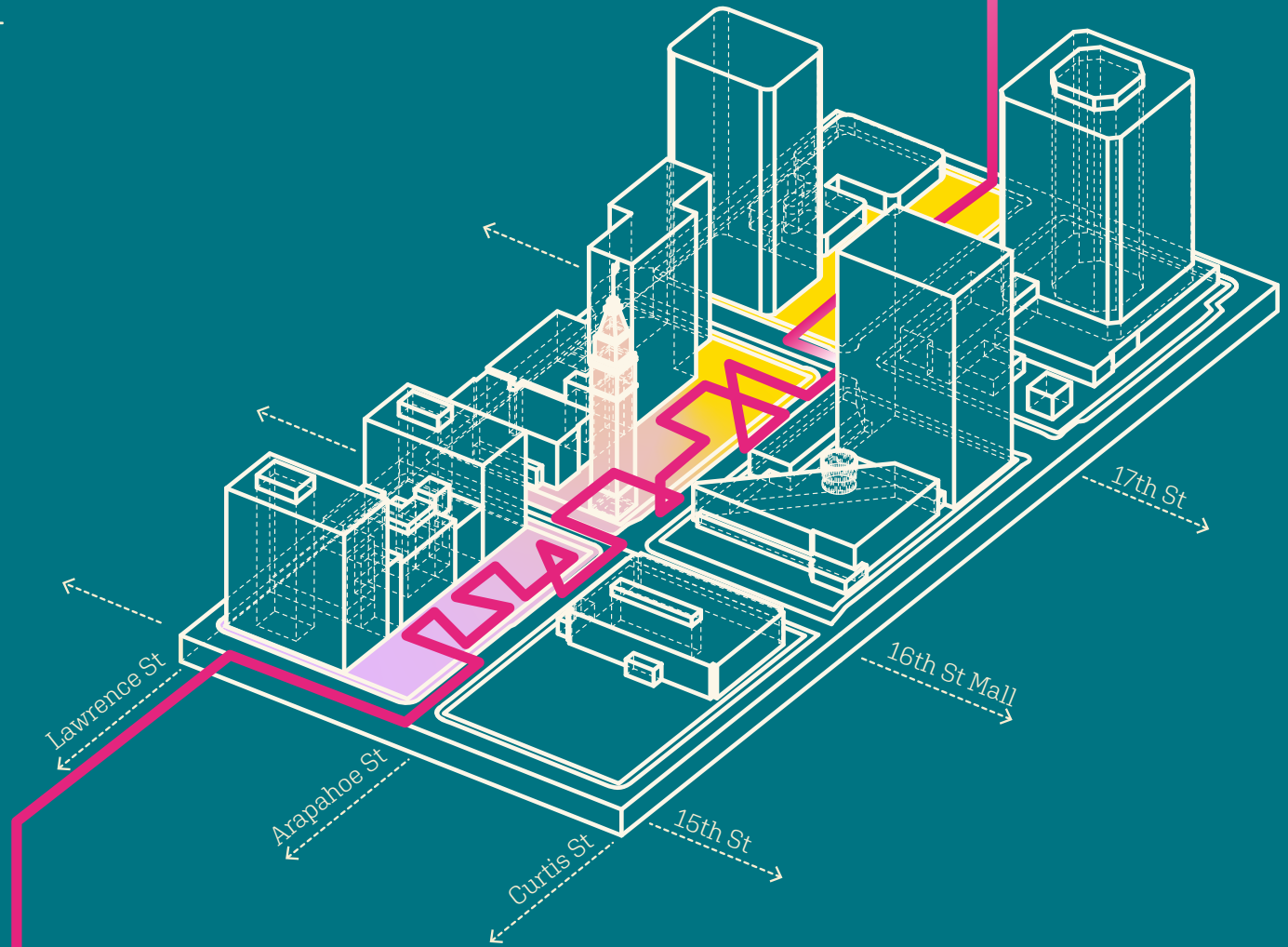
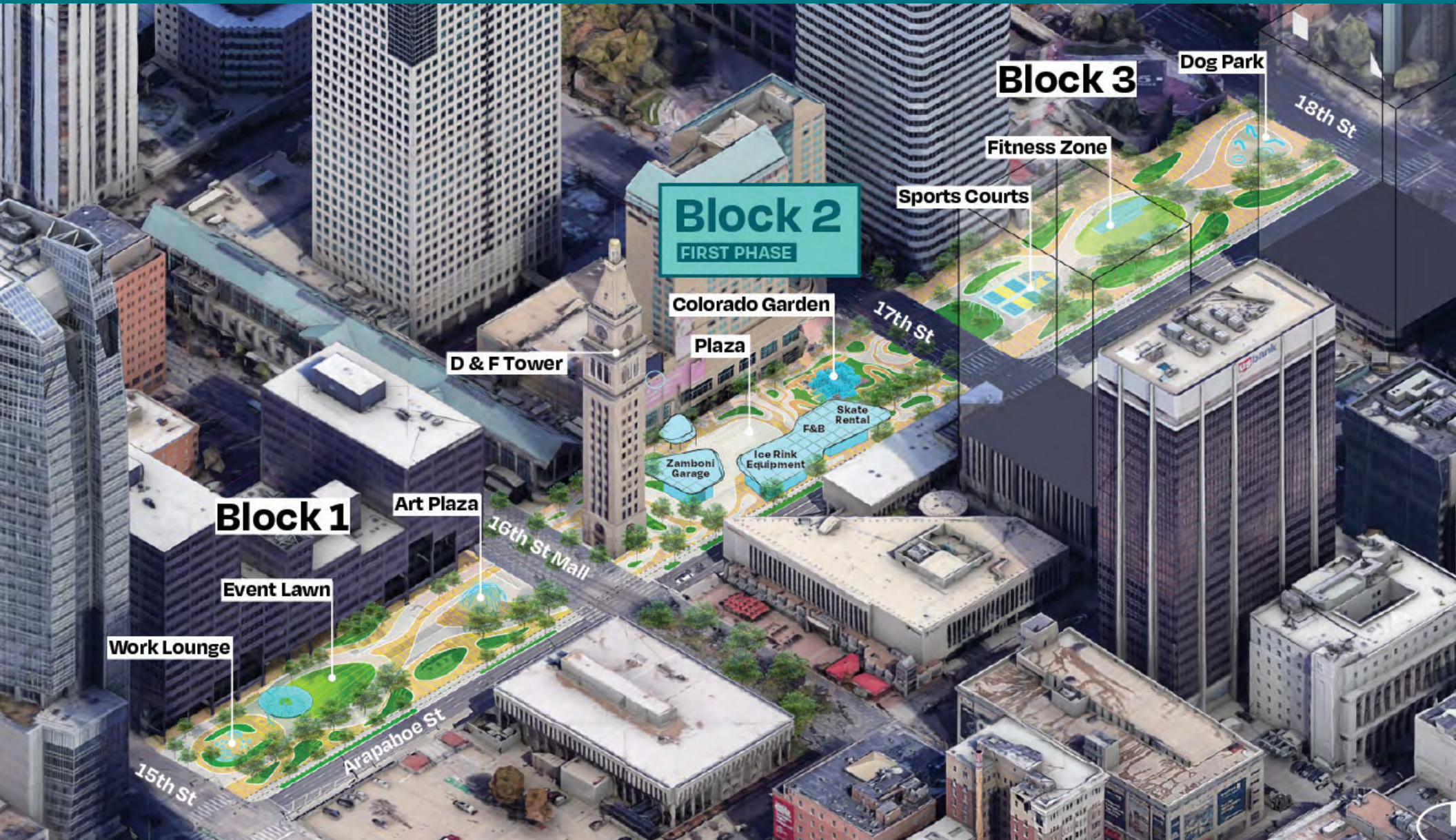


Skyline Park | Block 2

30% Design Progress Update
Survey Summary

September 2023





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1. Engagement Process

Community Open House Engagement Process Components

In September 2023, the design progress for Skyline Park – Block 2 was shared publicly. The design progress marks the first steps in the implementation of the larger vision for all three blocks of Skyline Park. We received **over 330 unique points** of feedback related to the design progress. The survey received **187 responses**. In addition to the online survey, feedback on the design progress for Block 2 of Skyline Park was also collected through an in-person public meeting, discussions with a stakeholder advisory committee, and focus group conversations about activation, food and beverage, mobility, and architectural design for a total of **146+ additional points** of feedback.

Over 350 participants provided feedback during this outreach effort.

Project 1-Pager and Open House Flyer

Circulated online and in print through the month of August 2023

Stakeholder Committees

Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) | 8/29/2023 | **19 participants**

Focus Groups

Activation, Access, & Mobility Focus Group | 9/12/2023 | **12 participants**

Food & Beverage Focus Group | 9/13/2023 | **8 participants**

Architecture & Design Focus Group | 9/13/2023 | **7 participants**

Open House

Community Open House (In the Park) | 9/13/2023 | **100+ participants**

Online Survey

September 2023 | **187 participants**

Project 1-Pager

Skyline Park Improvements Project

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

Located between 15th and 18th Streets along Arapahoe Street, Skyline Park is at the heart of Denver's downtown. This project will adapt this critical park space for a new era of more accessible and vibrant experiences for residents, workers, students, and visitors.

Project Status | Block 2 Design (2022 - 2024)

Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) has kicked off a detailed design for the first phase of implementation of the Skyline Park project: Block 2 (between the 16th Street Mall and 17th Street). The middle of the overall 3-block Skyline Park, Block 2 is designed to energize downtown with state-of-the-art amenities that will improve experiences for residents, tourists, workers, students, and regional visitors, while also infusing life into downtown Denver. The Block 2 design includes a winter ice-skating rink and loop, which converts to an interactive water play area and flexible summer event plaza. Block 2 will also feature a year-round food and beverage pavilion, more shady trees and green infrastructure, and an enhanced bike lane connecting to key downtown destinations. The existing Halprin sculpture will remain, reimagined as a vibrant educational garden using best practices for urban ecology.

Timeline

- Creating the Big Idea**
Fall 2021
Concept Plan Complete
- Working Out the Details**
Fall 2022 - Fall 2024
Final Design for Block 2
- Making it a Reality**
Fall 2025: Construction Begins on Block 2
- Substantial Completion**
End of 2026

WE ARE HERE!

Learn more and stay in touch:
Visit denvergov.org/theoutdoordowntown for more information about the project, community engagement activities, and a link to sign up for project updates.

Project Goals to Make Skyline Park a...

- 01 Welcoming Destination
- 02 Cultural Icon
- 03 Connected Place
- 04 Resilient Oasis
- 05 Catalytic Spark

DENVER PARKS & RECREATION

Open House Flyer

Skyline Park Community Open House

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
4-6pm [DROP IN ANYTIME!]

@ Skyline Park Beer Garden
Arapahoe St. between 16th St. Mall & 17th St.
Backup Location in case of Rain: Downtown Denver Partnership Office (1515 Arapahoe St #100, Denver, CO 80202)

Denver Parks & Recreation is inviting you to a celebratory unveiling of the improvements planned for Skyline Park - Block 2. Be among the first to see one of Downtown Denver's most important outdoor gathering places, re-energized while enhancing cherished existing elements.

The meeting will be an open house format – come anytime between 4-6pm and walk around the park to learn more about the planned design updates, give your feedback, and talk to the project team.

The design for Block 2 is the first step in implementing the broader vision for all three blocks that was created with community input in 2020-2021 to transform Skyline Park into a **unique outdoor downtown destination**.

Spanish language interpretation services will be provided. Se proporcionarán servicios de interpretación en español. A sign language interpreter or CART will be provided upon request. Three business days' notice is requested. Contact: SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org

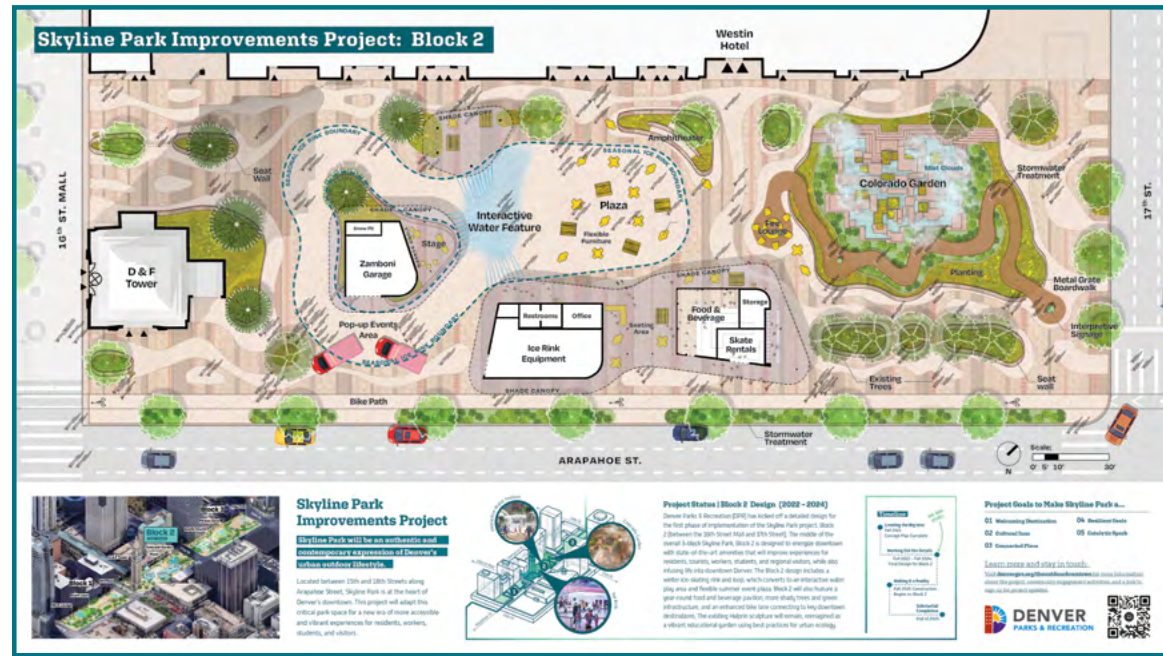
For any other public accommodation requests/concerns, contact: DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org

For more information, visit: denvergov.org/theoutdoordowntown

FREE MINI-GOLF & SKATING!
Food & Bev. Vendors

RSVP not required, but encouraged:
qrco.de/SkylinePark2

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Open House Board 1:
Site Plan



Open House Board 2:
Bird's Eye Rendering





Community Open House: Block 2
September 12, 2023



Open House Board 3:
Plaza Rendering,
Winter



Open House Board 4:
Plaza Rendering,
Summer

2. Survey Feedback

Top Emerging Themes

Safe & Welcoming: Make the park safe and welcoming for all users

"I am worried about safety in and around the park..."

"Keep it clean and well maintained"

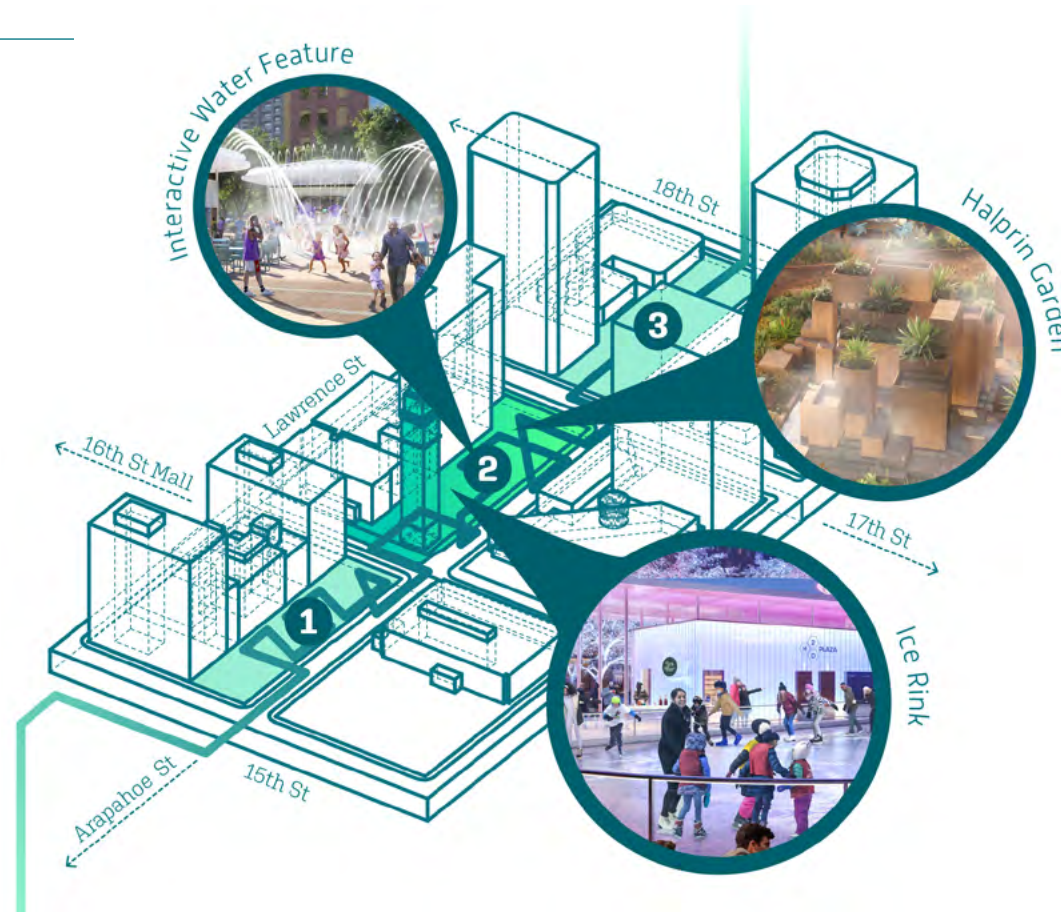
"The whole area is scary and dangerous currently"

A Green Respite: Offer a space to sit and linger with trees, shade, and plants

"Keep it as green as possible [less hard infrastructure]"

"More nature, less concrete and dirt"

"This feels too corporate and not inviting"



Don't Overbuild: Simplify the design with clean sight lines and views into the park

"The food and beverage buildings block views into the park from the street."

"Design a more passive space that doesn't require you to either spend money or have kids"

"Reduce programming elements"

Celebrate Art & Culture: Use community partnerships, art, and activation to honor and highlight Denver's diversity

"Incorporate public art (i.e., cool original murals) to keep elements of culture in the park when there isn't a performance"

"Partner with historically marginalized groups to showcase their history and culture"

"The space doesn't look big enough to hold cultural celebrations...consider ability to scale-up with temporary staging components"

Seamless Connections: Make the park accessible and connected to downtown Denver

"Removing stairs and making entire block wheelchair accessible will definitely make the park feel better connected"

"Make it easier to get there by bike, transit, etc."

"I hope there will be one of those downtown maps – one that shows the businesses, etc., that are in the area of the park"

Top Features

These three Block 2 park features made it into respondents' top three favorite most often:

Colorado Garden: in the top three for **46%** of respondents

Event Space: in the top three for **45%** of respondents

Green Infrastructure: in the top three for **42%** of respondents

WELCOMING DESTINATION: Score 4.2 out of 5

When asked if the design fulfills the aspiration of making Skyline Park a welcoming destination, the average response was 4.2 on a scale of 1 to 5.

The following are the top themes from feedback on how to make Skyline Park more welcoming:

- More seating with shade, trees and plants to create additional green space in the city
- Address how to care for unhoused residents while maintaining a clean and safe environment for all park users

- Reduce or eliminate buildings that block views into the park from all sides to create a warmer invitation for visitors to use and enjoy the space especially when accessing the park from Arapahoe Street and the 16th Street Mall

CULTURAL ICON: Score 3.8 out of 5

When asked how well the design fulfills the aspiration of making Skyline Park a cultural icon, the average response was 3.8 on a scale of 1-5.

The following are the top themes from feedback on how to Skyline Park can celebrate Denver's arts and culture:

- Partner with historically marginalized groups to showcase their history and culture
- Use murals, interactive art installations, offer public art opportunities (chalk boards), include plaques that honor Colorado's indigenous history
- Offer summer concerts, art fairs, dancing, live theater presentations, ethnic foods that will attract different age groups
- The proposed space is too small and does not look large enough to host cultural celebrations with a performance area, seating and the ability to be accessible to all groups
- The best way to make Skyline Park a "cultural icon" is for it to be a bold and unique space

CONNECTED PLACE: Score 4.2 out of 5

When asked how well the design fulfills the aspiration to make Skyline Park a place connected to its surroundings and the rest of downtown, the average response was 4.2 on a scale of 1-5.

The following are the top themes from feedback on how to make Skyline Park feel better connected to the rest of downtown:

- Have multiple ways to get there (besides the Mall Shuttle) on a bike, transit, using wider sidewalks and bike/scooter lanes that are not blocked by vehicles
- Removing the stairs and making the entire block wheelchair accessible will make the park feel better connected and creates a more welcoming environment for people
- Remove or minimize barriers to improve the flow into the site and consider clear and defined paths for blind and visually impaired; include good lighting and clear corners for deaf and hard of hearing
- Wayfinding including bike signage, safety features, maps in the park with directions to other destinations including nearby businesses and attractions

RESILIENT OASIS: Score 4.0 out of 5

When asked how well the design fulfills the aspiration to make Skyline Park a resilient oasis, the average response was 4.0 on a scale of 1-5.

The following are the top themes from feedback on how Skyline Park can help improve the ecological health of downtown.

- Providing more green space in the design is essential to downtown's ecological health
- Consider GSI approaches to stormwater capture along Arapahoe
- Make the garden interactive. Part of enjoying nature and appreciating it is interacting with it.

CATALYTIC SPARK: Score 4.1 out of 5

When asked how well the design fulfills the aspiration to make Skyline Park a catalytic spark and contributes to a vibrant downtown, the average response was 4.1 on a scale of 1-5.

The following are the top themes from feedback on future changes respondents want to see in and around Skyline Park:

- More trees and greenery to combat urban heat island effect
- A plan to care for unhoused residents
- Flexible ice rink that transitions to accommodate seasonal activities year-round
- Flexible food options such as food trucks and pop-up concessions
- Spaces to hang out or enjoy activities that draw multigenerational crowds in areas that are clean, easy to access, and attractive
- Less fencing and barricades around public spaces
- True mixed neighborhood that includes office, retail, residential and cultural uses.
- More protected bike lanes as well as bike and vehicle parking

3. Survey Demographic Summary

- More than **89%** of respondents identified as white or Caucasian with the next largest group being Hispanic/Latino (**4.91%**) and Asian or Asian American (**4.29%**)
- Nearly an even split between people identifying as men or women with both at **49.70%**
- The largest age group represented is between **35-44 years of age**
- The most common income group among respondents had a household income of **\$150,000+**

4. Next Steps

The Block 2 concept design presented at the Community Open House in September 2023 will form the basis of future phases of design.

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