



Trailhead Neighborhood Park Community Meeting



12-17-18





#### Identify

basic needs to be included in the park



preferences for park elements



to comments and suggestions

## Develop

a sense of ownership and anticipation for the project



Studies show that

to the physical, social,

environmental and

economic health of a

PARKS ARE

ESSENTIAL

community

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# Across all age groups, DID YOU KNOW?

that access to parks:

- Reduces Stress
- Reduces Risk of
  Depression
- Improves Mental Health and Well-being



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## Across all age groups, DID YOU KNOW?

access to parks is associated with:

- Lower Body Mass Index
- Reduced Risk of Obesity



# DID YOU KNOW?

Children's use of neighborhood parks increases by 400% when parks are closer to home.



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DID YOU KNOW? Nearly 3/4 of citizens say that parks, trails and open space are an essential component of American health care.



DID YOU KNOW? A city of well-connected green spaces is more resilient to extreme environmental events, such as heat waves and extreme rainfall.



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# **DID YOU KNOW?**

City parks and other urban natural areas produce benefits with estimated values of up to \$6.8 billion USD annually.





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1 in 3 Americans don't have a park within a 10-minute walk (or half-mile) of home.

Source: The Trust for Public Land



# PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Seven full time staff
- Licensed Professionals: landscape architects, engineers
- Over twenty active projects: Three currently under construction











#### Park System Development Strategy 13

# Quantitative and Qualitative Approach

- Even park distribution
- 1 community park approximately every 4 square miles
- 1 neighborhood park approximately every 1 square mile
- Equal access to park amenities
- Quantity of recreation components based on population
- Impact fee requires new parks to be comparable to other fee funded parks





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### Community Parks

- Large Recreation Facilities
- Small/Specialty Recreation
  Facilities
- Dog Park
- Destination Playground
- Multi-Purpose Fields
- Passive Green Space
- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Walks/Trails
- Raw Water Irrigation Pond
- Naturalistic Features
- Unique Elements
- Parking/Drives
- 80-100+ Acres



#### Typical Park Elements 15

# Neighborhood

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### Parks

- Multi-purpose Green/Fields
- 1 Small/Specialty Recreation Facility
- 1 Restroom
- 1 Shelter
- Playground
- Walks
- Raw Water Irrigation Pond (if feasible)
- 5-10+ Acres



#### What is a Neighborhood Park? 16







#### Appropriate

Each park is developed according to its role in the overall park system

#### Sustainable

Parks are durable and sustainable utilizing green practices

#### Unique Special

features of each site are utilized and built upon

# Balance of active and passive

passive recreation within each park

#### Accessible

Meet or exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disability Act

#### Connected

The park is connected and accessible to the community



















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"PATHS" TO THE PARK EXISTING SIDEWALKS AND BIKE LANES FUNNEL INTO THE PARK



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#### "PATHS" TO THE PARK EXISTING HOA OPEN SPACE CORRIDORS AND SIDEWALKS TO THE PARK







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TRAIL ACCESS TO FUTURE COMMUNITY PARK AND EXISTING TRAIL SYSTEM



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- Identify Opportunities
  DECEMBER 17, 2018
- Present Alternatives
  SPRING 2019
- Review Final Concept
  SUMMER 2019

- Construction Begins
  WINTER 2019
- Park Opens
  FALL 2020



## YOUR INPUT!

- Please fill out the comment card
- Red dot green dot exercise

COMMENT CARD	TRAILHEAD PARK
Fort Collins	
Name and email	
Address	J
How do you plan to use the park?	
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If you could choose, what would be your top priority ite	

(see reverse side for additional comments)



#### PARK ACTIVITIES



#### TRAILHEAD PARK





#### PARK CHARACTER









#### PLAY ENVIRONMENTS









# GATHER INPUT, SUMMARIZE AND PREPARE ALTERNATIVES

- Gather input through comment cards, conversations, and the red dot green dot exercise
- Summarize input
- Prepare Design Alternatives and Park Program for the next Neighborhood Meeting







