Welcome + Introductions
Denver's Front Yard
Skyline Park

Skyline Park Improvements Project
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Feedback Opportunities
• Your camera & audio are automatically disabled
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You can interact with us in a few ways!
- Answering open-ended prompts via the Chat button
- Asking Q&A throughout the duration of the webinar
• Use the Chat button to answer open-ended questions we’ll be asking you.
• We’ll read back some responses, and collect the rest to help us with finalizing the Concept Plan.
• Only Panelists will be able to see your Chat comments.
• Use the **Q&A** button to ask questions
• Everyone will be able to see the Q&A
• We’ll address questions closer to the end of the session
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- **Upvote** the questions that you most want answered
Let’s see where participants are coming from!

Where do you live?

1. I live in the Denver Metro Area
2. I live outside the Denver Metro Area
Goals + Context
Vision

Skyline Park will be an authentic and contemporary expression of Denver’s urban outdoor lifestyle.

Goals

1. A **welcoming destination** that equitably brings diverse people together through a mix of unique events as well as everyday outdoor experiences.
2. A **cultural icon** that celebrates the arts, culture, and community of Denver.
3. A **connected place** that integrates with its edges and plays an active role in the downtown multimodal network.
4. A **resilient oasis** for respite that improves ecological health and individual wellness, while connecting visitors to the outdoors.
5. A **catalytic spark** that contributes to an active, thriving, and vibrant downtown.

**Vision + Goals**
Downtown Denver serves an evolving spectrum of people...

People
We also want to capture the imagination of a wider (and more diverse) audience with unique experiences to draw them to Skyline Park.
Today’s Downtown parks serve a range of user needs.

**Civic Center Park**
- Cultural Events and Festivals
- Outdoor Classes
- Amphitheater
- Fountain, Flower Beds, Public Art

**Cuernavaca Park**
- Permitted Sports
- Picnic Pavilions
- Rolling Hills

**Sonny Lawson Park**
- In Five Points
- Active Ball Field

**Commons Park**
- River Trail
- Walking / Jogging Paths
- Natural Areas
- Pick-up Games

**Confluence Park**
- Active Rapids
- Denver’s Beach

**Sculpture Park**
- Public Art
- Cultural Events and Festivals
But there are still gaps in both park access and park type.
This area was the homeland of the Arapaho, Ute, Cheyenne, and other native people.

Gold was discovered in 1858, setting off a boom that eventually led to the creation of the Colorado state capitol.

This growth did not come without consequences, as the region’s original inhabitants were violently displaced, and its natural landscape dramatically altered.

The transformation of Downtown Denver has been a powerful demonstration of transit-oriented development.

Today, Denver’s center city has over 26,000 residents and forecasts suggest another 7,000 residents coming in the next 5 years.

While new development has been largely beneficial to the city, many long time residents have faced involuntary displacement as nearby neighborhoods like Five Points gentrify.

Residents from other surrounding neighborhoods have also felt left out of Downtown’s revival and fear being displaced themselves.

The City and Downtown Denver Partnership have undertaken a series of urban open space plans and experiments to serve longstanding residents while continuing to welcome a growing Downtown population.

Building on the Outdoor Downtown Plan, Denver Moves, and the 5280 Trail, and learning from the public realm activations at Skyline Park and the 16th Street Mall, Skyline Park is once again being reimagined.
Original Design
Subsequent Improvements
Evolution of Skyline Park
Skyline Park is currently fragmented, poorly connected to its surroundings, and lacks the amenities and experiences to welcome a broader audience.
1. UNIFIED

2. CONNECTED

3. SPECTRUM

Basis of Design
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**Basis of Design: Unified**

- HtO Park, Toronto
- Lurie Garden, Chicago
- South Park Commons, Los Angeles
2. The next Skyline Park should be fully CONNECTED with surrounding streetscapes and ground floor uses.
Provide promenade on north edge for cafe seating and circulation

Basis of Design: Connected
Open up office buildings into the park for indoor/outdoor workplaces

Facebook Campus, Sunnyvale

Playa District, Los Angeles

Basis of Design: Connected
Expand park into Arapahoe to allow enhanced ped and bike experiences

Basis of Design: Connected
3. The next Skyline Park should offer a **SPECTRUM** of experiences to attract a diverse community.
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Community Process
Please join us for an online public workshop to reimagine Skyline Park! Come and tell us your favorite stories about the park, and share your vision for future programming and activities. The Skyline Park Improvements Project will create a new concept design for all three blocks of the park and develop a design for construction of Phase 1, which is located within Block 2 (adjacent to the D&F Tower). This project is funded by the Elevate Denver Bond Program.

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Online Public Workshop #1
Thursday, July 16, 2020
5:00-6:30pm
Join us on Zoom: https://bit.ly/2MQDyrR
Learn more about the project: www.denvergov.org/theousoutdoordowntown

Virtual Public Workshop #2
Thursday, March 4, 2021
5:30-7:00pm
Join us on Zoom: rebrand.ly/skyline
Learn more about the project: www.denvergov.org/theousoutdoordowntown

Skyline Park
People. Place. Lifestyle.

Engagement Metrics
1,486+ participants so far
115 voices participated in Stakeholder and Focus Groups
230 people joined for Virtual Public Workshops #1 + #2
1,091 online + paper survey responses
50+ people participated in additional engagement focused conversations
Workshop #1 feedback suggested program priorities

“I appreciate any park that has interactive art exhibits as well as an iconic landmark to identify that city. I also appreciate a stage for live music and performances.”

“An element of adventure (outdoor adventure/healthy lifestyles), something that is unique and new, not a duplicate of other features elsewhere... Climbable sculpture!”

“More trees! More shade! Too much concrete for a park. Make it more green.”

Program Priorities
Block 1 Feedback

Feedback Themes

- Importance of programming & activation
- Support for public art and cultural/arts programming
- Spaces for gathering & shaded seating
- Concerns about safety, security and loitering in the park

What do you want to experience on Block 1?
1131 total responses

Option A
Expanded arts and culture through live performances, movies, digital content, and rotating installations

Option B
Flex lawn with sculptural shade canopies, gathering spaces, and outdoor workplace amenities

A bit of both

Decline to Answer

- 32.80%
- 25.55%
- 38.28%
- 4.36%

The more outdoor cultural experiences, the better.

I think shade is an essential part of this

Downtown would benefit from an urban flex park to keep it activated more often.

... it would be nice to have outdoor work lounges and shade, but also art and entertainment.

... rotating art installations would be perfect.
Feedback Themes

- Support for food & beverage (F&B)
- Interest in “Loop” design of water and skate feature
- Important role of the D&F Tower
- Recognition of the significance of existing Block 2 Halprin fountain

Block 2 Feedback

What do you want to experience on Block 2 in terms of a water feature and skating?

1082 total responses

- Option A: Interactive water plaza and ice rink
  - 30.68%
- Option B: Loop water feature and skating
  - 44.35%
- A bit of both
  - 18.85%
- Decline to Answer
  - 5.91%

What do you want to experience on Block 2 in terms of food and beverage?

1093 total responses

- Option A: Independent food hall and outdoor dining area
  - 28.91%
- Option B: Landscape-integrated food and beverage
  - 45.11%
- A bit of both
  - 21.59%
- Decline to Answer
  - 4.39%

The water play is great for both kids and adults.
The food can surround a large skating area/water park so those enjoying a meal can watch the area.
Food hall paired with a fun water feature starts to create the “there-there” along the 16th St Mall. Getting exciting!
I worry that this implementation will entirely remove the fountain sculpture.
What do you want to experience on Block 3?

1099 total responses

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More active uses such as dog park, sports courts, fitness, climbing and sledding

More passive uses such as shady respite, botanical garden, winter hot house, snowshoeing & nature play

Feedback Themes

- Need to have a draw on Block 3 to pull people from the Mall
- Family-friendly spaces for play
- Support for fitness & parkour
- Support for dog Park
- Desire for more active uses
- Desire for a refuge from the city

Block 3 Feedback

I’d love to see a parkour-themed park/play area...

The dog park is [well] used... Give dog owners something else to do to bring the experience together with the whole park.

A fitness zone would bring both residents and workers to Block 3 on a daily or weekly basis...

Inviting, multi-generational playscapes. Playgrounds large enough for adults to participate. Bouldering walls, nature-themed fitness park. Trees to climb. Encouraging people of all abilities to enter and actively engage...
Preferred Concept Plan
Basis of Design to Preferred Concept Plan

1. UNIFIED
2. CONNECTED
3. SPECTRUM
Skyline Park will be a contemporary expression of Denver’s urban outdoor lifestyle

- ... a place for artistic engagement and self-expression
- ... a place for frequent & regular conviviality
- ... a place for multi-generational activities
- ... a place for outdoor play, of all types
- ... a place for cross-cultural celebrations
A park fabric is woven from flowing ribbons of hardscape and vegetation linking the three blocks and perpendicular bands that link the park to adjacent buildings and Arapahoe.

This flexible fabric can be pushed and pulled to make central activity spaces and shady areas of respite along the edges.

Artful Fabric

Ruth Asawa

Gunta Stölzl
Creates a rhythm of compression and expansion throughout the park, establishing a pulse pulling visitors to all three blocks.

Preferred Concept Plan
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1. UNIFIED
2. CONNECTED
3. SPECTRUM
shaded shoulders

large and small lawns w/ DG edge for tents and furnishings

Block 1
outdoor lounge w/ restrooms, coffee shop, and office amenities

Block 1
light art plaza w/ rotating art program and swing edges

Block 1
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Use the “Chat” box to share your feedback!

What do you like most about the conceptual design of Block 1?

What is missing or could be improved in the conceptual design of Block 1?
16th St Mall and D+F tower

interactive water feature (and winter rink)

Block 2
canopy over F&B, rentals, and restrooms

gathering grove (and winter loop)

Block 2
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Block 2
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What do you like most about the conceptual design of Block 2?

What is missing or could be improved in the conceptual design of Block 2?
recreation zone (basketball, pickleball, ping pong, rec center activities)
Block 3

fitness and play terraces

- Halprin sculpture
- ping pong
- basketball
- coffee kiosk
- pickle ball
- dog park
- 1000' exercise loop
- bike lane
- tree lawn
- shaded shoulders
- fitness / play zone
Block 3

- coffee kiosk and dog park
- Halprin sculpture
- ping pong
- basketball
- fitness / play zone
- coffee kiosk
- pickle ball
- dog park
- 1000' exercise loop
- bike lane
- tree lawn
- shaded shoulders
Block 3

recontextualized Halprin Block
2 fountain at grade on Block 3 w/ interactive lighting and fog
Block 3
Block 3
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What do you like most about the conceptual design of Block 3?

What is missing or could be improved in the conceptual design of Block 3?
Public Comments
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What do you like most about the conceptual design of Blocks 1, 2 and 3?

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Next Steps
Denver Parks and Recreation is creating a concept design for all three blocks of Skyline Park and a final design for Phase 1 construction, funded by the Elevate Denver Bond Program. The three-block concept design will be completed by Summer 2021, and will form the basis of future phases of construction.

**Next Steps**

Join us on Zoom: rebrand.ly/skyline
Take our survey: surveymonkey.com/r/skylinesurvey3
Learn more about the project: www.denvergov.org/theoutdoordowntown

**Project Timeline**

- **Workshop #1:** Vision and Goals - Summer 2020
- **Workshop #2:** Concept Design Options - Winter 2021
- **Workshop #3:** Draft Concept Design - Summer 2021
- **Final Concept Design** - Fall 2021
- **Phase 1 Implementation** - 2022-2023
- **Construction** - 2024

**Stakeholder Engagement**

- **Arapahoe St**
- **17th St**
- **Curtis St**
- **Lawrence St**
- **16th St Mall**
- **15th St**

**Virtual Public Workshop #3**

- **Wednesday, June 30, 2021**
- **5:30-7:00pm**

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**Take + Share Survey**

surveymonkey.com/r/skylinesurvey3
Closes August 1, 2021

**Need a paper survey?**

Email Laura Morales, DPR
laura.morales@denvergov.org

**Watch for Updates**

www.denvergov.org/theoutdoordowntown

**Final Concept Plan**

Stay Tuned!
Final Concept Plan will be shared late summer

**Questions?**

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