

# Denver Parks Legacy Fund

The 2018 voter-approved Parks Legacy Fund has allowed Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR) to make significant progress on its **Game Plan for a Healthy City**, a strategic plan to create an equitable parks system that supports the health of residents and the environment. Legacy Fund now accounts for approximately \$50 million of DPR's annual budget, a 49% increase that has allowed substantial investments in alignment with the Game Plan's guiding principles and Legacy Fund priorities:



**EVERY DROP**

## ADAPT → Resiliency

**LEGACY FUND IMPACT:** New, dedicated funding to help DPR adapt to a changing climate and make the system more environmentally sustainable through resilient landscapes and responsible operations.



More Trees = Less Heat



Upgraded Irrigation = Decreased Water Use



Waterway Restorations = Improved Flood Mitigation



Landscape Transformations = Healthy Ecosystems



Workforce Innovation = Environmental Stewardship

### PROJECT EXAMPLES:

- Rocky Mountain Lake
- Sand Creek Trail
- Lily Lake
- Sanderson Gulch Pollinators

### PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON:

- City of Takayama & Karmiel Park
- Urban Forest Strategic Plan
- Quebec Medians

### HIGHLIGHTS SINCE 2018:

**375+**  
ACRES OF LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

**225 MILLION**  
GALLONS OF WATER SAVED ANNUALLY

**1,100+ ACRES**  
OF WILDFIRE MITIGATION COMPLETED



**5,800 TREES PLANTED**



**EVERY PERSON**

## DIVERSIFY & GROW → Planning & Acquisitions

**LEGACY FUND IMPACT:** New, dedicated funding for strategic planning and system growth to ensure equitable distribution of parks, resources and diverse programming so that all residents can improve their health and wellbeing.



Strategic Acquisition = Equitable Expansion to Meet Population Growth



Historic Preservation = Uniquely Denver Spaces



Neighborhood Engagement = Reflective Community Parks



Visionary Planning = Dynamic Programs & Amenities

### PROJECT EXAMPLES:

- Platte Farm Open Space
- Iliff & Bellaire Park
- Westwood Park
- Axton Ranch
- La Alma-Lincoln Park Plan

### PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON:

- Sun Valley Riverfront Park
- Sunken Gardens Park
- High Point Park
- Avion Park
- New Acquisitions

### HIGHLIGHTS SINCE 2018:

**479 ACRES**  
NEW URBAN PARKS

**448 ACRES**  
NEW MOUNTAIN PARKS

**\$10.6M**  
SPENT ON ACQUISITIONS

**5,500**

ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN 10-MIN WALK/ROLL STANDARD





EVERY DOLLAR

## REINVEST → Maintenance

### LEGACY FUND IMPACT:

New, dedicated funding to reinvest in parks and facility maintenance, ensuring long-term economic and operational health of the parks and recreation system.



Facility Improvements & Expansions = Safe and Clean Park Spaces

Updates to Aging Park Assets = Innovative Playgrounds, Splash Pads, and Athletics

#### PROJECT EXAMPLES:

- City Park Pavilion & Playground
- Sonny Lawson Park Restroom
- Rosedale Maintenance Shop
- Numerous Park & Facility Improvements

#### PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON:

- Civic Center Park
- Northwest Maintenance Shops
- Barnum Park
- La Raza Park

#### HIGHLIGHTS SINCE 2018:



**TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND PARKSCORE® RANKING #13**



**\$170**

SPENT PER RESIDENT ANNUALLY\*  
(\*NATIONAL BENCHMARK = \$108 PER CAPITA)



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## CONNECT → Signature Projects, Trails & Outdoor Recreation

### LEGACY FUND IMPACT:

New, dedicated funding to create places and programs that connect Denver to its community and cultural identity.



Signature Projects and Destination Parks = Quality and Unique Park Experiences

Access to Outdoor Activities = Healthy Lifestyles and Recreation Skills Development



New Trails and greenways = Connectivity to Communities & Nature

#### PROJECT EXAMPLES:

- Arkins Promenade
- Genesee Base Camp
- Lowry Multi-Purpose Rink
- Northfield Athletic Complex
- Paco Sanchez Park

#### PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON:

- City Park Nature Play
- Echo Lake Lodge
- Skyline Park
- Southeast Skatepark
- South Platte River Trail

#### HIGHLIGHTS SINCE 2018:

**14 MILES**



NEW & IMPROVED TRAILS COMPLETED / UNDERWAY

**\$23.5M** IN MATCHING GRANTS LEVERAGED

**\$99,000,000** SPENT ON CAPITAL EXPANSIONS

**8,000+** NEW PARTICIPANTS IN OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMS

