



**Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
Platform for Denver's Urban Parks
adopted January 8, 2011**

Introduction:

The urban park platform is based on four broad assumptions

- A need to preserve open green space with free and equal access for citizens
- A need to implement a community based process for the development of park policy
- A need to significantly increase the amount of parkland
- A need to have sustained and dedicated revenue sources for parks

- **The Context**
- City Beautiful Movement early 1900's
- Urban parks current value
- Denver's park policies

The 2003 Game Plan's

Four Principles to Guide Maintenance and Development

- Sustainability
- Equity
- Engagement
- Sound Economics

**To be effective the Game Plan
needs definitions to its
principles**

INC's Urban Park Platform

#1 Protection of Open Green Space

Historic purpose of urban parks must be protected:

Provide all citizens free access to open green space, trees, lakes and gardens.

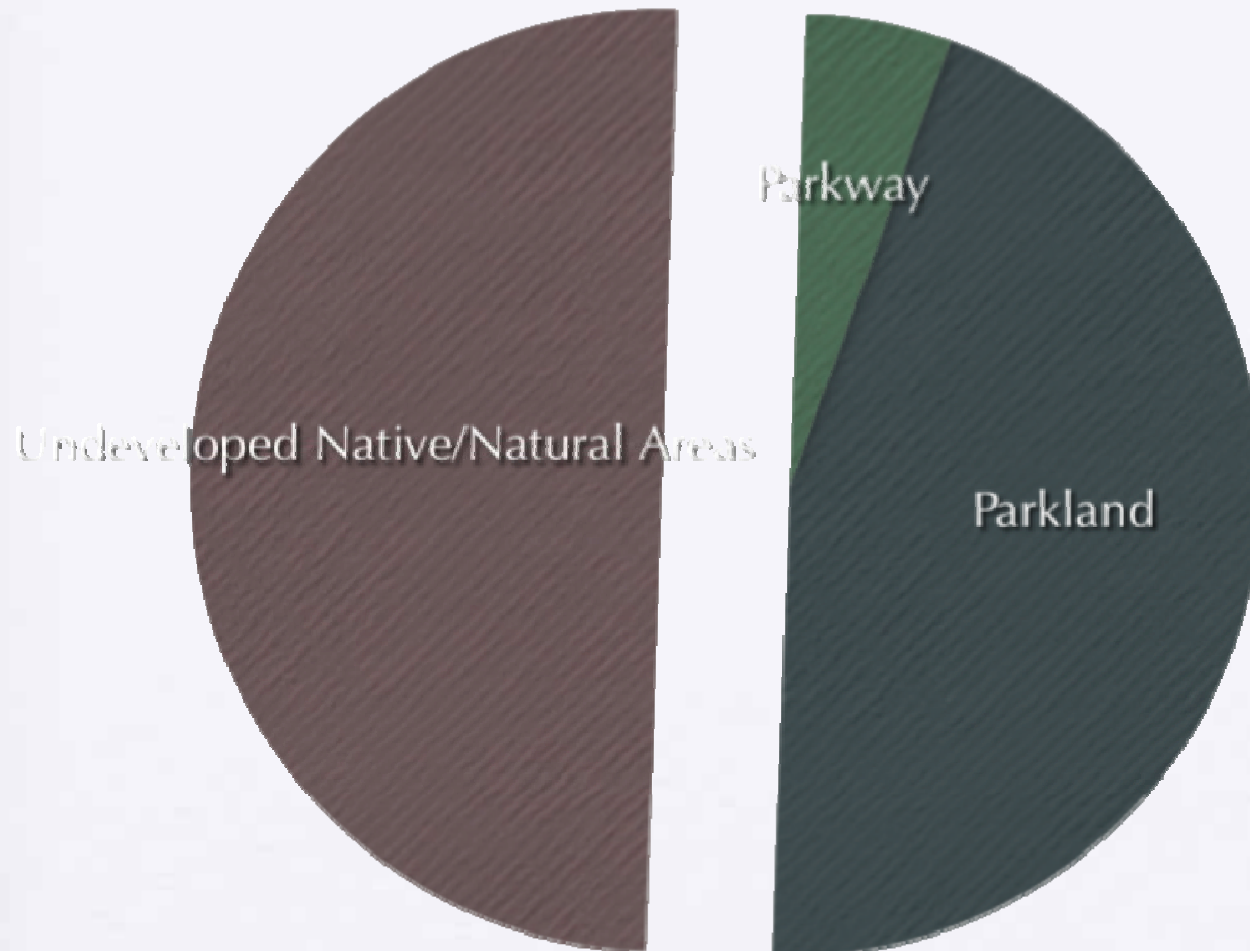
Protecting this purpose must be the cornerstone of public policy for Denver's urban parks.

This assertion does not undermine the importance of recreation.

It does serve to anchor Denver's urban park policy in its historic purpose--to provide all citizens access to the experience of nature--an experience that cannot be fulfilled by any other public space in the urban environment.

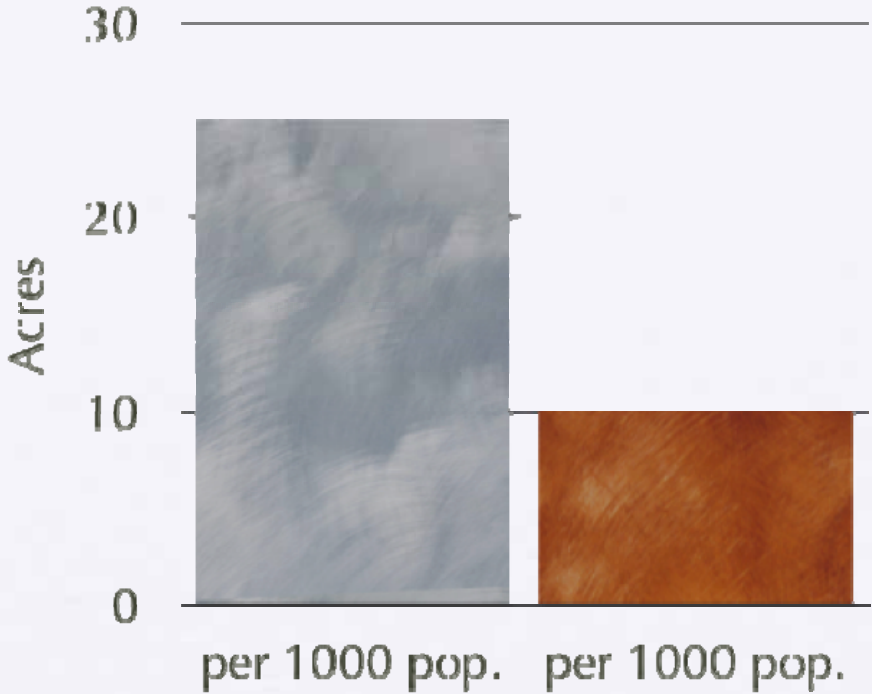
2 Increase Urban Parkland

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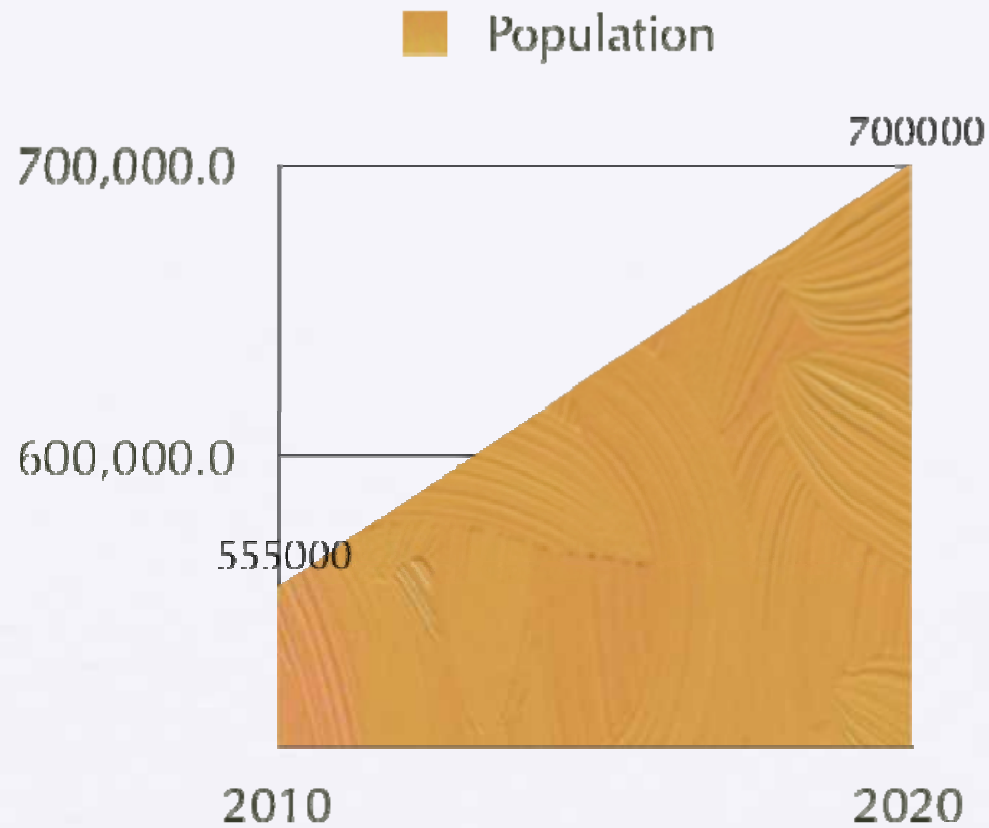


Comparable Urban Parkland

■ Denver 2010
■ Portland 2010



Projected Population Growth for Denver



Goal: Double the amount
of land devoted to urban
parkland over the next 10
years

#3 Park Use Policies to be Community Based

Evaluating Park Uses

- Proposed use does not inhibit the primary and or established uses of the park
- Proposed use is respectful of the neighborhoods surrounding the park
- Proposed site has adequate space for proposed use
- Adequate funding to oversee the proposed policy and any repair of damage caused by the new use
- Any new proposed use must be supported by cost analysis.

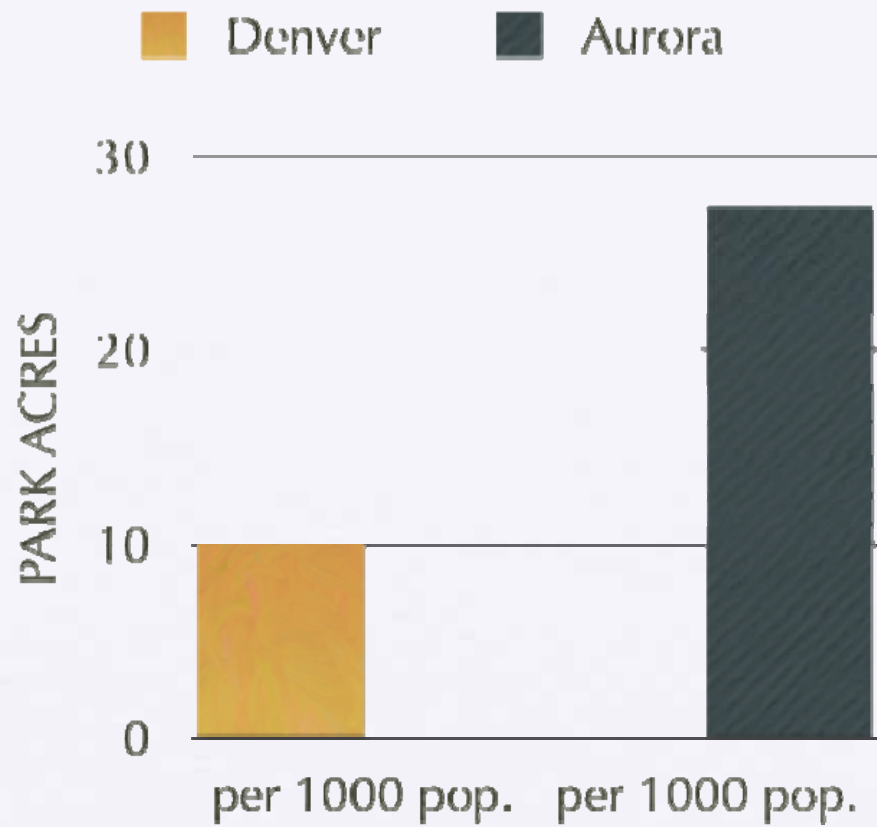
#4 Festival Site

Develop a Dedicated Festival Site

- With voter approval
- Revenue-generating and financially feasible
- Does not conflict with broad philosophical principles on which the rest of the park system has been built.

**#5 Dedicated and Stable
Funding of Denver Parks
for Future Generations**

Metro Area



Metro Counties with Dedicated Funding Source

- Adams County
- Arapahoe
- Douglas
- Jefferson
- Gilpin
- Clear Creek
- Boulder













In Conclusion

INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATION
adopted this platform to help build a
strong alliance needed among:

- Citizens
- Mayor
- City Council
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Business Community
- Conservation Groups
- Other Organizations