

Cottonwood Disc Golf Course

Parks Board

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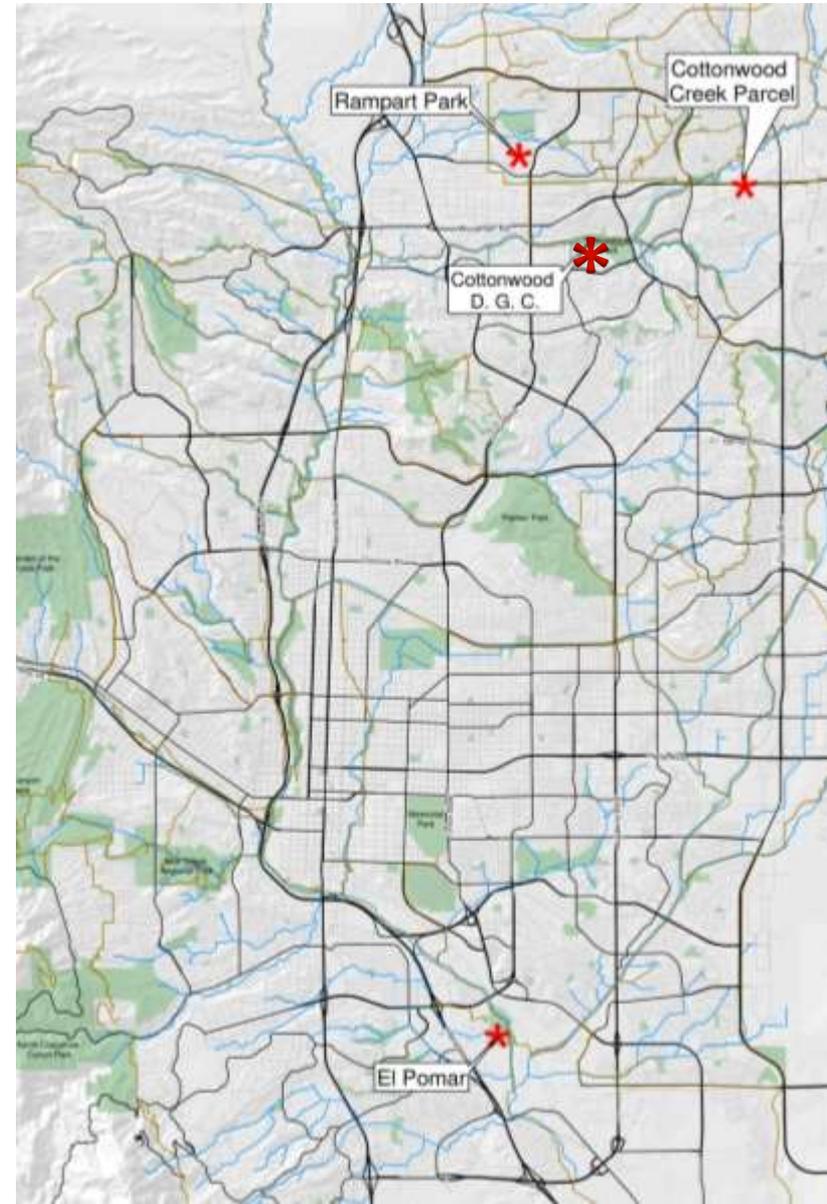
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Disc Golf History



- Growing in use and popularity
 - Cottonwood was Colorado Springs only course
- Need for new courses
 - Eliminate overcrowding at Cottonwood
 - New locations
- Site evaluations for new course
 - The Aviary and Rampart 2015/16
- Cottonwood Creek Redesign
 - Improve safety and other concerns



Cottonwood History



- Open in the 1980's
 - Only Course in Colorado Springs
 - Popular with the pros and semi pro disc golfers
- Overcrowded and heavily used
- Cottonwood Creek Drainage

Improvements

- Widened channel
- Cottonwood Creek Trail
- Altered Course design
- Hole Proximity, Hole overlap, reduction on course acreage



Existing Layout



Current Concerns



- **Pedestrian and player safety**
- **Course playability and flow**
- **Drainage**
- **Parking on Montarbor Dr**



Project Goals



- **Improve** pedestrian and player safety
- **Reduce** conflicts with cross-play and close proximity holes
- **Improve** course playability and flow
- **Reuse** the existing structures on course
 - Rock walls, steps, boardwalks, tee pads (relocated), pin locations
- Respect for the areas of natural preservation
- Access for Park's Maintenance Staff
- Cost effectiveness
- Follow the PDGA Disc Golf Course Design Recommendations

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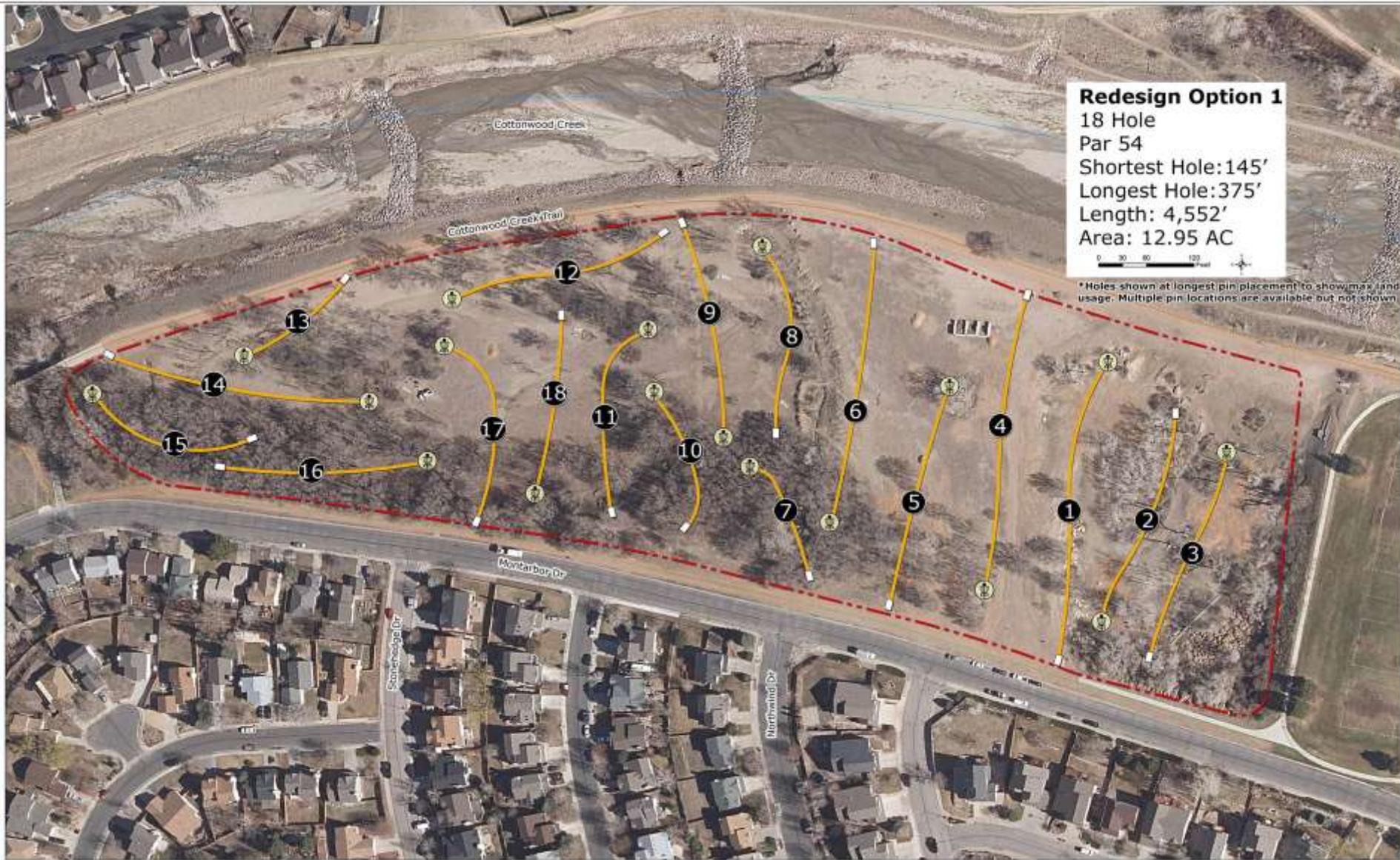
PDGA Disc Golf Course Design

- Sufficient visibility of players, pedestrians and vehicles
- Possibility of Multiple configurations to serve all player abilities
- Well balanced course; varied lengths and directions
- Utilize elevation changes and available foliage sustainably

PDGA Disc Golf Course Design Elements

- Space – Sufficient room for the holes
- Hole Count – Standard are 9 and 18. Space may prohibit total number
- Length – min 100', ideally 250' per hole
- Hole Notes – one negotiable flight path at the designed skill level; clear targets; water areas
- Tees – clear, hard surfaces at standard size
- Targets – Basket/chair
- Signs – Rules, hole layout and notes
- Par – course length and playability
- Layout – no overlap, conflicts , access to parking
- ADA Compliance if and when applicable

Redesign Option 1



Redesign Option 1
18 Hole
Par 54
Shortest Hole: 145'
Longest Hole: 375'
Length: 4,552'
Area: 12.95 AC

*Holes shown at longest pin placement to show max land usage. Multiple pin locations are available but not shown

Redesign Option 2

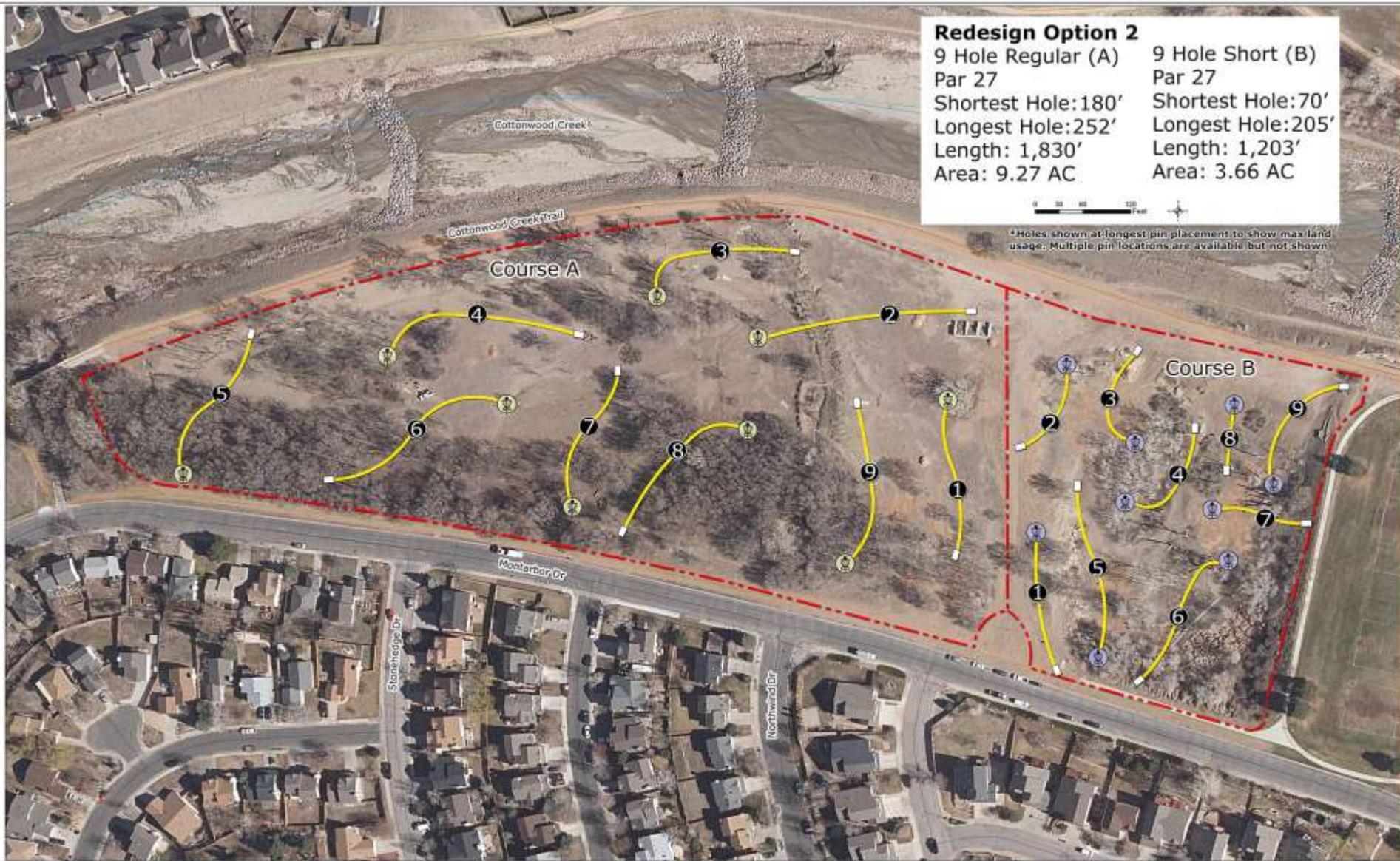


Redesign Option 2

9 Hole Regular (A) Par 27 Shortest Hole: 180' Longest Hole: 252' Length: 1,830' Area: 9.27 AC	9 Hole Short (B) Par 27 Shortest Hole: 70' Longest Hole: 205' Length: 1,203' Area: 3.66 AC
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Community Feedback



- Preference for 18 hole course
 - History and legacy of the course
 - Competitive and unique play
 - Popularity/favorite course
- Least preference for 9 hole and short 9 hole course
 - Not enough space/overcrowding
 - Non-competitive/ lacks interest



Community Feedback



- New opportunity?
 - Family friendly
 - Beginners
 - Safe place to learn
- Ongoing collaboration with Disc Golf Community



Master Plan



**PROPOSED
MASTER PLAN**
18 Hole
Par 54
Shortest Hole: 145'
Longest Hole: 375'
Length: 4,552'
Area: 12.95 AC



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Next Steps



- To be completed after Rampart course is fully open
- Disc Golf Community has committed to redesign
 - Additional funds
 - Time and labor
 - Volunteer work days

Recommendation



- Approve the proposed Master Plan Amendment and redesign to the Cottonwood Creek Disc Golf Course
- Continue to look for opportunities for family friendly course in Colorado Springs



Questions

