

### VIRTUAL SESSION PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN



Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services



#### **Presentation will begin shortly**

Please be sure to mute your line during the presentation. A Q&A session will immediately follow and is open to all. Instructions will be provided.



### INTRODUCTIONS: Project is led by: City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Department Staff Thank you! -Britt Haley, Director And facilitated by: Kimley-Horn staff PROS Consulting **ETC Institute** Parks, Recreation.

#### **Department Vision:**

Building community and preserving our legacy to make Colorado Springs the finest place to live and visit.

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#### **Department Mission:**

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is the steward of a diverse park system that enriches the community through healthy, active opportunities that engage and inspire.





### **PURPOSE:**



# The purpose of the Park System Master Plan (PSMP) is three part:

- Identify recommendations to assist the city in meeting existing and future park, recreation, trail and open space needs.
- Inform decision-making for the next 10-15 years through public input and data analysis.
- Ensure equitable access to parks for everyone in Colorado Springs.





#### Format of Meeting:

- This is a virtual public session.
- Communications by chat, audio, and video is being recorded for documentation purposes only.
- Presentation will pause a few times for interactive questions.
- Add your questions or comments into the chat only.
- You may be called upon to unmute as needed.

#### **Question and Answer:**

- After the brief presentation, there will be a general questions & answers period.
- Questions about the Park System Master Plan will be prioritized.

#### ColoradoSprings.gov/gocos



If you have a general issue, complaint, or concern, visit GoCOS!

#### **Interactive Online Map**



If you have comments on any aspect of the park system such as parks, trails, open spaces, and programs, add them to the interactive map.



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once done

#### Poll Questions (How to Read):

- A series of 5 questions are going to be shown on the screen individually.
- You can choose to participate in any you would like.
- We will begin with a 'test' question to orient everyone to the format.

### We will share results immediately following ¥ 4G5 173% You are viewing the poll results (shared by host) **Test Question** 1. Test Question: Have you participated in a virtual meeting before? (single choice) Your answer: YES

#### Poll Questions (Results):

- Results will be shown once most participants have responded.
- Results will represent the general opinion of tonight's participants only.
- Responses do not represent direction actions.





#### What is a Park System Master Plan?

A Park System Master Plan outlines the goals and vision of a community's parks, recreation, trails and open spaces system while identifying how well it serves the community and ranks priorities for improvements.

Why does Colorado Springs need an updated plan?

The city is practicing great foresight in developing an updated plan that helps ensure future investments and improvements are made with community needs and continuity of services in mind.

How will community input be used in the planning process?

Recommendations for the future will be rooted in the input provided by participants through multiple opportunities and events.



### PLANNING PROCESS + SCHEDULE

HERE



The 2026 Park System Master Plan (PSMP) aims to create a dynamic vision that addresses the community's needs for the next 10-15 years.





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#### WHAT IS THE PARK SYSTEM?



## All of the following....

We management and are stewards of the following:

### 18,996 acres of park land 268 miles of trails

- 134 playgrounds
- 116 ball fields
- 82 multipurpose courts
- 79 basketball courts
- 11 skateboard parks
- 9 dog parks
- 8 community gardens
- 5 swimming pools
- 5 spray grounds and fountains

- 4 nature centers
- 4 community centers
- 3 disc golf courses
- 2 cemeteries
- 2 ice rinks
- 2 golf courses
- 1 museum

In 2024 we....

Hosted over 663,000 visitors

for special events in parks

Hosted 6.3 million visitors to our recreation facilities

Installed over 660 new wayfinding posts and markers

Upgraded 26 playgrounds

Offered 10,000 programs

Played 64,500 games



#### 2014 PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN



#### **Core Themes:**



Take care of what we have



**Diversity financial strategies, including** new methods of funding



Broaden, enhance and promote recreation opportunities



Continue open space conservation in advance of development



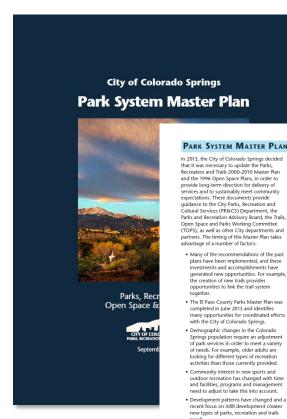
Build our community with the understanding that parks, open space and trails create great neighborhoods



Manage parks for better useability and greater enjoyment



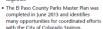
**Enhance and formulate strong and** broad partnerships



#### PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN INTRODUCTION

that it was necessary to update the Parks. Recreation and Trails 2000-2010 Master Plan and the 1996 Open Space Plans, in order to provide long-term direction for delivery of ervices and to sustainably meet community expectations. These documents provide uidance to the City Parks. Recreation and Cultural Services (PR&CS) Department, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Trails Open Space and Parks Working Committee (TOPS), as well as other City departments and partners. The timing of this Master Plan take

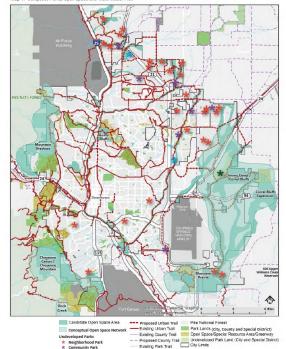




- Demographic changes in the Colorado Springs population require an adjustment of park services in order to meet a variety of needs. For example, older adults are looking for different types of recreation
- · Community interest in new sports and outdoor recreation has changed with time and facilities, programs and management need to adjust to take this into account
- recent focus on infill development creates new types of parks, recreation and trail
- · Municipal finance changes have required adjustments to park service delivery. Funding has stabilized considerably over the past couple of years. It is important to evaluate how operations changes hav impacted performance and examinalternatives and creative solutions for fut













### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- Held two Public Sessions in June
  - 1. Briargate YMCA 6/24/25
  - 2. Southeast YMCA 6/25/25
- 3. Virtual Public Session (today!)
- Community events between June-August
- 5. Focus groups interviews
- 6. Social media and press releases
- 7. Online Survey (NOW LIVE)
- 8. Project website ColoradoSprings.gov/ParkSystemMasterPlan





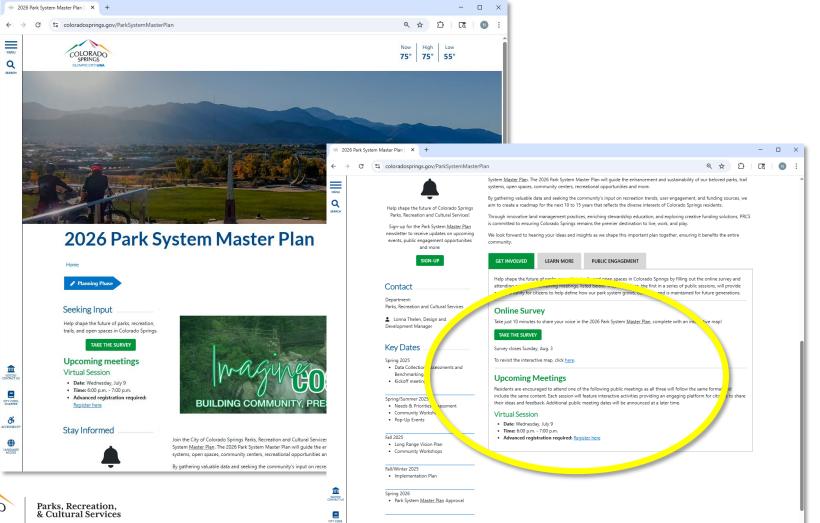




### PROJECT WEBSITE

### COSParks

#### ColoradoSprings.gov/ParkSystemMasterPlan







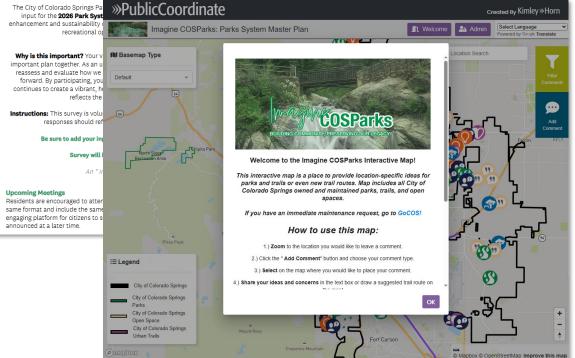


#### **ONLINE SURVEY**





Welcome to the Imagine COSParks Park System Master Plan Survey



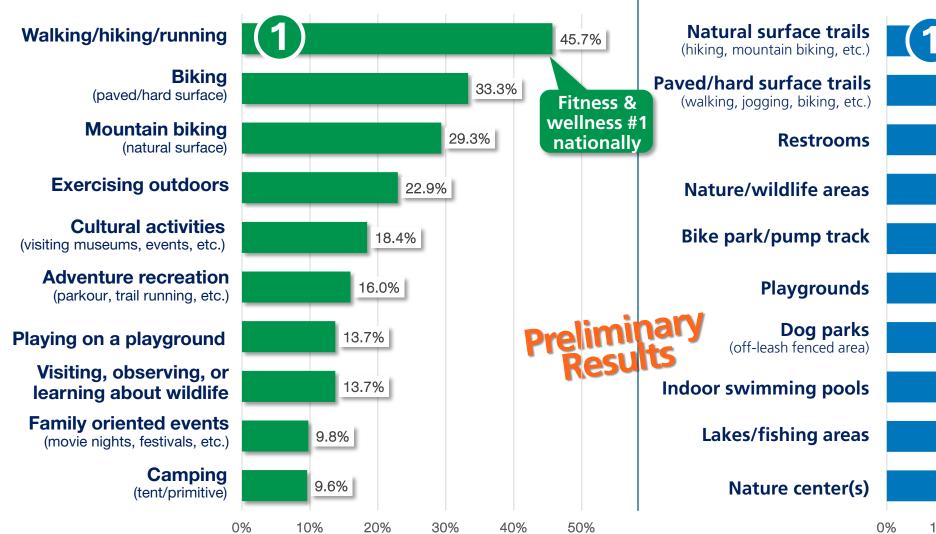
#### **Key Takeaways:**

- 585+ total responses
- Open through August 3, 2025
- Takes 10-minutes
- Available in English and Spanish
- Includes an interactive map for comments about parks and option to draw routes for trails

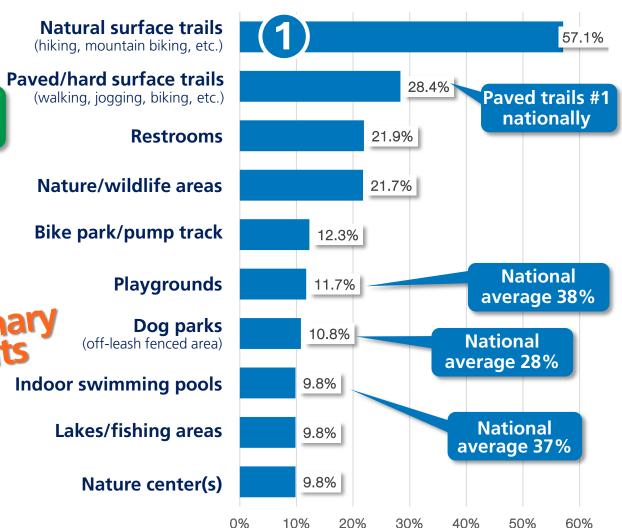


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### Top 10 most important <u>activities</u> residents have a need for:



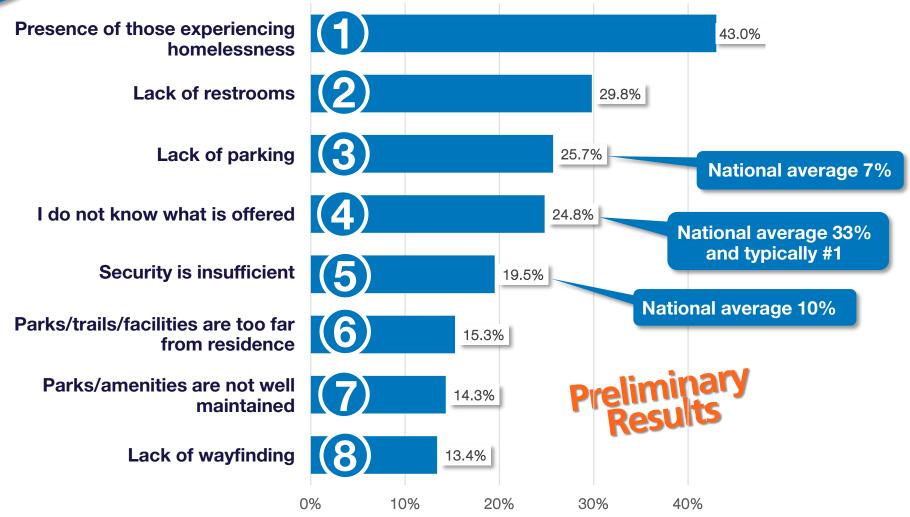
### Top 10 most important <u>facilities/amenities</u> residents have a need for:



**Online Public Opinion Survey** 



# Reasons that <u>prevent</u> you from visiting parks or participating in recreation programs and events more often.



Online Public Opinion Survey (continued)

### PARTICIPATE TODAY







#### **Online Survey**

Scan QR Code with phone now to visit project website and click on link to complete a survey.

#### **Project Website**







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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN



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