

Arvada Parks

- Taking Lasting Care Program
 - Tennis Courts: there are 45 tennis courts in Arvada's Park System; all but the eight courts at the Arvada Tennis Center are located in city parks. All courts were resurfaced in 2009. The lifespan of a tennis court surface is 25 years. No additional funds are recommended at this time.
 - Irrigation Systems: There are 647 irrigated acres of developed parks, sports complexes, medians and facility landscaping in Arvada's Park System. The lifespan of an irrigation system is 25 years. The replacement cost of an irrigation system is approximately \$50,000/acre. Current funding is at \$110,000/year; ideally, funding should be approximately \$1,000,000/year.
 - Playgrounds: There are 58 playgrounds in Arvada's park system, the majority of which were constructed in the 1990's. The lifespan of a playground is 15-20 years. Currently 14 playgrounds do not meet current minimal ADA accessible guidelines. Maintaining current funding levels for playground replacement will result in all playgrounds meeting current minimal ADA accessible guidelines in approximately six years. Meeting our goal of having all playgrounds meeting current minimal ADA standards could be accelerated with additional funding. A playground replacement is approximately \$120,000.
 - Trail Segments: There are 26 miles of improved hard surface trail in Arvada's Park System. The lifespan of a concrete trail is approximately 25 years. Current funding is \$50,000/year. No additional funding is recommended at this time.
 - Trees; There are approximately 30,000 trees in Arvada's urban forest, approximately 100 die and are removed each year due to vandalism, storm damage, drought or having reached their life expectancy. The Emerald Ash Borer's impact on Arvada Parks' trees is expected to be profound. Currently, \$15,000/year is budget for replacement. The cost to replace a tree is \$800/tree. Funding of approximately \$100,000/year would go a long way towards maintaining Arvada's urban forest.
 - (Parks Department Recommendation) Add Park Parking Lots to the Arvada Parks Taking Lasting Care Program: At this time, the city's building replacement fund does not include park and sports complex parking lots in its replacement plan. At this time, no funds are budgeted for resurfacing park parking lots. Park staff is working with public works staff on rating the pavement condition, using the same metric as is used in rating our city's streets. Once completed, a plan will be prepared for this recommended addition to the Parks Taking Lasting Care Program.
 - (Parks Department Recommendation). Add Computerized Irrigation System replacement to the Arvada Parks Taking Lasting Care Program. There are 123

controller units used at 95 sites including parks, sports complexes, medians and facilities. Computerized irrigation technology has been invaluable in enabling parks staff to deliver water to plants, trees and turf and is a key drought response tool. The lifespan of a controller (hardware and software) is approximately 10 years. It is recommended computerized irrigation controllers be added to the Parks Taking Lasting Care Program.

- **Neighborhood Parks:** There are approximately 85 neighborhood parks in Arvada's Park System. Many parks are now over a half century old, parks built as parts of the 1974 bond issue are nearing 40 years old. The new Arvada Parks Master plan will include recommendations regarding a neighborhood park reinvestment strategy to insure these parks meet the needs of today's and future citizens.
- **Community Parks** (Lake Arbor Community Park + Lake Arbor Community Park Expansion, Gibbs West Community Park, Clear Creek Valley Community Park (Partnership with Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation District) all have adopted master plans that guide future development phases. Each master plan has a recommended phasing plan, along with estimated construction estimates. The new Arvada Parks Master plan will recommend priority strategic investment projects for future funding consideration.
- **Historic Parks** (Moore Bros. Farm, Ralston Cemetery, Lewis Ralston Gold Strike Community Park, Indiana and Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center) all have adopted master plans that guide future development phases. Each master plan has a recommended phasing plan, along with estimated construction cost estimates. The new Arvada Parks Master plan will recommend priority strategic investment projects for future consideration.
- **Sports Complexes** (Foster Ball fields, Lutz Sports Complex, Pioneer Sports Complex, Ralston Addition Sports Complex, Stenger Sports Complex Long Lake Regional Park and Youth Memorial Sports Complex) all have master plans that guide future development phases. It is possible future improvements will be included in an upcoming Apex Park and Recreation bond issue for funding. Other needs to be examined in the new Arvada Parks Master plan include visitor amenities, such as bathrooms and seating.
- **Trails and Trail Corridors:** Work is already underway by the Arvada Park Advisory Committee regarding the city council's strategic result regarding completing 100% of the prioritized trail projects by December 31, 2019. Trails will play a very prominent role in the new Arvada Parks Master plan.
- **Open Space and Wildlife Refuges:** the old Arvada Parks Master plan placed a heavy emphasis on acquiring open space properties, on creating an Arvada Open Space System. The new Arvada Parks Master plan will likely place less emphasis on acquisition and more on developing management plans for the open space system, along with trail and trail head improvements that would open the open space properties to greater use.

- Urban Design Elements: Facility Landscaping + Medians + Water Tanks: Well designed and maintained xeric medians have received a major emphasis in the past and have played a major role in defining Arvada's urban design framework. While great headway has been made, future median projects remain unfunded – the West 86th Avenue Median being the most expensive project. No funds are currently budgeted for new median construction. The new Arvada Parks Master plan will help define the city's strategic regarding completing an arterial streets beautification plan, including defining future projects.
- Environmental Education (Majestic View Community Park) has a master plan that guides future development phases. The new Arvada Parks Master plan will recommend priority strategic investment projects for future construction.
- Lake Recreation: Arvada Parks lake recreation program currently operates out of Arvada Reservoir. In the future, plans are to expand it to Welton Reservoir. A master plan, including a financing strategy, is being developed in conjunction with the Consolidated Mutual Water Company.
- Parks Maintenance Facilities: a new streets/parks maintenance facility is being studied as part of a greater effort currently underway to create a city facilities plan.