

KEY FINDINGS SUMMARY

2014 VALMONT CITY PARK CONCEPT PLAN UPDATE

2014 COMMUNITY SURVEY

- Most residents are satisfied with the park and recreation facilities in the City.
- Boulder's park and recreation facilities are well used. Over 80% have used paths, natural areas, and grassy lawns at least once in last year.
- Multi-use turf sees heavy use and is something most residents would like to see in the park.
- Scenic and community gardens, swimming pools, children's play grounds, picnic shelters, and outdoor event areas were considered desirable facilities.
- Tennis and volleyball courts, leisure pool, and disc golf were next on the list of desired facilities for Valmont City Park.

PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETING # 1

- Keypad Polling:
 - Support for an active park vs. a traditional / passive park.
 - Provide facilities for Boulder residents first but include uses that could have a regional / national draw.
 - Highest support for: Nature play, small group picnic shelters, skate park, disc golf, multi-use turf, large group picnic shelters, soft surface paths.
 - Lowest support for: Farm-to-table plots, pickleball, water-based play area, farmers market, tennis courts, splash pad, amphitheater,
- Disc golfers see the need for a tournament-quality course.
- Requests for more sports fields for adults and children
- Running community requested a dedicated running track and trail system

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

- Valmont City Park should be multi-generational, multi-use, and accessible to all, including alternative modes of travel.
- A balanced park is important: Active vs. passive recreation / community-based amenities vs. facilities that would have a regional / national draw.
- Most felt VCP is Boulder's last chance to address active recreation needs.
- Partnerships between the City, School District, CU, and private business are very desirable and should be encouraged.
- Sustainability for natural systems, park systems, and maintenance is important.

VISUAL PREFERENCE WEB SURVEY

- Strong support for an active, sports oriented park
- Respondents suggested that Valmont City Park should provide uses and activities for Boulder residents, as well as uses that will attract visitors.
- General park features, such as passive recreation and multi-use paths scored exceptionally high.
- Some specialized uses, such as a tennis complex and pickleball received lower support.
- Uses, such as space for farmer's markets and natural landscapes received moderate support.

ALL OF THE KEY FINDINGS INFLUENCE THE...

2014 CONCEPT PLAN UPDATE

SITE ANALYSIS: OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

- The park's size and features are generally well suited for a major city park.
- The Wonderland Creek Channel is site's most valuable natural resource.
- The Multi-Use Field and Park and Forestry Operations Building represent significant investments that will require careful consideration if converted to another use.
- The site has two major regional trails and a network of on-site trails.
- Areas occupied by the Goose Creek Channel and utility easements will have limitations for park use.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- Active Adventure Play is strongly supported by children, youth and their parents.
- Incorporating nature into play, through nature-play structures, as well as through open fields and natural vegetation is important.
- Access to and through the park are primary concerns.
- Non-traditional play elements are preferred within traditional passive park space.
- Introducing artistic elements, through way-finding markers, play elements, and pavement choices.

ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY GENERAL APPROACHES

- Making policy changes to better address current field allocation and reservation policies needs.
- Renovating existing fields and building out current facilities.
- Building new fields as necessary.
- Foster and build partnership opportunities with other athletic field providers throughout the community.

RELEVANT MASTER PLANS

- BPRD will plan South Valmont City Park for development with a balance of active and passive multi-use facilities, assuming a fiscally constrained outlook.
- South Valmont City Park will be planned but will not be developed without additional funding.
- South Valmont City Park will be planned and some community and multi-use facilities ... will be developed (approximately 30 acres).
- South Valmont City Park will be planned with balance of community use facilities and athletic fields will be developed (approximately 90 acres).

PROGRAMMING CHRONOLOGY

- Some needs, identified in previous plans, have already been met through Phase 1 of Valmont City Park, such as the Dog Park and Bike Park.
- Historically, support for baseball, softball nor disc golf has grown incrementally
- Due to a lack of current support, some historic program elements are not being considered, such as a small lake, or an outdoor water park.
- Major indoor facilities, such as an aquatics facility have received moderate support historically.
- Multi-use paths, multi-purpose fields and play features have received consistently high support.