

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PARK OPERATIONS ~ JUSTICE SERVICES
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ~ VETERANS SERVICES ~ RECREATION/CULTURAL SERVICES

Park Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.

Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs

<u>Item</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recommended Action</u>
1. Call Meeting to Order	Chair	
2. Approval of the Agenda	Chair	Approval
3. Approval of Minutes	Chair	Approval
4. Introductions / Presentations		
5. Citizen Comments / Correspondence on items not on the agenda (limited to five minutes unless extended by Chair)	Chair	
6. Development Applications		
N/A		
7. Information / Action Items		
A. Fairground Walkways Project	Greg Stachon	Information
B. 2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program	Brian Bobeck	Endorsement
8. Monthly Reports	Staff	Information

<u>Item</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recommended Action</u>
9. Board / Staff Comments		
10. Adjournment		

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of the July 14, 2021
El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting
Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Members Present:

Ed Hartl, Chair
Alan Rainville, Vice Chair
Anne Schofield, 3rd Vice Chair
(via TEAMS)
Terry Martinez (via TEAMS)
Jim Cassidy
Kiersten Steel
Susan Jarvis-Weber, Secretary
Toby Levin
Lois Landgraf (via TEAMS)

Staff Present:

Brian Bobeck, Park Operations Division Manager
Mary Jo Lewis, Nature Center Supervisor
Sabine Carter, Administrative Services Coordinator
Jason Meyer, Planning Supervisor
Greg Stachon, Landscape Architect
Ross Williams, Park Planner

The following minutes are a summary of the proceedings. A recording is available upon request at the El Paso County Parks Administration Office.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Ed Hartl, Chair.
2. Approval of Agenda: **Susan Jarvis-Weber made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Alan Rainville seconded the motion. The motion carried 9 - 0.**
3. Approval of Minutes: **Alan Rainville made a motion to approve the June 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Jim Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion carried 9 - 0.**
4. Introductions and Presentations:

Mary Jo Lewis, Bear Creek Nature Center Supervisor invited the board to the Happy Trails fundraiser event. Happy Trails will take place at Fox Run Regional Park on August 20th.

5. Citizen Comments:

Corey Sutela, Medicine Wheel Advocates announced that the organization now has a physical office and invited the board to visit.

Susan Davies, Trails and Open Space Coalition highlighted several community efforts, among them are the Elevate the Peak and Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance.

Mrs. Davis announced that the Mayor of Colorado Springs has made an announcement in support of a TOPS Tax increase which will be put on the November ballot.

6. Development Applications:

A. Haven Valley Planned Unit Development (PUD) Plan and Preliminary Plan

Greg Stachon provided an overview of the Haven Valley Planned Unit Development (PUD) Plan and Preliminary Plan and addressed questions by the board.

Alan Rainville recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Haven Valley Final Planned Unit Development: require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$45,080, and urban park fees in the amount of \$28,420. Susan Jarvis-Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 – 0.

B. Meadowbrook Park Filing No. 1 Final Plat

Ross Williams provided an overview of the Meadowbrook Park Filing No. 1 Final Plat and addressed questions by the board.

Jim Cassidy recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Meadowbrook Park Filing No. 1 Final Plat: fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$30,820 and urban park fees in the amount of \$19,430 will be required upon recording of the Final Plat. A Park Lands Agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees, provided the agreement is approved by the County and executed prior to recording the Final Plat. Susan Jarvis-Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 – 0.

C. Cloverleaf Subdivision Filing No. 2 Final Plat

Ross Williams provided an overview of the Cloverleaf Subdivision Filing No. 2 Final Plat and addressed questions by the board.

Alan Rainville recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Cloverleaf Subdivision Filing No. 2 Final Plat: require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$60,720 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$38,280. Toby Levin seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 – 0.

D. The Trails at Aspen Ridge Filing No. 3 Final Plat

Ross Williams provided an overview of The Trails at Aspen Ridge Filing No. 3 Final Plat and addressed questions by the board.

Toby Levin recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving The Trails at Aspen Ridge Filing No. 3 Final Plat: (1) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the total amount of \$91,080 and urban park fees in the total amount of \$57,420. A Park Lands Agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees provided the agreement is approved by the County and executed prior to recording this Final Plat. Susan Jarvis-Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 – 0.

E. The Trails at Aspen Ridge Filing No. 4 Final Plat

Ross Williams provided an overview of The Trails at Aspen Ridge Filing No. 4 Final Plat and addressed questions by the board.

Alan Rainville recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving The Trails at Aspen Ridge Filing No. 4 Final Plat: (1) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the total amount of \$57,040 and urban park fees in the total amount of \$35,960. A Park Lands Agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees provided the agreement is approved by the County and executed prior to recording this Final Plat. Toby Levin seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 – 0.

7. Information / Action Items:

N/A

Commissioner Stan VanderWerf made public statements regarding: Space Command retention, new County Administrator Bret Waters starting on July 12th, Colorado lawmakers requesting additional funding for fire risk reduction/mitigation, the Jones Park hike event will take place on July 23rd.

8. Monthly Reports:

Brian Bobeck stated that finding temporary and seasonal staff this year has been a challenge. Staff is also working through several irrigation well problems.

Mr. Bobeck thanked Commissioner VanderWerf and board members for attending the long awaited Pickleball Court Grand Opening on June 26th.

The Hanson Trailhead project has also recently concluded and Jason Meyer, project manager, will present the project to the board in a future meeting. Greg Stachon, landscape architect, also recently wrapped up the El Paso County Fairgrounds ADA Walkway project just in time for the Fair. Board member Susan Jarvis-Weber inquired about the Bear Creek restroom status. Mr. Bobeck stated that permits for the demolition have been received and the restrooms have been flattened today. The new construction will begin shortly.

Anne Schofield thanked staff for adding the 2019 monthly report comparison numbers. Brian Bobeck stated that the numbers are encouraging regarding the 2021 revenues.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Susan Davies addressed Commissioner VanderWerf regarding the federal funding that was received by El Paso County and whether some of the money that is allocated for water and sewer projects can be used for park irrigation purposes. Mr. VanderWerf stated that 13 Million has been set aside for water and sewer and that the parks department should submit an application to be considered.

Chair Hartl inquired about the opening of Kane Ranch Open Space. Mr. Bobeck stated that the project is under budget which provided staff with the opportunity to add additional cable fencing. The tentative opening is scheduled for August.

9. Board/Staff Comments:

N/A

10. Adjournment: **The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.**

Susan Jarvis-Weber, Secretary

El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Fairground Walkways Project

Agenda Date: August 11, 2021

Agenda Item Number: #7 - A

Presenter: Greg Stachon, Landscape Architect

Information: X **Endorsement:**

Background Information:

Staff will present an overview of the Community Development Block Grant project, "ADA Accessibility Improvements at the El Paso County Fairgrounds". The project was recently completed. It included the construction of asphalt and concrete walkways to connect the main buildings used at the Fairgrounds. Please find attached the presentation.

Recommended Motion:

Information only

EL PASO COUNTY FAIRGROUND WALKWAYS

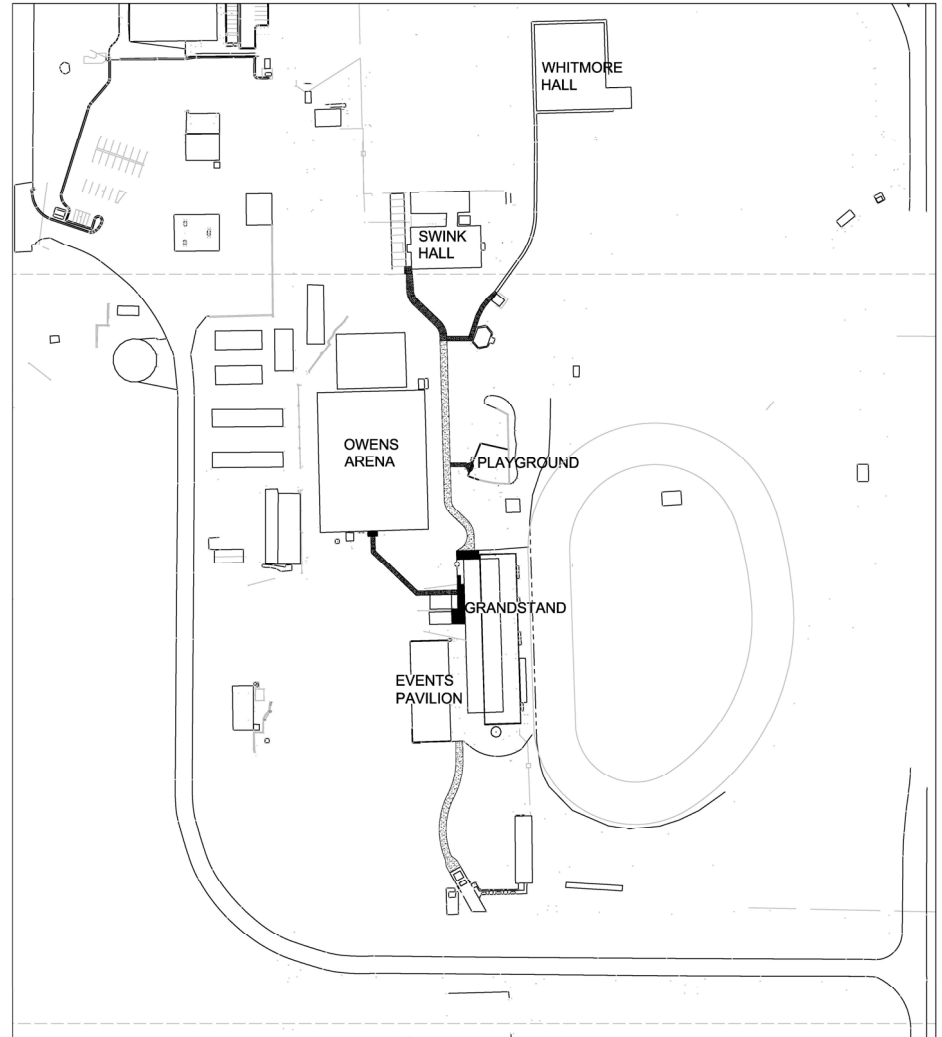
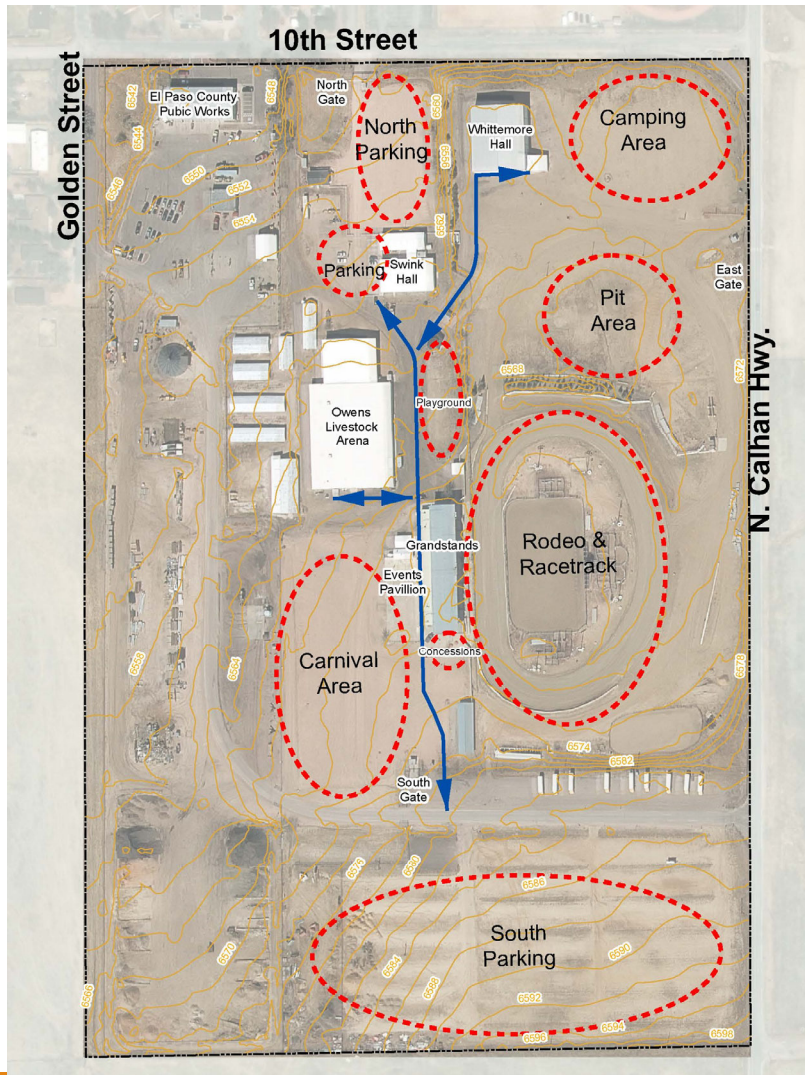
CDBG PROJECT 2020-2021

BEFORE





PLANNING



CONSTRUCTION





AFTER









El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: 2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program

Agenda Date: August 11, 2021

Agenda Item Number: #7 - B

Presenter: Brian Bobeck, Park Operations Division Manager

Information: **Endorsement:** X

Background Information:

The Park Advisory Board annually considers and / or endorses the upcoming five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) at the August meeting. The CIP includes proposed capital improvement projects for the next five years.

Please find enclosed the 2022 - 2026 CIP for consideration and / or endorsement.

Recommended motion:

Move to endorse the 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

EL PASO COUNTY PARKS 2022 – 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



AUGUST, 2021

2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program

Introduction

El Paso County Parks (County Parks) currently manages a multi-million dollar park system that includes approximately 8,000 acres of parkland, 130 miles of trails, 32 pavilions, 11 playgrounds, 23 restroom facilities, two nature centers, 2,500 acres of conservation easements, and numerous athletic facilities. County Parks also manages the El Paso County Fairgrounds and landscape maintenance at numerous County buildings.

It is critical that County Parks utilizes a systematic process to ensure all facilities are well-maintained and that we make every effort to meet the parks and recreation needs of our citizens with our available resources.

To achieve the above goals, County Parks develops a five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that includes proposals for land purchase, facility development and / or improvements. A capital improvement is defined as having a useful life of more than five years with a value in excess of \$25,000.

The CIP is a critical management tool that provides the following:

1. Serves as a comprehensive need assessment for capital projects;
2. Provides a prioritized implementation schedule;
3. Identifies funding sources to complete the proposed improvements;
4. Ensures ongoing major maintenance in the County's park system.



Funding Sources

Regional and Urban Park Fees

Regional and urban park fees are paid by developers during the land development process to support new or enhanced park and recreation facilities to address population growth in respective areas of the County. Please see Appendix B and C for additional information on regional and urban park fee funds.

1A Funds

The Board of El Paso County Commissioners approved coordinated election ballots in November, 2014 and November, 2017 seeking voters' permission for the County to retain and expend approximately \$2 million in excess revenues collected in 2013 and \$1.5 million in excess revenue collected in 2016. Both ballot issues were approved by voters. The funds have been used for projects at regional parks, open space, nature centers and regional trails. The remaining 2014 funds are being used to support the Kane Ranch Open Space project. The remaining 2017 funds are being used to support projects at Bear Creek Regional Park and Falcon Regional Park.

County Capital Improvement Funds

El Paso County secured \$750,000 annually beginning in 2021 to support park projects.

Conservation Trust Funds

El Paso County receives approximately \$1.4 million annually to maintain the County's park system. The majority of the funds are used to support employee salaries and ongoing maintenance efforts. Any remaining funds are used to support capital projects.

Grants / Fundraising

El Paso County Parks aggressively pursues funding from federal, state and local funding sources and collaborative efforts between other governmental jurisdictions, private organizations, and citizens.

Annual CIP Timeline

May / June - Staff reviews / updates CIP

June / July - Management team reviews recommendations and completes CIP proposals for Park Advisory Board (PAB) consideration

August - Park Advisory Board reviews / endorses proposed CIP as recommendations to Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) / County Administration

September - Funding for CIP projects are included in the upcoming County budget

November - BoCC approves budget for upcoming year

Project Prioritization Methods

County Parks utilizes the following criteria to determine the timeline and funding priorities for the respective Park projects:

Risk management

Project will reduce the potential of injury to facility users.

Citizen needs

Project has received high rankings on citizen surveys or other demonstrated citizen input processes.

Funding

Project that can be completed from available funding sources will be given a higher priority.

Timing

Project that are part of a phased improvement program that requires the phases be completed in sequence.

Critical function

Projects that must be completed for a critical function within a respective facility (American with Disabilities Act issues, irrigation, restrooms,...) will be given priority over non-critical function projects.

Manpower reduction

Project will reduce the manpower to maintain the respective facility.

Aesthetics

Project will improve the overall aesthetics of the facility.

Long-term stability

The project will improve the long-term stability of the respective facility which will in turn, reduce ongoing maintenance.

Address overall county goals

Project addresses County objectives in the County's 2017 – 2021 Strategic Plan.



Ongoing Projects

1. County Parks Master Plan
2. Paint Mines Interpretive Park Master Plan
3. Homestead Ranch Regional Park Master Plan
4. Fox Run Regional Park Improvements
5. Fox Run Regional Trail
6. County Fairgrounds Barn Replacement



Appendix A

**Community Services Department
El Paso County Parks
2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program**

FUNDING SOURCES:	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Regional Park Fees						
Region #1						
Santa Fe Open Space	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Region #2						
Falcon Regional Park	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 300,000
Jackson Creek Regional Trail Project	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 75,000
Fox Run Regional Trail (2021 funds)	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50,000
Northern Nature Center	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -		\$ 200,000
Homestead Ranch Regional Park	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100,000
Region #3						
Region #4						
Fountain Creek Regional Park	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 150,000
Kane Ranch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -		\$ 100,000
Total Regional Park Fees	\$ 400,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -		\$ 975,000
Urban Park Fees						
Drake Lake	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100,000
Rock Island RT Trailhead - Playground	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 125,000
Widefield Community Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000
Total Urban Park Fees	\$ -	\$ 225,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -		\$ 375,000
County Capital Improvement Funds						
Northern Nature Center	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000
Ute Pass Trail Construction	\$ 114,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,000
Fox Run Regional Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000
Black Forest Regional Park	\$ 86,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 186,000
Bear Creek Regional Park Improvements	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 850,000
Pinerias Open Space	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Homestead Ranch Regional Park	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 250,000
Falcon Regional Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rainbow Falls Pedestrian Bridge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
Drake Lake	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000

Kane Ranch Open Space	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Fairgrounds Barn Replacement					\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Fountain Creek Regional Park	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Total County Capital Improvement Funds	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 3,750,000
Third Party Funds						
Northern Nature Center (GOCO Grant)	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 350,000
Northern Nature Center (other fundraising)	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 300,000
Fox Run Regional Trail (State Trails Grant)	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 150,000
Ute Pass Regional Trail (TIP / TAP)	\$ 414,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 414,000
Widefield Community Park (CDBG)	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ -		\$ 275,000
Jackson Creek Trail - South (State Trails)	\$ -	\$ 145,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 145,000
Third Party Funds	\$ 1,364,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -		\$ 1,634,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING	\$ 2,514,000	\$ 1,495,000	\$ 1,225,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 6,734,000
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Bear Creek Regional Park						
Athletic court upgrades	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 400,000
Parking Lot Upgrades	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 450,000
Black Forest Regional Park						
Athletic court upgrades	\$ 86,000					\$ 86,000
General Improvements					\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Black Forest - Section 16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
County Fairgrounds						
Fairground Walkways	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Barn replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Drake Lake						
Drain Repair	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200,000
Falcon Regional Park						
Phase 3 Improvements	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 300,000
Fountain Creek Regional Park						
General Park Improvements	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -		\$ 350,000
Nature Center Trail System	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50,000
Fox Run Regional Park						
General Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000

Homestead Ranch Regional Park						
Trail Improvements	200,000					200,000
General Improvements		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Jones Park						
General Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Kane Ranch						
General Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -		\$ 200,000
Nature Centers						
Northern Nature Center	\$ 1,150,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -		\$ 1,550,000
Paint Mines Regional Park						
Rainbow Falls						
Pedestrian bridge construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000
Palmer Lake Recreation Area						
General Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Pineries Open Space						
General Improvements - Phase 2	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 250,000
Santa Fe Open Space						
Trail Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Stratmoor Hills Neighborhood Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Trail Improvements						
Jackson Creek Trail (south)	\$ -	\$ 220,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 220,000
Ute Pass Regional Trail	\$ 528,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 528,000
Fox Run Regional Trail	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200,000
Rock Island Regional Trailhead	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 125,000
Widefield Community Park						
Parking Lot Expansion / Park Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ -		\$ 275,000
Trail Improvements (CDBG)	\$ 150,000					\$ 150,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,514,000	\$ 1,495,000	\$ 1,225,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 6,734,000

Appendix B

El Paso County Parks 2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program Regional Park Fees					
	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	
	Northwest	Northeast	Southwest	Southeast	TOTAL
Beginning Balance (1/1/21)	\$ 103,503	\$ 895,360	\$ 189,369	\$ 936,958	\$ 2,125,190
Estimated Revenue (2021)	\$ -	\$ 80,000		\$ 100,000	\$ 180,000
Total Revenue / Fund Balance	\$ 103,503	\$ 975,360	\$ 189,369	\$ 1,036,958	\$ 2,305,190
2020 Re-Appropriations					
Fox Run Regional Park	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Ute Pass Regional Trail	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Bear Creek Regional Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,758	\$ -	\$ 70,758
Fountain Creek Regional Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,379	\$ 24,379
Kane Ranch Open Space	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,775	\$ 92,775
Pineries Open Space	\$ -	\$ 2,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,570
Fox Run Regional Park	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Hanson Trailhead	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,591	\$ 65,591
Fairgrounds Barn Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,962	\$ 90,962
Northern Nature Center	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Fountain Creek Regional Park (PO)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,559	\$ 12,559
Kane Ranch Open Space (PO)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,064	\$ 8,064
Hanson Trailhead (PO)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,447	\$ 43,447
Falcon Regional Park (PO)	\$ -	\$ 269,956	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 269,956
2021 Projects:					
Santa Fe Open Space	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Master Plan Update	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 18,993	\$ 48,993
BCRP Restroom Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Fox Run Regional Trail	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Fox Run Regional Park	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Fairgrounds - Barn Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291,007	\$ 291,007
Total	\$ 60,000	\$ 612,526	\$ 135,758	\$ 647,777	\$ 1,456,061
Estimated Ending Balance - 12/31/2021	\$ 43,503	\$ 362,834	\$ 53,611	\$ 389,181	\$ 849,129
Estimated Beginning Balance - 1/1/2022	\$ 43,503	\$ 362,834	\$ 53,611	\$ 389,181	\$ 849,129
Estimated Revenue (2022)	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 180,000
Total Revenue / Fund Balance	\$ 43,503	\$ 442,834	\$ 53,611	\$ 489,181	\$ 1,029,129
Proposed 2022 Uses:					
Northern Nature Center	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Homestead Ranch Regional Park	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Fountain Creek Regional Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Sub-Total	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 350,000
Estimated Ending Balance - 12/31/2022	\$ 43,503	\$ 242,834	\$ 53,611	\$ 339,181	\$ 679,129

Appendix C

El Paso County Parks Urban Park Program						
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	
	SD #38	SD #20	SD #49	SD #3	All other SD	TOTAL
Beginning Balance - 1/1/21						
Subdivision Neighborhood	\$ 41,269	\$ 46,219	\$ 84,047	\$ (17,509)	\$ 1,345	\$ 155,371
Subdivision Community	\$ 97,734	\$ 133,815	\$ 328,513	\$ 441,667	\$ 32,446	\$ 1,034,175
	\$ 139,003	\$ 180,034	\$ 412,560	\$ 424,158	\$ 33,791	\$ 1,189,546
Estimated 2021 Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000
2021 Fund Balance / Revenue	\$ 154,003	\$ 195,034	\$ 427,560	\$ 439,158	\$ 33,791	\$ 1,249,546
Less Outstanding Grants / Projects						
Meridian Ranch (1/2020)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Widefield Parks and Recreation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Widefield Community Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,983	\$ -	\$ 12,983
Palmer Lake Recreation Area	\$ 33,042	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,042
Total Grants / Projects	\$ 33,042	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 37,983	\$ -	\$ 96,025
Total 2021 Expenditures	\$ 33,042	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 37,983	\$ -	\$ 96,025
2021 Estimated Balance - 12/31/21	\$ 120,961	\$ 195,034	\$ 402,560	\$ 401,175	\$ 33,791	\$ 1,153,521
Estimated 2022 Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000
2022 Fund Balance / Revenue	\$ 135,961	\$ 210,034	\$ 417,560	\$ 416,175	\$ 33,791	\$ 1,213,521
2022 Grant Estimates	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 205,000
Total Estimated 2022 Expenses	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 205,000
2022 Estimated Balance - 12/31/22	\$ 85,961	\$ 160,034	\$ 367,560	\$ 366,175	\$ 28,791	\$ 1,008,521

2022 Capital Improvement Program



Project: Black Forest Regional Park Improvements

Black Forest Regional Park Improvements

Black Forest Regional Park is a 385-acre regional park located northeast of the Shoup Road and Milan Road intersection.

- Renovate the two existing tennis courts due to age and court surface deterioration. The western court will be removed and replaced, new acrylic surfacing and line painting on both courts to accommodate tennis and pickleball.



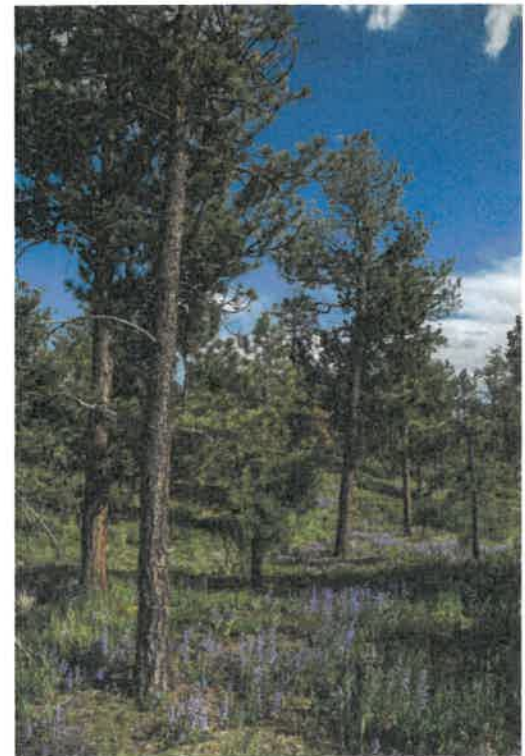
Funding Sources

County Capital Improvement Funds	\$ 86,000
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Estimated Costs

Tennis Court Renovation	\$ 86,000
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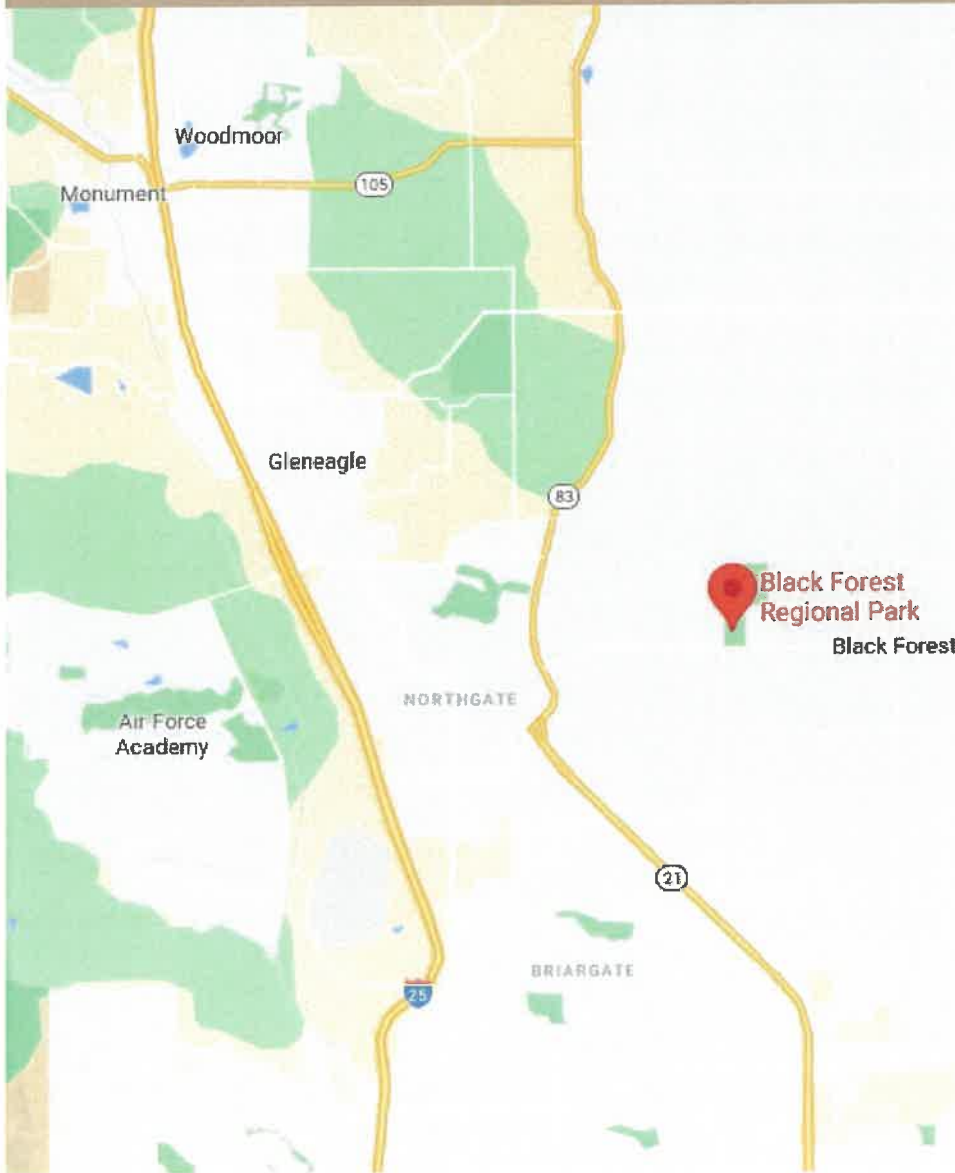


Project Timeline

Bid Construction
Construction

November – December 2021
May – June 2022

Black Forest Regional Park Map



Black Forest Regional Park

Black Forest Regional Park has been managed by El Paso County since 1977. The area preserves a unique open space that provide recreational opportunities to the citizens of El Paso County.



For further information please contact:
Brian Bobeck, Park Operations Division Manager, Email: brianbobeck@elpasoco.com

2022 Capital Improvement Program



Project: Homestead Ranch Regional Park Improvements

Homestead Ranch Regional Park Improvements

Homestead Ranch Regional Park is a 460-acre regional park located 3.5 miles northwest of Peyton.

- Existing trails will be surfaced with crushed limestone trail surfacing. New single-track trails will be developed. Drainage and erosion control will be addressed along with decommissioning social trails.



Funding Sources

Regional Park Fees	\$ 100,000
Urban Park Fees	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Total	\$ 200,000

Estimated Costs

Trail Resurfacing	\$100,000
New Trail Development	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total	\$200,000

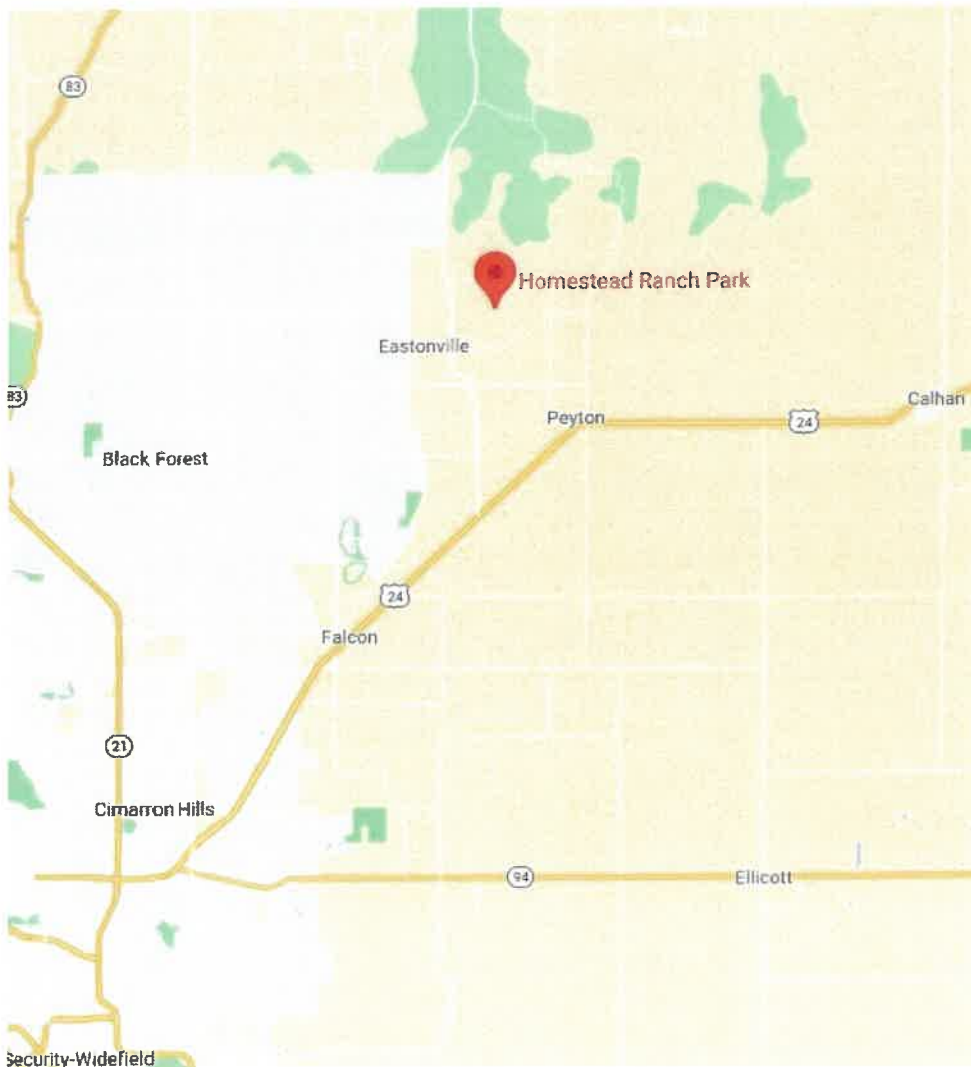


Project Timeline

Bid Construction
Construction

November – December 2021
May – June 2022

Park Map



Park Description

Homestead Ranch Regional Park is located on the edge of the Black Forest and offers excellent hiking, biking, and environmental education opportunities. The park includes a playground, restroom facility, fishing pond, water features, picnic pavilions, and over three miles of trails.



For further information please contact:
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2022 Capital Improvement Program

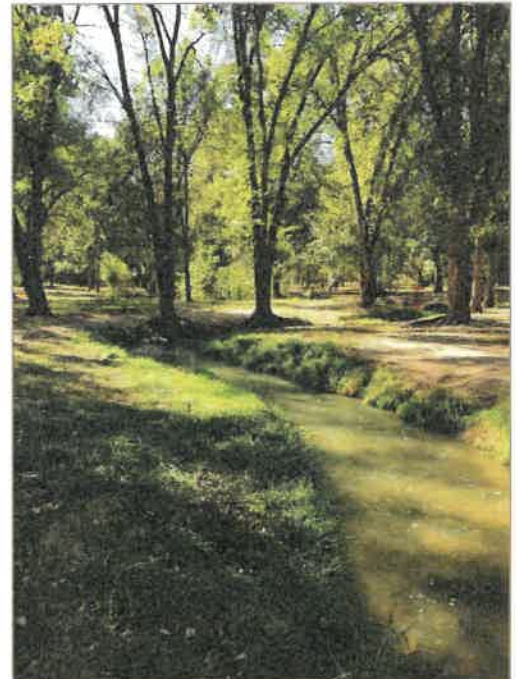


Project:
Widefield Community
Park / Crews Gulch Trail
Improvements

Widefield Community Park / Crews Gulch Trail Paving Project

The Crews Gulch Primary Regional Trail runs southwest to northeast from Ceresa Park and the Fountain Creek Regional Trail, northeast through Widefield Community Park, to its terminus at Fontaine Boulevard. While some of the trail is paved through Widefield Community Park, the section south of Quebec Street is currently gravel surfaced. The 2017 Widefield Community Park Master Plan identified the southern section of the Crews Gulch Trail as a candidate for concrete paving, thus allowing for more robust ADA accessibility through the park. The following is proposed for this section of the Crews Gulch Trail:

- Utilizing the existing Crews Gulch Regional Trail corridor on the eastern side of Crews Gulch, construct an 1,150' long, 8' wide, 6" thick concrete Tier I trail from Quebec Street south to Widefield Boulevard. The trail will be tied into an existing concrete park bench pad, as well as an existing disc golf tee pad.
- Near Widefield Boulevard, construct a short, 20'-30' section of 6-foot-wide, 6" thick concrete Tier III trail at its intersection with the Crews Gulch Trail. The Tier III trail is located on the western side of Crews Gulch and will be tied into an existing park bench pad.
- In an effort to control stormwater runoff from Widefield Boulevard and eliminate erosion to the existing trail corridors, construct a concrete and steel stormwater trench drain near the intersection of Crews Gulch Trail and the Tier III trail. This will allow stormwater runoff to enter Crews Gulch without damaging the park and trail corridors.



Funding Sources

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$145,000
Urban Park Fees	\$ 10,000
	<u>\$155,000</u>

Estimated Costs

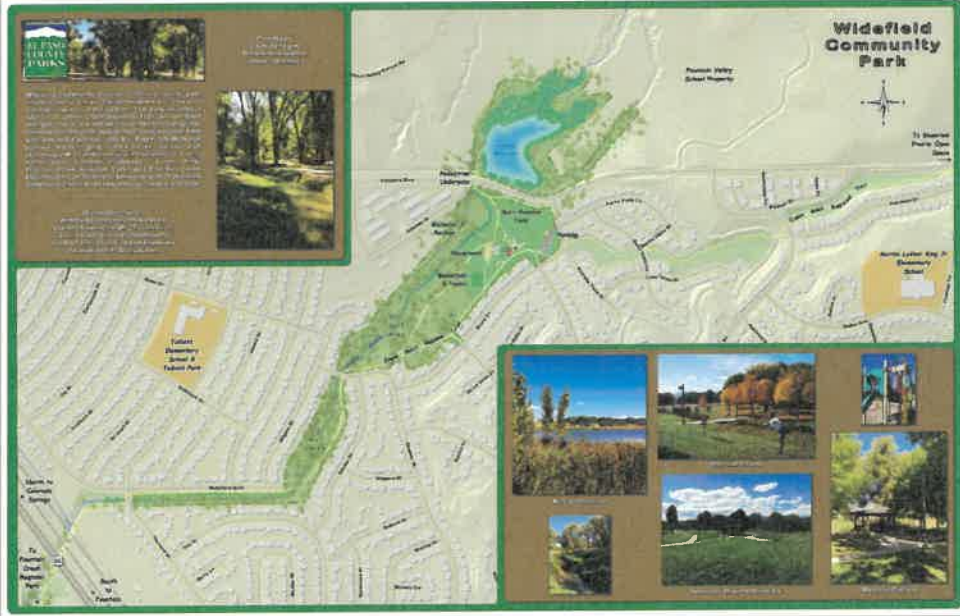
Tier I Concrete Trail Construction	\$140,000
Tier III Concrete Trail Construction	\$ 7,500
Stormwater Trench Drain	\$ 7,500
Total	<u>\$155,000</u>

Project Timeline

CDBG Grant Deadline
CDBG Grant Award
Project Procurement & Construction

February 2022
May - June 2022
July - November 2022

Widefield Community Park / Crews Gulch Trail Map



About Widefield Community Park

Nestled into its urban setting, Widefield Community Park is situated along the shaded banks of Crews Gulch, which flows through the entire length of the park. The 50-acre park contains a mix of man-made grassy areas, natural open spaces, and active-use facilities, with clusters of mature elm and cottonwood trees near Crews Gulch itself. The park's main active use area consists of a multi-use athletic field, picnic tables with BBQ grills, basketball courts, and a playground. Crews Gulch Regional Trail, like its namesake, meanders through the park, connecting the park with Fountain Creek Regional Trail to the southwest.

Project Vicinity Map



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2022 Capital Improvement Program



Project: Fountain Creek Regional Park Improvements

Fountain Creek Regional Park Improvements

Falcon Regional Park is a 460-acre regional park located along Fountain Creek between the cities of Colorado Springs and Fountain.

- The asphalt roads and parking lots in the Duckwood Active Use Area are showing signs of degradation and are in need of repairs. Planned work includes asphalt paving, patching, and concrete curb and gutter replacement.
- Several sections of concrete trail in the Duckwood Active Use Area are in need of replacement due to heaving or settling. ADA ramps will also be installed to improve access within the park.
- The sidewalks and trails around the Fountain Creek Nature Center are in need of upgrading. There are concerns with ADA access, erosion of gravel trails, and a desire to provide better access between the nature center and the ponds.



Funding Sources

Regional Park Fees	\$ 150,000
County Capital Improvement Funds	\$ 50,000
Total	\$ 200,000

Estimated Costs

Asphalt Road / Parking Lots	\$ 100,000
Curb, Gutter, Sidewalks	\$ 25,000
Fountain Creek Nature Center	\$ 75,000
Total	\$ 200,000

Project Timeline

Finalize Design
Bid Construction
Construction

November, 2021
January, 2022 – March, 2022
May, 2022 – August, 2022

Fountain Creek Regional Park Map



Fountain Creek Regional Park

Falcon Regional Park is a 460-acre regional park located along Fountain Creek between the cities of Colorado Springs and Fountain. A master plan was completed in 2016 guides future improvements within the park. Since then, improvements have been made annually which include new pavilions, new playgrounds, new trails, creek bank stabilization, new demonstration and community garden, and a new off-leash dog park.



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2022 Capital Improvement Program



Project: Ute Pass Regional Trail

Ute Pass Regional Trail

The master plan for the Ute Pass Regional Trail was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on October 15, 2015.

- The Ute Pass Regional Trail is a planned 11-mile trail corridor between Manitou Springs and the El Paso / Teller County Line.
- The trail has been developed in sections starting in 2003. Currently 4 miles of the trail remain in the Cascade / Chipita Park area.
- The 2015 Ute Pass Regional Trail Master Plan identified a preferred trail alignment for the trail that includes utilizing public right-of-way by following Chipita Park Road, Fountain Avenue, and CDOT frontage roads, before following French Creek and connecting to the existing Ute Pass Regional Trail.
- The trail will be concrete or asphalt along public roads and gravel along French Creek. A trailhead is planned within public right-of-way along Spring Street that will include parking, restroom facility, and various site amenities.
- El Paso County secured Federal Highway monies from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) to fund the final design and construction of a 3-mile segment between Winnemucca Road and Fountain Avenue by 2022.
- The project is split into two phases: design and construction. The design portion of the project commenced in 2019. Construction is anticipated to start in 2022.



Funding Sources

Capital Improvement Funds	\$ 252,000
CDOT (TIP/TAP)	\$ 1,148,000
Total	\$1,400,000

Estimated Costs

Construction	\$ 1,400,000
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Project Timeline

Project Timeline

Design / Engineering / ROW

Bid Project

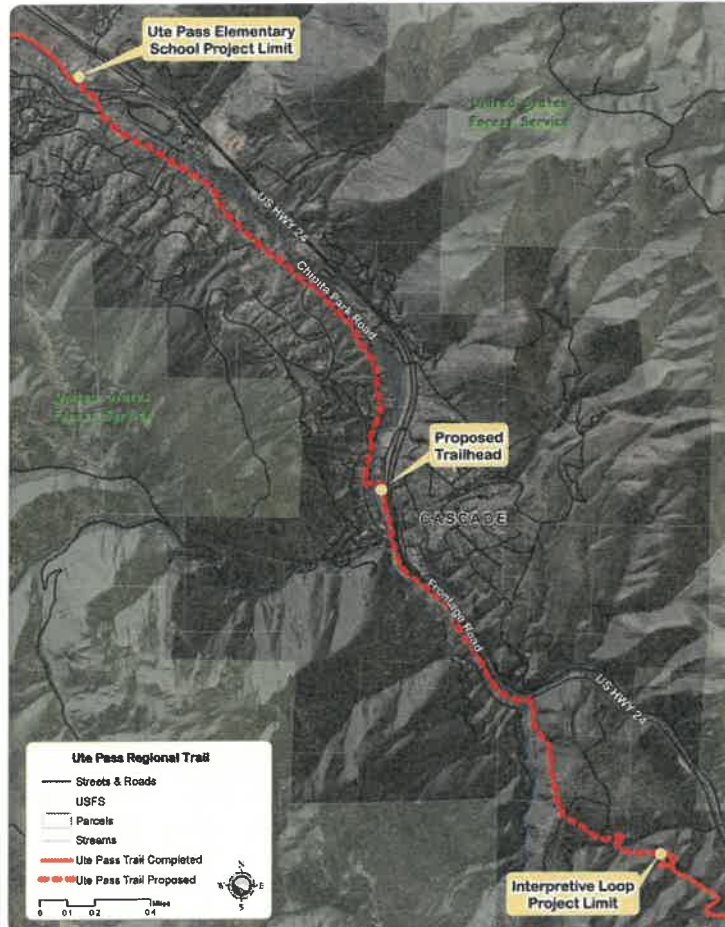
Project Construction

July 2019 – December 2021

January 2022 – March 2022

April 2022 – December 2022

Ute Pass Regional Trail Map

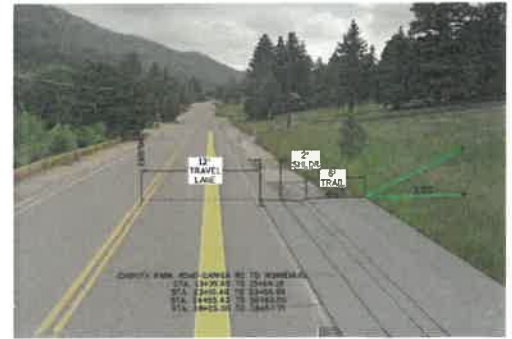


Ute Pass Regional Trail

The Ute Pass Regional Trail is an 11-mile long trail corridor that will connect the western communities along Ute Pass between Manitou Springs and the El Paso and Teller County Line.

Currently a 3-mile segment of the trail exists starting in Manitou Springs at the Incline Trailhead. This segment of the trail features more challenging terrain and follows the historic route of the Ute Indian Trail. Several interpretive panels are located along the trail and an interpretive loop marks the current end of the trail near Longs Ranch Road.

Another 4-mile segment of the trail starts near Ute Pass Elementary School and continues west through Green Mountain Falls and end at Crystola. This portion of the trail features gentle rolling terrain and provides a great setting for casual walking or bicycling.



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2022 Capital Improvement Program



Project: Northern Nature Center Project

Northern Nature Center

Based on projected population growth and public surveys in the El Paso County Parks Master Plan in 2013, developing a nature center in northern El Paso County was identified as an objective.

Strategic & Master Plans Alignment:

- El Paso County 2017-2021 Strategic Plan (Strategy D / Objective 4 - "Complete a feasibility study for a northern El Paso County nature center.")
- El Paso County Parks Master Plan (Rec. & Cultural Services Goal #1) "The Master Plan proposes the addition of a new nature center in Northern El Paso County...[that will] provide nature-based programming and will maintain the diversity and quality of and participation in award-winning environmental education programs"

A feasibility study was completed in 2019 to analyze and evaluate location, potential partnerships/ collaborations, public support, revenue sources, construction costs, and long-term maintenance and staffing.

In 2021, the County will apply for a GOCO planning grant to fund the design process.

In 2022, the team will initiate the capital campaign for future construction.



Proposed Funding Sources

Regional Park Fees	\$100,000
Capital Improvement Funds	\$400,000
GOCO Grant	\$350,000
Fundraising	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total	\$1,150,000

Project Timeline

Project Timeline

Apply for GOCO Planning Grant

Fall 2021

Site and Architectural Design

2022

Launch Capital Campaign Major Funding

2022

Selected Nature Center Location



Background

The El Paso County Nature Centers provide nature-based, cultural programs and events to children and adults of all ages. Last year, over 27,000 individuals participated in programs at the Nature Centers. The Nature Centers offer outdoor classroom experiences for children and youth, interpretive programs, and special events.

The Nature Centers have active partnerships with schools, school districts and other community-based nonprofit organizations across the Pikes Peak region. Staff team members coordinate closely with school districts and partnering organizations to coordinate with school curriculum, and to support teachers, educators and nonprofit staff in meeting educational and youth development goals. In addition to schools, The Nature Centers host Scout programs, preschool programs, nature camps, birding classes, community fundraisers and active adult club programs.

The Nature Centers engage volunteers in a variety of capacities. The Nature Centers benefits from the support of over 70 volunteers who donate more than 7,000 hours annually in the following areas: information receptionists, interpretive programs, environmental education, fundraising, and special projects.



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**El Paso County Parks
2021 Action Plan**

Recreation / Cultural Services	Project Manager	Priority	Status
Paint Mines Interpretive Park Program Expansion	Theresa Odello		Completed
County Fairgrounds Entrance Procedure Upgrades	Todd Marts		Completed
Sensory Based Program at Bear Creek Nature Center	Molly Hamant	Medium	
Upgrade Cubs Corner at Bear Creek Nature Center	Mary Jo Lewis	Low	
Upgrade Watershed Exhibit / Fountain Creek Nature Center	Nancy Bernard		Completed
Provide Wheelchairs at Nature Centers	Theresa Odello	Medium	
Expand Program Diversity	Nancy Bernard		Completed
Expand Birding Programs at Fountain Creek Nature Center	Jessica Miller	Medium	
Establish Traveling Leave No Trace Exhibit	Theresa Odello	Low	
Explore a Rainbow Falls Reservation System	Theresa Odello		Completed
Establish a Social Media Plan for Nature Centers	Jessica Miller		
Implement Front Desk Nature Center Online Registration Process	Mary Jo Lewis	Medium	
Park Operations Division	Project Manager	Priority	Status
Develop Individual Park Operation Plans	Brian Bobeck	Medium	
County Park Master Plan	Brian Bobeck	High	Plan Development / Survey Phase
Jones Park Master Plan	Brian Bobeck	High	
Paint Mines Interpretive Park Master Plan	Ross Williams	High	
Homestead Ranch Regional Park Master Plan	Greg Stachon	Medium	
Research Facility Reservation / Cleanup Process	Tim Wolken		Completed
Expand Use of Native Grasses in Park System	Kyle Melvin	Medium	
Review County Parks Signage Standards	Greg Stachon	Medium	
Capital Improvement Projects	Project Manager	Priority	Status
Kane Ranch Open Space	Greg Stachon	High	Construction Phase
Bear Creek Regional Park Restroom Replacement	Jason Meyer	High	Construction Phase
Bear Creek Regional Park Pickleball Courts	Brian Bobeck		Completed
Hanson Trailhead Improvements	Jason Meyer		Completed
Falcon Regional Park - Phase 2	Jason Meyer	High	Construction Phase
Fox Run Regional Park Upgrades	Greg Stachon	Medium	
Ute Pass Regional Trail Expansion	Jason Meyer	Medium	
Fox Run Regional Trail	Jason Meyer	High	Planning Phase
Fairgrounds Walkways	Greg Stachon		Completed
Sante Fe Open Space Construction	Ross Williams	High	Bid Phase
County Fairgrounds Barn Replacement	Todd Marts	High	Design Phase
Community Outreach	Project Manager	Priority	Status
Northern Nature Center Capital Campaign	Todd Marts	Medium	
2021 Grant Applications	Brian Bobeck	Medium	Ongoing
County Parks 50th Anniversary Planning	Todd Marts	High	Ongoing
Secure a Partner in the Park / Paint Mines	Dana Nordstrom		Completed
Expand the Use of QR Codes for Donations in County Parks	Dana Nordstrom	Medium	
Create a Social Media Marketing Plan	Dana Nordstrom		Completed

Community Services Department								
Parks / Recreation & Cultural Services Divisions								
July 2021 Monthly Report								
<u>Facility Revenue Totals To Date</u>		2021				2020	2019	
		Budget	Current	Balance		Totals to Date	Totals to Date	
Parks Facility Reservation Revenue		\$ 180,000	\$ 170,187	\$ 9,813		\$ 90,967	\$ 160,174	
County Fair / Fairgrounds		\$ 301,000	\$ 197,845	\$ 103,155		\$ 93,567	\$ 227,643	
Total		\$ 481,000	\$ 368,032	\$ 112,968		\$ 184,534	\$ 387,817	
<u>Fundraising Revenue</u>		2021				2020	2019	
	Purpose	Goal	Amount	Balance		Totals to Date	Totals to Date	
County Fair Sponsorships	Fair Operations	\$ 75,000	\$ 92,500	\$ (17,500)		\$ 20,000	\$ 85,250	
Partners in the Park Program	Park Operations	\$ 45,000	\$ 64,250	\$ (19,250)		\$ 47,500	\$ 30,000	
Trust for County Parks	Park Operations	\$ 10,000	\$ 47,666	\$ (37,666)		\$ 29,984	\$ 29,799	
Nature Center Fundraising	Nature Center Support	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,113	\$ 16,887		\$ 10,860	\$ 10,206	
County Fairgrounds Support (Fairgrounds Corp)	Programming/Facility Support	\$ 40,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 40,000	\$ 44,000	
Total		\$ 195,000	\$ 227,529	\$ (32,529)		\$ 148,344	\$ 199,255	
<u>Grant / 3rd Party Funding</u>		Awarded						
<u>Parks Division Reservations</u>	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2019	2019	
Year to Date	Rentals	Attendance	Evaluation	Rentals	Attendance	Rental	Attendance	
January	3	22	N/A	4	41	9	110	
February	5	233	N/A	12	879	14	546	
March	4	31	N/A	6	44	15	192	
April	157	3892	4.4	0	0	186	9519	
May	423	11907	4.1	47	274	338	18036	
June	506	14571	4.1	294	2869	517	23048	
July	466	16225	4.1	309	6153	436	24558	
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Total	1564	46881	4.175	672	10260	1515	76009	

<u>Parks Facility Reservations</u>		2021	2021	2020	2020	2019	2019	
<u>July</u>		<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	
<u>Bear Creek Regional Park</u>								
Archery Lanes		48	96	72	144	57	355	
Athletic Fields		24	1100	15	375	30	2820	
Pavilions		126	5050	99	2086	108	5582	
Trails		2	235	1	250	2	500	
Vendor		3	12			4	10	
Tennis Courts								
Vita Course								
Meeting Room		1	10	4	50	12	113	
<u>Black Forest Regional Park</u>								
Athletic Fields		22	1125			20	4000	
Pavilions		20	675	8	249	23	1190	
Vendor								
Tennis Courts		8	24	12	48	3	12	
<u>Falcon Regional Park</u>								
Baseball Fields		1	25			13	500	
<u>Fountain Creek Regional Park</u>								
Athletic Fields		1	50					
Pavilions		39	1629	22	694	37	1617	
Trails								
Disc Golf Course		1	72			1	72	
Vendor								
<u>Fox Run Regional Park</u>								
Athletic Fields		13	305	5	175	12	320	
Gazebo		20	1031	5	135	12	1105	
Warming Hut		12	123	1	10	4	44	
Pavilions		92	3223	48	1589	73	3482	
Vendor		3	12					
Trails		2	90	1	10			
<u>Homestead Ranch Regional Park</u>								
Pavilions		11	351	9	276	7	265	
Athletic Fields								
Trails								
<u>Palmer Lake Recreational Area</u>								
Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trail		1	300			2	1240	
<u>New Santa Fe Trail</u>								
Monument Trail Head New Santa Fe Trail		1	300			4	1100	
Baptist Road Santa Fe Trail		1	300			1	50	
AFA Santa Fe Trail						1	50	
Vendor - Santa Fe Trailheads						7	14	
<u>Paint Mines Trail</u>		14	87	6	32	3	117	
<u>Rock Island Trail</u>								
<u>Black Forest Section 16</u>								
<u>Rainbow Falls Historic Site</u>				1	30			
<u>Pineries Open Space</u>								
Total Park Facility Reservations		466	16225	309	6153	436	24558	

<u>Fairgrounds Facility Reservations</u>		2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2019	2019
<u>Year to Date</u>		<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
January		0	0		9	478	8	447
February		6	178		12	271	16	782
March		8	459		3	170	17	846
April		20	1208		0	0	23	3213
May		16	1496		0	0	15	3519
June		12	1921		20	410	29	2931
July					17	1,338	29	2,931
August								
September								
October								
December								
Total		62	5,262		61	2,667	137	14,669
<u>Fairgrounds Facility Reservations</u>		2021	2021	2020	2020	2019	2019	
<u>July</u>		<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	
<u>Swink Hall - Fairgrounds</u>								
Lions Club Meeting		1	20			1	20	
FAB Board Meeting		1	26	1	5	1	46	
Livestock Sale Committee Meeting		1	20					
Calhan Posse Meeting		1	15					
Senior Dinner						1	38	
COC Meeting						1	20	
Garza Farms						7	56	
Pikes Peak Library						3	13	
Darrell West-Family Reunion						1	50	
Fair - Pre-Sale						1	50	
<u>Track</u>								
Race		1	988	1	320	1	2173	
<u>Barns</u>								
<u>Livestock Arena</u>								
Colorado Cowboy Rodeo		2	120					
<u>Grounds -</u>								
County Fair		1	30,550					
<u>Whittemore - Fairgrounds</u>								
Golden Prairie 4-H Club Meeting		1	20					
<u>Arena</u>								
Barrel Race Qualifier		2	40					
Month Total Fair Facility Reservations		11	31,799	2	325	17	2466	

Vandalism Report								
Incident	Date	Location	Area	Cost				
Fence damage	1/13/2021	Bear Creek Dog Park	Central District	\$1,400				
Graffiti	1/5/2021	Rainbow Falls	Central District	\$1,625				
Graffiti	1/2/2021	Widefield	Restroom	\$75				
Graffiti	1/16/2021	Widefield	Restroom	\$75				
Torn out playground safety surface, drilled holes	1/20/2021	Widefield	Playground	\$200				
Graffiti	1/7/2021	Widefield	Restroom	\$75				
Careless driver fence damage	1/29/2021	Rainbow Falls	Central District	\$900				
Sink smashed with rock	2/20/2021	Fox Run	Warming Hut	\$200				
Kiosk vandalized and bent	2/1/2021	Forest Green Open Space	North District	\$1,650				
Several glass blocks broken out off wall	2/2/2021	Homestead Ranch	Restroom	\$2,650.00				
14 incidents - vehicles driving / donuts on fields	2/1 - 28/2021	Fox Run	Multi Use Fields	\$1,400				
1 vehicle driving / donuts on fields	2/1 - 28/2021	Black Forest	Multi Use Fields	\$100				
Graffiti	2/8/2021	Crews Gulch Tunnel	South District	\$100				
Graffiti	2/15/2021	Widefield Community Park	South District	\$100				
ATV trail damage	2/23/2021	Falcone Regional Park	Trail	\$300				
2 incidents - vehicles driving / donuts on fields	3/1-31/21	Fox Run	North District	\$200				
Damage to the speed bumps in the trailhead parking lot.	3/5/2021	Rock Island Regional Trail	East District	\$50				
Graffiti on memorial bench, tree, etc.	4/27/2021	Black Forest	North District	\$500				
Door to maintenance shop pried open (no theft)	4/5/2021	Homestead Ranch	East District	\$375				
Fire set to restroom	5/12/2021	Willow Springs Ponds	South District	TBD (Insurance)				
Damage to window and stucco due to rock throwing	5/19/2021	Homestead Ranch	East District	\$1,500				
Vehicle doing donuts on the field	5/18/2021	Fox Run	North District	\$100				
Graffiti in Milam Rd tunnel	5/24/2021	Black Forest	North District	\$60				
Broken window and damage to caretaker building	6/5/2021	Rainbow Falls	Central District	TBD				
Damaged/broken picnic table	6/28/2021	Widefield Community Park	South District	\$1,500				
Graffiti in Milam tunnel	6/29/2021	Black Forest	North District	\$60				
Careless driver fence damage	6/19/2021	Rainbow Falls	Central District	\$1,450				
Driver drove thru split rail fence	7/1/2021	Fox Run	North District	\$50				
Irrigation valve box wires vandalized	7/1/2021	Black Forest	North District	\$200				
Graffiti in Fallen Timber restroom	7/14/2021	Fox Run	North District	\$100				
Graffiti in Baptist trailhead restroom	7/15/2021	Santa Fe Trail	North District	\$200				
Illegal trash dumping in the park	7/15/2021	Fox Run	North District	\$25				
Non-touch faucet smashed with rock (Warming Hut)	7/20/2021	Fox Run	North District	\$300				
Graffiti on playground slide	7/22/2021	Stratmoor Valley	South District	\$50				
Fire damage to bridge and fence	7/13/2021	BCRP(ESC)	Central District	TBD				
Graffiti on pavilion and street	7/16/2021	BCRP Terrace	Central District	\$400				
			Total	\$17,970				

<u>Volunteerism</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>				
<u>Total for Year</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>			
January		106	372	193	824			
February		100	468	234	1,114			
March		159	713	110	552			
April		365	1,556	86	350			
May		425	1,579	96	500			
June		299	1,421	291	974			
July		680	5,444	240	669			
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Totals		2134	11,553	1250	4,983			
		<u>2021</u>						
<u>July</u>		<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>					
Park Advisory Board		9	35					
Fair Advisory Board		14	56					
Fairgrounds Corporation		5	20					
Friends of the Nature Centers		50	491					
Adopt-A-Park / Trail / Volunteer Projects / County Fair		602	4,842					
Total		680	5,444					
<u>Programming</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Totals for Year</u>		<u>Programs</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
January		25	218	4.93	45	755	40	461
February		27	230	4.96	35	550	36	2303
March		50	753	4.90	17	361	62	1060
April		58	1006	4.98	0	0	185	4928
May		84	1377	4.99	12	455	210	4415
June		68	1361	4.90	40	888	122	3937
July		71	3601	4.98	74	1962	120	4950
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Totals	800 / 21,000	383	8546	4.95	223	4971	775	22054

		2021	2021	2021				
<u>July</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>				
Habitat	BCNC	2	25	5.00				
Nature Camp: Honey, I Shrunk the Campers	BCNC	2	48	5.00				
Nature Explorers: Go, Go Gophers!	BCNC	4	60	5.00				
Little Wonders: Gone Fishin'	BCNC	4	63	5.00				
Kids' Morning Out: Dinosaurs!	BCNC	1	15					
Forest Bathing Walk	BCNC	2	6	5.00				
Nature Camp: Bird is the Word	BCNC	5	120	4.90				
Bear Den Rental: Memorial Service	BCNC	1	40					
Birthday: All About Animals	BCNC	1	15	5.00				
Preschool Creek Adventures	BCNC	1	22	5.00				
Nature Camp: Pollywogs & Potions	BCNC	5	120					
Awesome Arthropods	FCNC	1	23	5.00				
Walk the Wetlands	FCNC	4	118	5.00				
Program Room Rental: Birthday Party	FCNC	3	60					
2s & 3s Outdoors: Friendly Frogs	FCNC	2	28	4.90				
Annual Firefly Celebration and Night Hike	FCNC	2	41	5.00				
Overature Adult Group	FCNC	1	10					
Nature Adventures: Beautiful Butterflies	FCNC	2	30	5.00				
Adult Bird Club: Class	FCNC	1	9	5.00				
Adult Bird Club: Field Trip	FCNC	1	8	5.00				
Active Adults: Wisdom, Wood, & Wine	FCNC	1	7	5.00				
Wood Cookie Scavenger Hunt	FCNC	1	16					
Program Room Rental: Dept. Human Services	FCNC	1	12					
CO Children's Academy	FCNC	1	26					
Home School Group	FCNC	1	9					
Outreach: COS 150th Celebration	FCNC	1	864					
Outreach: El Paso County Fair	FCNC	5	401					
Nature Camp: Wild Child Adventures	FCNC	1	19	5.00				
Archery Camp Week 3	BCRP	3	36	4.80				
Concert in the Park: PPJASS 7/14	BCRP	1	200					
El Paso Pacers	FCRP	1	6					
Archery Camp Week 4	BCRP	3	36	5.00				
Concert in the Park: PPJASS 7/21	BCRP	1	125					
Concert in the Park: Fox Run 7/22	FRRP	1	350					
50k50Y hike Jones Park	Jones	1	8					
Intro to Remote Control Flying	PPRCCF	1	50	5.00				
Concert in the Park: PPJASS 7/28	BCRP	1	175					
Concert in the Park: Fox Run 7/29	FRRP	1	400					
TOTALS		71	3601	4.98				

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT**

SABINE CARTER, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COORDINATOR
DEBRA REID, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR

July 2021

General Updates:

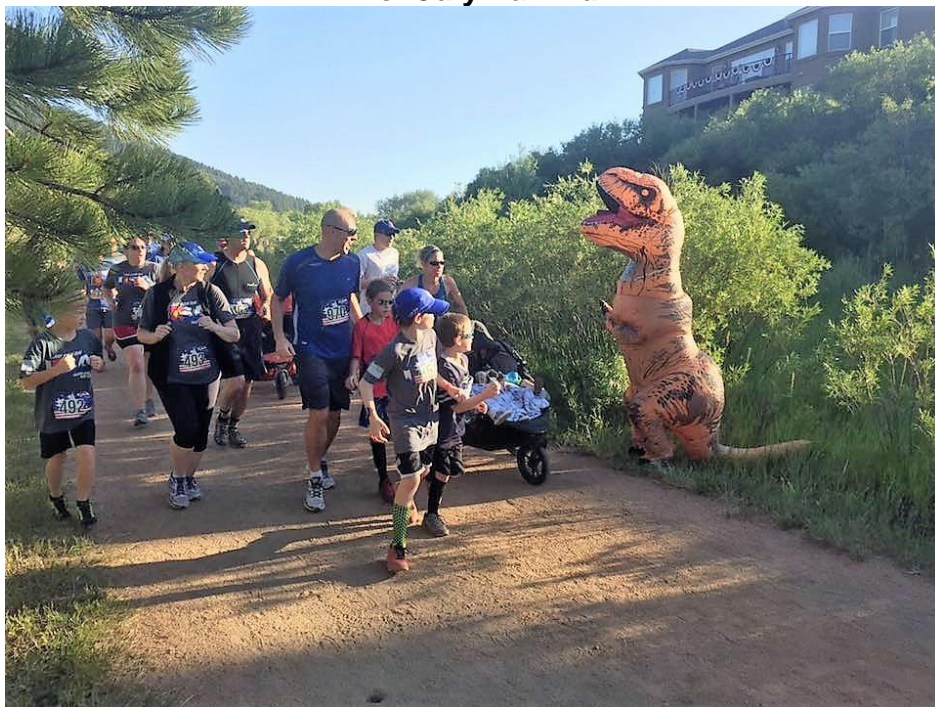
1. Facility rentals have generated \$170,187 which is 94% of our \$180,000 annual goal.

Special Events:

1. The 39th Annual 4th of July Fun Run was held at the Palmer Lake Recreation area to include the New Santa Fe Regional Trail. The event was organized by the Palmer Lake PTO and included 430 in-person runners. An additional 100 runners opted for a virtual run. The event was highly anticipated this year and well received by the community.
2. Mad Moose Events, a locally based running event organizer held the annual Pikes Peak Ultra run in July. The course took runners from Bear Creek Regional Park, up High Drive, and into Cheyenne Canon.
3. The Colorado Obstacle Challenge Series, an equestrian organization, utilized the Equestrian Skills Course at Bear Creek Regional Park for an obstacle challenge event. Approximately 60 horses participated.
4. The Rocky Mountain Orienteering Club held an orienteering event at Fox Run Regional Park this month.
5. Team Top Shelf Disc Golf Club of Colorado Springs held their monthly disc golf tournament at the Widefield Community Park.
6. Several week-long day camps were held at Fox Run organized by local churches and Girl Scout Troops.

7. Stroller Mom's of Colorado Springs have started daily early morning exercise classes at Fox Run Regional Park. The classes are scheduled until the end of October.
8. Fourteen commercial photography permits were issued for the Paint Mines Interpretive Park. Twenty weddings were scheduled at the Wedding Gazebo at Fox Run Regional Park this month.
9. Several companies, churches, local organizations, and families received permits to include bounce houses and other large inflatable equipment into their events.

4th of July Fun Run



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH / GRANTS

Monthly Report – July 2021

Dana Nordstrom, Community Outreach Coordinator

Community Outreach

1. **Partners in the Park Program:** Staff has ordered all of our new signage. We hope to have it delivered and installed by the end of this year. Our focus will be on developing partners for Black Forest Regional Park, Rainbow Falls and Fountain Creek Regional Park. Please forward any suggestions to dananordstrom@elpasoco.com.
2. **El Paso County Fair:** Our goal of **\$75,000** is to help generate enough revenue to successfully operate the County Fair. We have surpassed our financial goal and sponsors have donated a **record \$92,000** in cash and **\$96,000** in in-kind services towards Fair this year. The County Fair has many moving parts and it is a privilege to be part of this amazing team!
3. **50th Parks Anniversary Celebration:** Please join us for our 12th Annual Happy Trails Event, Friday, August 20th. This year's event will take place in Fox Run Regional Park as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of El Paso County Parks and raise awareness for a future Northern Nature Center. Attendees can expect the same delicious Buffalo Gals dinner, drinks, and decadent desserts. Wirewood Station will fill the lakeside space with their special Americana sound. This is sure to be a magical evening. For more information, please contact Mary Jo Lewis at 719-520-6388.
4. **Creek Week: September 25 – October 3, 2021.** Plan on joining the largest clean-up in the State of Colorado. Trash and debris on the land eventually end up in our waterways. This rubbish clogs drainage systems, impacts wildlife, affects water quality, and ruins the view of our beautiful outdoor spaces. For Creek Week information go to: www.fountaincreekweek.com.



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Recreation & Cultural Services Division

Monthly Report – July 2021

Submitted by Todd Marts, Division Manager

General

Rainbow Falls Historic Site:

In July, Rainbow Falls Historic Site had 7,462 visitors, averaging 415 per day. Parking is still very limited, and we have found that more visitors are walk-ins that come from downtown Manitou Springs or walk down from Higginbotham Flats.

Paint Mines Interpretive Park:

The Paint Mines Park Interpreters/Caretakers made 3,183 visitor contacts in July, averaging about 265 a day. Did you know we have badgers at the Paint Mines? Our Caretaker/Interpreter got a picture of a family of about 5-6 badgers. Always something new to discover at the Paint Mines!

Projects, Fundraising & Grants:

1. Bear Creek Nature Center finalized the addition of a bubbling rock water feature to their pollinator gardens. This aesthetically pleasing feature increases the beauty of the gardens while providing a beneficial water source for birds, bees, and other pollinators. The feature was installed by Bear Claw Landscaping at a discounted rate and was funded in part as a memorial for former Bear Creek Nature Center volunteer, Nancy McInnes. This is the newest improvement in ongoing upgrades to the nature center's pollinator garden areas which serve as a beautiful and educational space for visitors.

Programs & Special Events:

1. Bear Creek Nature Center wrapped up the summer camp season with two additional weeks (out of five total) in the month of July. During 'Bird is the Word' camp geared towards elementary-age campers, participants gained a deeper appreciation of birds through games and activities such as migration station and bird beak buffet, bird feeder crafts and careful observation. Campers finished the week with more knowledge about birds as well as an understanding of how they could help conserve bird populations.
2. Monthly preschool-age programs at Bear Creek Nature Center continue to be a popular, sought-after resource for young children and their caregivers. Nature center staff continues to add more sessions to meet demand and sessions continue to fill. In July, staff led four



sessions of 'Gone Fishin' for 2–3-year-olds and their caregivers and four sessions of 'Go, Go, Gopher' for 4-5 year-olds and their caregivers. All sessions were filled to capacity. To meet demand and a variety of participant schedules, staff also offered a Saturday Preschool Creek Exploration program. Evaluation scores for all programs averaged 5/5 and parent comments included, "Wonderful, we loved it! These are awesome! I love how engaging and understanding the teachers are with small kids."

3. 50K for 50 Years program continues to grow, with 80 participants in the program that have hiked 845 kilometers on El Paso County Park Trails as of the end of July. On July 23rd, Commissioner VanderWerf joined in on the fun as we lead a group of 10 hikers up to Jones Park. While the hike was long and strenuous, the participants had a great time learning about the park and discovering Loud's Cabin.
4. This is the first year that we have offered Concerts in the Park at Fox Run Regional Park, and they have been very popular! To date we have had two concerts there, one with about 350 spectators and one with about 400. To offer this series, we are lucky to have the concerts sponsored by Sanctuary Pointe, Classic Homes, and Line-X truck liners, in cooperation with Anonymous Presents Concerts.
5. Archery Camp continues to be popular, with the two weeks in July completely full. This year we moved the time of the camp from 10am-1pm to 9am-12pm, which works out better for the heat, possible rainstorms, and not having to worry about getting a lunch break.
6. The Intro to Remote Control Flying event was successful with 50 people. Participants got to see gliders, drones, and fixed wing aircraft in action and ask questions to those that were flying them. It was a great way to learn more about remote control flying and get some questions answered.
7. Fountain Creek Nature Center hosted two nights of its Annual Firefly Celebration and Night Hike. Forty-one guests were enlightened after learning about this mysterious, delicate bug that calls the wetlands at Fountain Creek Nature Center home and reminds many people of childhood whimsy. A popular event each year, this event may need to be offered more than twice next summer!
8. Fountain Creek Nature Center's nature camp week for middle school students, Wild Child Adventures, was a wild success. Nineteen 6th, 7th, and 8th graders were taught wilderness survival techniques and put to the test by building life-saving debris huts, below-ground water stills, and homemade fire starters. It wasn't all serious though, with plenty of time for team challenges, free craft time, and fun games.
9. Fountain Creek Nature Center was pleased to attend two major outreach opportunities at the El Paso County Fair and the COS 150 Celebration downtown. Between these two events, nature center staff and volunteers were able to share maps, programs, events, and craft opportunities for over 1000 people. Visitors were wowed by the number of places to visit and excited to hear a third, northern nature center in Fox Run Regional Park was in the works!

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**PARK OPERATIONS DIVISION
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Parks Planning

Capital Project Management / Planning:

Santa Fe Open Space - The acquisition process is complete. An environmental assessment, appraisal, ALTA survey and title documents were obtained in late 2016. The County Attorney provided a real estate contract which was executed by the Board of County Commissioners on May 25. Closing occurred in August 2017. The master plan process has been completed with BoCC approval in March 2021. The IFB for trail construction was issued in May 2021 with construction following in mid-summer 2021.

Ute Pass Regional Trail - El Paso County was previously awarded two federal grants to fund design and construction of the remaining 3.75-mile segment of the Ute Pass Regional Trail. An Intergovernmental Agreement with CDOT was approved by the BoCC in April 2019. Stantec Consulting Services was selected to complete the design of the Ute Pass Regional Trail. A survey was completed, and regulatory approvals have been initiated. A 30% design and engineers construction estimate were developed in January 2020 and presented to CDOT and CSU. The estimate indicated that the grant funds were not adequate to construct the entire portion of the trail. Staff met with CDOT in February 2020 and both parties agreed to shorten the scope of the project to terminate the trail at the US 24 / Fountain Ave intersection. Rights-of-way research and coordination with the USFS and City of Colorado Springs is ongoing. Final design is anticipated to be completed summer 2021.

Falcon Regional Park Phase II - Staff launched Phase II design process which includes a baseball field, multi-use field, parking lot, restroom, playground, and drainage improvements. A GOCO grant was awarded to the County in March 2020. NES was awarded a contract in 2019 to complete the final design of the proposed Phase II improvements which was completed in June 2020. An IFB was issued in September and American Civil Constructors (ACC) was selected at a not to exceed amount of \$955,135. Construction started in December 2020 and will be completed in July 2021. Completed tasks include construction of the new baseball field with dugouts, new plaza area and sidewalks, multi-use field, parking lot, and drainage swales. A final project walk is scheduled for late-July.



Paint Mines Interpretive Park - The Paint Mines Interpretive Park Restoration Project was awarded to Smith Environmental & Engineering in September 2020. Construction began in November after State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) clearance. The contractor has completed the parking lot expansion, installation of drainage culverts, signage, and fencing. The trail resurfacing is complete. Substantial completion was issued in May 2021 but storm damage from heavy rains in June are prompting the need to complete additional work which staff is currently working through.

Bear Creek Regional Park Restroom— Design project for replacement of the main park restroom which includes design of the new building, engineering, cost estimating, and demolition plan of the old building. A design contract was awarded to Tremmel Design Group (TDG) in May 2020. A kickoff meeting was held in May with preliminary concepts reviewed in June. A 60% design development plan set was delivered in September. Public input via website and sign postings was completed in October. Final design was completed in December 2020. Construction drawings were submitted to the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department in January and approved in April. An IFB to construct the restroom was advertised in January and awarded to Raine Building in early May. Construction started in May and is anticipated to be completed this summer.

El Paso County Fairground ADA Walkways – A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was received in September 2020 to add accessible walkways to the County fairground complex. An IFB was issued in February 2021 and awarded to Olgoonik General in April 2021. Project was completed in June 2021.

Kane Ranch Open Space Master Plan / Phase I Improvements – The project was awarded to Veltrans in the amount of \$347,280. Phase I construction is complete. Seeding and erosion blanket has been completed. The site is currently being monitored for vegetation growth. Top Notch Fencing has completed the removal and replacement of the existing property line fencing. Additional post and cable fencing will be added to the new trailhead parking area with anticipated completion mid-summer.

County Parks Master Plan Update – The 2013 County Parks Master Plan is being updated in 2021. GreenPlay, LLC. has been selected as the consultant and the goal is to complete the updates late 2021 / early 2022. Next steps in the process are conducting a survey to gather community input. The survey is scheduled for August 2021.

Flood Recovery:

Hanson Trailhead Repairs - A contract for engineering and design was awarded to Bohannon-Houston in April 2018. Conceptual designs (30%) were developed sent to FEMA and approved. Refinement of the design will continue in 2020. Permitting and regulatory approvals will continue in 2020. Presentations to the Fountain Creek Watershed and Greenway District were held in April, May, July, and September 2019 to discuss a potential partnership. The District responded favorably and has allocated \$750,000 to the project. Procurement was completed in August with a contract being awarded to Tezak at a not to exceed amount of \$1,991,829. Pre-construction activities began in November and construction started in December with completion by May 2021. Completed tasks include bridge removal, point bar removal, creek bank restoration, bend way weir construction, J hook construction, overflow channel construction, trail construction, and completion of new bridge piers and abutments. The placement of the salvaged bridge, new bridge, trail construction and site revegetation were completed in June. Remaining tasks to be completed in July include fencing and parking lot improvements.

Other:

Development Permit Application Reviews - Staff reviewed no development permit applications to be presented for endorsement at the August PAB meeting and provided internal administrative comments for an additional 12+ applications during July.

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District - Community Services Department Staff continues to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee. The committee helps develop and implement watershed restoration and enhancement projects.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - Staff is working with the County Information Technology Department to expand El Paso County Parks' use of GIS for data collection, operational, and planning applications. New regional park maps have been completed or are in process, and new and/or improved datasets have been received.

Grants for Capital Projects - EPC Parks has been awarded the following grants: \$165,000 2019 CDBG grant for Phase II Improvements at Widefield Community Park; \$350,000 2020 GOCO grant for Falcon Phase II; \$164,700 2020 CDBG grant for Fairgrounds walkway improvements.

Park Operations / Miscellaneous Projects

Central District:

Bear Creek Regional Park – A busy month around the Park and assisting with the County Fair has caused the reporting period to fly by. With the increase of pavilion rentals and field usage, archery camps, Concerts in the Park, and an overwhelming amount of pickleball play, staff has had their hands full with daily maintenance and continue to maintain Bear Creek Park to the high standards expected by park patrons. Central staff spent time cleaning facilities, mowing, trimming turf and native grass areas, box blading parking lots and trails, doing routine illegal camp checks, irrigation improvements, bed maintenance, herbicide applications, and playground inspections. The Park Operations team continues to meet with Raine Construction regarding the installation of the new restrooms at Bear Creek West. This project is underway and should be completed within the next few months.

Bear Creek Dog Park – The Park continues to experience a large volume of guests and staff commits significant daily effort with trash removal and facility cleaning. Park's staff would like to thank ALL County employees who volunteered for the most recent "Scoop the Poop" event. Your help and support is greatly appreciated!

Rainbow Falls Historic Site – The Recreation and Cultural Services Division continues to report a high volume of park users with parking still creating major challenges. Maintenance staff provides bi-weekly visits to monitor security cameras, remove trash, check portable restrooms, and monitor the site for new graffiti.

Downtown Facilities – Downtown staff members remain busy with general maintenance tasks including mowing, trimming, and weed control. With staffing shortages around the County Park system, the Downtown team has been called to assist at other park properties while still maintaining the Downtown Facilities to high standards.

Jones Park – 2021 planning efforts regarding maintenance and grant funding are in full swing. Discussion with RMFI have helped identify funding sources and prioritize maintenance objectives. Staff continues to work through the master planning process.

Ute Pass Regional Trail – Staff removed trash and debris from trail corridors and trailheads. Mowing and trail improvement operations were completed during this reporting period.

East District:

County Fairgrounds – July is by far the busiest month for the County Fairgrounds. Staff's primary focus was the 2021 El Paso County Fair. The team worked on staffing the Fair and prepping for events. The East District team was very appreciative of all the support provided by other park districts. The Fair was a success this year and now the cleanup efforts continue. Staff received several compliments on the new ADA walkways that were recently installed and it was very heartwarming to see attendees enjoying the improved accessibility.

Homestead Ranch Regional Park – The team continues to deal with irrigation issues. Early in the month two additional leaks were discovered. One lateral line was repaired, and Barnhart Pump assisted with a leak and a malfunctioning check valve in the irrigation pump house. Staff will continue to monitor and make repairs as needed.

Falcon Regional Park – Phase II is wrapping up and staff looks forward to completing the final walkthrough to discuss punch list items with the contractor.

North District:

General Information – We would like to welcome Ben Powell as the new Park Maintenance I in the North District. Ben gained maintenance experience from working with other municipalities, to include the City of Colorado Springs and Douglas County. We look forward to the knowledge and experience Ben will bring to our team.

Much time was committed to assisting our East District team with County Fair support. Staff successfully supported Fair efforts while maintaining high customer service standards for our guest.

Fox Run Regional Park – EPC Wildland Fire continues to assist our district with fuel mitigation and general forestry improvements. Improvements include tree thinning and reduction of low level fuels (fire mitigation).

Some minor projects have been placed on hold to focus on service standards and to catch up on general maintenance needs following seasonal setbacks and staffing shortages. Staff continues to repair trail damage and grade all roads and parking lots from recent rain events. Efforts were made to replace split rail fence, mow native areas, repair irrigation breaks, replace the sump pump in Pine Meadows restroom, replace old valve boxes, problem-solve irrigation VFD issues, pump out flooded restroom vaults, cut and replaced bricks thrown in the lake from the wedding gazebo floor.

Minor repairs have been made to the dog park parking lot drainage project, which allows all water to freely flow out of the dog park without any standing water. In addition, Fox Run Dog Park was awarded Best of the Springs for 2021.

Black Forest Regional Park – Our primary goals in BFRP have been native mowing, broadleaf weed mitigation, deep cleaning restrooms / pavilions, and making repairs to irrigation and public water systems.

Pineries Open Space – Our team continues to monitor the trail system for potential hazard trees. While patrolling trail corridors, efforts are made to remind guests of park rules. Trash removal from native park areas continues to be high priority.

Several sections of fence were cut during a burglary in an adjacent neighborhood. All damaged portions of the fence have been repaired.

Staff concluded our annual onsite maintenance review with Palmer Land Conservancy.

Santa Fe Regional Trail - Staff completed 90% of all native mowing, spraying, and pulling weeds along the Santa Fe trail and trailheads. Efforts were made to replace a sump pump and repaired two separate backflows for the public water system. Restroom interiors were repainted as large areas of the interior walls were tagged with graffiti.

Black Forest Section 16 – Staff graded parking lots after recent rainstorms. Patrols of the perimeter trail are performed daily, and any individuals with their dogs off leash are informed of County policies.

Palmer Lake – Several sections of split-rail fence were repaired. All roads and parking lots were graded. We also replaced the old kiosk with a newer kiosk which is maintained by the town of Palmer Lake, El Paso County Parks, and the Historical Society. Staff also sprayed weeds on the trail and parking lots and completed all native mowing.

Forest Green Open Space – Routine patrols were conducted to remove trash and check property conditions.

Hodgen Road Trail – Routine patrols were conducted to remove trash and check trail conditions. Staff sprayed weeds on the trail and completed all native mowing.

South District:

General Maintenance – The Maintenance District Supervisor position has been filled and we are glad to have Ben Dumakowski join the team. Ben brings 20+ years of agronomy and horticulture experience to the team. The leadership goals are to promote safety, teamwork, communication, project completion, and overall park improvements. Staffing continues to be a challenge for the South District. Our internal hiring panel recently reviewed Park Maintenance II applications through the Spark interview process.

The South District has performed several important necessary repairs this month. We have located, excavated, and repaired two large irrigation leaks at the Fountain Creek Regional Park. The park currently has no breaks or leaks in the irrigation system. These repairs will provide the property with additional irrigation water and better field conditions to enjoy. It will also provide more water to fill the pond to capacity, improving the function and aesthetics of the Park.

Our crew has been able to maintain all southern properties at satisfactory conditions. In addition to providing adequate mowing, trimming, trail maintenance, performing public water system testing, and typical irrigation repairs the South District was able to complete several small projects.

Fountain Creek Regional Park - Improvements were made to enhance the conditions of the Fountain Creek Dog Park. There were also small repairs to the Fountain creek parking lot including grading and pothole repairs. The horseshoe pits were also cleaned and improved. Two new volleyball nets are also installed at the sand court, which appears to be a popular spot on Friday's.

Stratmoor Hills Park - A memorial bench was installed near the basketball court. It was installed in a shady location with views of the mountains. It should serve as nice spot to reflect and remember loved ones.

Hanson Trailhead - The Hanson trail was recently re-opened following the trail construction and drainage improvements. It's a nice addition to the South District and a welcomed return since its

closure following the 2015 flood event. The Hanson trail and the new bridge will be an enjoyable open space for the city of Fountain.

Widefield Community Park - There will be a site visit in early August at the United flight 585 memorial in Widefield Community Park. This meeting will be to discuss the plans for the desired volunteer improvements and maintenance from the Colorado Springs Airport sponsor. In addition, there was also a large hazard tree that was removed from Widefield park. The tree was quite large, and clean-up will be completed by the first week of August.