

CAPITAL HILL UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS

LUNCH & LEARN DENVER PARKS & REC

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DENVER
PARKS & RECREATION

GAME PLAN
for a Healthy City



INTRODUCTIONS

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AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **DPR Overview**
- **Active and Upcoming Projects**
- **Typical Design and Construction Process**



As stewards of a legacy park system, Denver Parks and Recreation is dedicated to customer service and enhancing the health of residents and the environment through innovate programs and safe, beautiful and sustainable places.

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TONS OF WASTE IS RECYCLED
IN DENVER PARKS EACH YEAR.
THE WEIGHT OF 57 ELEPHANTS!

SIX



ACRES OF FLOWERBEDS

EIGHT
GOLF FACILITIES



13

DOG PARKS

24



LAKES



TWO

BISON HERDS
DANIELS PARK
GENESEE PARK



2.2 MILLION
TREES WITHIN DENVER CITY LIMITS



DENVER
PARKS & RECREATION

309
Athletic Fields

30 | 31

RECREATION CENTERS | SWIMMING POOLS

2,500,000+
VISITORS ANNUALLY

26

DECORATIVE
FOUNTAINS



300 MILES
OF TRAILS & WALKS

20,000

ACRES OF PARKLAND. INCLUDING
14,000 ACRES OF MOUNTAIN PARKS
AND 6,000 ACRES OF URBAN PARKS,
PARKWAYS AND NATURAL AREAS



GUIDING DOCUMENT



EVERY DROP

Make the parks system more resilient and environmentally sustainable



EVERY PERSON

Ensure equity in the distribution of parks and park resources and programming so that all residents can improve their personal health and well-being



EVERY DOLLAR

Manage resources to ensure long term economic and operational health of the parks system



UNIQUELY DENVER

Provide parks and programming that reflect Denver's community and cultural identity

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



Recreation

30 Recreation Centers
16 Outdoor Pool
15 Indoor pools
Programming in 10 areas
ranging from Aquatics to
Youth Sports
Safety



Parks

Park **Operations**
Amenities, Facilities, and
Citywide Maintenance
Planning, Design and
Construction
Natural **Resources-** (Mtn
Parks & Rangers)
Forestry
Golf
Permitting



Administration

Financial management
Contract administration
Marketing/ Communications
Community Engagement
Policy
Strategic Initiatives

PARK OPERATIONS

5 Districts, Greenhouse, & Water Conservation

270 Parks with roughly **6700 acres** of parks and open space

Annual Water Budget is **\$3M**

Irrigation Techs average **6200 heads** each to maintain

Greenhouse grows around **250,000 plants** in a normal year.



PARKS AMENITIES, FACILITIES, AND CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE

Amenities – Repair & Maintain:

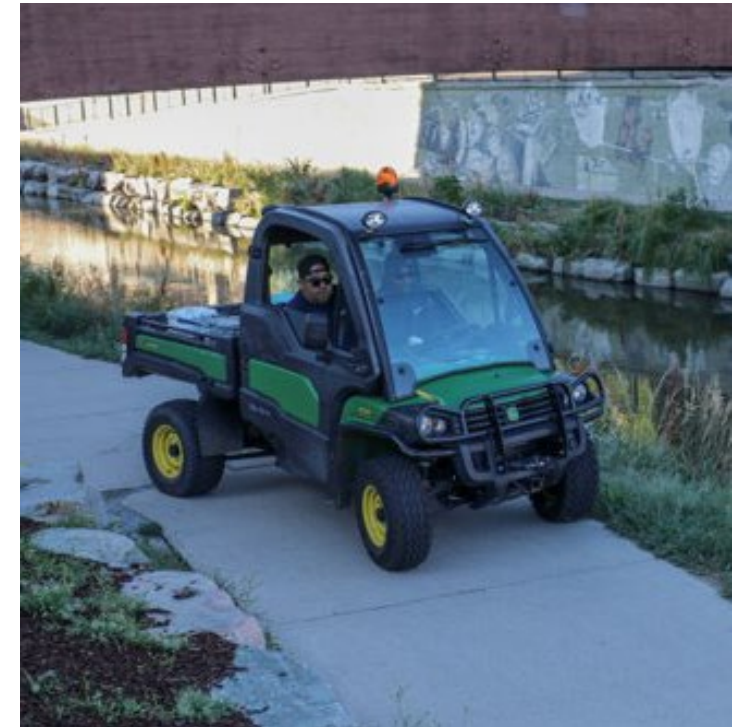
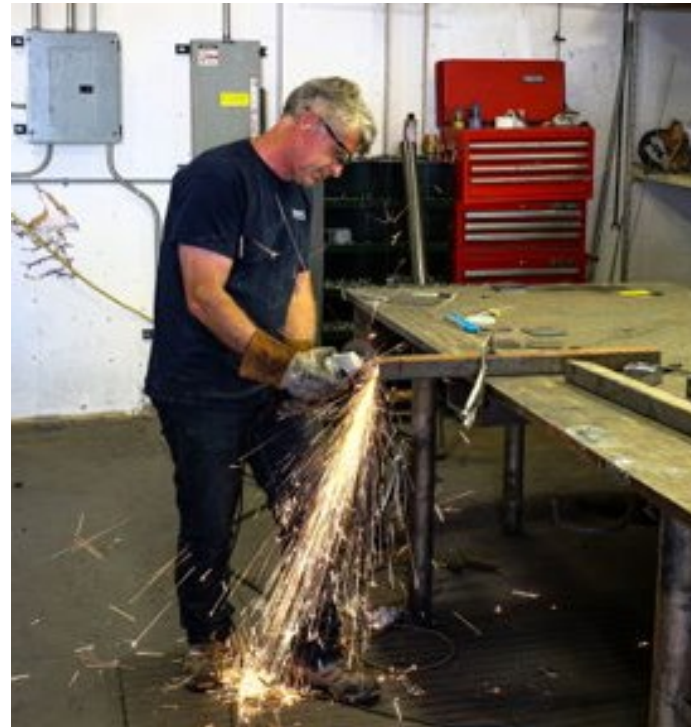
17 Historical Fountains, 170 + Playgrounds, & 31 Indoor and Outdoor Swimming Pools

Citywide Maintenance – Repair & Maintain:

300 + Athletic Fields, 4000 + Park Pieces of Equipment, & 90 Miles of Urban Trails

Facilities – Repair & Maintain:

150 + Park Structures, Recreation Centers, Maintenance Shops and Golf Facilities
Complete 3000 + Work Orders Annually



RANGERS

Park Rangers write **1,200 curfew tickets** each year- our most common ticket. (Dogs off leash are our most common complaint.)

Park Rangers **patrol** by gator, bike, foot, truck, and (soon) e-bike.

Rangers **administer Naloxone** to people experiencing opioid overdoses.



PARKS PLANNING, DESIGN, & CONSTRUCTION

150 projects in
planning, design or
construction phases at
any given time

Which costs \$210M

Value of \$900M in
Standardized Park
Assets



ACTIVE AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Active Design or Construction Projects

Congress Park

Outdoor pool

- Construction completion targeted by summer.

Courts (tennis, pickleball, basketball)

- Project currently in design phase. Concept plan completion by summer. Construction start Fall 2022.

Playground

- Project currently in design phase. Construction start anticipated 2023.

Alamo Placita

- Walks, picnic area, and basketball court improvements.
- Project is currently in the design phase. Construction anticipated 2023.

Upcoming Design or Construction Projects

Quality Hill

- Installation of fencing to establish pop-up dog park.

Cheesman Park Fountain

- Design complete. Project bids substantially over budget. Investigating alternative funding sources to close the gap.

ACTIVE AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Elevate Denver Bond Projects (anticipated 6th Issuance 2023)

Governor's Park: Playground

- Master planning effort has been identified for this park to augment the bond playground replacement proposal.
- Interim activity: Installation of fencing around playground and new fibar surface.

Cheesman Park: Paths and Picnic Sites

- Bond funds for upgrading paths and replacing picnic sites.
- Anticipated design to begin 2024.

City-wide Planning Efforts

Outdoor Adventures & Alternative Sports Master Plan

- Plan completion targeted for summer.
- Survey open now! - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPROutdoors>

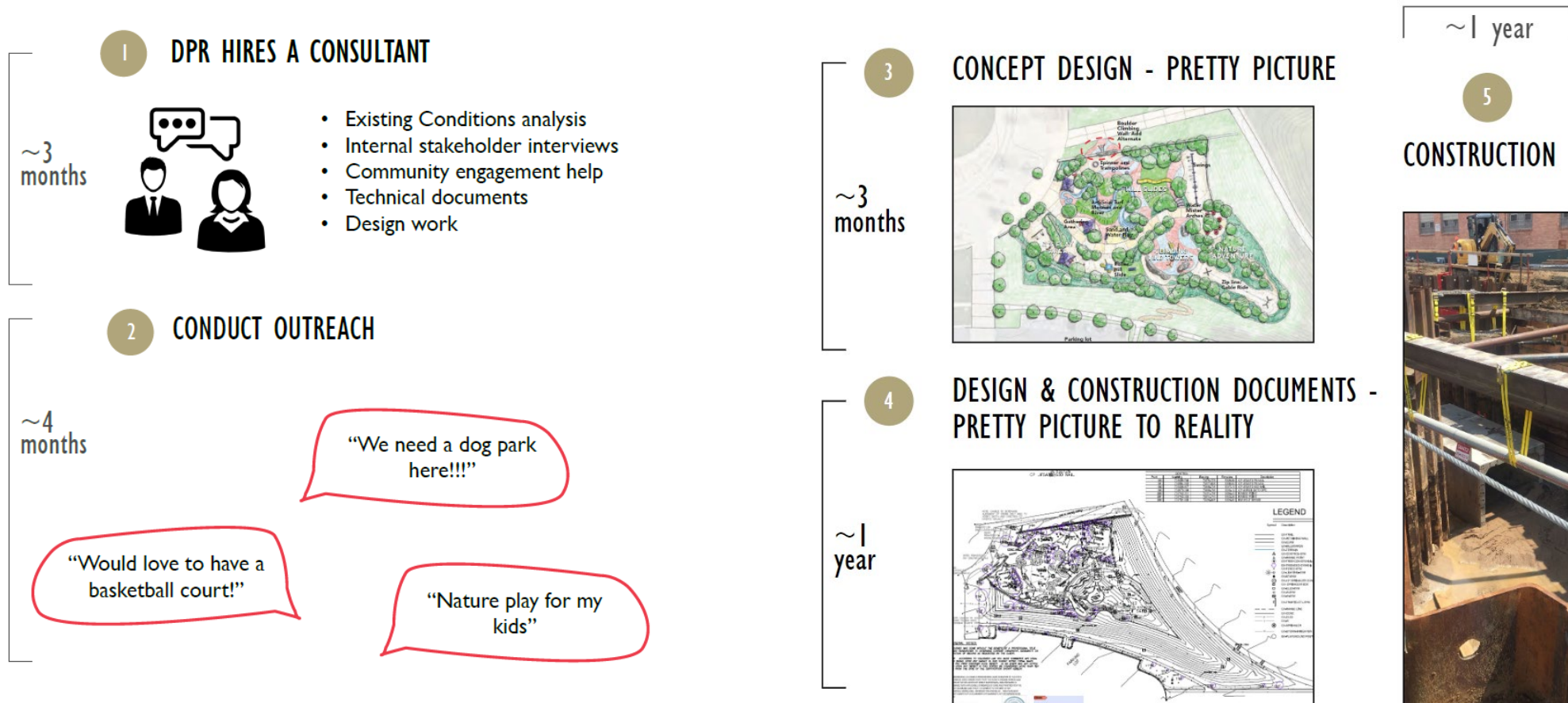
City Wide Inclusive Play Strategy

- Conducting community listening sessions and stakeholder interviews this spring.
- If interested, contact Mallory at Mallory.roybal@denvergov.org.

TYPICAL PARKS PROJECT STAGES

- Project Funded!
- Procurement
- Concept Design
- Construction Documents
- Construction

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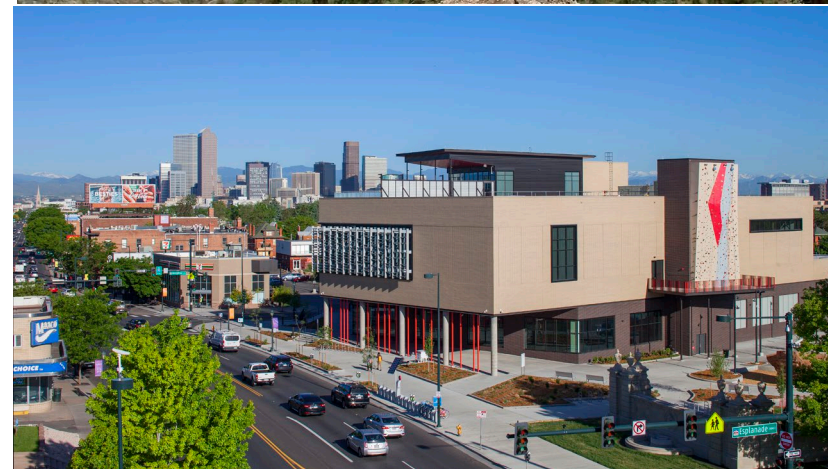
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OPEN PARK!



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MAINTAIN PARK



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE MASTER PLAN



Hey Denver:
How can
we support
your outdoor
adventures?

Online Survey

<https://survey.livable-cities.com/outdoor-adventure>

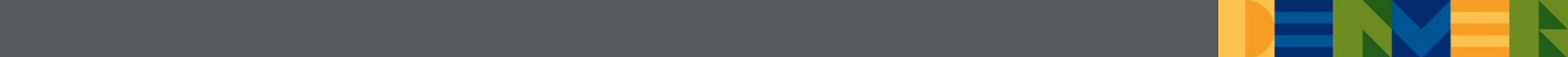


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with your phone to access the online
survey, or visit:

To request for hard copy survey, please contact
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Thank you!