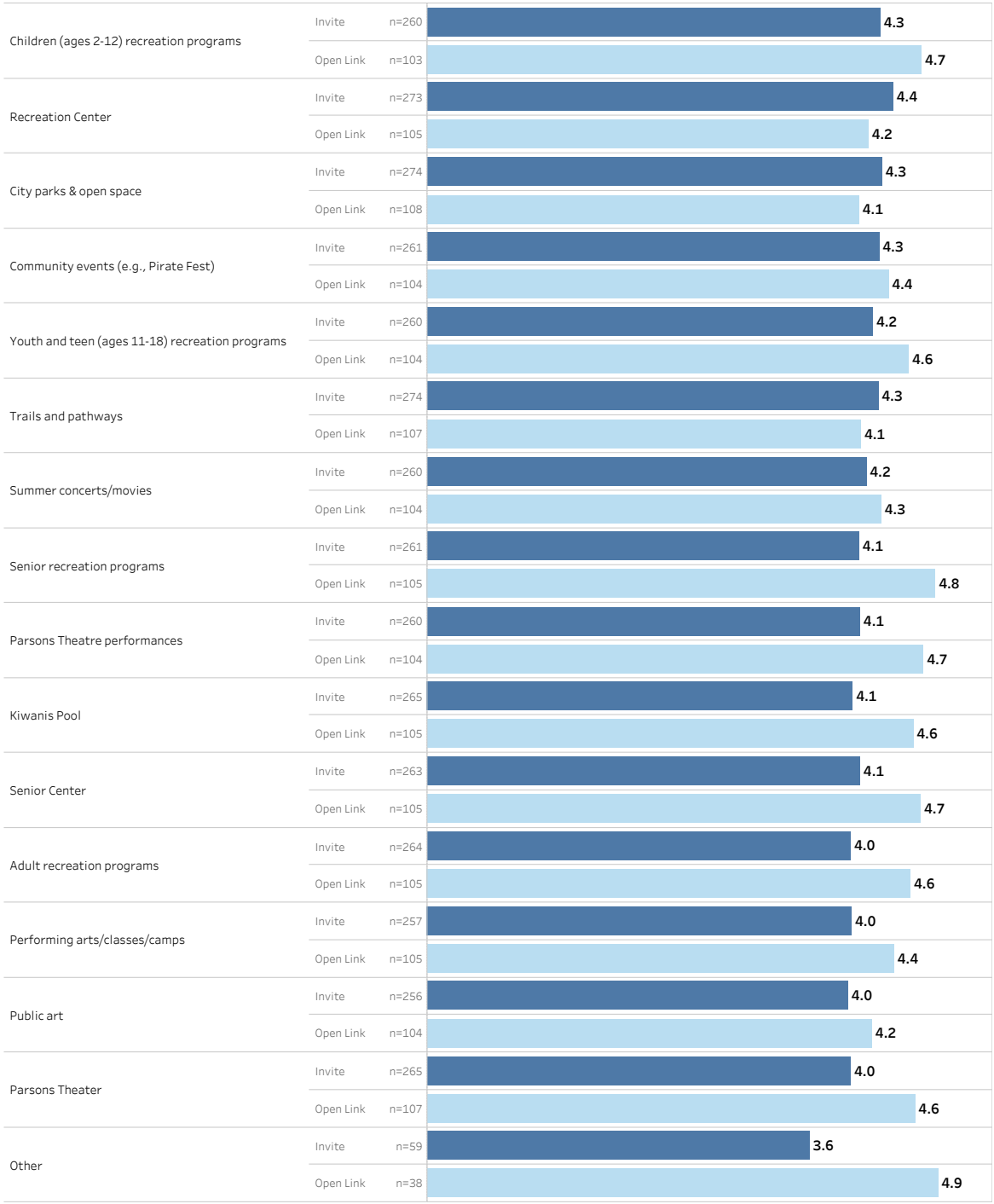
Please check the TOP THREE primary reasons your household participates in Parks, Recreation, and Culture programs.

		Top Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Overall
Open Link	Location of facility	27%	9%	10%	47%
	Healthy mind & body, general wellness	9%	3%	7%	20%
	Cost to participate is reasonable	10%	16%	13%	40%
	Quality of facilitiy	8%	9%	9%	25%
	Facilities are accessible	3%	9%	3%	15%
	Friends/family participate	5%	5%	5%	16%
	Types of programs available	11%	11%	3%	26%
	Feeling connected to the community	2%	5%	13%	20%
	Quality of programs	8%	7%	11%	26%
	Learning and/or educational reasons	3%	3%	3%	9%
	Convenient times	3%	11%	6%	20%
	Dates offered	2%	2%	4%	8%
	Quality of instruction	4%	4%	3%	12%
	Other	5%		1%	6%
	n=	116	116	116	116
Invite	Location of facility	40%	19%	10%	69%
	Healthy mind & body, general wellness	17%	10%	9%	37%
	Cost to participate is reasonable	6%	14%	15%	36%
	Quality of facilitiy	6%	17%	8%	31%
	Facilities are accessible	5%	10%	11%	26%
	Friends/family participate	8%	6%	8%	22%
	Types of programs available	8%	5%	4%	17%
	Feeling connected to the community	2%	4%	10%	15%
	Quality of programs	1%	4%	3%	9%
	Learning and/or educational reasons	1%	3%	4%	8%
	Convenient times	1%	3%	4%	8%
	Dates offered	1%	2%	3%	6%
	Quality of instruction	3%	1%	2%	6%
	Other	1%		4%	6%
	n=	257	257	257	257

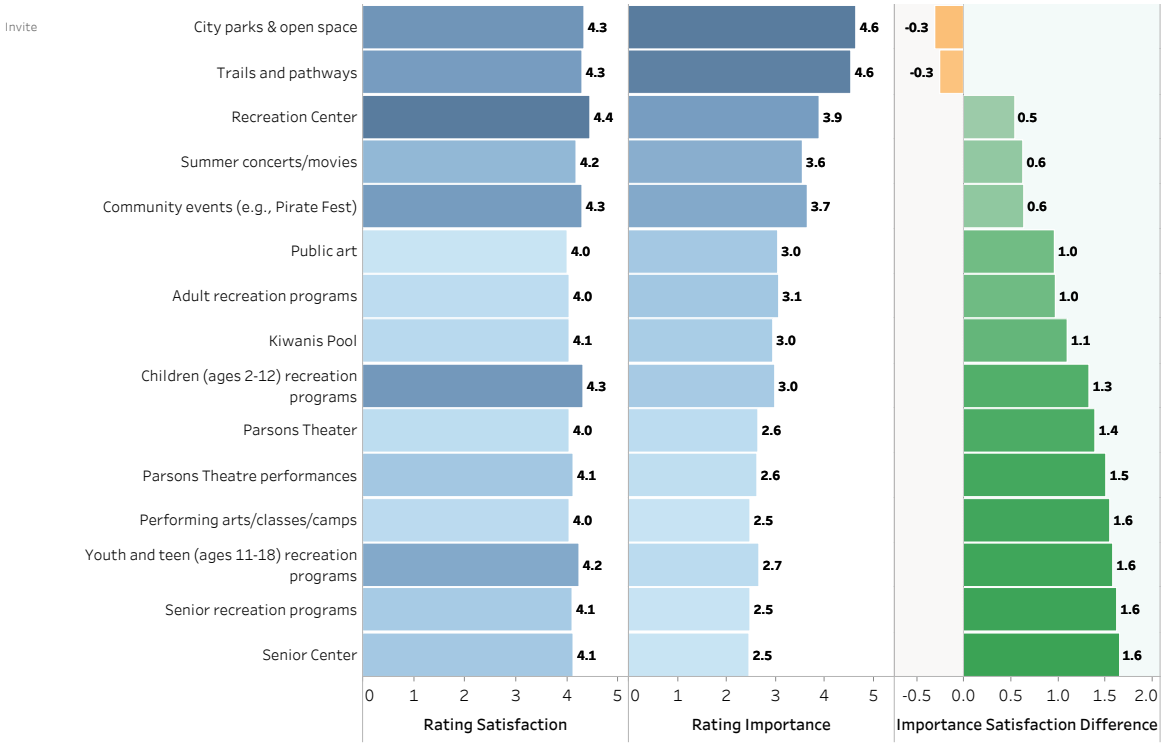
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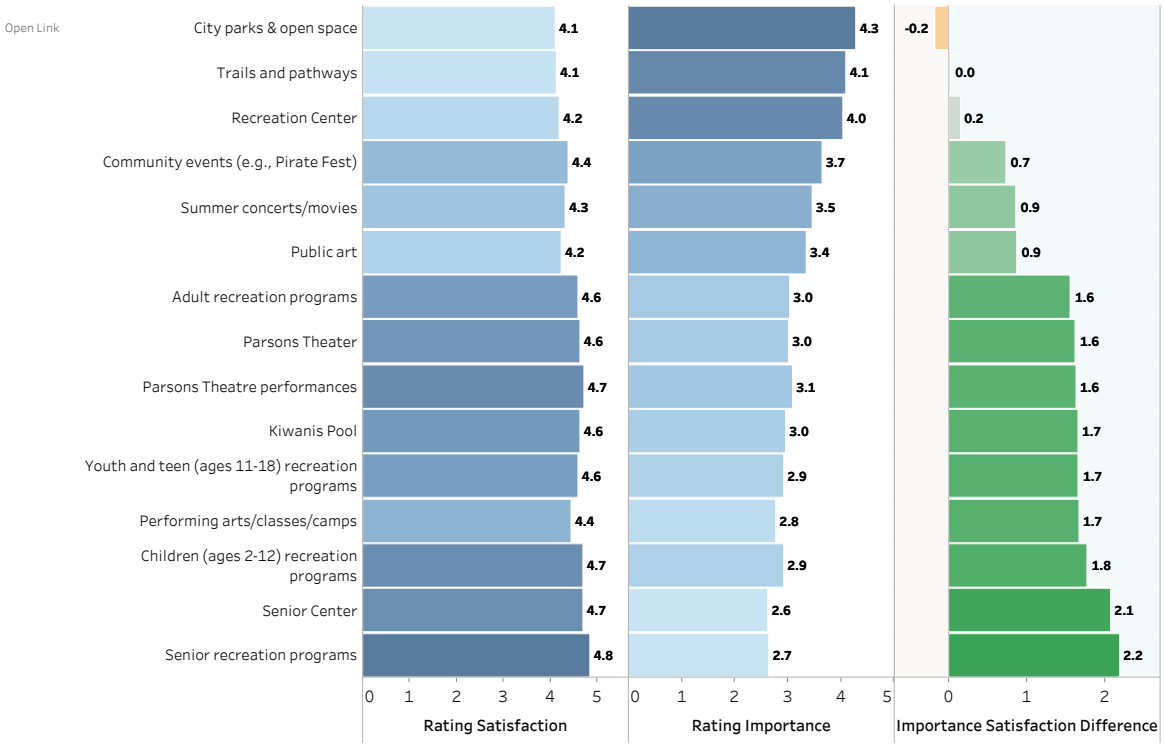
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Invite Sample

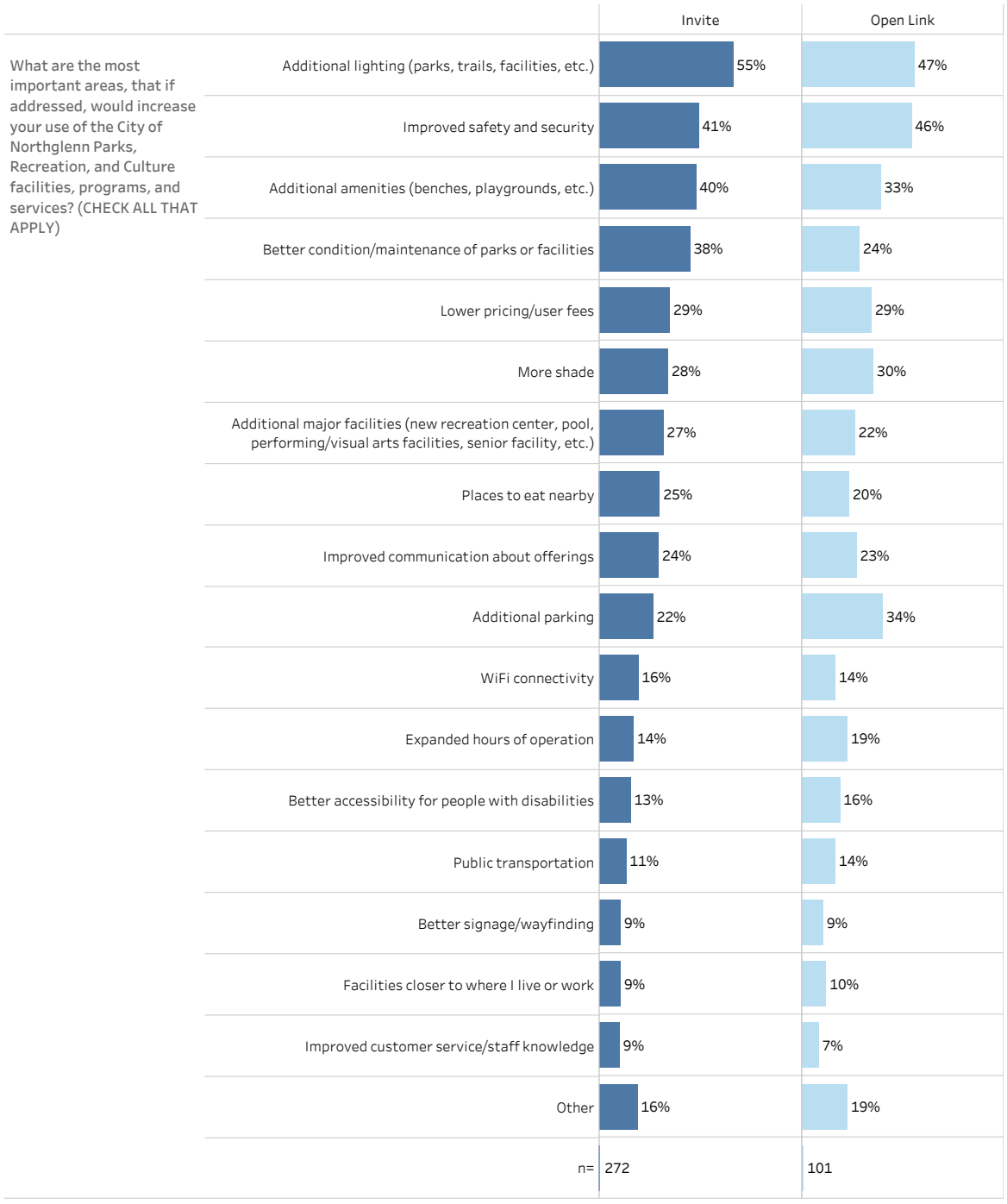


Open Link Sample



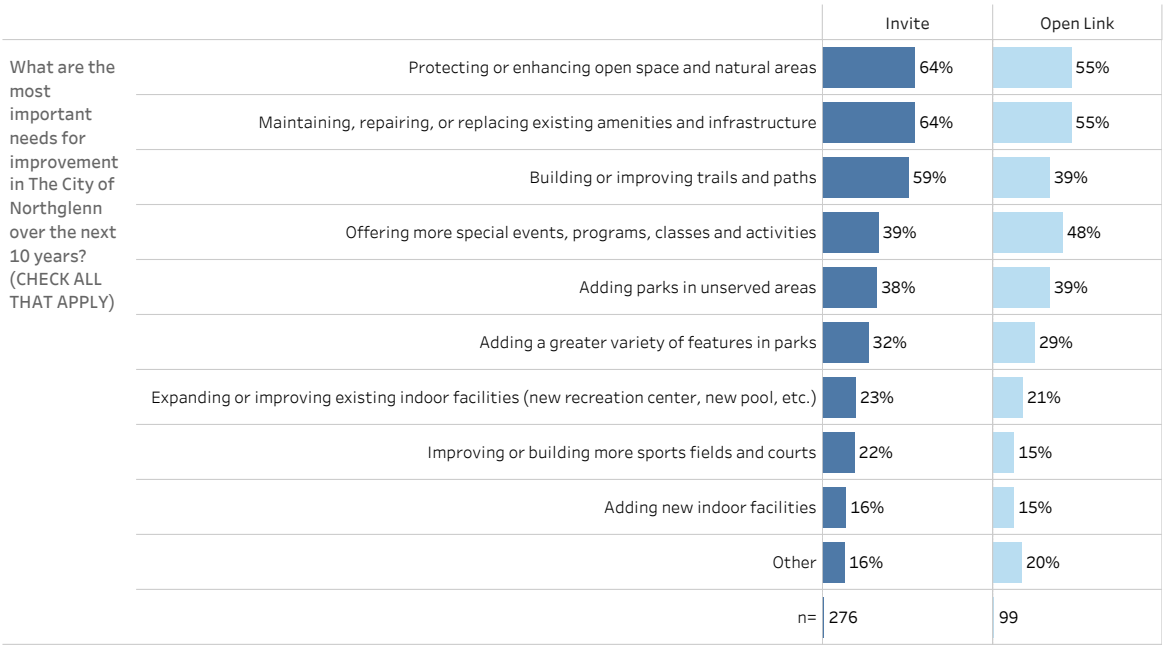
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From the list in the previous question, please select the top three highest priority items for you and your household.

		Top Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Overall
Open Link	Maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing amenities and infrastructure	27%	8%	12%	47%
	Protecting or enhancing open space and natural areas	15%	20%	14%	49%
	Building or improving trails and paths	12%	19%	6%	37%
	Adding parks in unserved areas	8%	11%	9%	29%
	Offering more special events, programs, classes and activities	6%	11%	11%	29%
	Adding a greater variety of features in parks	5%	7%	13%	26%
	Expanding or improving existing indoor facilities	8%	15%	5%	29%
	Improving or building more sports fields and courts		2%	3%	5%
	Adding new indoor facilities (new senior center, new pool, etc.)	4%	2%	9%	15%
	Other	13%		6%	20%
	n=	97	97	97	97
Invite	Maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing amenities and infrastructure	35%	18%	8%	60%
	Protecting or enhancing open space and natural areas	15%	23%	20%	58%
	Building or improving trails and paths	18%	22%	11%	51%
	Adding parks in unserved areas	5%	8%	13%	26%
	Offering more special events, programs, classes and activities	6%	5%	13%	24%
	Adding a greater variety of features in parks	7%	4%	7%	19%
	Expanding or improving existing indoor facilities	3%	6%	7%	16%
	Improving or building more sports fields and courts	1%	3%	4%	8%
	Adding new indoor facilities (new senior center, new pool, etc.)	0%	3%	3%	6%
	Other	10%	3%	3%	17%
	n=	252	252	252	252

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What types of amenities do you and your household feel are most important to be added or expanded over the next 10 years? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

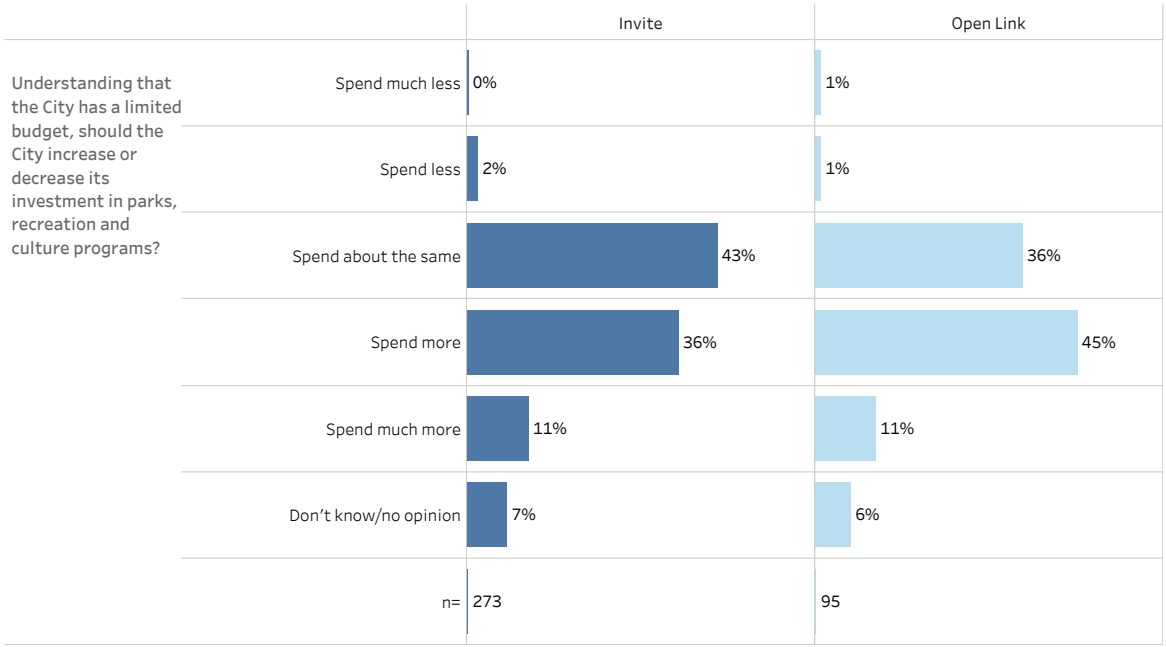
	Invite	Open Link
Community gardens	42%	53%
Natural areas (e.g., pollinator patches, native plantings, bioswales)	49%	45%
Quiet places to relax	45%	41%
Off-street trails connecting parks and other destinations	56%	28%
Extraordinary play features (e.g., nature play, water play, destination play areas)	38%	40%
Challenge elements (e.g., climbing wall, bike skills course, zip lines, ninja course)	36%	34%
Sports court variety (e.g., badminton, pickleball, shuffleboard, futsal, basketball)	36%	23%
Soft-surfaced trails for jogging, running, or hiking	34%	24%
Additional outdoor aquatic facilities	27%	29%
Dog parks (e.g., dog park, run, agility area)	36%	19%
Group gathering places (e.g., pavilions, picnic areas, event spaces)	32%	19%
More public art in Northglenn	19%	20%
New ice rink	19%	17%
Disc/frisbee golf	15%	14%
More gallery space and art studio	10%	16%
Sports field variety (e.g., soccer, lacrosse, kickball, rugby)	12%	11%
New fitness center	9%	6%
New standalone senior center	4%	10%
Sports fields quantity	7%	4%
Add new rehearsal space or dance studio	2%	7%
New performing arts center	3%	5%
New fieldhouse or large gymnasium	4%	3%
Other	8%	11%
n=	263	100

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From the list in the previous question, please select the top three highest priority items for you and your household.

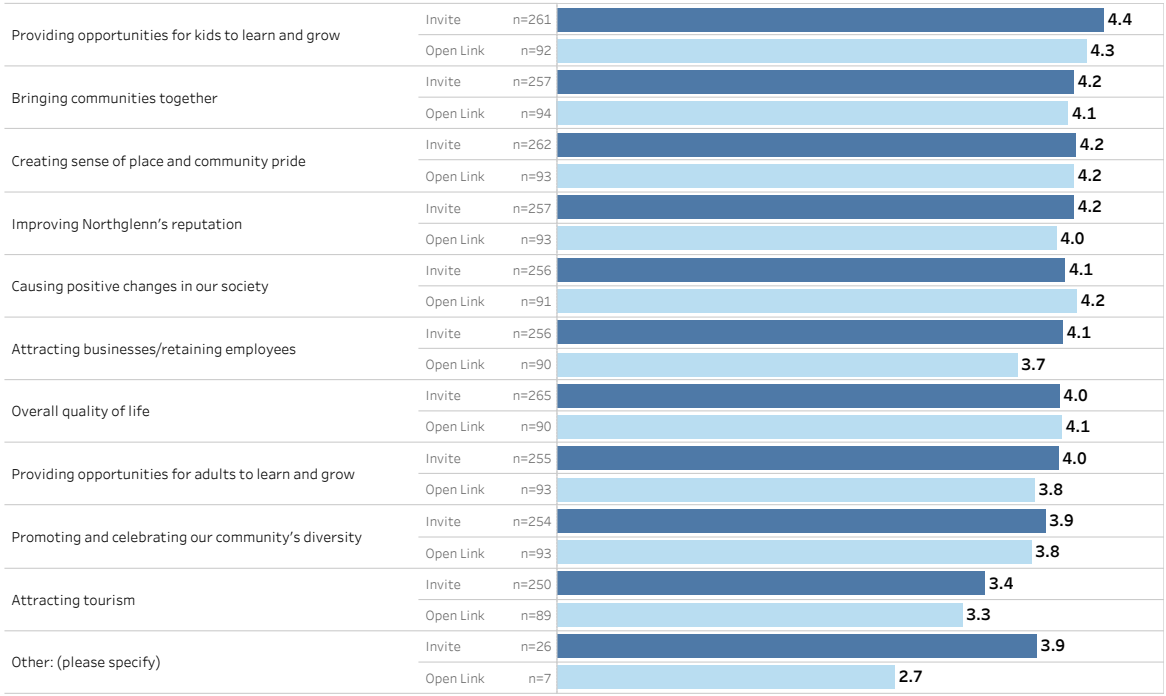
		Top Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Overall
Open Link	Off-street trails connecting parks and other destinations	13%	8%	7%	27%
	Natural areas (e.g., pollinator patches, native plantings, bioswales)	11%	9%	11%	30%
	Soft-surfaced trails for jogging, running or hiking	3%	8%	8%	18%
	Extraordinary play features (e.g., nature play, water play, destination play areas)	15%	7%	7%	28%
	Community gardens	8%	11%	11%	29%
	Challenge elements (e.g., climbing wall, bike skills course, zip lines, ninja course)	11%	11%	7%	28%
	Dog parks (e.g., dog park, run, agility area)	2%	7%	4%	13%
	Quiet places to relax	5%	9%	11%	25%
	Group gathering places (e.g., pavilions, picnic areas, event spaces)	5%	7%	5%	17%
	Sports court variety (e.g., badminton, pickleball, shuffleboard, futsal, basketball)	5%	8%	4%	17%
	Additional outdoor aquatic facilities	7%	1%	1%	9%
	New ice rink	3%	3%	1%	8%
	Sports field variety (e.g., soccer, lacrosse, kickball, rugby)		1%	3%	4%
	Disc/frisbee golf		3%	2%	5%
	More public art in Northglenn		3%	2%	5%
	Sports field quantity		1%	1%	2%
	New fitness center	1%	1%	1%	3%
	New standalone senior center	2%	1%	1%	4%
	More gallery space and art studio			2%	2%
	New performing arts center		1%		1%
	Add new rehearsal space or dance studio	1%		1%	2%
	Other	7%		3%	10%
	n=	92	92	92	92
Invite	Off-street trails connecting parks and other destinations	19%	16%	9%	44%
	Natural areas (e.g., pollinator patches, native plantings, bioswales)	8%	12%	14%	34%
	Soft-surfaced trails for jogging, running or hiking	6%	12%	8%	26%
	Extraordinary play features (e.g., nature play, water play, destination play areas)	13%	7%	5%	25%
	Community gardens	5%	9%	9%	23%
	Challenge elements (e.g., climbing wall, bike skills course, zip lines, ninja course)	6%	9%	7%	22%
	Dog parks (e.g., dog park, run, agility area)	5%	6%	9%	20%
	Quiet places to relax	4%	3%	12%	19%
	Group gathering places (e.g., pavilions, picnic areas, event spaces)	10%	4%	3%	18%
	Sports court variety (e.g., badminton, pickleball, shuffleboard, futsal, basketball)	5%	5%	4%	13%
	Additional outdoor aquatic facilities	1%	3%	4%	8%
	New ice rink	2%	1%	4%	7%
	Sports field variety (e.g., soccer, lacrosse, kickball, rugby)	3%	2%	2%	7%
	Disc/frisbee golf	2%	1%	2%	6%
	More public art in Northglenn	1%	1%	2%	4%
	Sports field quantity	1%	2%	0%	4%
	New fitness center	2%	1%		3%
	New fieldhouse or large gymnasium	0%	0%	0%	1%
	New standalone senior center	0%	0%	0%	1%
	More gallery space and art studio	0%	0%		1%
	New performing arts center			1%	1%
	Add new rehearsal space or dance studio		0%		0%
	Other	6%	1%	2%	8%
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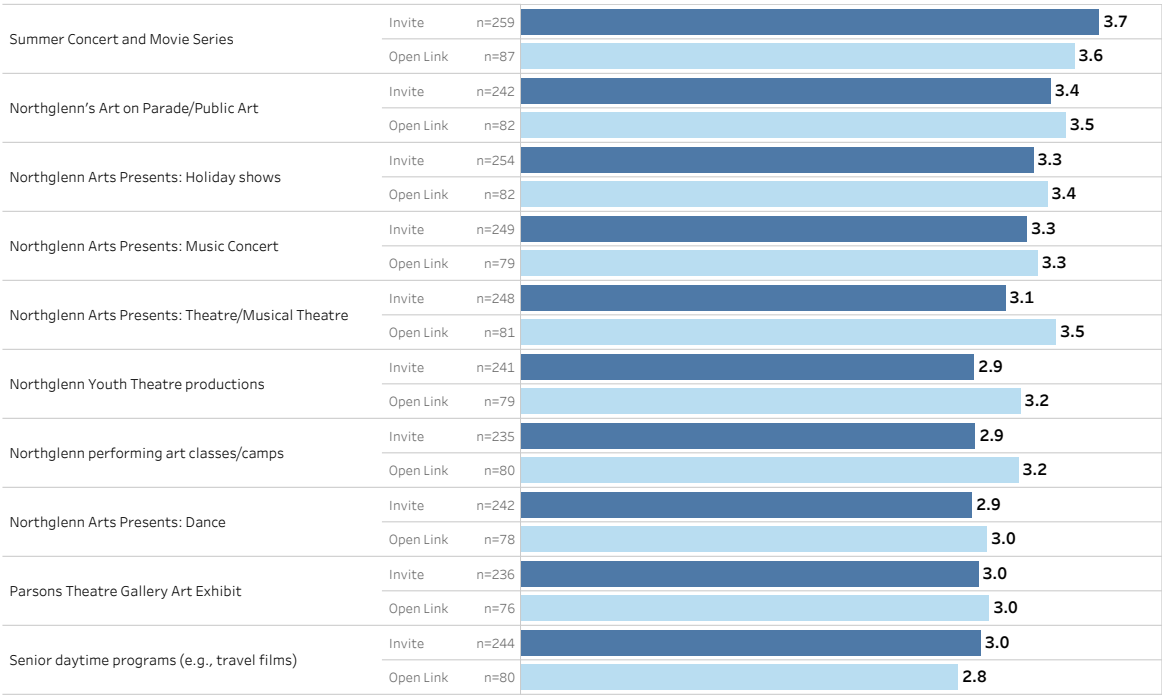


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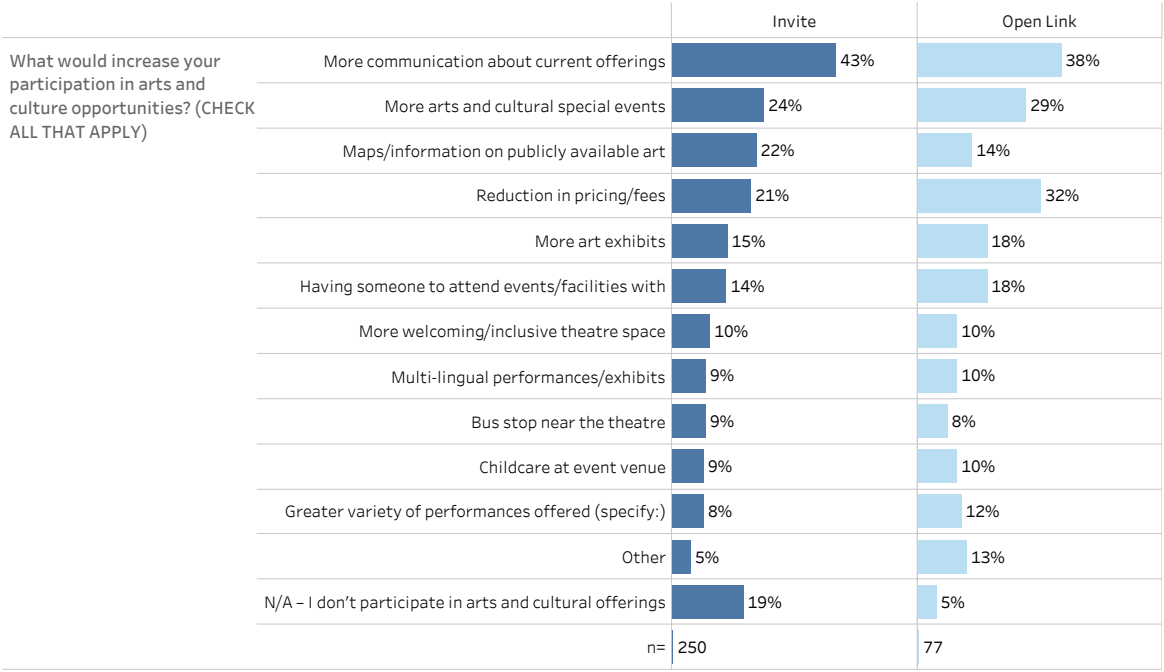
How important are arts and culture opportunities related to:



How important are each of the following arts and culture programs and events to you and/or your family?



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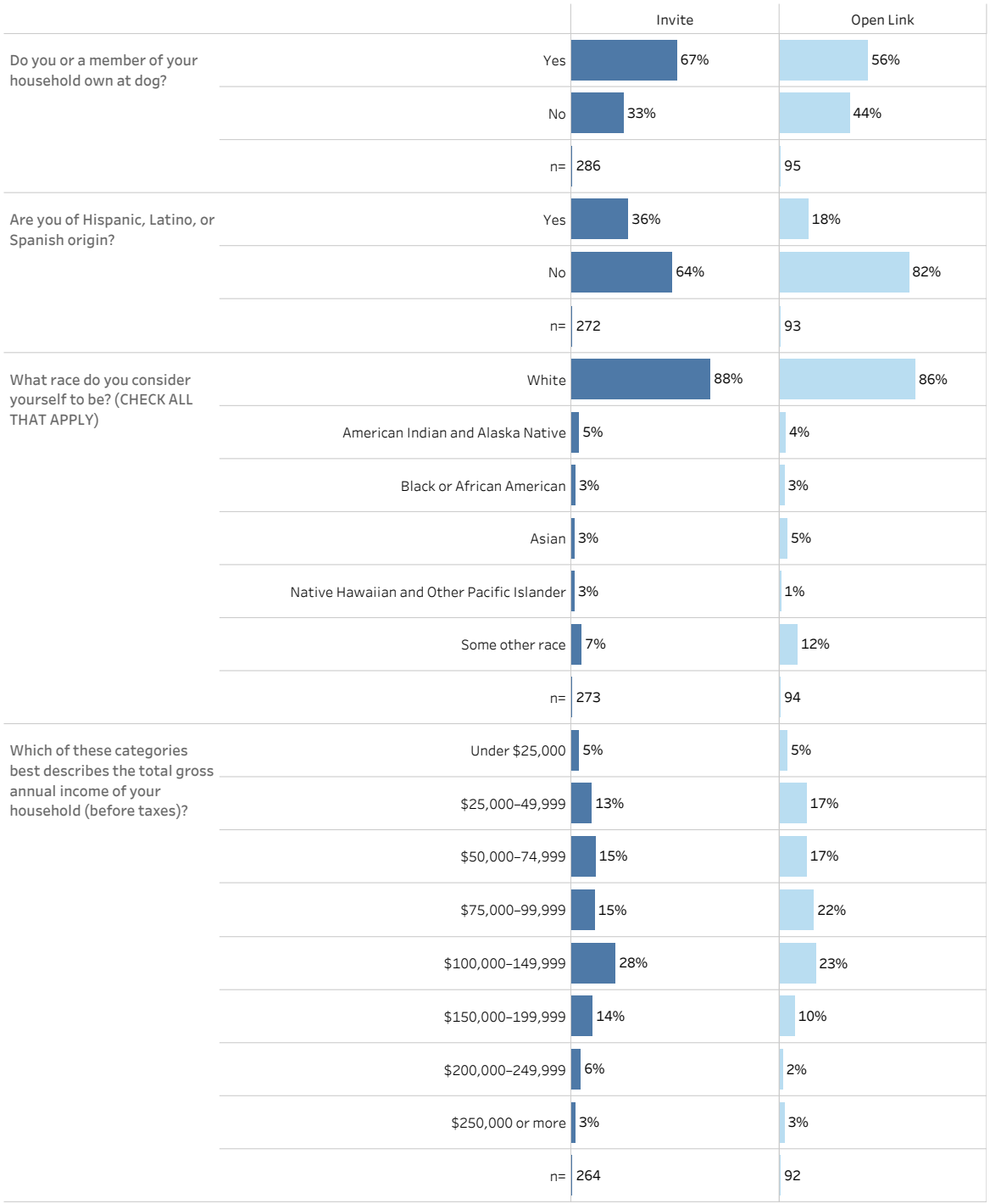
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		Invite	Open Link
Please indicate the gender with which you identify	Male	49%	24%
	Female	48%	68%
	Prefer not to answer	3%	4%
	Prefer to self-describe:	0%	1%
	Nonbinary		3%
	n=	285	96
What is your age?	Under 18	1%	2%
	18 - 24	5%	3%
	25 - 34	30%	20%
	35 - 44	19%	26%
	45 - 54	15%	16%
	55 - 64	15%	15%
	65 - 74	8%	14%
	75 or over	7%	4%
	n=	288	95
Which of these categories best applies to your household?	Single, no children	17%	16%
	Single with children at home	5%	4%
	Single, children no longer at home (empty nester)	3%	4%
	Couple, no children	23%	18%
	Couple with children at home	33%	35%
	Couple, children no longer at home (empty nester)	11%	10%
	Multi-generational home (grandparents, parents, children)	9%	12%
	n=	282	93
Do you own or rent your residence?	Own	86%	82%
	Rent	13%	13%
	Other	1%	5%
	n=	286	93
Are you a registered voter?	Yes	96%	79%
	No	4%	21%
	n=	286	94
Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (Americans with Disabilities) facilities and services?	Yes	10%	14%
	No	90%	86%
	n=	281	95

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Northglenn PLAYBOOK
Parks, Recreation & Culture Long-Range Plan



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Introduction

- The purpose of this study is to gather community feedback on the City of Northglenn parks, recreation facilities, amenities, future planning, arts and culture communication, and more.
- This survey research effort and subsequent analysis are designed to assist the City of Northglenn in developing a plan to reflect the community's needs and desires.



Research Methods

1 = Statistically Valid (Invitation Survey)

Paper surveys and postcards were mailed to a systematic random sample of residential address in Northglenn, with the option to complete online through a password-protected website (1 response per household). The cover letter had instructions on how to complete the survey in Spanish, and a Spanish version of the survey is also available online.

300 Invitation surveys completed
+/- 5.6% Margin of Error

2 = Open Link Survey

Later, the online survey was made available to all Northglenn stakeholders, including non-residents (e.g., commuters, residents of nearby communities)

36 Open Link surveys completed as of 5/10

8,917 Surveys and Postcards Mailed



Weighting the Data

1

The underlying data from the survey were weighted by age, gender, and ethnicity to ensure appropriate representation of **City of Northglenn residents** across different demographic cohorts in the sample.

2

Using U.S. Census Data, the age, gender, and ethnicity distributions in the sample were adjusted to more closely match the actual population profile of the **City of Northglenn.**

Key Findings

There are higher levels of satisfaction with the quality of parks, recreation, and culture facilities provided by the City of Northglenn, with 64% of the Invite sample rating satisfaction a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-5. Nearly one-third of the Invite sample rated their satisfaction as a 3. The average rating overall is 3.8 out of 5.

At least 42% of respondents say they use City parks and open spaces as well as trails and pathways at least once a week. The Recreation Center also see high levels of use. Respondents generally feel that the physical condition of all the Parks, Recreation, and Culture facilities they've visited are in good condition. The average rating was a 3.9 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being "excellent."

The quality of programs is seen very positively by respondents. A total of 79% of respondents rated the quality a 4 or a 5 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being "excellent." The average rating overall was 4.1. The top reasons why households participate in Parks, Recreation, and Culture programs are the location of the facility, healthy mind & body/general wellness, and the cost to participate is reasonable.

Key Findings

City parks and open spaces, and trails and pathways are the most important facilities to respondents, each with an average rating of 4.6 out of 5, with 5 being "very important"; however, these categories rated lower on meeting the needs of the community (4.2 average) indicating some room for improvement.

Additional lighting, improved safety and security, and additional amenities are the highest rated aspects that, if addressed, would increase respondents' use of the City of Northglenn Parks, Recreation and Culture facilities, programs, and services.

Respondents are favorable toward additional spending on parks, recreation, and culture programs. While 43% said they'd prefer the City to spend about the same, 47% of the Invite sample said they'd like to see the City invest more.

Key Findings

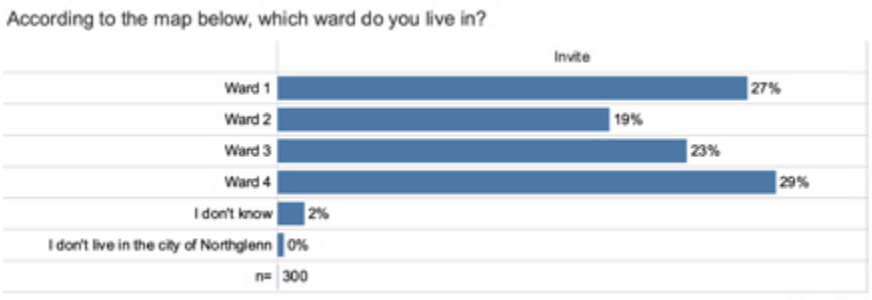
Maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing amenities and infrastructure is the top priority for the Invite sample (60%), followed by protecting or enhancing open space and natural areas (58%) and building or improving trails and paths (51%). Adding new indoor facilities is the lowest priority (6%).

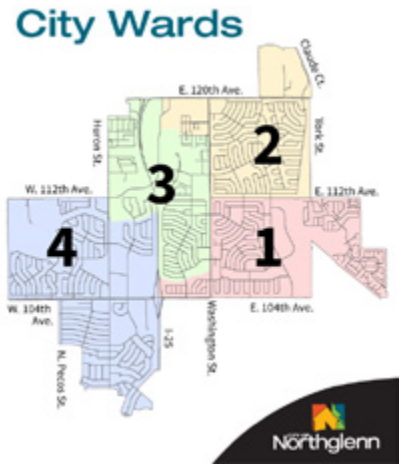
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Respondents believe in the value of arts and culture opportunities. All categories received higher ratings (3.9 out of 5 and above), except for the importance of arts and culture opportunities for attracting tourism. The importance of arts and culture programs and events were not rated as highly. A total of 43% of respondents said that more communication about current offerings would increase their participation in arts and culture offerings.

Location in Northglenn

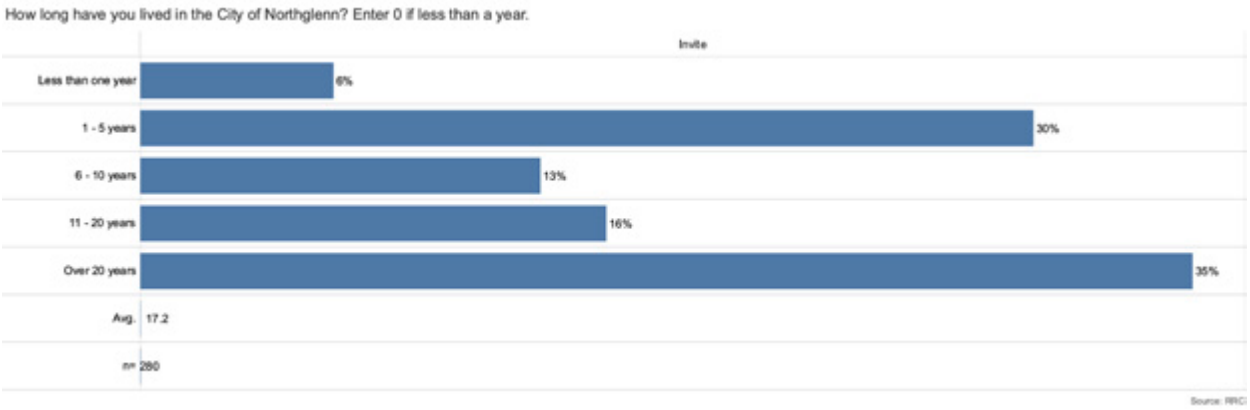
The largest shares of responses were received from Wards 1 and 4, and the lowest shares from Ward 2.





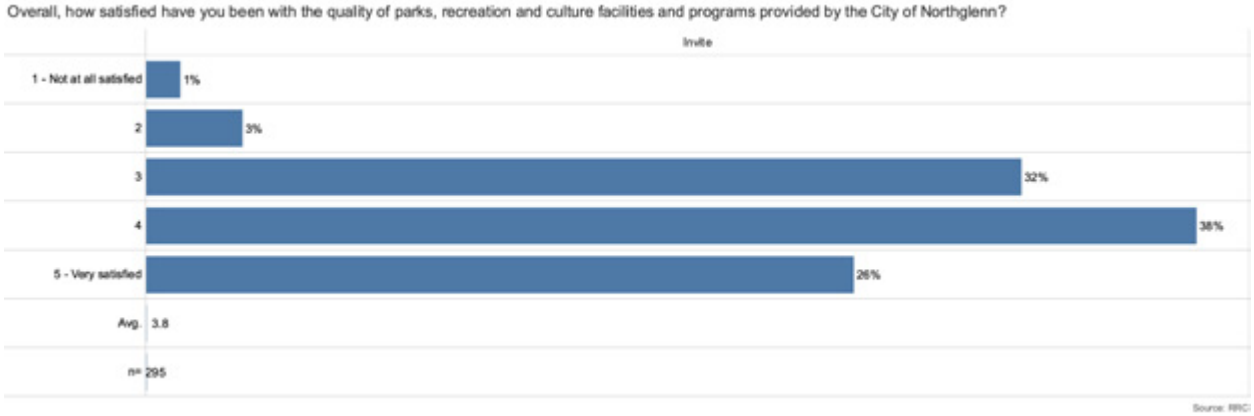
Length of Time in Northglenn

Over one-third (35%) of the Invite sample have lived in the City of Northglenn for 20 or more years, and 36% are newer residents having lived in the City for less than a year to five years. The average length of residency is 17 years.



Satisfaction with Parks, Recreation & Culture Facilities

There are higher levels of satisfaction with the quality of parks, recreation and culture facilities, and programs provided by the City of Northglenn, with 64% of the Invite sample rating satisfaction a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-5. Nearly one-third of the Invite sample rated their satisfaction as a 3. The average rating overall is 3.8 out of 5.



Current Usage



Frequency of Use

At least 42% of respondents say they use City parks and open spaces as well as trails and pathways at least once a week. The Recreation Center also see high levels of use. Performing arts/classes/camps are the least utilized service with 93% of respondents saying that no one in their household has participated.

How frequently have you and/or a member of your household used or participated in any of the following facilities or services?
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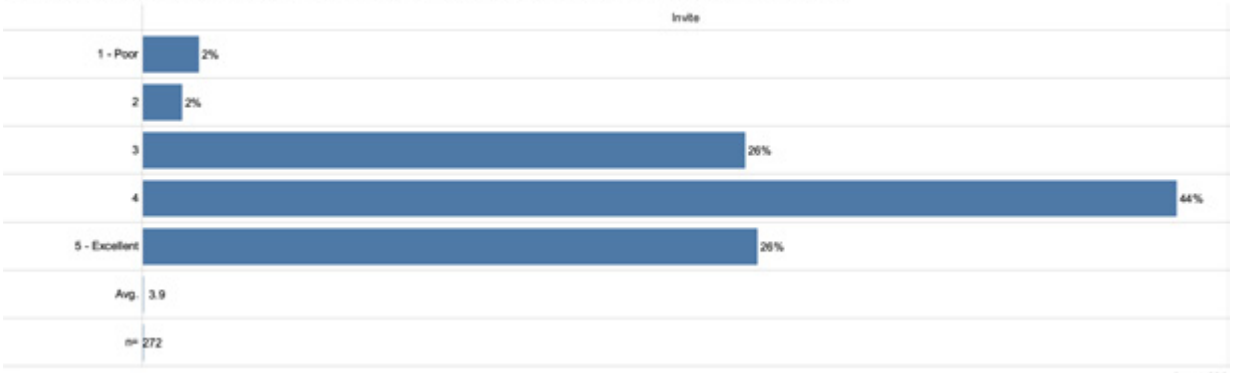
		At least once a week	At least once a month	A few times a month	A few times a year	Have not participated
City parks & open space	n=291	43%	10%	17%	25%	4%
Trails and pathways	n=290	42%	7%	20%	20%	11%
Community events (e.g., Pirate Fest)	n=286		4%	2%	60%	34%
Recreation Center	n=288	13%	9%	12%	26%	40%
Summer concerts/movies	n=284	0%	5%	4%	42%	49%
Public art	n=289	2%	6%	2%	28%	61%
Kiwanis Pool	n=290	2%	1%	3%	22%	73%
Children (ages 2-12) recreation programs	n=283	4%	4%	3%	12%	77%
Parsons Theater	n=288	0%	1%	1%	19%	79%
Parsons Theatre performances	n=287		0%		19%	81%
Adult recreation programs	n=288	3%	0%	2%	9%	86%
Youth and teen (ages 11-18) recreation programs	n=285	1%	3%	2%	7%	86%
Senior Center	n=287	1%	1%	1%	4%	92%
Senior recreation programs	n=286	1%	1%	1%	6%	92%
Performing arts/classes/camps	n=287	0%		1%	7%	93%
Other	n=92	4%	2%	2%	4%	88%

Source: RRC

Overall Park Condition

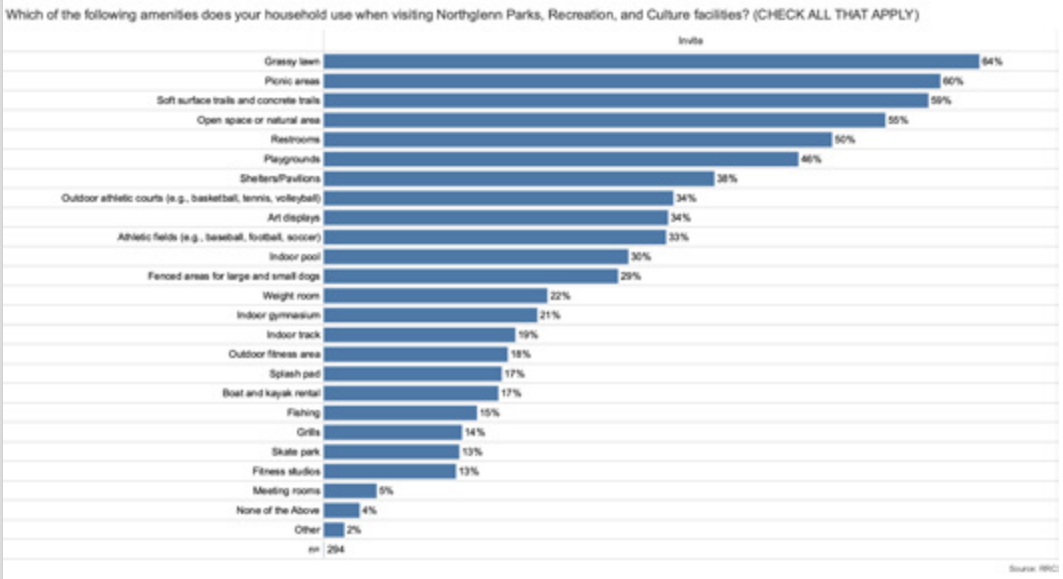
Respondents generally feel that the physical condition of all of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture facilities they've visited are in good condition. The average rating was a 3.9 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being "excellent."

Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of ALL of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture facilities you have visited?



Source: RRC

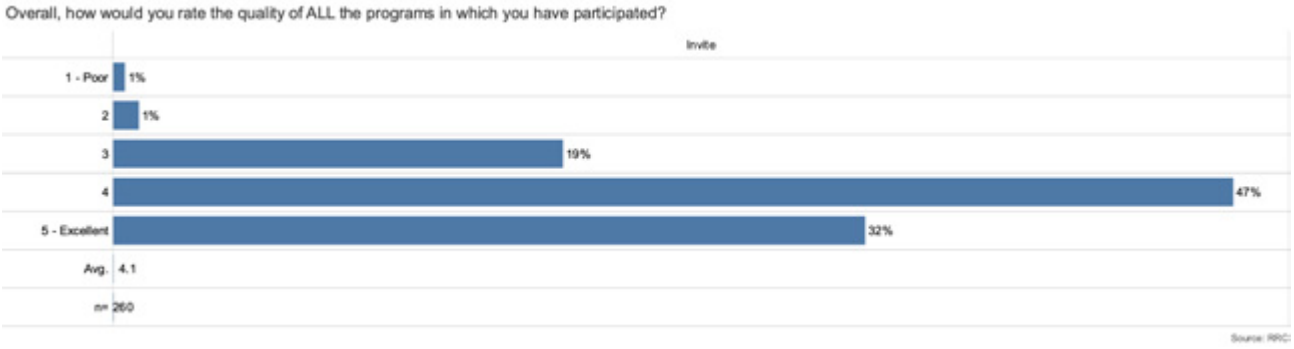
Use of Amenities



- Grassy lawn, picnic areas, and trails are the most used amenities.
- Only 4% of the sample say they use none of the above.
- Meeting rooms, fitness studios, and skate parks are less utilized amenities.

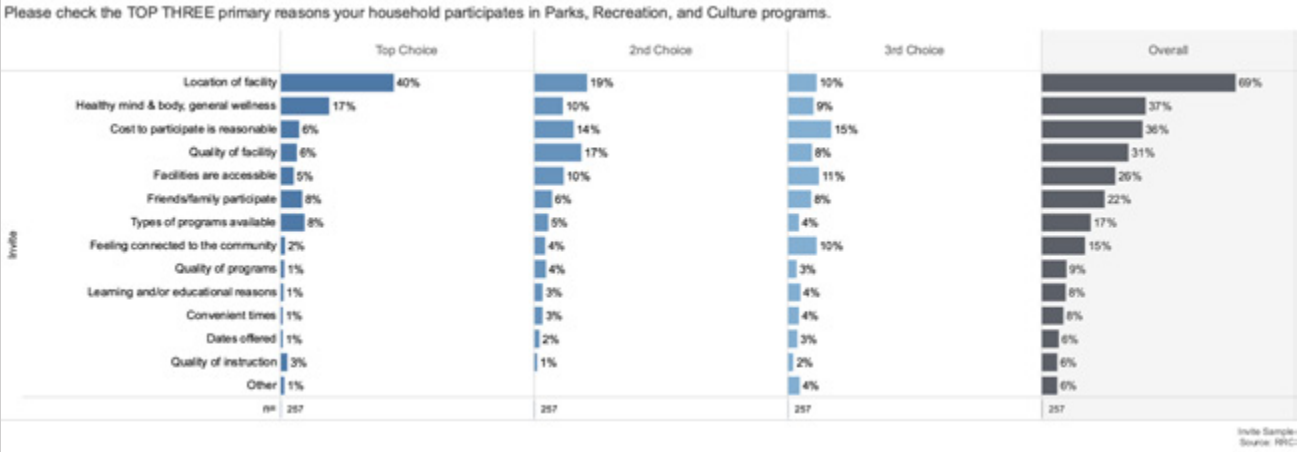
Overall Programs Rating

The quality of programs is seen very positively by respondents. A total of 79% of respondents rated the quality a 4 or a 5 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being “excellent.” The average rating overall was 4.1.



Reasons for Program Participation

The top reasons why households participate in Parks, Recreation, and Culture programs are the location of the facility, healthy mind & body/general wellness, and the cost to participate is reasonable.



"How do you generally hear about parks, recreation, and culture opportunities?" Open-Ended Comments

The most common way people hear about parks, recreation, and culture opportunities is through the mail, Northglenn Connection, the website, newsletter, Facebook and word of mouth.



Current Conditions



Facilities and Services - Importance

City parks and open spaces, and trails and pathways are the most important facilities to respondents, each with an average rating of 4.6 out of 5. The Senior Center and senior recreation programs are seen as less important.

For the following section please rate how important the following facilities and services are to your household. Please provide an answer whether or not you have used the facility or service.
Invite Sample

			5	4	3	2	1
City parks & open space	n=283	Avg. 4.6	74%	19%			4%
Trails and pathways	n=285	Avg. 4.6	72%	18%		6%	
Recreation Center	n=280	Avg. 3.9	44%	20%	22%	8%	5%
Community events (e.g., Pirate Fest)	n=276	Avg. 3.7	33%	29%	20%	8%	10%
Summer concerts/movies	n=276	Avg. 3.6	31%	23%	28%	8%	10%
Adult recreation programs	n=274	Avg. 3.1	22%	21%	20%	19%	19%
Public art	n=274	Avg. 3.0	19%	21%	26%	14%	20%
Children (ages 2-12) recreation programs	n=275	Avg. 3.0	31%	15%	11%	8%	35%
Kiwanis Pool	n=277	Avg. 3.0	22%	18%	19%	16%	25%
Youth and teen (ages 11-18) recreation programs	n=275	Avg. 2.7	22%	12%	17%	7%	42%
Parsons Theater	n=274	Avg. 2.6	12%	16%	25%	21%	27%
Parsons Theatre performances	n=273	Avg. 2.6	11%	18%	23%	17%	30%
Performing arts/classes/camps	n=273	Avg. 2.5	11%	11%	27%	18%	33%
Senior recreation programs	n=279	Avg. 2.5	17%	14%	12%	15%	42%
Senior Center	n=275	Avg. 2.5	16%	13%	14%	16%	41%
Other: (specify)	n=44	Avg. 2.7	30%		20%		45%

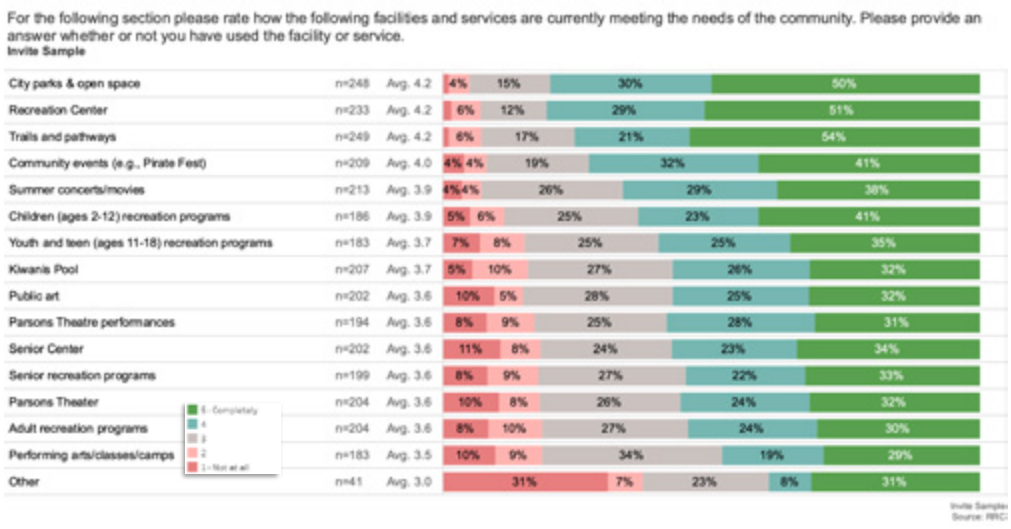
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Invite Sample
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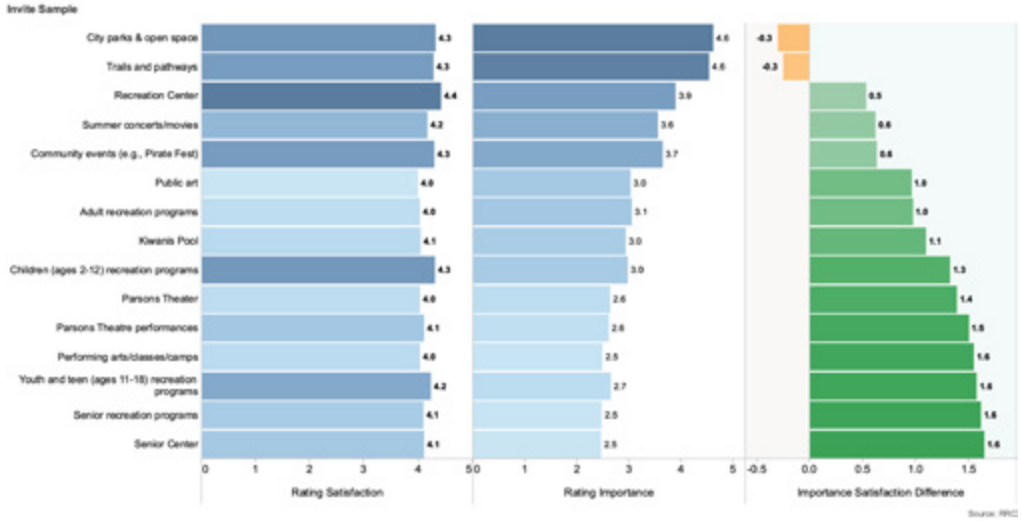
Facilities and Services - Needs Met

City parks and open spaces, the Recreation Center, and trails and pathways are most meeting the needs of the community (although this rating is lower than the overall importance rating).

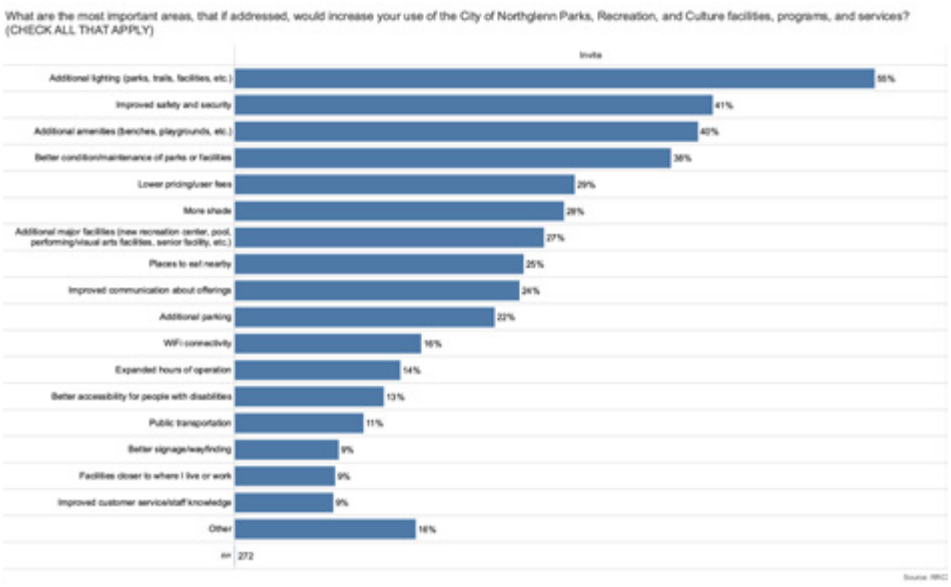


Facilities and Services – Importance/Needs Met

The graph below highlights the differences between the average ratings of importance and the average rating of meeting the needs of the community (satisfaction). The only two areas where a negative difference is seen are city parks and open space, and trails and pathways.



Increasing Use



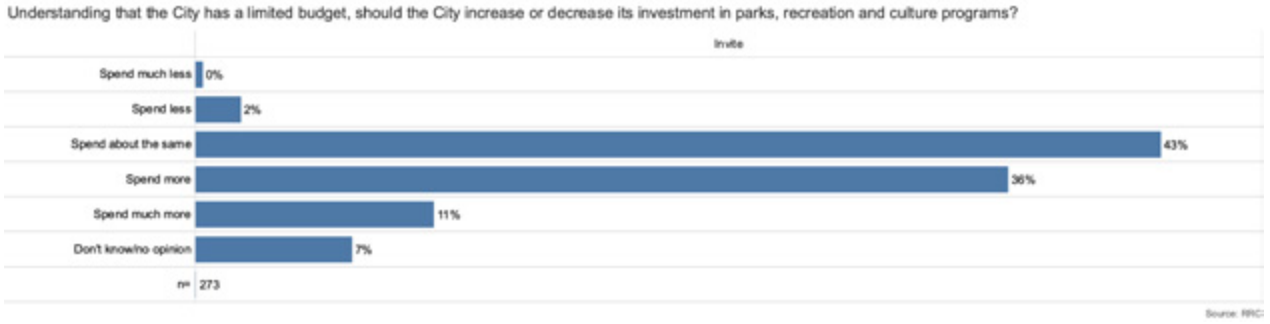
- Additional lighting, improved safety and security, and additional amenities are the highest-rated area that if addressed, would increase respondents' use of the City of Northglenn Parks, Recreation and Culture facilities, programs, and services.

Future Needs and Priorities



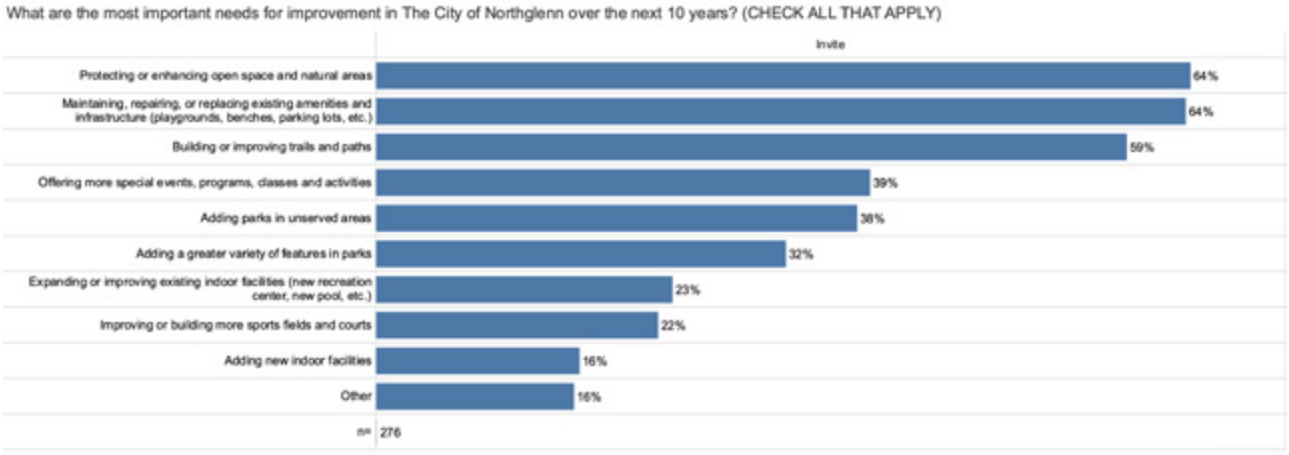
Investment in Parks, Recreation, and Culture Programs

Respondents are favorable toward additional spending on parks, recreation, and culture programs. While 43% said they'd prefer the City to spend about the same, 47% of the Invite sample said they'd like to see the City invest more.



Important Needs for Future Improvement

Protecting or enhancing open spaces and natural areas and maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing amenities and infrastructure are the most important needs for improvement over the next 10 years (64%). The least important need is adding new facilities (16%).



Important Needs for Future Improvement
Top 3

Maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing amenities and infrastructure is the top priority for the Invite sample (60%), followed by protecting or enhancing open space and natural areas (58%) and building or improving trails and paths (51%). Adding new indoor facilities is the lowest priority (6%).

From the list in the previous question, please select the top three highest priority items for you and your household.

	Top Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Overall
Maintaining, repairing, or replacing existing amenities and infrastructure	35%	18%	8%	60%
Protecting or enhancing open space and natural areas	15%	23%	20%	58%
Building or improving trails and paths	18%	22%	11%	51%
Adding parks in unserved areas	5%	8%	13%	26%
Offering more special events, programs, classes and activities	6%	5%	13%	24%
Adding a greater variety of features in parks	7%	4%	7%	19%
Expanding or improving existing indoor facilities	3%	6%	7%	16%
Improving or building more sports fields and courts	1%	3%	4%	8%
Adding new indoor facilities (new senior center, new pool, etc.)	0%	3%	3%	6%
Other	10%	3%	3%	17%
n=	252	252	252	252

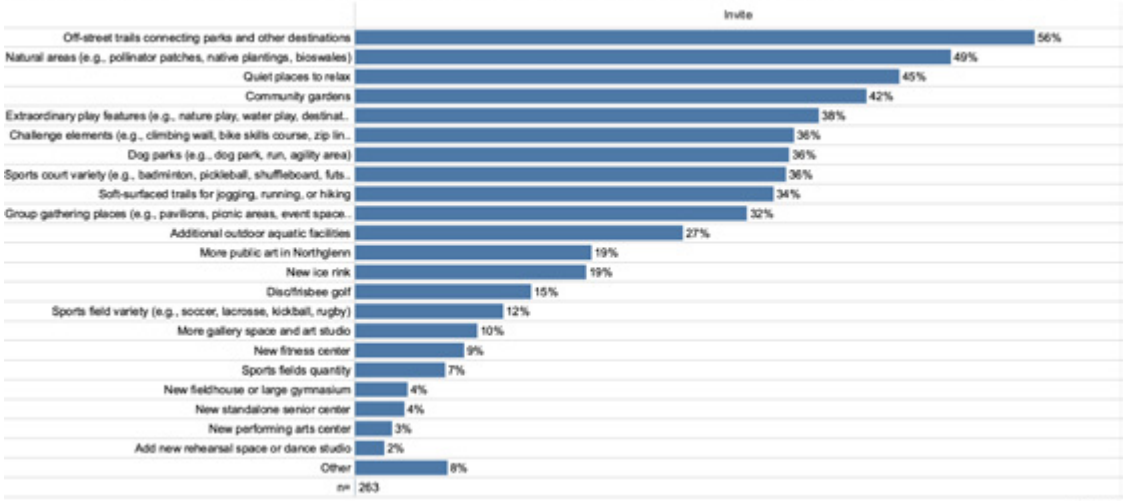
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Source: RRC

Future Amenities or Facilities

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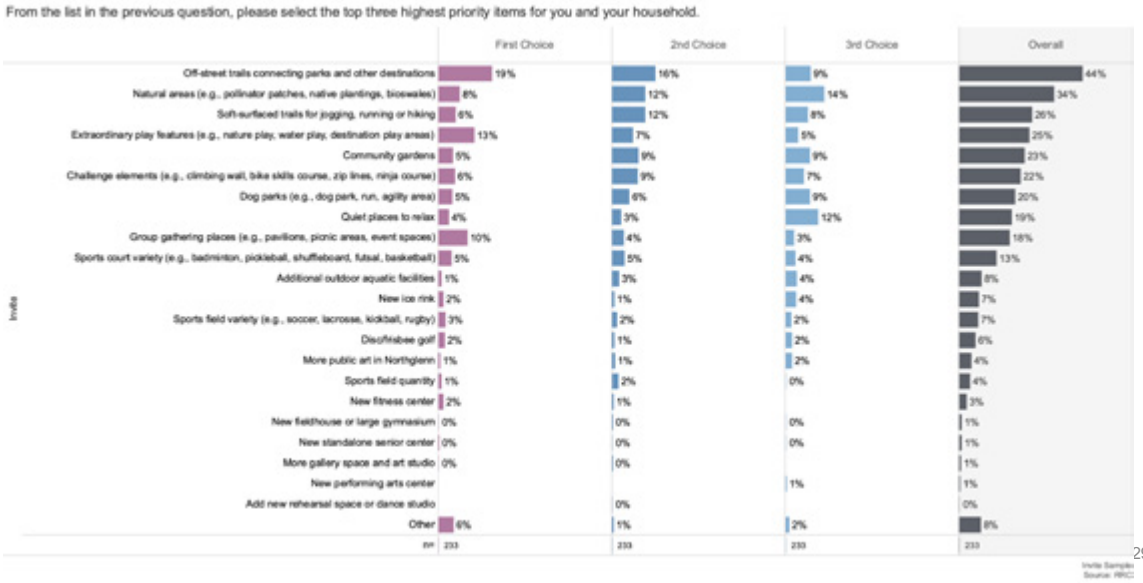
What types of amenities do you and your household feel are most important to be added or expanded over the next 10 years? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)



Source: RRC

Future Amenities or Facilities
Top 3

Off-street trails were in the top 3 priorities of 44% of respondents, and the first choice for 19%. This was followed by natural areas (34%), and soft-surfaced trails for jogging running or hiking (26%).

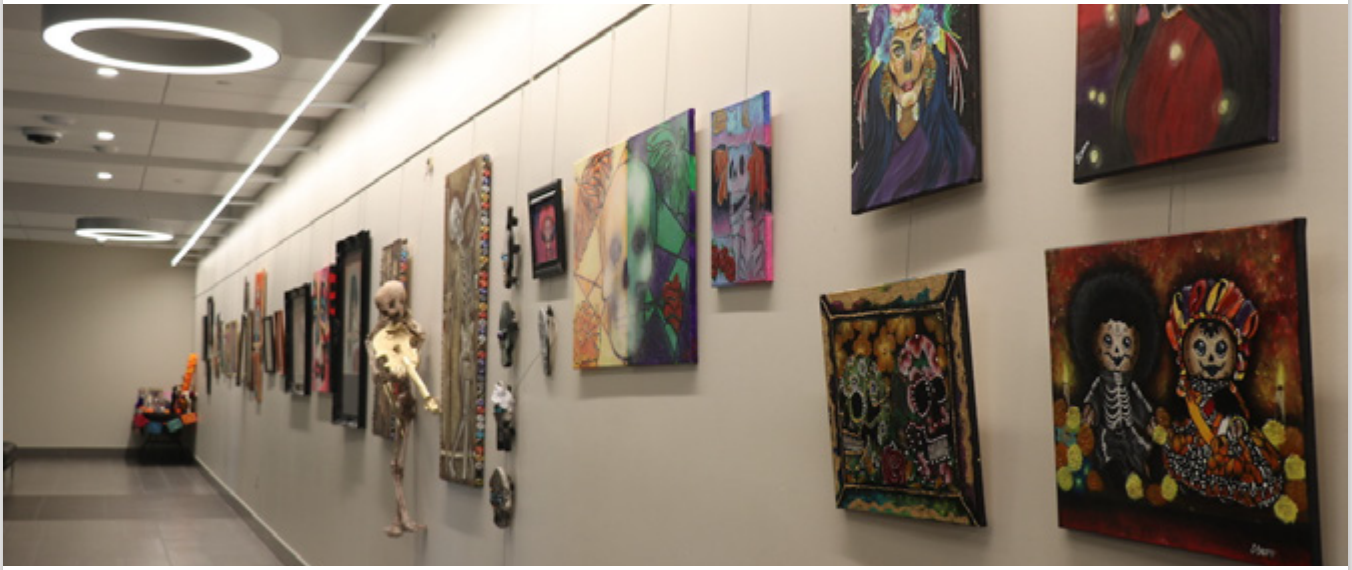


"If you feel that it is important to add new recreation programs or events, please describe what kind"
Open-Ended Comments

Respondents mentioned more trials (and specifically bike trails), more classes (both kids and adults), and park maintenance.



Arts & Culture



Importance of Arts and Culture Opportunities

All categories received higher ratings from the Invite sample (3.9 out of 5 and above), except for the importance of Arts and Culture opportunities for attracting tourism.

How important are arts and culture opportunities related to:
Invite Sample

Providing opportunities for kids to learn and grow	n=261	Avg. 4.4	4%	8%	21%	64%	
Creating sense of place and community pride	n=262	Avg. 4.2		7%	13%	25%	52%
Bringing communities together	n=257	Avg. 4.2	4%	5%	15%	24%	52%
Improving Northglenn's reputation	n=257	Avg. 4.2	6%	4%	12%	27%	52%
Causing positive changes in our society	n=256	Avg. 4.1	5%	5%	17%	23%	50%
Attracting businesses/retaining employees	n=256	Avg. 4.1	4%	6%	17%	25%	48%
Overall quality of life	n=265	Avg. 4.0	6%	7%	16%	20%	52%
Providing opportunities for adults to learn and grow	n=255	Avg. 4.0	4%	7%	18%	26%	46%
Promoting and celebrating our community's diversity	n=254	Avg. 3.9	8%	7%	17%	20%	48%
Attracting tourism	n=250	Avg. 3.4	12%	11%	24%	23%	29%
Other: (please specify)	n=26	Avg. 3.9	15%	5%	12%	13%	54%

Invite Sample
Source: RRC

Importance of Arts and Culture Programs & Events

Summer Concert and Movie Series was the highest-rated arts and culture event with 62% of respondents rating it a 4 or a 5, with 5 being “very important.” Northglenn performing art classes/camps, Northglenn Youth Theatre productions, and Northglenn Arts Presents: Dance were rated with lesser importance.

How important are each of the following arts and culture programs and events to you and/or your family?
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Summer Concert and Movie Series	n=259	Avg. 3.7	8%	6%	25%	28%	34%
Northglenn's Art on Parade/Public Art	n=242	Avg. 3.4	15%	8%	23%	30%	25%
Northglenn Arts Presents: Holiday shows	n=254	Avg. 3.3	15%	10%	24%	28%	23%
Northglenn Arts Presents: Music Concert	n=249	Avg. 3.3	16%	13%	23%	25%	23%
Northglenn Arts Presents: Theatre/Musical Theatre	n=248	Avg. 3.1	18%	15%	23%	25%	20%
Senior daytime programs (e.g., travel films)	n=244	Avg. 3.0	27%	10%	24%	18%	21%
Parsons Theatre Gallery Art Exhibit	n=236	Avg. 3.0	21%	16%	28%	17%	18%
Northglenn performing art classes/camps	n=235	Avg. 2.9	23%	18%	21%	20%	19%
Northglenn Youth Theatre productions	n=241	Avg. 2.9	23%	15%	27%	14%	21%
Northglenn Arts Presents: Dance	n=242	Avg. 2.9	22%	17%	26%	17%	18%

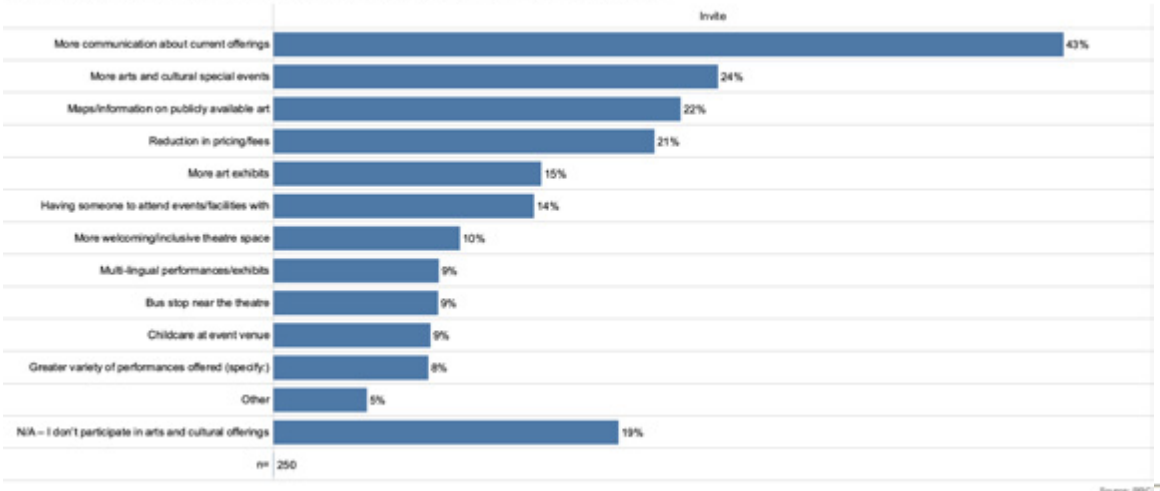
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Increasing Participation in Arts & Culture Opportunities

A total of 43% of respondents said that more communication about current offerings would increase their participation in arts and culture offerings. Nearly a quarter said more arts and culture special events would help increase their participation, and 19% said they don't participate in arts and cultural offerings.

What would increase your participation in arts and culture opportunities? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)



Source: RRC

Additional Comments/Suggestions



Additional Comments/Suggestions

Respondents were offered an opportunity at the end of the survey to provide any additional comments about parks, facilities, and services in Northglenn. A total of 104 additional comments were received. Common themes are outlined below, and a list of full responses is included in the Appendix.

Parks and Trails

"I'd like to see the trail system (where trails connect) marked better."

"Instead of utilizing money into recreation centers we need to spend money on open spaces and trails."

"To help make the parks, hiking/walking trails more enjoyable and appealing, try to keep trash/debris picked up on a regular basis."

Classes

"I want to take judo, but I work weird hours, so more class times would be nice."

"Need a real Greenway for safe bike riding"

"It's very adults with children and senior focused—not much for people outside these categories."

Maintenance

"The city has great existing parks and a new rec center. I think the priority now is investing in what exists. For example, more parks could have pavilions and permanent restrooms. Investing more in current parks helps ensure equity."

"More trash cans, please; more dog poop bag stations."

Homelessness

"Make a safe place for the homeless. Street sweep/trail cleaning more often."

"Please focus on housing homeless to create a safer community"

"Poor bathroom maintenance in parks; safety concerns regarding homeless camping."

Great Job

"I believe Northglenn does a good job with our Parks and Rec."

"I appreciate the park and public art."

"The city does a good job keeping the parks neat and tidy."

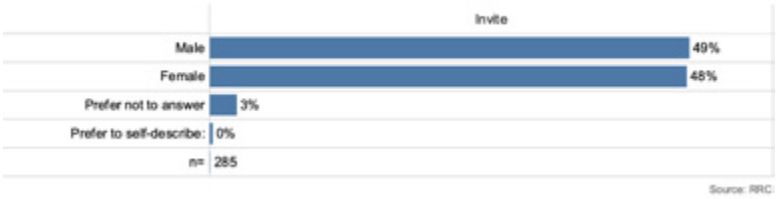
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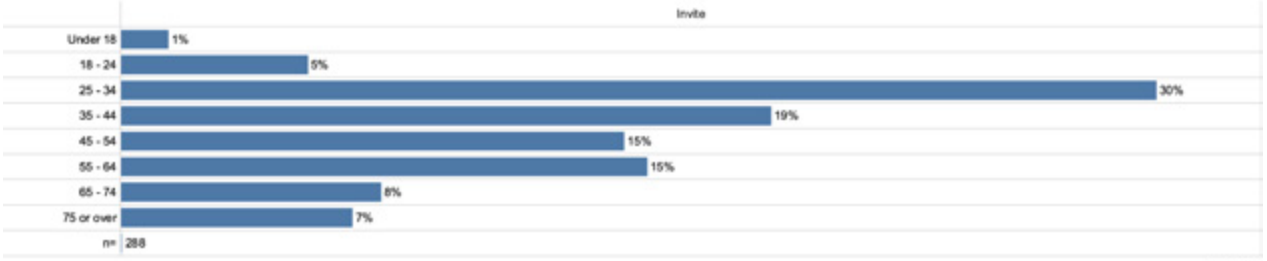
Gender & Age

The Invite sample was weighted by age to better represent the City of Northglenn population.

Please indicate the gender with which you identify



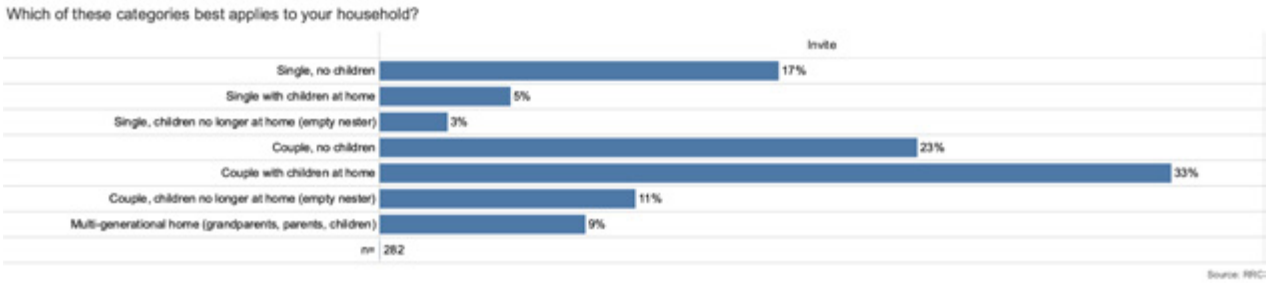
What is your age?



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Household Makeup

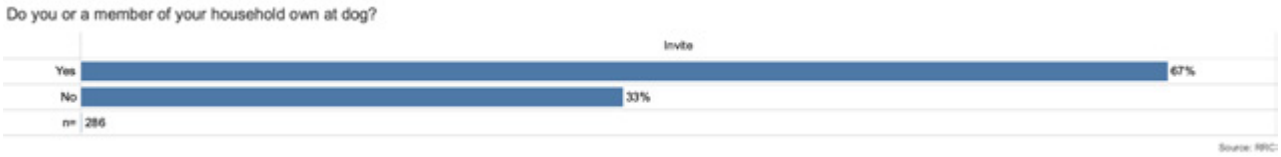
Most respondents were couples with children at home (33%) followed by individuals and couples without children.



Dog Ownership & Residence Ownership

A total of 13% of respondents are currently renting their home and majority (67%) own a dog.





Voter Registration & ADA Needs

A total of 10% of respondents do have a need for ADA-accessible facilities and services, and almost all (96%) are registered voters.

Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (Americans with Disabilities) facilities and services?



Are you a registered voter?



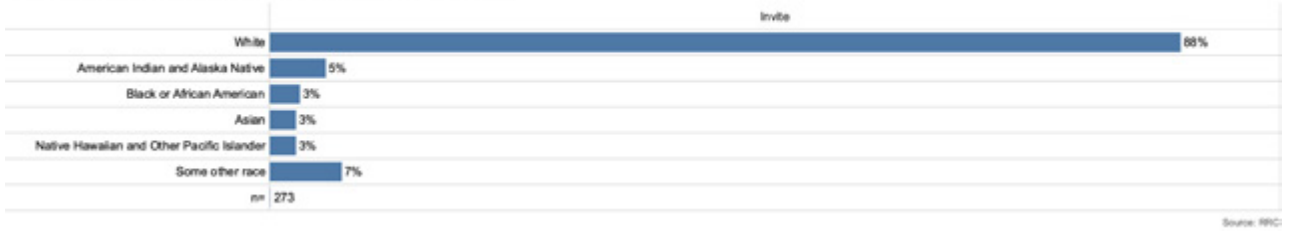
Ethnicity & Race

The Invite sample was weighted by ethnicity and race to better reflect the City of Northglenn's demographic profile.

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

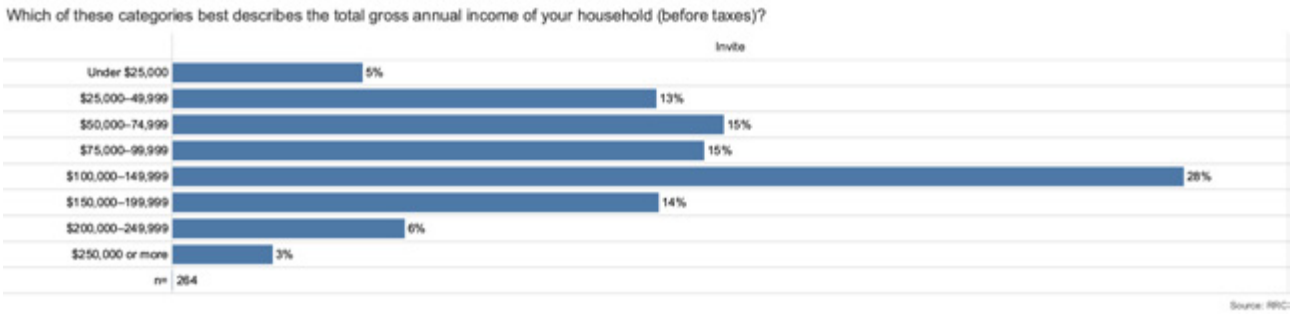


What race do you consider yourself to be? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)



Income

Over half of the sample (51%) makes at least $100,000 a year.





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APPENDIX D: Benchmarking Matrix

Metric	Northglenn, CO	Brighton, CO	Deer Park, TX*	Englewood, CO	Erie, CO	Fountain, CO
System Statistics						
Square mileage of incorporated jurisdiction	7.36	21.25	10.51	7.0	19.74	22.5
Population	38,106	41,881	33,468	33,642	33,104	28,907
Median Income	77,797	86,975	89,219	79,375	154,509	80,311
Total number of facilities	29	42	34	27	16	15
Developed Park Acres	166.9	303.6	90	151	163	94.08
Open Space Acres	194.0	782.7	44	34	1,143	340
Rights of Way/Other Acreage	257.3	45.2	266	293.69	0	11.6
Total Park Acreage Maintained	618.2	1131.5	400	478.69	1306	445.68
Trail miles	34.5	50	6	31	70	7.5
Total Park Acreage per 1,000 Population	16.2	27.0	12.0	14.2	39.5	15.4
National Average	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9
Acres of Developed Park per 1,000 Population	4.4	7.2	2.7	4.5	4.9	3.3
Residents per Park Facility	1314	997	984	1246	2069	1927
Percent of Land Mass Dedicated to Developed Parks	3.5	2.2	1.3	3.4	1.3	0.7
Percent of Land Mass Dedicated to Parks/Open Space	13.1	8.3	5.9	10.7	10.3	3.1
Trail Miles per Square Mile of Land Mass	4.7	2.4	0.6	4.4	3.5	0.3
Facilities						
Indoor Recreation Facility	1	2	6	2	1	0
Playgrounds	14	27	21	10	16	7
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	16	6	1	15	17	7
Diamond fields: baseball/softball	6	13	23	2	10	5
Basketball courts	10	14	14	8	5	3
Tennis courts (outdoor only)	4	8	4	7	6	1
Pickleball (outdoor)	6	7	0	0	14	0
Skate park	1	2	0	1	1	2
Community Garden	2	5	0	1	0	0
Dog park	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Number of Facilities	61	85	70	47	71	26
Population per Playground	2,722	1,551	1,594	3,364	2,069	4,130
Population per Rectangle Fields: Multi-Purpose	2,382	6,980	33,468	2,243	1,947	4,130
Population per Diamond Fields: Baseball/Softball	6,351	3,222	1,455	16,821	3,310	5,781
Population per Basketball Court	3,811	2,992	2,391	4,205	6,621	9,636
Population per Tennis Court	9,527	5,235	8,367	4,806	5,517	28,907
Population per Pickleball (outdoor)	6,351	5,983	0	0	2,365	0
Population per Skate park	38,106	20,941	--	33,642	33,104	14,454
Population per Community Garden	19,053	8,376	--	33,642	--	--
Population per Dog park	38,106	41,881	33,468	33,642	33,104	28,907
Budget						
Operating Expenditures: Administration	$1,044,836	$460,363	$826,245	$356,345	$1,131,974	$0
Operating Expenditures: Recreation	$2,323,752	$4,366,800	$3,514,331	$2,347,398	$4,541,745	$325,840
Operating Expenditures: Arts & Culture	$672,193	$27,261	$452,890	$223,538	$0	$0
Operating Expenditures: Parks	$2,115,748	$2,927,912	$2,312,988	$2,838,062	$2,977,544	$869,056
Operating Expenditures: Other Specialized Services	$0	$541,792	$0	$3,252,248	$57,146	$0
Operating Expenditures: Department Total	$6,156,529	$8,324,128	$7,106,454	$9,017,591	$8,708,409	$1,194,896
Operating expenditures per capita	$162	$199	$212	$268	$263	$41
Operating expenditures per FTE	$66,557	$164,834	$73,262	$51,825	$97,409	$49,787
Parks Operating Expenses per Acre Maintained	$3,422	$2,588	$5,782	$5,929	$2,280	$1,950
Capital Expenditures: Department Total	$3,275,671	$8,755,893	$635,937	$4,616,605	$4,184,448	$982,856
Revenue: Department Total	$1,372,424	$2,435,639	$1,016,500	$5,453,813	$2,427,580	$0
Revenue per capita	$36	$58	$30	$162	$73	$0
Revenue as percentage of operating expenditures	22%	29%	14%	60%	28%	0%
% of total operating expenditures for parks	34%	35%	33%	31%	34%	73%
% of total operating expenditures for arts & culture	11%	0%	6%	2%	0%	0%
% of total operating expenditures for recreation	38%	52%	49%	26%	52%	27%
Staffing						
Total number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs)	92.5	50.5	97	174	89.4	24
FTE: Administration	3	4	5	4	4	2
FTE: Recreation	56.7	24.5	66	108.5	60.9	15
FTE: Arts & Culture	9	0	4	0.5	0	0
FTE: Parks	22.5	17	22	31.5	24.5	7
FTE: Other Specialized Programs	1.3	5	0	29.5	0	0
Parks FTE per 100 Acres Maintained	3.6	1.5	5.5	6.6	1.9	1.6
Recreation FTE per 1,000 Residents	1.5	0.6	2.0	3.2	1.8	0.5
Arts & Culture FTE per 1,000	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
FTEs per 10,000 population	24.3	12.1	29.0	51.7	27.0	8.3
Facilities						
Square footage of operated buildings	87,700	68,654	52866	80,647	64,000	0
Population per recreation center	38,106	20,941	5,578	16,821	33,104	0
Indoor Recreation Square Footage per Capita	2.3	1.6	1.6	2.4	1.9	0
Charge a parking fee at its parks or facilities	No	No	No	No	No	No

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Metric	Greenwood Village, CO*	Lynwood, WA*	Parker, CO*	Wheat Ridge, CO	Mean	Northglenn Difference from Mean
System Statistics						
Square mileage of incorporated jurisdiction	8.27	7.88	22.34	9.34	13.1	-5.7
Population	15,365	43,212	61222	31879	33,461	4,645
Median Income	139,144	72,241	126615	79567	97,446	-19,649
Total number of facilities	30	19	25	27	26.5	2.5
Developed Park Acres	189.58	151.14	194.7	173	163.6	3.3
Open Space Acres	252	111	837	373	411.1	-217.1
Rights of Way/Other Acreage	0	87.83	137	45.12	114.4	142.9
Total Park Acreage Maintained	441.58	350	1168.8	591.12	693.2	-75.0
Trail miles	40	15	38	7	29.9	4.6
Total Park Acreage per 1,000 Population	28.7	8.1	19.1	18.5	19.9	-3.7
National Average	19.9	19.9	19.9	19.9		
Acres of Developed Park per 1,000 Population	12.3	3.5	3.2	5.4	5.1	-0.8
Residents per Park Facility	512	2274	2449	1181	1495.4	-181.4
Percent of Land Mass Dedicated to Developed Parks	3.6	3.0	1.4	2.9	2.3	1.2
Percent of Land Mass Dedicated to Parks/Open Space	8.3	6.9	8.2	9.9	8.5	4.6
Trail Miles per Square Mile of Land Mass	4.8	1.9	1.7	0.7	2.5	2.2
Facilities						
Indoor Recreation Facility	1	4	4	3	2.1	-1.1
Playgrounds	9	21	6	19	15.6	-1.6
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	9	3	7	14	9.3	6.8
Diamond fields: baseball/softball	8	6	10	11	9.1	-3.1
Basketball courts	1	14	1	8	8.6	1.4
Tennis courts (outdoor only)	3	8	6	7	5.1	-1.1
Pickleball (outdoor)	4	0	0	8	3.9	2.1
Skate park	1	1	1	1	1.1	-0.1
Community Garden	0	1	0	1	1.1	0.9
Dog park	0	1	1	1	0.9	0.1
Total Number of Facilities	36	59	0	0	45.5	15.5
Population per Playground	1,707	2,058	10,204	1,678	3,108	-386
Population per Rectangle Fields: Multi-Purpose	1,707	14,404	8,746	2,277	7,828	-5,447
Population per Diamond Fields: Baseball/Softball	1,921	7,202	6,122	2,898	5,508	843
Population per Basketball Court	15,365	3,087	61,222	3,985	11,331	-7,521
Population per Tennis Court	5,122	5,402	10,204	4,554	8,764	763
Population per Pickleball (outdoor)	3,841	0	0	3,985	2,252	4,099
Population per Skate park	15,365	43,212	61,222	31,879	32,436	5,670
Population per Community Garden	--	43,212	--	31,879	27,232	-8,179
Population per Dog park	--	43,212	61,222	31,879	38,380	-274
Budget						
Operating Expenditures: Administration	$738,667	$657,685	$565,733	$340,488	$612,234	$432,602
Operating Expenditures: Recreation	$1,044,537	$5,573,615	$9,320,862	$3,292,807	$3,665,169	-$1,341,417
Operating Expenditures: Arts & Culture	$535,239	$419,733	$5,595,480	$74,000	$800,033	-$127,840
Operating Expenditures: Parks	$5,254,820	$1,710,464	$4,133,443	$2,489,127	$2,762,916	-$647,168
Operating Expenditures: Other Specialized Services	$0	$0	$0	$45,627	$389,681	-$389,681
Operating Expenditures: Department Total	$7,573,263	$8,361,497	$19,615,518	$6,242,049	$8,230,033	-$2,073,504
Operating expenditures per capita	$493	$193	$320	$196	$235	-$73
Operating expenditures per FTE	$144,998	$94,555	$118,882	$41,753	$90,386	-$23,829
Parks Operating Expenses per Acre Maintained	$11,900	$4,887	$3,536	$4,211	$4,649	-$1,226
Capital Expenditures: Department Total	$7,203,479	$9,628,405	$10,580,000	$3,004,720	$5,286,801	-$2,011,130
Revenue: Department Total	$235,980	$2,829,400	$9,688,807	$2,435,756	$2,789,590	-$1,417,166
Revenue per capita	$15	$65	$158	$76	$68	-$32
Revenue as percentage of operating expenditures	3%	34%	49%	39%	28.0%	-5.7%
% of total operating expenditures for parks	69%	20%	21%	40%	39.1%	-4.8%
% of total operating expenditures for arts & culture	7%	5%	29%	1%	6.2%	4.7%
% of total operating expenditures for recreation	14%	67%	48%	53%	42.6%	-4.8%
Staffing						
Total number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs)	52.23	88.43	165.0	149.5	98.3	-5.8
FTE: Administration	5.95	5	3.5	3	3.9	-0.9
FTE: Recreation	5.58	65.18	104.1	95.5	60.2	-3.5
FTE: Arts & Culture	4.2	2.75	31	0	5.1	3.9
FTE: Parks	36.5	15.5	26.4	29	23.2	-0.7
FTE: Other Specialized Programs	0	0	0	22	5.8	-4.5
Parks FTE per 100 Acres Maintained	8.3	4.4	2.3	4.9	4.1	-0.4
Recreation FTE per 1,000 Residents	0.4	1.5	1.7	3.0	1.6	-0.1
Arts & Culture FTE per 1,000	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
FTEs per 10,000 population	34.0	20.5	27.0	46.9	28.1	-3.8
Facilities						
Square footage of operated buildings	0	unknown	170,000	90,035	68,211	19,489
Population per recreation center	15,365	10,803	15,306	10,626	16,665	21,441
Indoor Recreation Square Footage per Capita	0	unknown	2.8	2.8	1.7	0.6
Charge a parking fee at its parks or facilities	No	No	No	No	No	0

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APPENDIX E: Capital Projects Matrix

Future Capital Projects (3-15 years)	Unique features	Shade	Sports facilities	Loop trails in parks	Natural/ open areas
Total	23	7	5	8	10
Systemwide Trails	0	0	0	0	0
Implement capital projects related to trails and off-street paths from the Connect Northglenn Plan.					
Systemwide trail signage and trail entrance amenity upgrades					
Mobility Hub Enhancements at Wagon Road Park-n-Ride					
Consider an additional grade-separated pedestrian/bicycle connection of I-25 near the alignment of 116th Avenue					
Coordinate with CDOT and the City of Thornton to pursue an additional pedestrian and bike grade-separated crossing of I-25 between 104th Avenue and Thornton Parkway					
E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park	2	0	0	0	0
Repurpose existing flagpole stage in southeast corner for other uses such as a stage	$$$				
Add banners to light poles	$				
Enhance crossings to Civic Center Campus in conjunction with development					
Create a viewing stramp on east side of Webster Lake					
Add night-sky friendly pedestrian lighting					
Regularly refresh/rehabilitate features given high usage, projects related to maintenance					
Replacement of public art concrete pads and installation of five new pedestals					
Northwest Open Space	2	2	1	1	0
Improve dugouts		$			
Expand picnic shelter to fit groups and barbeques					
Loop trail around park and extend into Open Space				$$	
Add branded gateways into park					
Update entrance and wayfinding signage					
Add commissioned public art to ball field fencing and potentially a public art piece celebrating youth sports	$$$				
Resolve irrigation issues					
Add night-sky friendly pedestrian lighting					
Parking lot improvements					
Plant more shade trees for spectators		$$			
Add 4-8 sand volleyball courts			$$$$		
Add community garden	$$$				
Regular rehabilitation needed given high usage					
The Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park	0	0	0	0	1
Add pedestrian lighting					
Add diagonal pathway at intersection with ADA accessibility					
Irrigation upgrades					
Improve signage and wayfinding to Croke Reservoir Nature Area					$
Jaycee Park and Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park	2	0	0	0	0
Add picnic area and shelter near baseball field					
Connect park to southeast apartments with sidewalk					
Add small play element	$$$				
Complete entry sidewalk and improve ADA access					
Replace restrooms and scorekeeper's building					
Add unique public art	$$$				
Alvin B. Thomas Memorial Park	0	0	1	1	0
Add soft-surface access path on east edge				$$	
Enclose porta-potty facilities					
Plant trees to help screen park from house to the west					
Colorize basketball court and enhance seating			$$$		
Central Park at Fox Run	1	0	0	1	2
Add additional play features for younger children					
Add swings	$$$				
Use natural grasses around detention basin					$
Add interpretive signage around detention basin					$
Create a path connection around north side of park				$$	
Add picnic or gathering space south of play area					
Charles Winburn Park	2	1	0	1	2
Create parking and access from Huron Street					
Add shelter to existing transit stop		$$			
Resolve sidewalk flooding issues					
Loop trail along north side				$$	
Upgrade existing picnic shelter					
Add unique play elements, nature play or 3-hole disc golf	$$$				
Resolve algae bloom issues					$
Add fishing platform to pond	$$$				
Add interpretive signage					$

Project Type						Prioritization			Phase
*Universal accessibility	*Trail network	**Park safety	*Reinvestment	New park development	Seating/ gathering	Asset Condition Improvement from Poor or Critical	Priority project type from survey	Within a top goal area for ward	
13	9	11	26	2	13	16	48	11	
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Costs: $ = $5K to $50K
$$ = $50K to $250K
$$$ = $250K to $1M
$$$$ = $2M+

Priorities: 1 = yes
* = Priority Project Type
** = Priority Goal Area

Future Capital Projects (3-15 years)	Unique features	Shade	Sports facilities	Loop trails in parks	Natural/ open areas
Total	23	7	5	8	10
Huron Crossing Park	1	0	0	1	0
Add sidewalk connection along north side, bulb out into street to save trees and have traffic calming element					
Add a fence along the north side of the basketball court					
Loop trail around park				$$	
Add pedestrian lighting					
Enhance sidewalk and trail connections					
Replace playground and add pour-in-place safety surfacing					
Add public art	$$$				
J.D. Cayton Park	0	0	0	0	0
No future improvements identified					
Larson Glenn Park	0	0	0	0	0
No future improvements identified (beyond planned projects)					
Larson Park	1	0	0	1	0
Update exercise equipment with pour-in-place safety surfacing	$				
Replace playground equipment and upgrade accessibility while retaining character of park					
Add pedestrian lighting					
Formalize social trail and expand loop				$	
Malley Park	1	0	1	1	0
Add small shelter and gathering space					
Replace one backstop			$$$		
Replace other backstop with unique musical themed outdoor space (plan in partnership with the school)	$$$				
Add distance markers around loop				$	
North Park at Fox Run	0	0	0	0	0
No future improvements identified (beyond planned projects)					
Pasture Park	0	0	0	0	0
No future improvements identified					
Rotary Park	1	0	0	0	0
Add age 2-5 unique play equipment					
Enclose porta-potty facilities					
Hardscape and replace wooden seating with aluminum benches and add shade					
Add small muti-use artistic/play sculpture	$$$				
South Park at Fox Run	1	2	0	0	0
Replace two-sided basketball hoop with nature play feature	$$$				
Add shade to picnic area		$$			
Add trees along the north edge		$$			
Sperry Park	1	1	0	0	1
Add a picnic shelter		$$			
Add crosswalks on Sperry Street and Utrillo Lane					
Replace play structure and enhance theme					
Add challenge elements and/or parkour when play equipment is replaced	$$$				
Continue shadow planting practices for large trees, specifically around ash, cottonwood, etc.					$
Village Greens I	0	0	0	0	0
Add small picnic shelter at playground and barbeque facilities					
Connect play area to sidewalk with ADA access path					
Differentiate from Village Greens II with unique elements including accessible play equipment					
Community gathering space such as a small food truck area with gathering space, artistic sculptural play area, concrete corn hole/ping pong or other permanent games, etc.					
Village Greens II	1	0	0	0	0
Add small picnic shelter at playground					
Connect play area to sidewalk with ADA access path					
Differentiate from Village Greens I with a community garden	$$$				
Wyco Park	1	0	2	0	0
Work with school to enhance outdoor classroom and community garden	$				
Improve picnic shelter					
Add 2-5 year old playground with unique elements or add futsal court as unique element in southwest corner			$$$$		
Move backstop to northwest corner			$$$		
Upgrade irrigation in playing field					
Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park	3	0	0	1	0
Improve connections to nearby regional trails and I-25 pedestrian bridge					
Add seating and hardscaped gathering spaces near sculptures					
Add a winding side path to access sculptures				$$	
Add more art and sculptures in up to 25 pad sites of various sizes	$$$				
Improvements to feature gardens throughout the park	$				
Add selective nighttime lighting to art and pathways					
Reconfigure irrigation to water around sculptures					
Add interpretive signage about art and feature gardens	$				
Kiwanis Park and Pool	1	0	0	0	0
Add paved connection to Grant Ditch Trail					
Widen sidewalk on north side					
Incorporate moveable parts/imagination play area	$$$				
Northglenn Recreation Center and Civic Center Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Improve connections to E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park					

Investment Level:		
	Renovate	58
	Enhance	65
	Develop	5

Project Type						Prioritization			Phase
*Universal accessibility	*Trail network	**Park safety	*Reinvestment	New park development	Seating/ gathering	Asset Condition Improvement from Poor or Critical	Priority project type from survey	Within a top goal area for ward	
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Scout Park	0	0	0	0	0
Complete a master plan for the park					
Odell Barry Park	0	0	0	0	0
No future improvements identified (beyond park development)					
Croke Reservoir Nature Area	0	0	0	0	1
Improve connection and visibility to Hugh G. Danahy Memorial Park					
Add entrance signage at south					
Add shade and rest area on fishing pier					
Update interpretive signage					
Add pet waste stations					$
Fox Run Open Space and Stonehocker Park	1	0	0	0	2
Work with Historic Preservation Commission and Foundation on the Stonehocker site and community garden improvements including public access, and wayfinding and entrance signage					
Add parking and trailhead amenities					
Wayfinding and interpretive signage enhancements					
Add scenic overlooks and additional seating					$$$
Add pet waste station					$
Add disc golf course or holes	$$$				
Grant Park & Ditch	1	1	0	0	0
Connect trail to Kiwanis Pool					
Add linear amenities including shaded benches, exercise equipment, and art	$$$				
Enhance entrance signage at street crossings					
Plant shade trees where possible		$$			
Add sidewalk connection to south along Grant Drive					
Oscar Arnold Nature Preserve	0	0	0	0	1
Add soft-surface cross-cutting and discovery trails					$
Include more interpretive signage					
Add identity sign for park and more shade along 112th Ave.					
Incorporate the sculpture "American Steel Eagle" if a new sign for the Water Treatment Facility is pursued.					

Project Type						Prioritization			Phase
*Universal accessibility	*Trail network	**Park safety	*Reinvestment	New park development	Seating/ gathering	Asset Condition Improvement from Poor or Critical	Priority project type from survey	Within a top goal area for ward	
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