



# Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Fort Collins encourages and provides diverse cultural and recreational opportunities

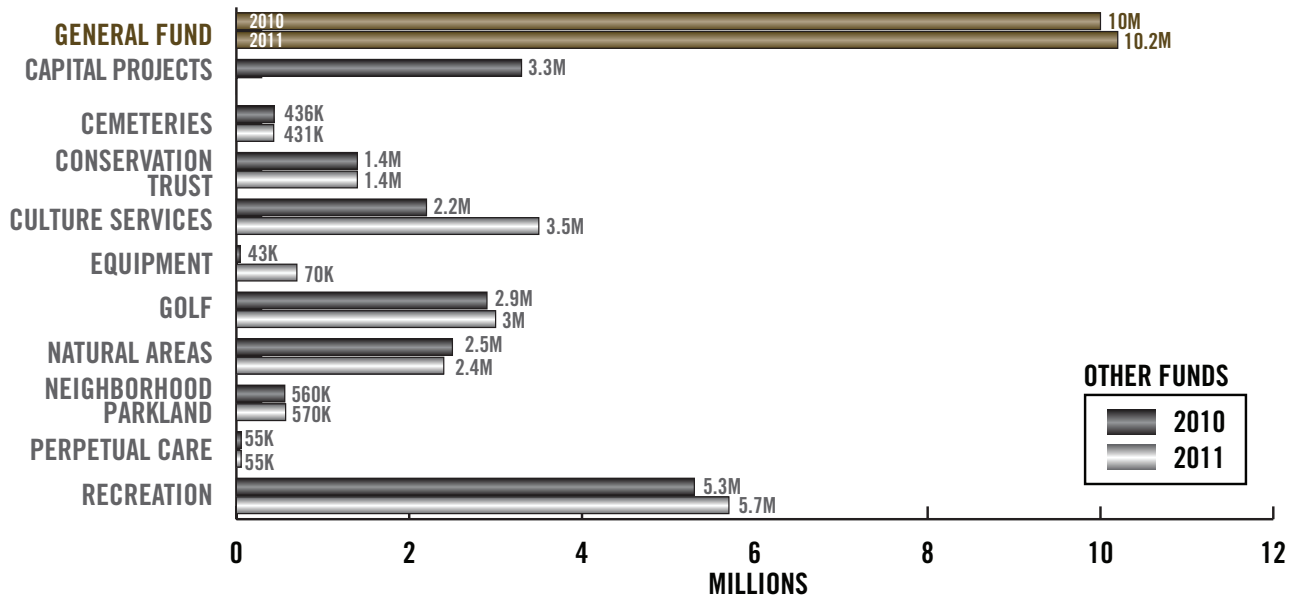




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2010 GENERAL FUND & OTHER FUNDS – 28.7M  
 2011 GENERAL FUND & OTHER FUNDS – 27.4M

- Recreation
- Parks
- Cultural Facilities
- Golf



## OVERVIEW

Significant budget reductions in parks maintenance over recent years have created substantial cuts in overall maintenance. In 2010, the Parks Maintenance budget was reduced by an additional \$500,000. Cumulative parks maintenance reductions since 2003 total approximately \$1.4 million.

In addition to the Parks reductions, Recreation programs have also been cut back in 2010 by over \$1 million in General Fund support. To partially offset these cuts, the proposed budget includes increasing fees where the market and practicality will allow. These include Recreation fees, Lincoln Center Box Office fees, and rental fees. Additionally, in order to generate improved rental revenues, this budget proposes allowing the City to hold liquor licenses for events in lieu of a private concessionaire.

To offset the impact of increased recreation fees, there are again funds proposed for scholarships for recreation programs totaling \$110,000.

There is one major capital project in this area, the renovation of the Lincoln Center funded with a portion of the voter-approved Building on Basics quarter-cent sales tax.

## **FUNDING SOURCES**

In addition to significant general revenues which are used to support cultural, parks, and recreational programs, a number of dedicated and restricted revenues are included in this Result Area. User fees support both recreation facilities and cultural facilities.

## **KEY PURCHASES**

- Existing recreation facilities (City Park Pool, Center and Railway, EPIC, Senior Center, Mulberry Pool, Pottery Studio, Rolland Moore Racquet Complex, Skate Park Facilities, the Farm at Lee Martinez Park)
- Park and trail maintenance and planning
- Natural Areas program – for public amenities at Natural Areas properties
- Museum programs
- Art in Public Places program
- Lincoln Center
- Golf courses
- Memorial parks
- Gardens on Spring Creek

## **ENHANCEMENTS PURCHASED**

- Lincoln Center Renovation – BOB Capital Improvement Project

## **EXAMPLES OF REDUCTIONS OR SERVICES NOT PURCHASED**

- Closing Lincoln Center Box Office on Mondays
- Eliminating free ball field preparation and rental for City programs
- Closing Archery Range or shifting maintenance responsibilities to volunteers
- Reduce hourly support - snow removal at City facilities and along the trails will be delayed.
- Contractual weed control in parks cut - parks system will have more weeds and dandelions