



CityWorks 101:

Community Services Division

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AGENDA FOR THE EVENING

- **Welcome**
- **Community Services Overview**
- **Department Highlights**
- **Tour of the Senior Center**

Departments: Who We Are



Cultural Services



Natural Areas



Parks



Park Planning & Development



Recreation

Strategic Plan Alignment



Neighborhood
Livability &
Social Health

Culture &
Recreation

Environmental
Health

Safe
Community

Transportation
and Mobility

High
Performing
Government





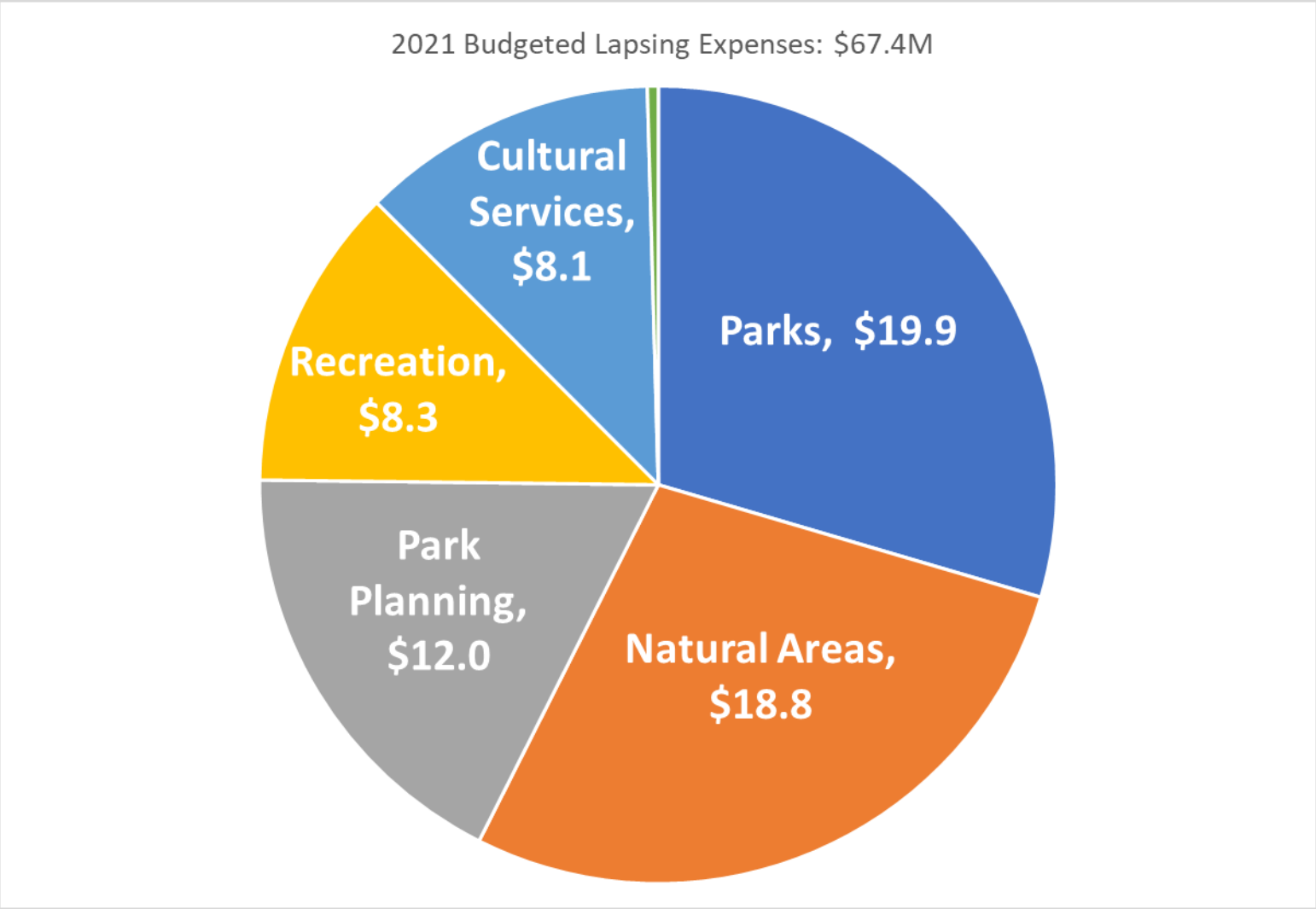
Community Services Financial Overview

Finance Manager: Victoria Shaw

Financial Overview: where the money goes!

- How we decide what gets funded - 100 Budgeting for Outcomes Offers in 2022
- What funds us
 - General Fund
 - Program Revenues - Recreation, Parks (Golf, Cemeteries) & Cultural Services
 - Residential Impact Fees - Parks Planning & Development
 - Dedicated Sales Tax - Natural Areas
 - Grants
 - State Conservation Trust Fund
 - Donations
- How we spend it...

Financial Overview: where the money goes!





Cultural Services Department

Director: Jim McDonald

Key Features

- The Lincoln Center
- Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
- The Gardens on Spring Creek
- Art in Public Places
- Carnegie Center for Creativity
- Fort Fund



Upcoming Projects/On The Horizon/Looking Ahead

- Carnegie Center for Creativity Renovation
- Mental Health: Mind Matters exhibition, Museum of Discovery
September 25, 2021 – January 2, 2022
- First full year of the Gardens on Spring Creek being open after expansion
- Implementing the FoCo Creates Arts and Culture Plan, specifically addressing inclusion and equity and programming throughout the city
- In the 2021 Community Survey, the Department's facilities and programs received between 85% to 92% Very Good/Good ratings



Challenges

- Implementing the FoCo Creates Arts and Culture Master Plan
- Hiring of both classified and hourly staff
- Impact of COVID-19 and Delta Variant on gatherings and revenue generation





Recreation Department

Interim Director: Aaron Harris

Key Features or Accomplishments

Recreation Mission: Fostering health and well-being through diverse and inclusive recreation opportunities, sustainable planning, and community partnerships.

- Core Areas
 - Aquatics
 - Childcare
 - Fitness and wellness programming
 - Sports programming
 - Senior programming

Upcoming Projects/On The Horizon/Looking Ahead

- SE Community Center and Pool
- Operational Plan
- Childcare expansion
- Spanish programming



Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- Hiring hourly staff
- Asset Management
- Mulberry Pool major maintenance
- Childcare programming at capacity
- PSD Programming partnership

Opportunities

- Potential Senior Center rebranding
- SE Community Innovation Center and Pool
- Continued outreach to changing populations



Park Planning & Development Department

Director: Kurt Friesen

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Park Planning & Development

- 10-12 staff members
- Licensed professionals: landscape architects & engineers
- Over twenty active projects



TWIN
SILO
PARK

NEW COMMUNITY PARKS



NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



PARK REFRESH/PLANNING



NEW PAVED TRAILS

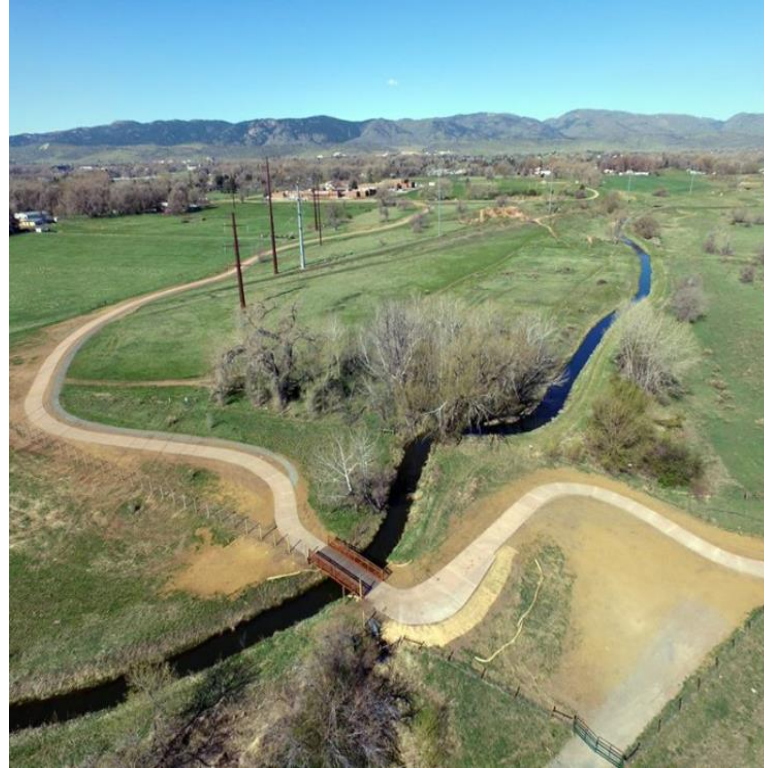


SPECIAL PROJECTS

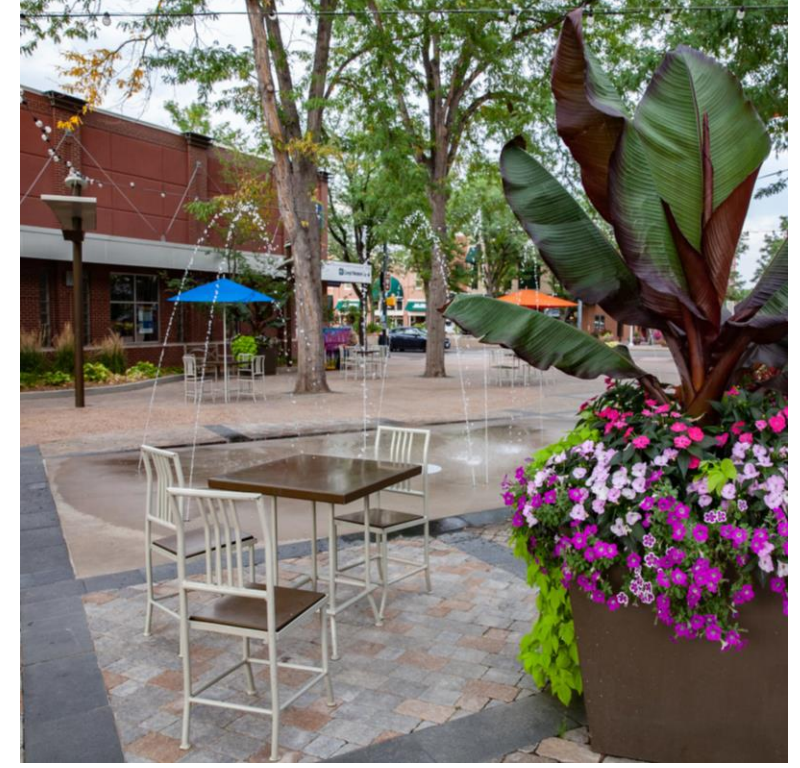
Recent Accomplishments



Eastside Park Improvements



Lincoln Middle School Trail Spur



Oak Street Fountain Renovation

Recent Accomplishments



The Hand that Feeds Sculpture/Plaza



City Park Restroom



City Park Restroom

Recent Accomplishments



RēCreate

Rēthink. Rēnew. Rēimagine.

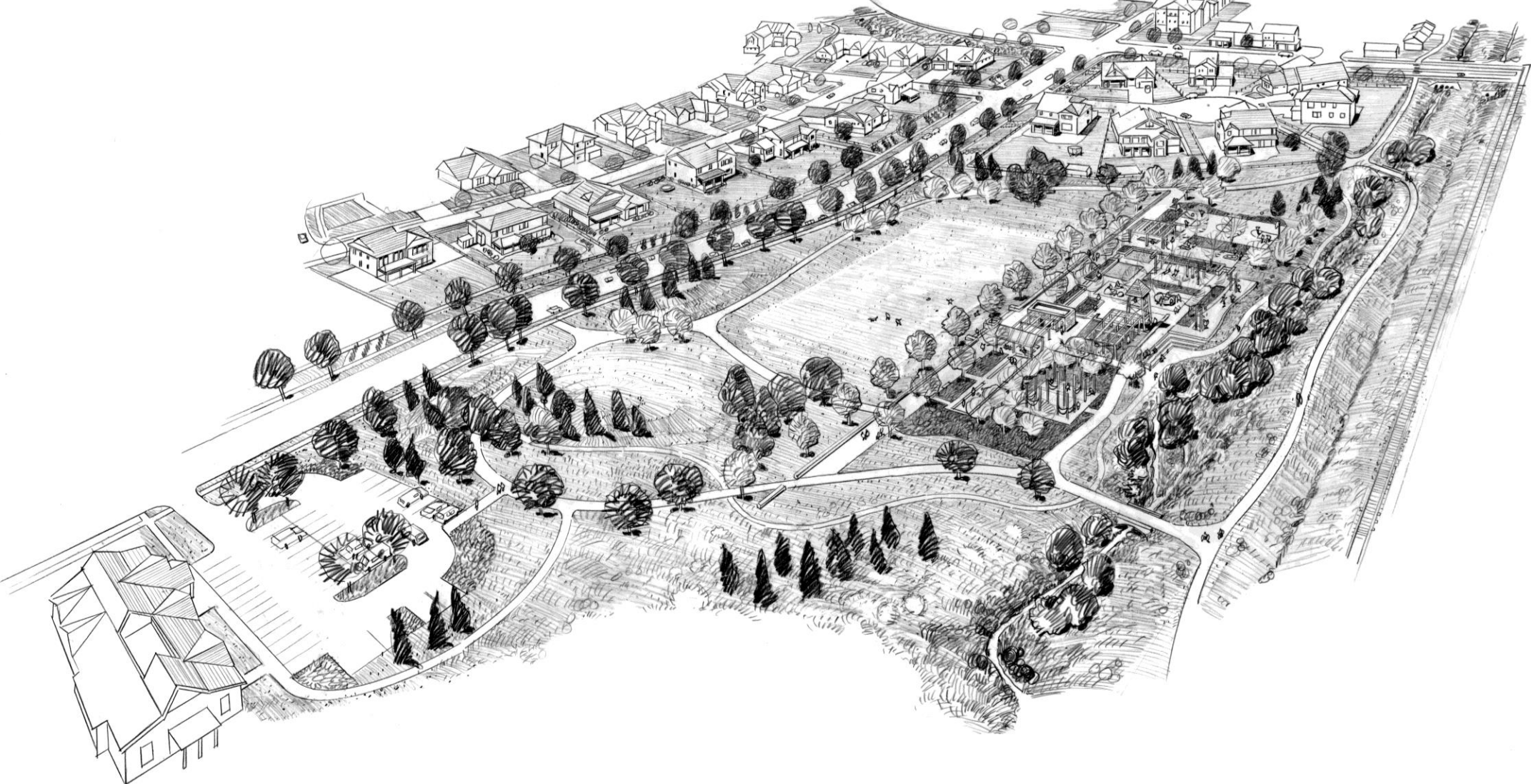


PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Upcoming Projects/On The Horizon/Looking Ahead



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Upcoming Projects/On The Horizon/Looking Ahead



Upcoming Projects/On The Horizon/Looking Ahead

- East District Maintenance Facility
- Edora Disc Golf
- Spring Canyon Dog Park
- Poudre River Reach 4 Feasibility Study
- Veterans Plaza
- Paved Recreational Trail Plan Update
- Pickleball Complex
- Mountain Bike Park
- 9/11 Memorial



Current Challenges and Opportunities

- Water resources for new parks
- Special interests/new amenities in existing parks
- Trail planning/coordination with developers
- Construction costs
- Park master planning/refresh



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Parks Department

Director: Mike Calhoon

Key Features or Accomplishments

Parks Mission: Excellent care of parks & public spaces for the community.

- 2019 CAPRA Accreditation through the National Recreation and Parks Association.
- Maintenance responsibilities for 50 parks, over 45 miles of trail, 57,000 urban trees, two cemeteries, three golf courses, 173 acres of streetscapes/medians and downtown Fort Collins.

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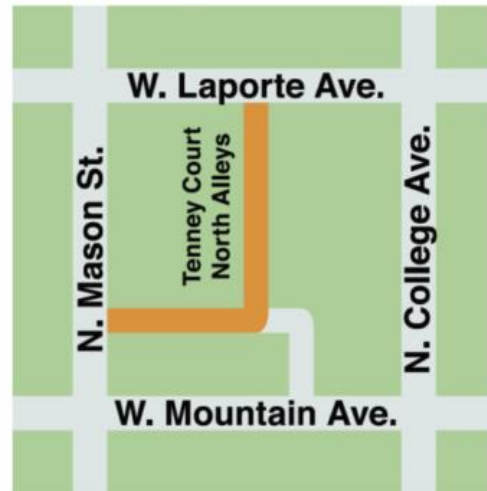
East Maintenance Shop Construction



Alley Improvements

- Tenney Court
- West Oak

Tenney Court North



West Oak Street



Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- Hourly hiring
- Asset Management Program
- Homelessness issues
- Emerald Ash Borer response

Opportunities

- Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program designation for Twin Silo Community Park.
- Develop new and nurture existing partnerships



Natural Areas Department

Interim Director: Zoë Shark

Key Features

Natural Areas Mission:

To conserve and enhance lands with natural resource, agricultural and scenic values, while providing meaningful education and appropriate recreation opportunities.

- Restoration
- Land Conservation
- Planning
- Rangers
- Public Engagement
- Trails & Visitor Amenities
- Facilities Operations
- Administration & Department Management



Key Features

52 natural areas

37,607 acres

129 miles of trail

33 conservation easements

29 parking lots

425 activities reached 6,482 people in 2020



Nature In The City

Vision:

A connected open space network accessible to the entire community that provides a variety of experiences and functional habitat for people, plants, and wildlife.

Goals:

- **CONNECTIVITY across high quality natural spaces** through enhancement of urban lands that provide diverse social and ecological opportunities.
- **ACCESS to nature** by ensuring every resident can easily experience nature where they live, work, and play.
- **STEWARDSHIP of the naturalized landscape** by demonstrating that a shift in our community landscape can support healthy environments for people and wildlife.



Recent Accomplishments / On The Horizon

Bobcat Ridge re-opening after wildfire and flooding

- 30th anniversary in 2022
- Kestrel Fields Natural Area opening
- New parking lot at Arapaho Bend
- Longer term- update of Master Plan

Land acquisition = new natural areas



Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- High visitation
- Land conservation
- Staffing and funding mix keeping pace with land acquisition and stewardship

Opportunities

- Community support as shown by high visitation, surveys
- Land conservation
- Permanent leadership onboard by early 2022



THANK YOU!

