

# **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services**

PR&CS Administration, 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80905



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## **Agenda TOPS Working Committee**

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**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

**7:30 a.m.**

**1401 Recreation Way**

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### **How to call in to the meeting for citizens:**

*Please dial +1 (720) 617-3426 Conference ID: 494 055 957#*

### **How to comment:**

- *For Citizen Discussion concerning items that are not on the agenda please email your comments to [PRCS-TOPSTWorkingCommittee-SMB@coloradosprings.gov](mailto:PRCS-TOPSTWorkingCommittee-SMB@coloradosprings.gov) in advance of the meeting.*
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### **Agenda Preview**

Board Chair

### **Announcements**

Staff and Committee

### **Approval of Minutes**

Committee

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### **Citizen Discussion**

Citizens

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### **Action Items**

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### **Presentation Items**

Rocky Mountain Field Institute Year in Review

Carl Woody

Greyhawk Park Master Plan

Connie Schmeisser

2024 Project Look Ahead

Lonna Thelen/D&D

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### **Citizen Discussion**

Citizens

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### **Adjournment**



# GREY HAWK PARK MASTER PLAN



Overview

Opportunities & Constraints

Public Feedback

Preliminary Concepts

Final Concept

Next Steps

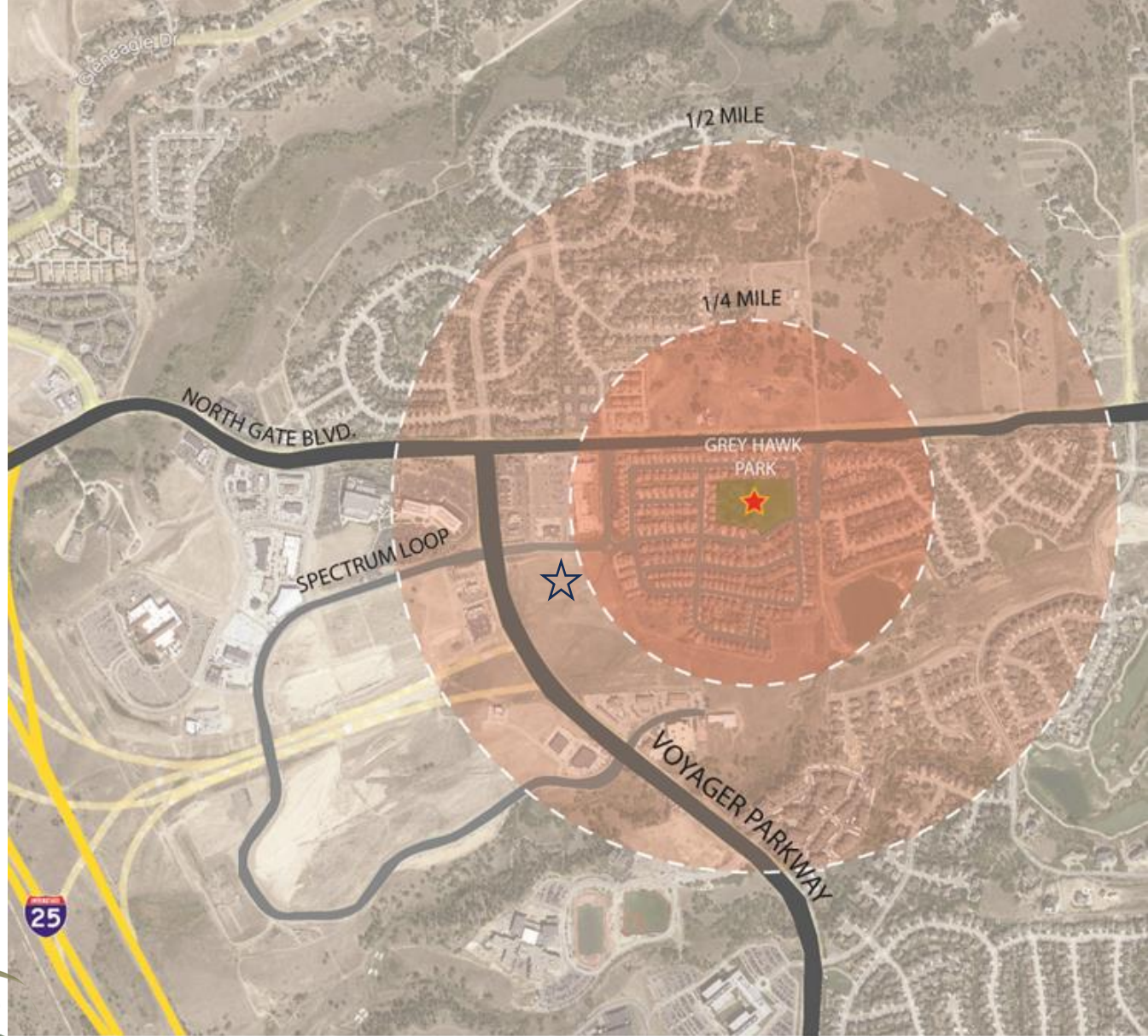
Questions





# GREY HAWK PARK

- 4.47 ac Neighborhood Park  
Lot 276 Grey Hawk at Northgate Filing No. 1
- Acquired: 2006 (PLDO)
- Frog's Leap Park (1/2 mi)
- Commercial uses to the west
- El Paso County residential (north)
- Future Powers Blvd Extension
- Northgate Open Space Areas
- Spectrum Loop Apartments ☆



GREY HAWK VICINITY MAP



**City of Colorado Springs  
Park System Master Plan**



Parks, Recreation, Trails,  
Open Space & Cultural Services



1. Take Care of What We Have
2. Diversify Financial Strategies/New Funding Methods
3. Broaden, Enhance and Promote Recreation Opportunities
4. Continue OS Conservation in Advance of Development
5. Parks, OS and Trails Create Great Neighborhoods
6. Manage Parks for Better Usability and Greater Enjoyment
7. Enhance and Formulate Strong and Broad Partnerships





# MEETING #1

# ONSITE MEETING & SURVEY



Neighborhood Meeting #1



# SITE ANALYSIS

## Existing Conditions:

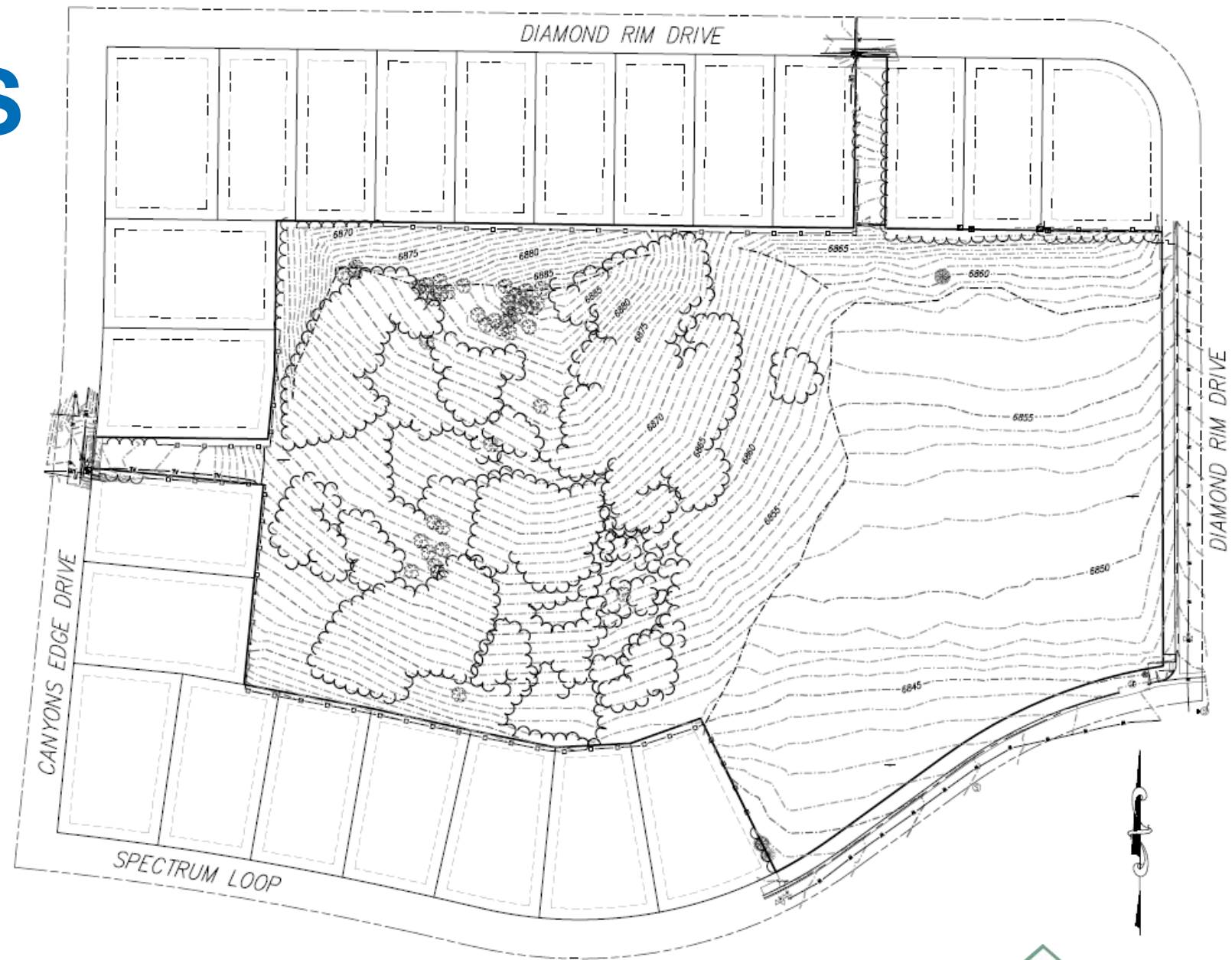
- Site Grade/Slopes:

  - HP: 6885 feet

  - LP: 6840 feet

  - Elevation Change: 45 feet**

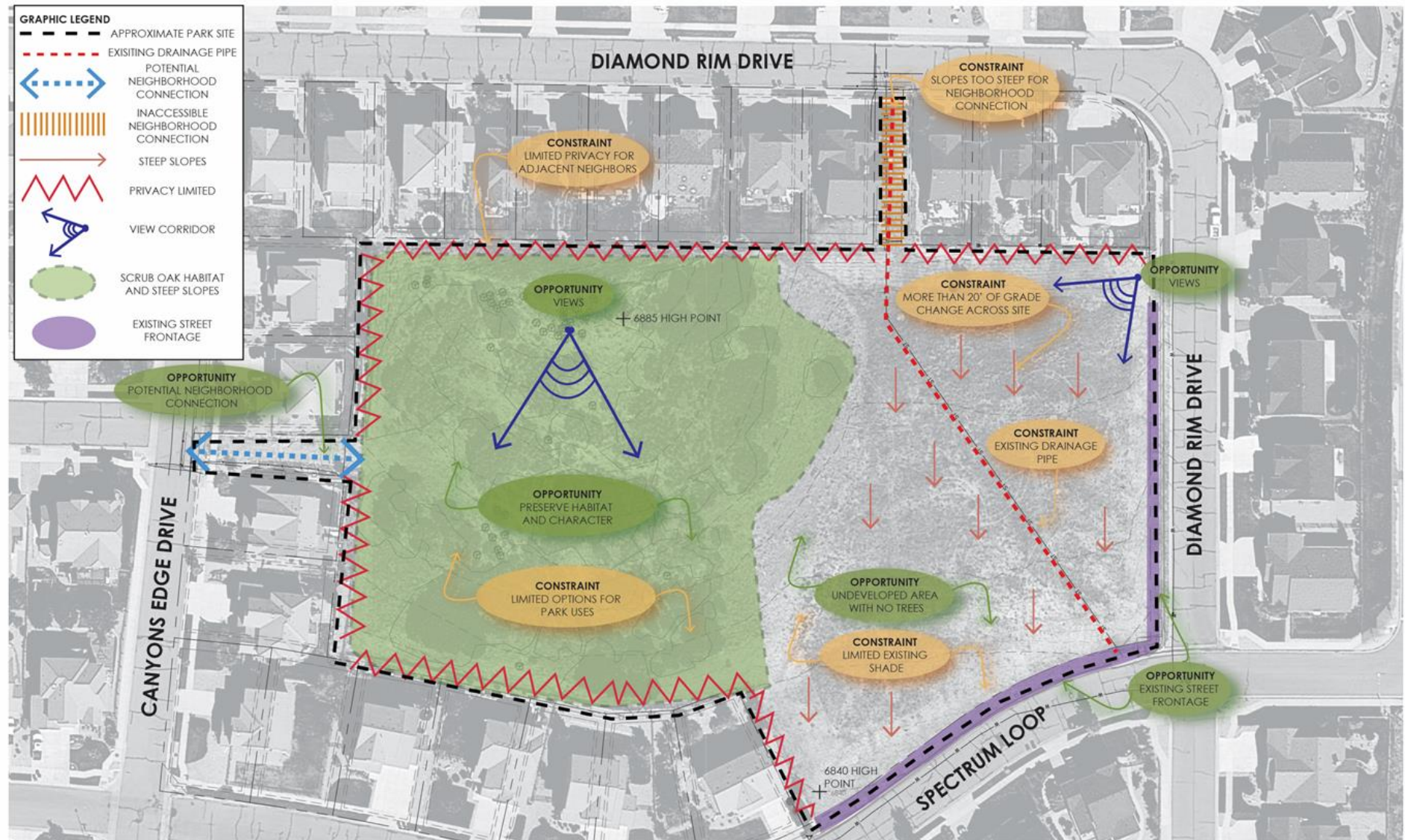
- Soils
- Views
- Existing Vegetation
- Disturbed Area
- Solar Access/Shade
- Access
- Existing Storm Drain
- Residential Lots
- USPS Mailbox





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## OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS DIAGRAM

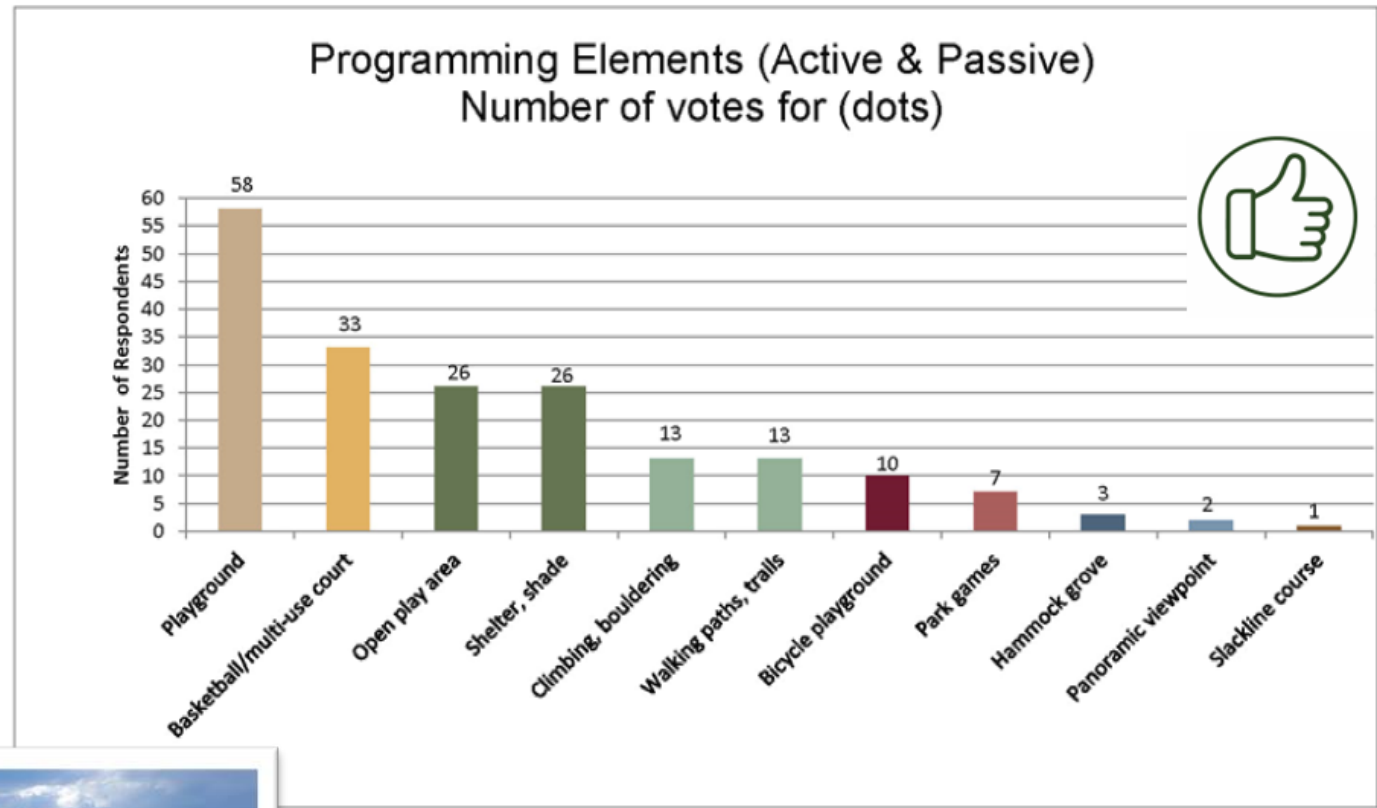
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# OUTREACH 1

Dot Take Away: Active & Passive

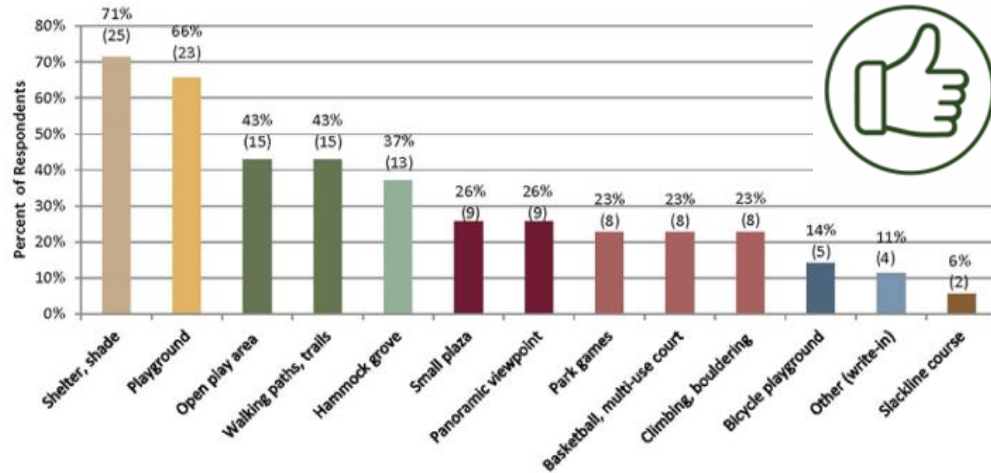
1. Playground
2. Multi-use court
3. Open use area
4. Shade/shelter



5. Climbing
6. Walking paths, trails



Which of the following elements would you like to see included in the plan for Grey Hawk Park? (Choose up to 5)

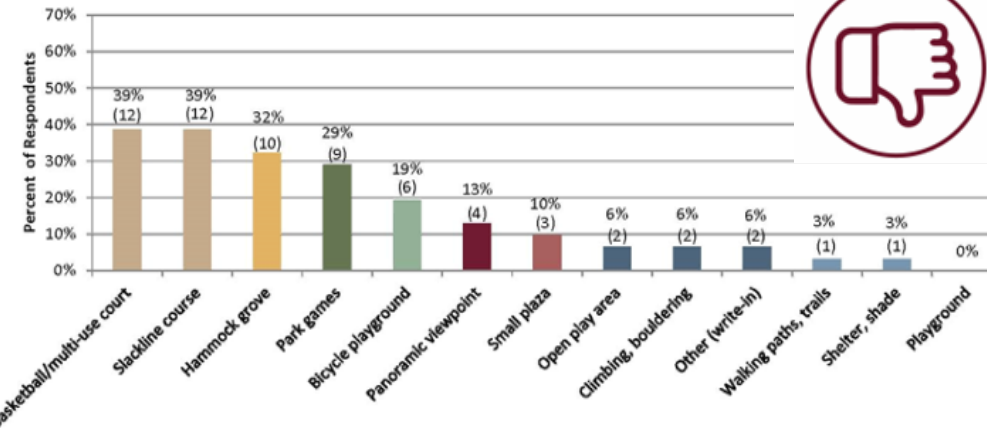


Write-in Responses:  
-Pickleball court. -More natural looking elements. -Splash pad or water play area. -Small splash pad and dog park.

## Survey: Like LEAST

1. Basketball
2. Slack Line Course
3. Hammock
4. Park Games
5. Bicycle playground

Which of the following elements would you NOT like to see included in the plan for Grey Hawk Park? (Choose up to 5)



Write-in Responses:  
-No unused space we payed a premium to live next to the park. -No expansive fields that would draw more water, leave the landscape as natural as possible and put irrigation into a small pad for kids. Could meter the hours it's operational.

## Survey: Like MOST

1. Shelter, Shade
2. Playground
3. Open use area
4. Walking paths, trails
5. Hammock grove



# MEETING #2 CONCEPTS & SURVEY



Neighborhood Meeting #2





## Concept A Features:

- Layout
- Playground
- Shelter
- Multi-use field space
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Soft surface trail
- No multi-use court



### CONCEPT A SITE PLAN

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### Concept B Features:

- Layout (flipped)
- Playground
- Shelter
- Multi-use field space
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Soft surface trail
- Multi-use court

**CONCEPT B SITE PLAN**  
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## Concept C Features:

- Layout
- Playground
- Shelter
- Multi-use field space
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Soft surface trail
- Multi-use court



### CONCEPT C SITE PLAN

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## Concept D Features:

- Layout
- Playground
- Shelter
- Multi-use field space
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Soft surface trail
- Multi-use court



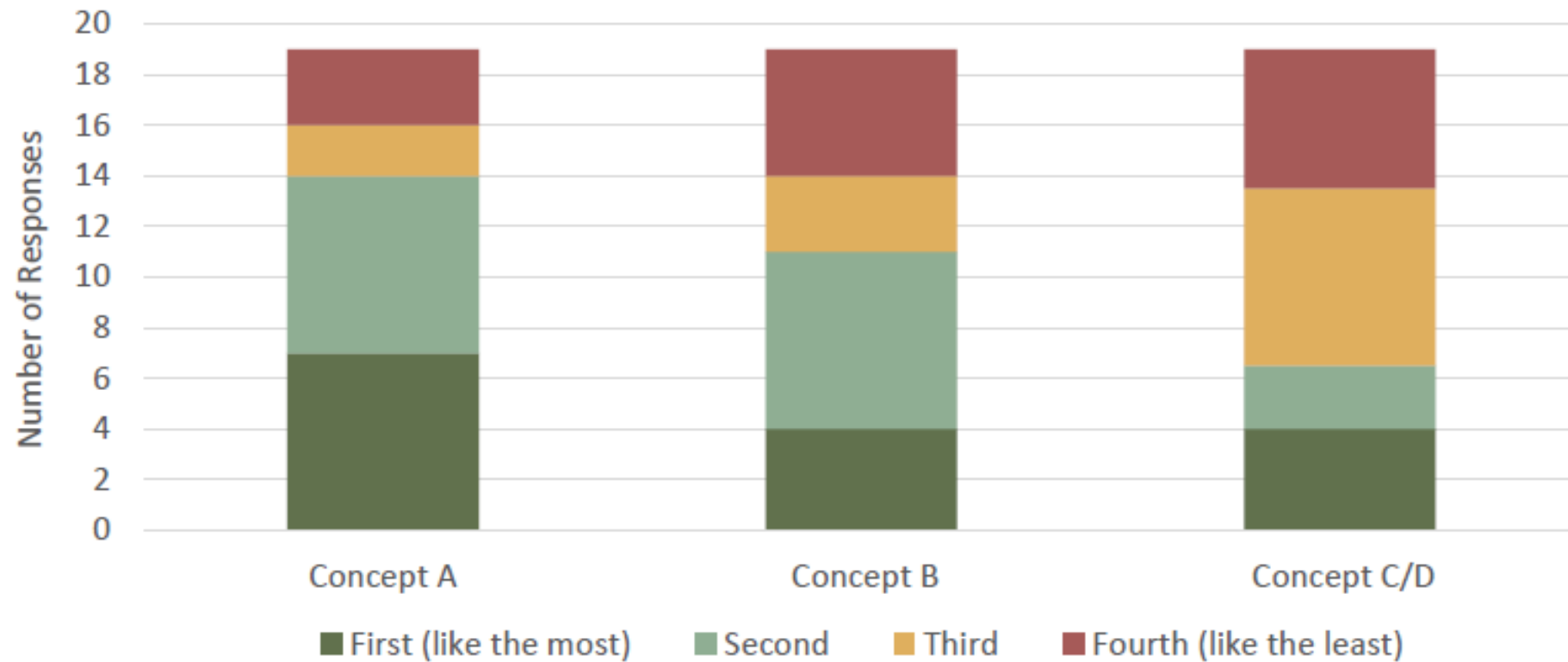
### CONCEPT D SITE PLAN

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# CONCEPT RANKING

## Ranking of Concepts





# PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPES

## NATURE THEMED



### PLAY EQUIPMENT AND STYLE OPTIONS

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# PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPES

CHALLENGE COURSE



TRADITIONAL POST AND DECK



## PLAY EQUIPMENT AND STYLE OPTIONS

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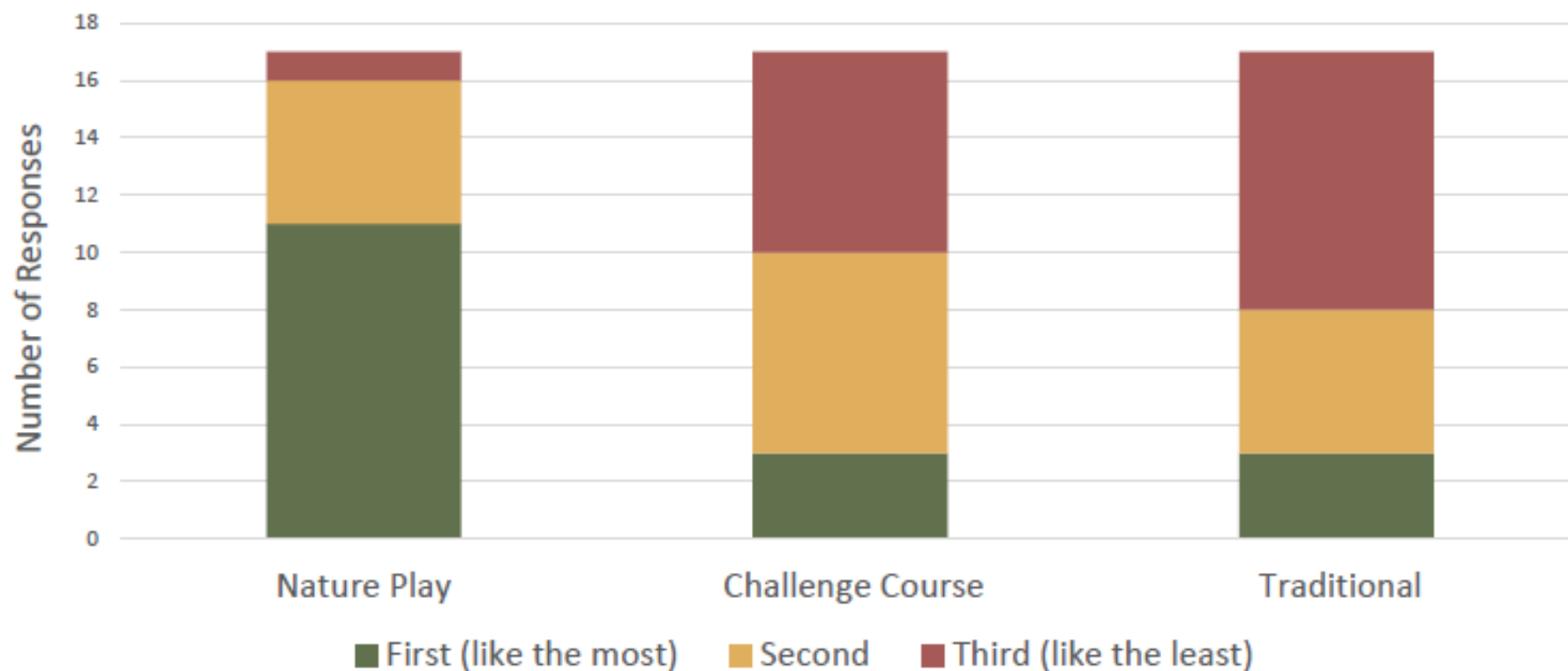
# PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPE RANKING

17 Respondents

Play Equipment Type:

1. Nature
2. Challenge
3. Traditional

### Ranking of Play Equipment



# PUBLIC MEETING #3

# FINAL CONCEPT





# FINAL DESIGN

## Features:

- Layout
- Playground (6500 sf)
- Shelter (15' x 20')
- Multi-use field space (0.6 ac, 26,136 sf)
- Slopes
- Storm drainpipe
- Multi-use court
- Entry/Access
- Walking Loops:
  - Concrete
  - Soft Surface Trail (Width and Distances)
- Landscape/Conservation



# FUNDING SNAPSHOT



<b>CONSTRUCTION - EARLY ESTIMATE (W/ Contingency)*</b>		\$	2,200,000
<b>2024 Budget Approved</b>		\$	1,000,000
		\$	(1,000,000)
	Subtotal	\$	1,200,000
<b>POTENTIAL FUNDING - IN PROGRESS</b>			
2023 General Budget Savings		\$	400,000
			(\$400,000)
2024 Parkland Dedication Alternative Compliance Agreement		\$	400,000
			(\$400,000)
2025 Budget Request - TBD		\$	400,000
			(\$400,000)
		\$	-

\* Cost Savings sought through Future Phases: Final Design, Construction Proposals, and Construction.





# GREY HAWK PARK MASTER PLAN



## NEXT STEPS:

### MASTER PLAN APPROVAL:

- PRCS Advisory Board – Approval

## 2024

- Final Design / Construction Documents (6-8 months)
- Request for Proposals / Contractor (3-4 months)

## 2025

Construction 2025 (TBD, Approx. 8 -10 months)



## Advisory Board

Two Meetings:

1. Presentation, Feb 8th
2. Action, March 14<sup>th</sup>



# GREY HAWK PARK MASTER PLAN



## QUESTIONS







# 2024 LOOK AHEAD

## Upcoming TOPS Projects

**02/07/24**

PRCS Design & Development Team Members

# TOPS CIP Funding list

Project	Amount
Austin Bluffs/University Park Open Space MP Implementation	\$200,000
Blodgett Open Space Improvement	\$200,000
Chamberlin Trail South	\$100,000
Fischer Canyon Open Space Planning and Implementation	\$200,000
Grey Hawk Park Planning and Implementation	\$500,000
Jimmy Camp Creek Regional Park Assessment and Planning	\$250,000
Open Space Wayfinding Sign Package/Implementation	\$200,000
Sand Creek Trail – Airport to Palmer Park	\$100,000



# Jimmy Camp Creek Regional Park Assessment and Planning

- Hydrology assessment of Jimmy Camp Creek Park
- Property Boundary survey





# Grey Hawk Park

## 2024

- TOPS Working Committee, January 7th
- PRCS Advisory Board, January 8th
- Final Design / Construction Documents
- Request for Proposals / Contractor

## 2025 Construction



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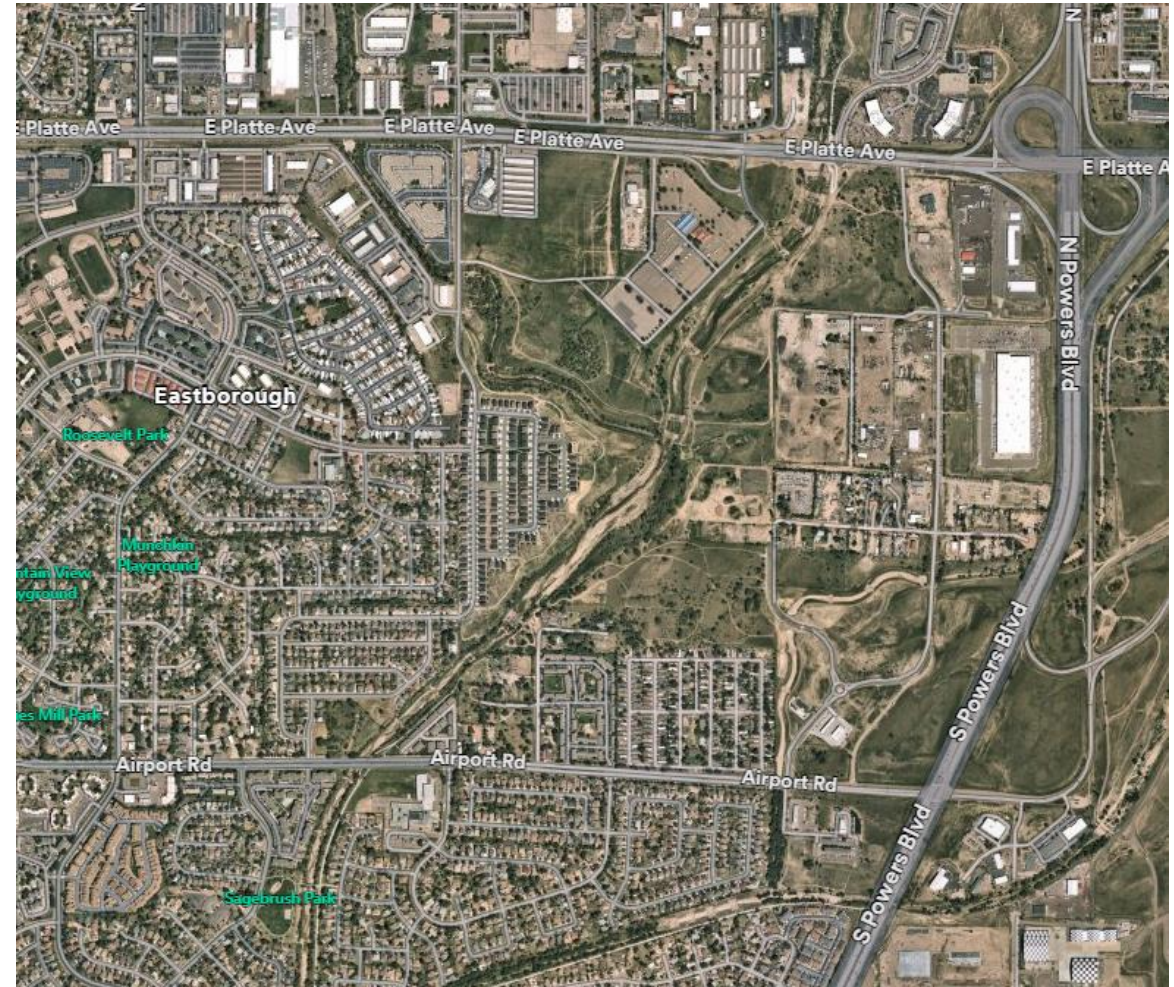




# Sand Creek Trail

## Airport Road to Platte Ave.

- Design of Tier 1 Urban Trail
- Stormwater and Traffic Improvements
- Approximately 1 mile of trail connectivity



## Sand Creek Bridge at Greenways Park

- Bridge spanning Sand Creek
- Connection from Greenways Park to east side of Sand Creek

## Oak Meadows Playground and Parking Lot Renovation

- Partnership with Office of Accessibility
- Completed by late summer of 2024



# Austin Bluffs Open Space

- Wayfinding and signage
- Austin Bluffs Trailhead (south Pulpit Rock) Phase 1
- Spine Trail ~2 miles new trail
- 2 segments (Pulpit Rock area and Union Blvd Area)
- Enlightenment Trail – Hiking only trail to Pulpit Rock Summit
- Open Space restoration projects





# Blodgett Open Space

- Master and Management Approval Process
- Initial Master and Management Plan Implementation based on priorities and funding
- Chamberlain Trail, Open Space Trails, Bike Only Trails, Quarry Trailhead
- Open Space Restoration Projects
- State Trails Grant Funding Opportunities
  - Open Space Improvements
  - Blodgett Peak NEPA analysis





# Fishers Canyon Open Space

- MYHC noxious weed treatment
- Master and Management Public Process
- Master and Management Plan approval process
- Initial Master and Management Plan Implementation based on priorities and funding
- LWCF Grant Funding Opportunity
  - Open Space Improvements
  - Chamberlain Trail, Open Space Trails, Trailhead
- 2025 Fire Mitigation with MHYC (6 weeks)





# Chamberlain Trail

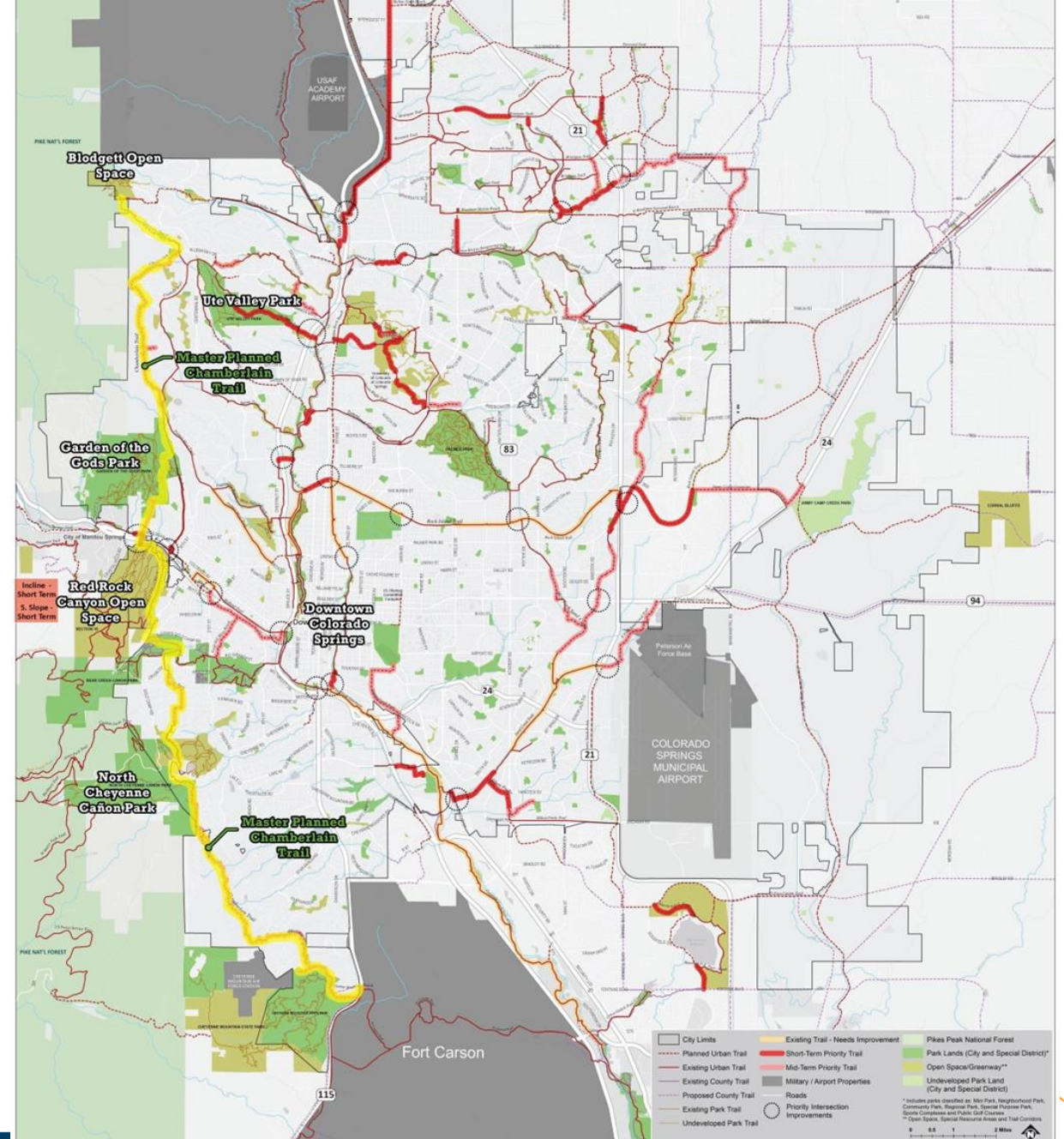
- 26+ mile master planned trail
- Singletrack trail experience along foothills of Colorado springs
- ~13+ miles of route in place

## North planning area (north of Highway 24)

- Blodgett Open Space Connection

## South Planning Area (south of Highway 24)

- Skyway Connections
- North Cheyenne Canon Park to Cheyenne Mountain State Park
- Fishers Canyon Open Space
- Zoo coordination
- Other Opportunities





# Open Space Wayfinding and Trailhead Kiosks

- Conclude wayfinding (trail markers) at Austin Bluffs, Red Rock Canyon Open Space, North Cheyenne Canon Park
- Post installed, awaiting warmer weather for decal installation
- Welcome Signs (Trailhead Entrance Signs)
- Complete remaining open space properties
- Trailhead Kiosk
- Expanding trailhead plaza spaces
- Complete multiple trailheads throughout open spaces
- Improving and enhancing the ADA accessible trailhead
- New signage, maps, rules and regulations, LNT messaging



# Questions?



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