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ROSSBOROUGH PARK

Neighborhood Meeting



Identify

what a cyclo-cross skills training course is

Define

how a pilot process works

Listen

to comments and suggestions

Feedback

collect additional feedback through a project web page

Parks & Recreation Policy Plan

- Provide a variety of high quality recreational services for all residents
- Develop parks that promote community
- Parks provide a legacy for future generations

Pilot Project

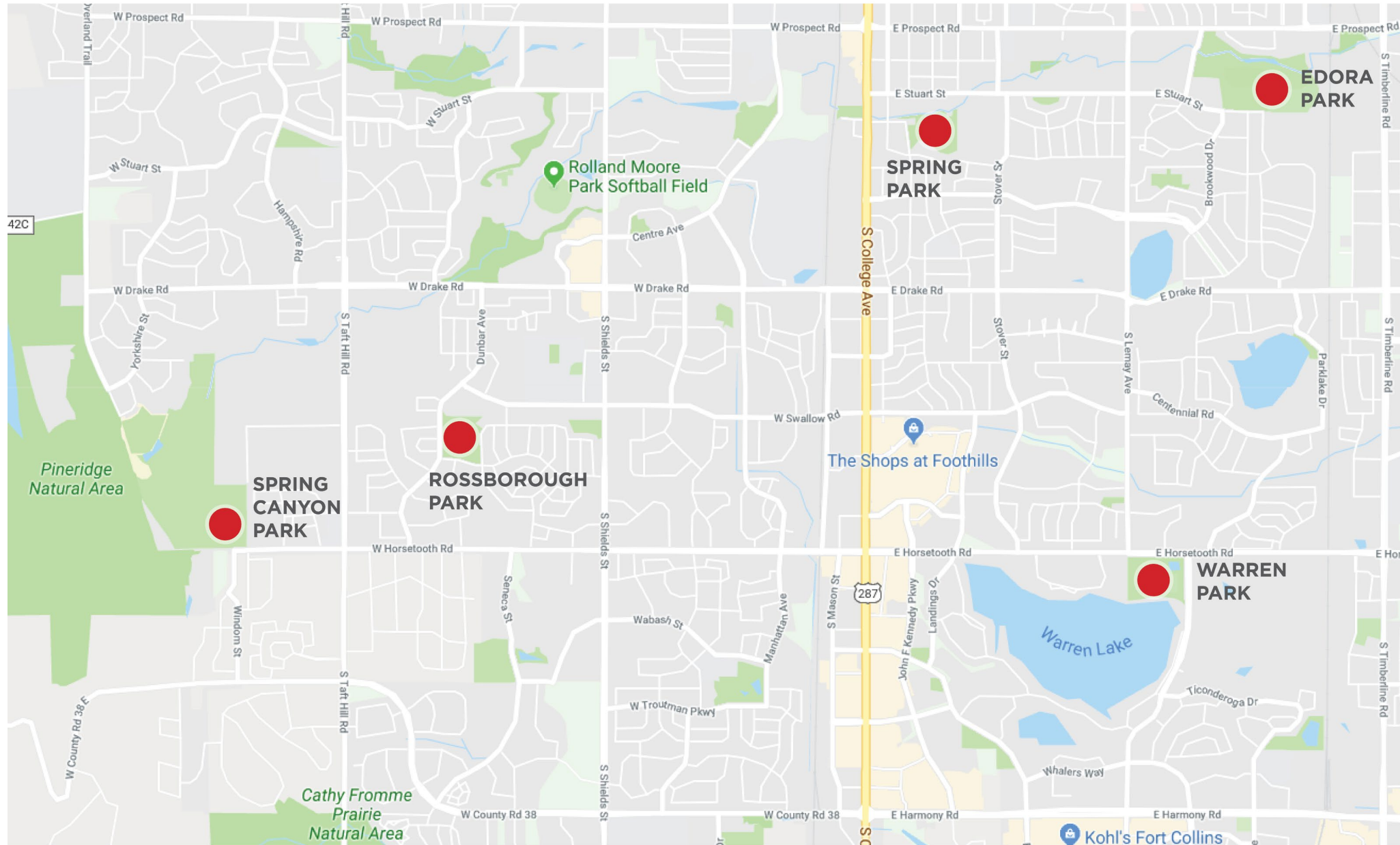
- Integrate a new use in a thoughtful manner
- Limit impact to park uses and resources
- Be a good neighbor
- Engage neighbors
- Engage cyclo-cross community



- Cycling community interest (2-year effort)
- Growing community need
- Pilot project
- Skills training course
- Not a race course
- Not an event course
- Evaluate after 1 season



- Spring Canyon Park
- Rossborough Park
- Spring Park
- Edora Park
- Warren Park



NATURAL FEATURES

GRASSY
AREA

RIDEABLE
SLOPES

EXISTING
OBSTACLES

INTEGRATION

ACCESS

OTHER
PARK
USES

PARK
PROGRAMMING

COURSE LAYOUT

LENGTH OF
COURSE

COURSE
FEATURES

IMPACTS TO PARK
USERS &
RESOURCES

Park Features

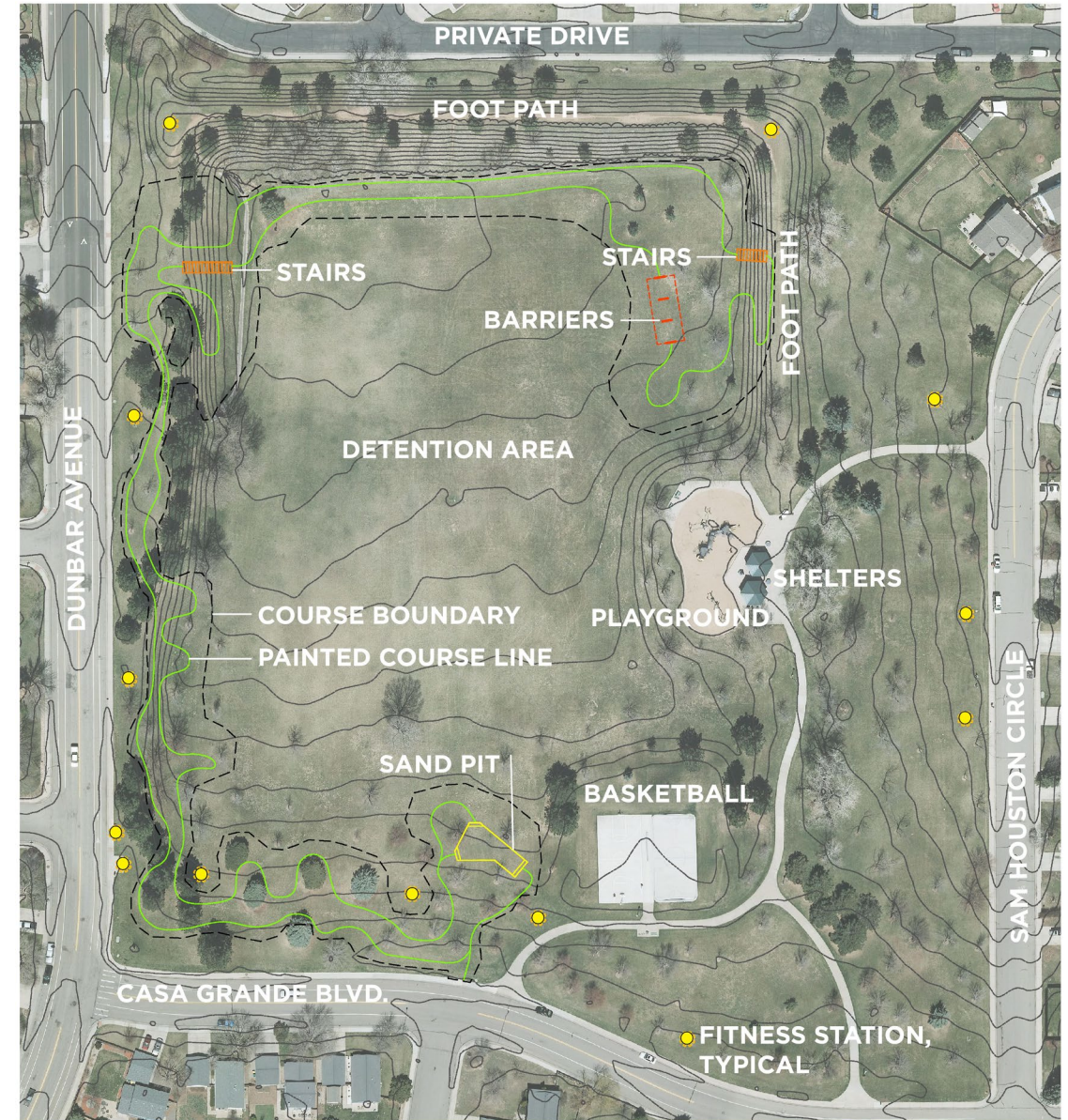
- Sidewalks
- Foot paths
- Playground
- Picnic Shelters
- Fitness Stations
- Basketball Court
- Detention



Internal Review

- Parks
- Park Planning & Development
- Forestry
- Engineering / Stormwater
- Park & Recreation Board

** In January 2019, the Park & Recreation Board gave their support to present the proposed pilot course to neighbors of Rossborough Park.*





**CYCLO-CROSS
PILOT
PROGRAM
PROPOSAL**

Presented by: Dan Porter and Steve Stefko on behalf of the Fort Collins cycling community

Presented to: Rossborough Park Neighborhood

Goal: To present our vision and obtain support and feedback for a cyclo-cross skills training course at Rossborough Neighborhood Park.

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Presented by: Dan Porter



My name is Dan Porter.

I've been a competitive cyclist since 1994, a Fort Collins resident since 1999 and a Rossborough Neighborhood resident since 2011.

I launched the Fort Collins cycling news site *Your Group Ride* in 2008.

I've been racing cyclo-cross since 2011. I'm also a husband and father of three.



Purpose of Presentation:



Today I'm here to garner your support and feedback for a PILOT cyclo-cross skills training course at Rossborough Park.

In this presentation you will learn:

1. What is cyclo-cross?
2. What cyclo-cross course features are being requested and what those features look like?
3. When and how the features will be used and by whom?



What is Cyclo-Cross Racing?



Before I get into what the Rossborough Cyclo-cross Skills Training Course is, I want to touch on what it is not. It is not a practice race course and it is not a race venue.

Between Aug and Dec, it will play host to individuals and small groups of riders wanting to hone their cyclo-cross skills on specific obstacles for between 30 and 60 min at a time.

Cyclo-cross is a predominantly off road cycling discipline that takes place on grassy areas such as parks, golf courses and schools. Courses are generally 2 miles long and 10' wide and include features that force the rider to dismount their bike and run. These features include but are not limited to, wooden barriers, stairs, steep grass/dirt run-ups and sand pits. Grass, steep but rideable, hills, off camber sections and tight turns also challenge rider skills.

This skills course will be shorter in length but will incorporate, barriers, stairs, sand, grass and off camber sections.

The pilot program will run from August until December.

The primary purpose of this course is for riders to hone their skills rather than increase fitness therefore, speeds will be lower than during a race.



Notable Local Cyclists



Fort Collins riders have landed on National Championship podiums dozens of times.

Most recently, former Collegiate National Champion Brannan Fix of Fort Collins, brought home a silver medal in the Under 23 Elite race and a bronze medal in the Collegiate Varsity race. Steve Stefko took 5th place in the Master Men's 40-44 race. CSU's Mel Beale rode to 3rd place in the Collegiate Club race and helped CSU win the Omnium overall.

In all, 1,548 racers took part in CX Nationals in 2018. Racers ages vary from the young age of 11 all the way up to 86 years of age. Fort Collins sent 22 racers to Nationals.

Brannan represented the United States at the Cyclo-cross World Championships in Bogense, Denmark on February 2nd.



Who comes to Races?



Cyclo-cross is the fastest growing cycling discipline in the US and Fort Collins has a long history and passion for it.

In 2010 and 2011, we hosted the US Grand Prix of Cyclo-cross, part of a national race series, attracting the best professional racers in the nation.

Cross of the North, our local weekend race, is in its 8th year. Every November, the race attracts nearly 1,000 racers of all ages and abilities to the legendary course at New Belgium. It has been the state championship race in the past and is widely considered to be the best race in the region.

During five Tuesday evenings of racing at New Belgium Brewery, our grassroots series attracted nearly 600 racers in 2018.



Who Will Use the Course?



Cyclo-cross is a great sport for the whole family. The relatively low speeds, spectator friendly venues and festive atmosphere attract riders of all ages and abilities. Entire families often spend entire days at the race, racing and supporting each other.

While the junior races are currently showing the most growth, masters (racers over 35 years old) races have historically been the biggest.

Yes, riders with their sites on a national championship will use this training course but local moms and dads will also hone their skills as their children play just across the park at the playground.

As mentioned before, cyclo-cross is a lifelong sport with toddlers to senior citizens competing on any given weekend.

Cyclists will generally spend 30-60 minutes using the course.



Markings, Signage and Rules



Course Markings:

Materials paid for by the cycling community.

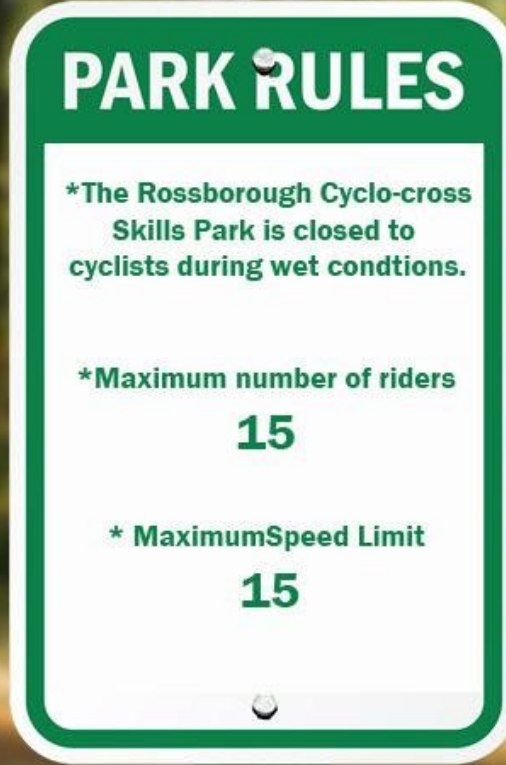
The skills course will be marked with field paint.

This would give the Parks Department the ability to change the course from time to time in order to minimize resource damage.

Having an actual course marked would also reduce confusion between course users and other park users.



Markings, Signage and Rules



Signage and Rules:

Signage will be paid for by the cycling community.

Max number of riders- 15

Speed limit- 15

Course Conditions- completely off limits during wet/muddy conditions.



Course Features:



Stairs:

Materials paid for by the cycling community.

While there aren't any regulations on stairs other than they adhere to course width minimums, they are generally cut into a slope and reinforced with wood and are fairly deep tread depth.

The picture is of the Belgian Stairs at the Valmont Bike Park in Boulder. The stairs for skills park will most likely be wooden and removable.



Course Features:



Barriers:

Materials paid for by the cycling community.

The barriers will be adjustable up to 16 inches tall, and will be 10 feet wide.



Course Features:



Sand pit:

Materials paid for by the cycling community.

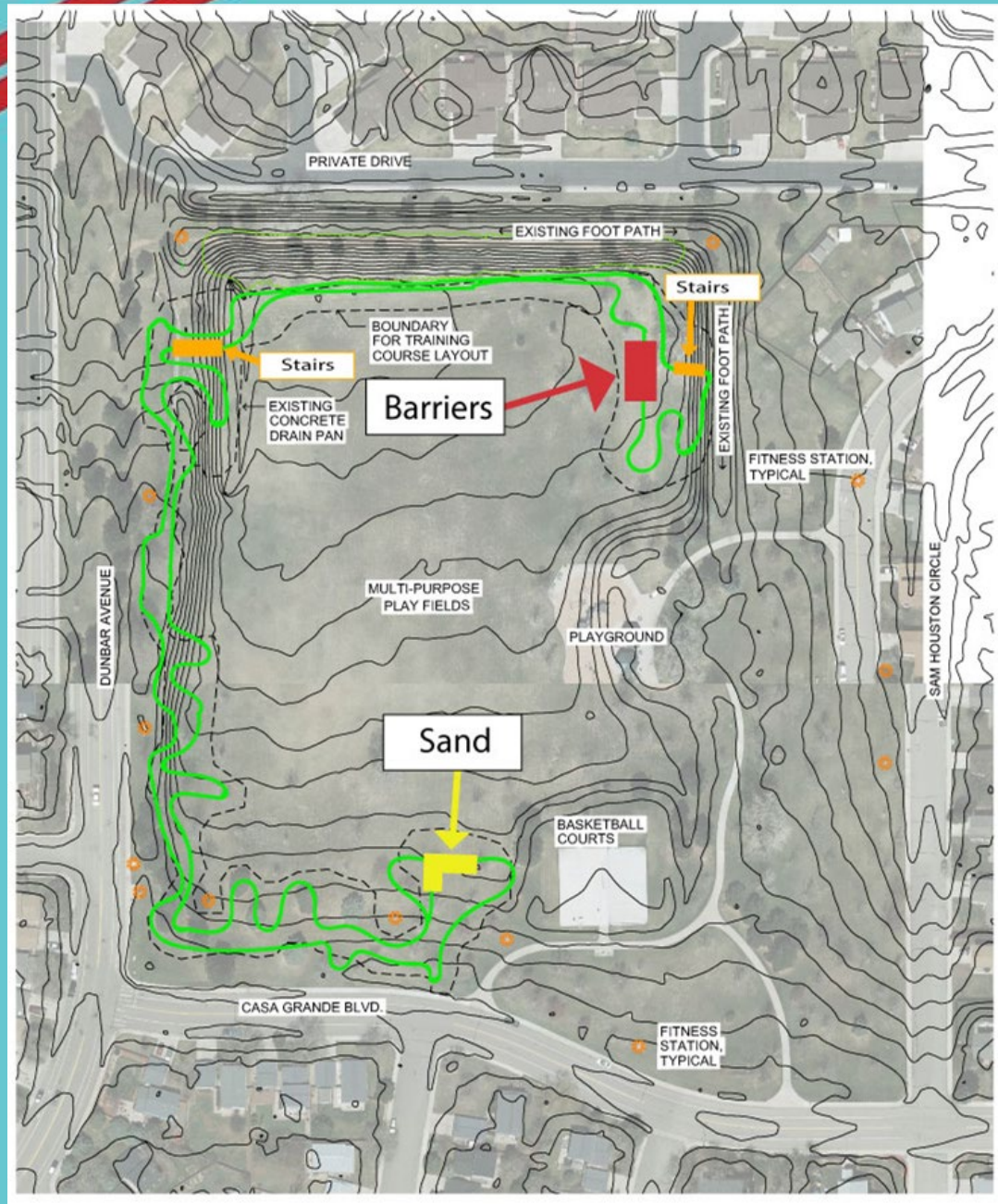
The sand pit should be long enough and deep enough to test the rider's ability to steer and power through the obstacle. We are recommending that the pits be 60 feet long, 14 inches deep.



Proposed Course:

Rossborough Park

offers great elevation for stairs, run-ups and off camber sections. This basic course, without features, has been used by the cyclo-cross community in the past.



Community Support:



Between 08/14/2017 and 09/24/2017, 536 local cyclists signed the following statement of support. On this list you will find Olympic medalists, USA World Championship team members, current and former professional cyclists, teachers, doctors, lawyers and business owners.

The Fort Collins Parks Department is considering a pilot program where they allow cyclo-cross riders to train on a course designed by local riders at one of our local parks. If you support the expanded use of parks by cyclists and specifically this cyclo-cross pilot program, please fill out this form.



Installation

- Painting of Course Lines:
 - setup fee
 - re-striping fees
- Features: (construction oversight of course features)
 - sand pit
 - stairs
 - barriers
- Signage:
 - course use guidelines
 - closure notifications
 - maximum # of riders
 - speed limit



Operations

- Park Hours: 5 am to 11 pm
- Drop-in Use Only
- First Come – First Serve
- No Events
- No Classes
- No Paid Lessons



Maintenance

- Inspection with regular maintenance visits: twice a week
- Monitoring of course for user conflicts and/or resource damage



Pilot Evaluation – Collaborative Process

- Resource Degradation
- Mitigation Success
- Closure Process
- Respect of Rules / Use of Course
- Vandalism
- Cyclo-cross Community Feedback
- Neighborhood Feedback



Temporary Course Closure

- Wet conditions
- Park maintenance / repair work
- Off-season
- Closure notification: kiosk, project web site, NOCO trail report, social media

Pilot Closure

- Safety concerns can not be mitigated
- Resource damage can not be mitigated



Check the web site regularly for progress and updates.

Contact the Park Planning & Development Department with questions.

[www.fcgov.com/parkplanning/
cyclo-cross-pilot-project](http://www.fcgov.com/parkplanning/cyclo-cross-pilot-project)



Your Input !

Please fill out
a comment card

* front side

COMMENT CARD ROSSBOROUGH PARK

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

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How do you currently use the park?

(see reverse side for additional comments)

Your Input !

Please fill out
a comment card

* back side

What concerns or suggestions do you have regarding the pilot cyclo-cross skills training course?

Additional comments:



How did you hear about this neighborhood meeting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Postcard Mailer ☐ NextDoor ☐ City Webpage ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Other



- Information Available On City Web Page:
- www.fcgov.com/parkplanning/cyclo-cross-pilot-project
- July: Summarize Neighborhood Input
- July-August: Refine Skills Training Course Design
- August: Construct Skills Features & Paint Course Boundary
- August – December: 1 Season
- August – January: Neighborhood Feedback
- February 2020: Pilot Evaluation