GAME PLAN FOR A HEALTHY CITY & PARKS LEGACY PLAN

Developing the next DPR 5-year action plans

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WHAT IS A HEALTHY CITY?

A place with...

- High Quality of Life
- Opportunities to Experience Nature
- Clean and Sustainable Environment
- Outdoor Recreation
- Health & Well-Being
- Active Lifestyles
WHAT IS THE PARK LEGACY FUND?

The Parks Legacy Fund is the result of a November 2018 voter approved ballot measure to provide a .25 percent sales tax increase to benefit parks.

Legacy Fund 5 Year Plan (2020-2024)
- Established priorities for Legacy Fund
- Serves as our investment framework
- Subject of intensive public input & Council approval

DRMC outlines allowable uses of Parks Legacy Fund dollars
- Acquiring additional land for parks, open spaces, and trails;
- Developing, improving, and maintaining new and existing parks, including Denver’s mountain parks, open spaces, and trails;
- Operating and maintaining additional land and improvements.
- Restoring and protecting waterways, rivers, canals and streams;
- Purchasing, planting and caring of trees;

The Parks Legacy Fund accounts for $50 million of DPR’s annual budget - a 49% increase since 2018
GAME PLAN + PARK LEGACY FRAMEWORK

GAME PLAN PILLARS
- ADAPT
  - Every Drop: Water Use
- DIVERSIFY + GROW
  - Every Person: Programming & Amenities
- REINVEST
  - Every Dollar: Equity
- CONNECT
  - Uniquely Denver: Parkways, Tree-Line Streets, & Trails

GAME PLAN STRATEGIES
- Water Use
- Stormwater & Waterway Health
- Urban Trees & Mountain Forests
- Energy & Resource Use
- Programming & Amenities
- Engagement, Outreach & Communications
- Park, Facility, & Program Expansion
- Mobility & Access
- Equity
- Funding, Ops, Staff
- Partnerships
- Collaboration with Private Sector
- Parkways, Tree-Line Streets, & Trails
- Arts, Culture, & History
- Innovative Parks & Rec
- Nature & Outdoor Rec

LEGACY PLAN PRIORITIES
- 6x pre-Legacy funds for:
  - Landscape transformations
  - Irrigation efficiency
  - Lakes and waterways restorations
  - Pollinator and habitat restorations
  - Green Corps Workforce Dev
  - Forestry enhancements

- New, dedicated funding for:
  - Outdoor Adventure & Alt Sports Plan
  - Strategic Acquisition Plan
  - Park specific planning
  - Restroom Plan Technical Update Plan
  - +31 acres Urban Parks
  - +450 acres Mountain Parks

- Park & Facility Maintenance:
  - 2x pre-Legacy funds for Parks Capital
  - Maintenance resulting in $45 million of parks assets improved from poor to new condition
  - 5x the pre-Legacy funds for Facility Capital
  - Maintenance including restrooms, maintenance shops, roofs, and pavilions

- Signature Projects Outdoor Recreation Trails:
  - 4x pre-Legacy funds for destination parks & playgrounds
  - 3x pre-Legacy funds for Outdoor Recreation amenities & equipment
  - 5x pre-Legacy funds for trail improvements & expansions

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EQUITY & CLOSING THE 10-MINUTE GAP

Neighborhood Equity Index 2022

Parks & Recreation Equity Index
- Areas of Greater Need
- Areas of Lesser Need

Index Indicators:
- Communities of Color
- Youth Populations
- Low Income Populations
- Health Disparity Indicator
- Population Density
- 10 Minute Walk or Roll Park Access
- 10 Year Capital Park Investment
- Park Acres per 1000 Residents

10-Minute Park Service Areas

New Park Status
- Developed
- Planned
- Under Construction

Denver Parkland
10-Minute Service Area
Approximate New Service Area
Lakes and Waterways
Industrial Areas

5,200 homes will soon have 10 Minute Walk/Roll access as a result of these new parks.

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