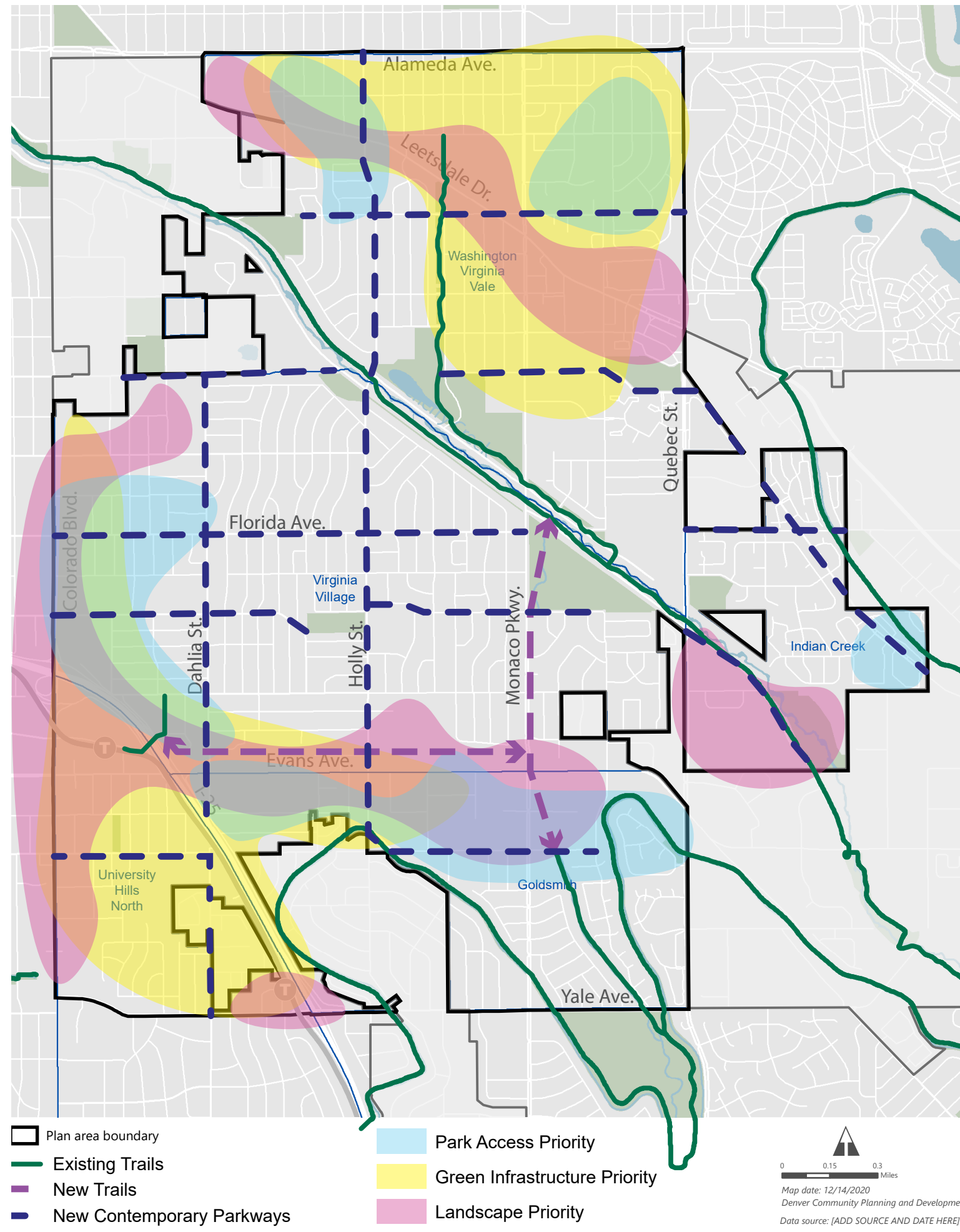


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QUALITY OF LIFE INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORK MAP



The framework map illustrates the priority recommendations from the community:

Parks access – Improve access to quality parks and ensure park amenities serve the communities needs

New trails – Increase trail access by creating new trails connecting key destinations and making it easier to get to and from existing trails

Landscape priorities – Enhance sustainability by updating landscaping to be more resilient and improving tree cover to reduce heat, resulting in an ecologically beneficial, integrated landscape

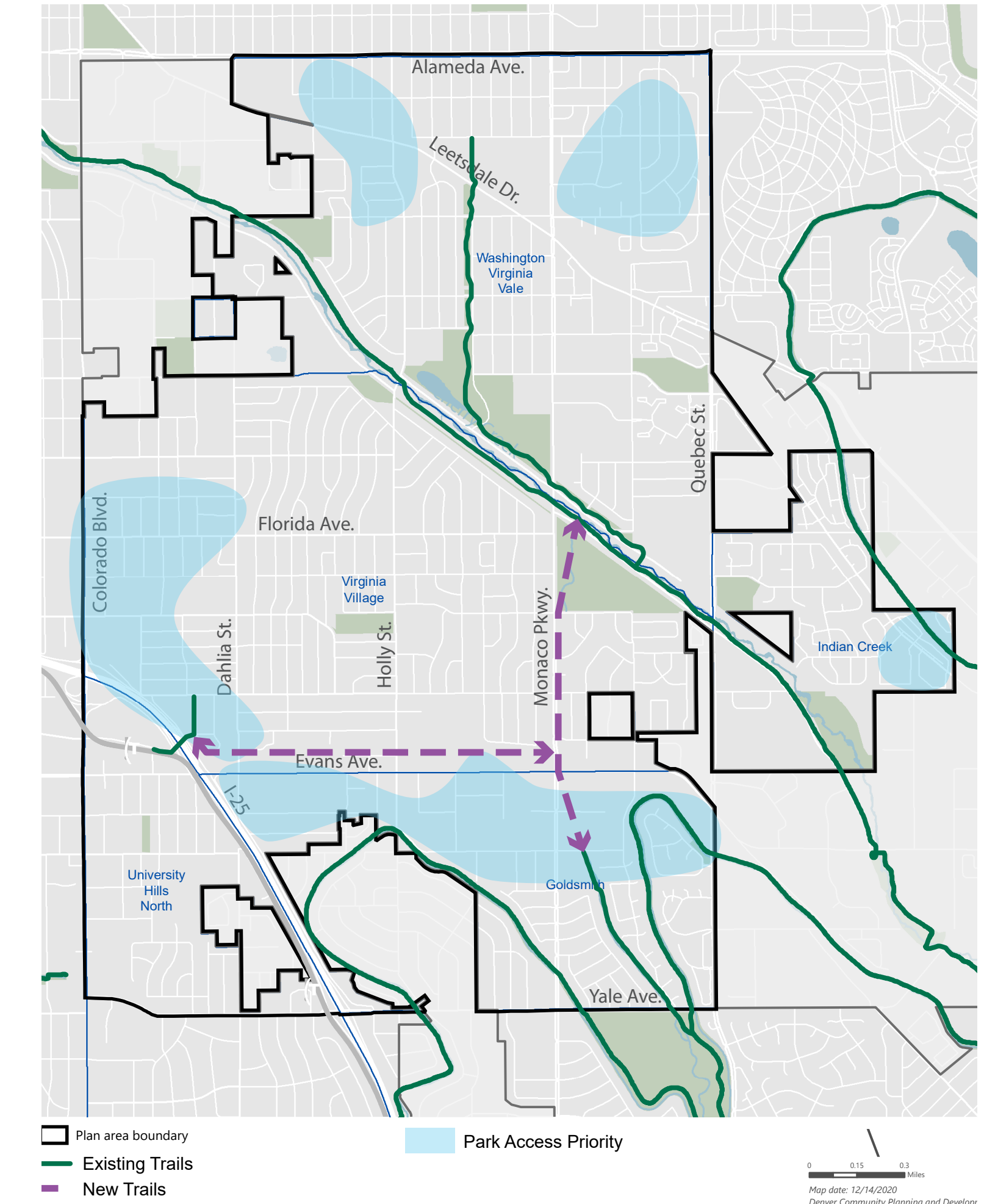
Green infrastructure priorities – Reduce flooding and improve resiliency by incorporating green infrastructure throughout Near Southeast, including a network of green streets

Contemporary parkways – Create a network of contemporary parkways connecting key destinations that provide improved safety, comfort, ecological benefits, and appearance

Key Quality of Life Infrastructure Themes

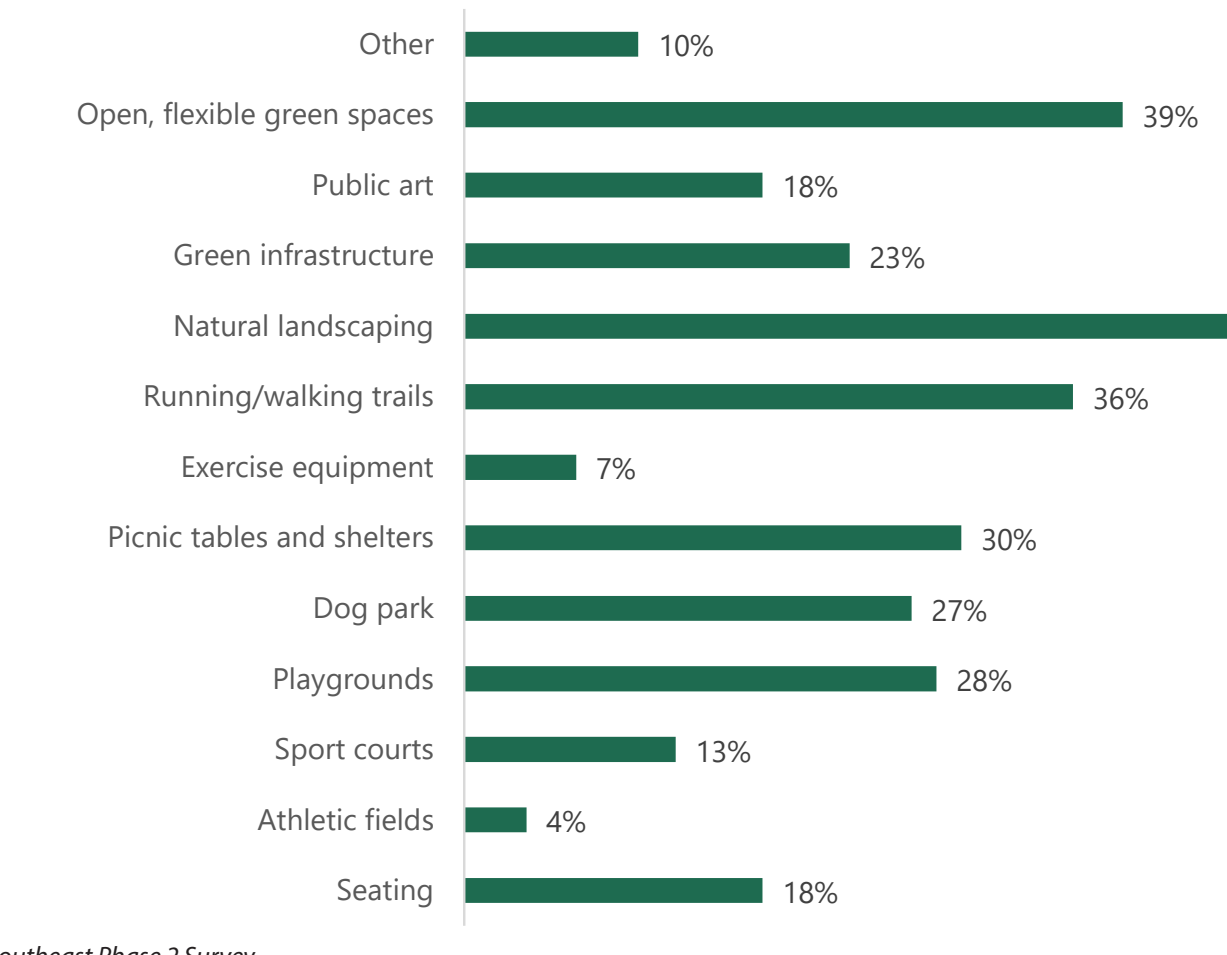
- **Greenery and Recreation** - ensure the community has access to the parks, trails, and natural amenities they value.
 - Q Policies 1-3
- **Sustainability and resiliency** - reduce our impact on the climate and prepare the area for the future.
 - Q Policies 3-5
- **Community wellbeing** - improve safety and opportunities for healthy living, quality food, and community resources.
 - Q Policies 6-9

PARKS AND TRAILS MAP



- Q-1** Ensure parks in Near Southeast serve the community and meet its needs by improving park accessibility and quality.
- Q-2** Ensure trails continue to serve mobility and recreation needs in Near Southeast by completing new trails, improving access to existing trails, and making trails safer and easier to use.

“THE TOP THREE PARK AMENITIES I’D LIKE TO SEE...”



Source: 2022 Near Southeast Phase 2 Survey

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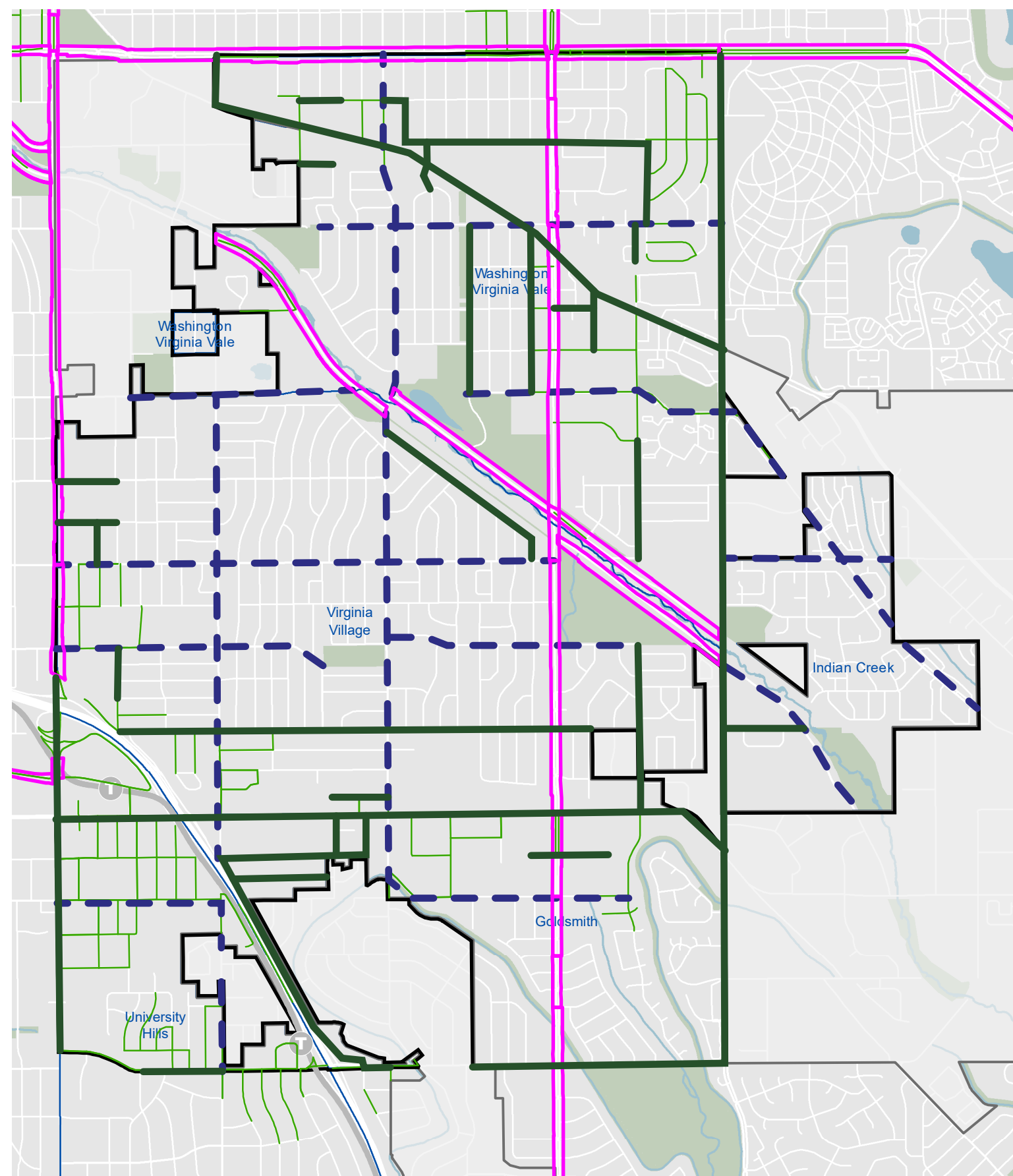
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PARKWAYS AND GREEN STREETS MAP



Green Streets

Roadways that integrate stormwater management and water quality treatments. Elements include engineered systems such as stormwater planters and permeable paving, as well as naturalized tree planting beds and tree canopy. Green streets can work in conjunction with streets that prioritize multimodal mobility by providing a more comfortable environment. Brighton Boulevard is a local example of a green street working in conjunction with a bicycle facility.

Contemporary Parkways

While Denver's historic parkways play a significant role as civic space, they are not fully developed citywide. Opportunities exist to build new, contemporary parkways that embody the intent of the historic parkway system but include newer design elements. Contemporary parkway design should include tree-lined sidewalks and ample green features. They should explore the integration of stormwater infrastructure, drought-tolerant plantings, high-efficiency and pedestrian-scale lighting, integrated bicycle and transit connections, and various material and paving treatments.

Landscaping – Enhanced landscaping on contemporary parkways should provide shade, cooling, air quality improvements, sound reduction, and visual relief. Plants should be appropriate for the climate and require little or no watering.

Mobility – Contemporary parkways should include a variety of mobility options that vary based on the specific needs of the corridor. All should include wide and comfortable detached sidewalks, while some may include protected bike lanes or dedicated transit lanes.

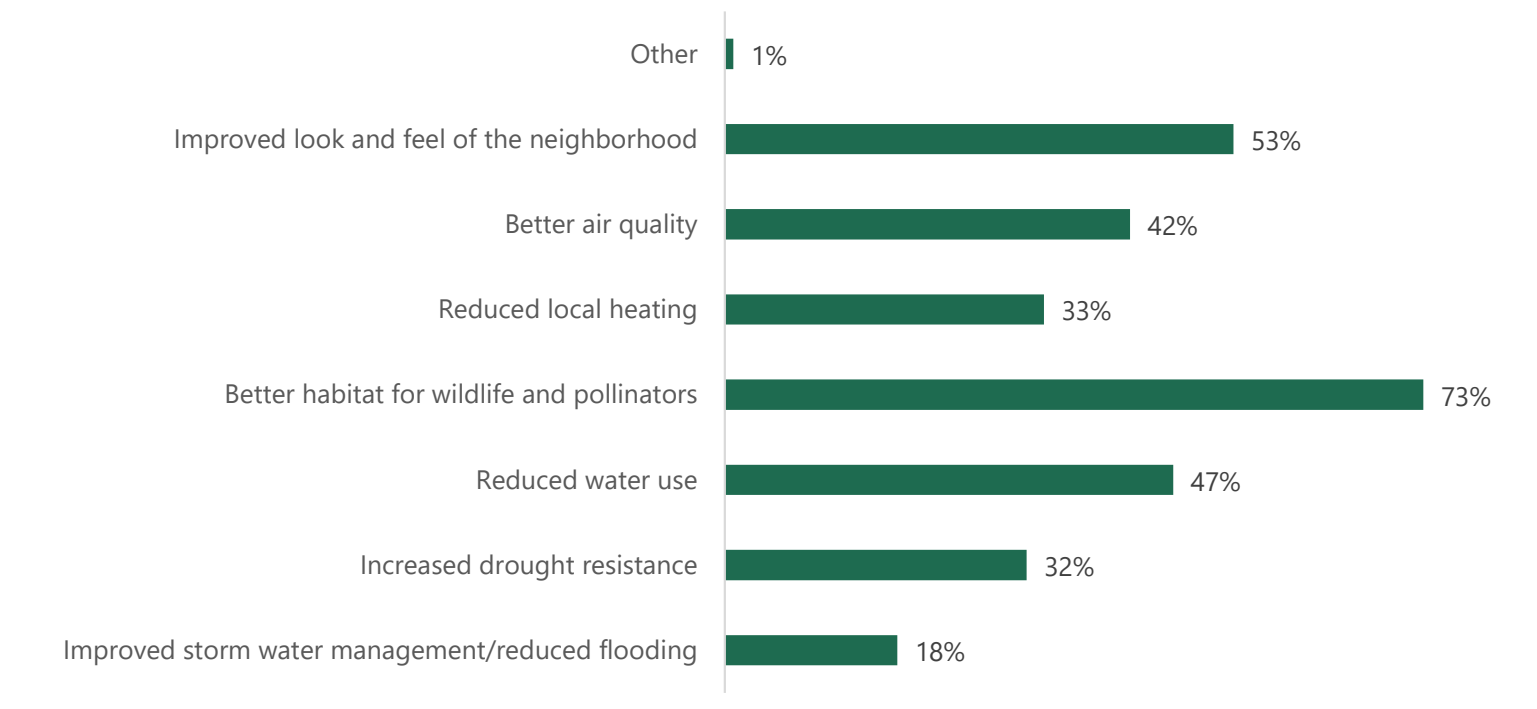
Green Infrastructure – Contemporary parkways provide an opportunity to integrate stormwater management and water quality treatments into neighborhoods. These can be included in planters and landscaped areas at intersections and along the corridor.

Safety – Safety features such as appropriate lighting, traffic calming, and enhanced crossings will make contemporary parkways places all members of the community are comfortable using.

- Q-3** Ensure public and private landscaping in Near Southeast is ecologically beneficial, regionally appropriate, heat and drought resistant, helps manage stormwater and heat, requires minimal or no irrigation, offers ecological benefits, and improves the community in key locations such as along existing and contemporary parkways and other important routes.
- Q-4** Improve the sustainability and resiliency of Near Southeast through enhanced green infrastructure and better stormwater and flood management.
- Q-5** Improve the quality of life in Near Southeast through more efficient use of water, improved air quality, more access to renewable energy, improved ecosystem health, added mitigation of heat island effects, and appropriate waste management.
- Q-6** Make Near Southeast a safe and welcoming place for everyone through improved safety infrastructure and design and community-based safety programs.
- Q-7** Make Near Southeast a healthy community through improved access to health care, programs to promote healthy living, and by reducing heat and increasing availability of cooling options.

- Q-8** Help residents of Near Southeast access affordable, healthy, and quality food options through partnerships and community gardens.
- Q-9** Strengthen the community in Near Southeast by supporting cultural resources such as libraries and public art and improving access physically and through improved internet connectivity.

“THE MOST IMPORTANT LANDSCAPE BENEFITS TO ME ARE...”



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