

GENERAL PARK HISTORY

- 1995** – Funding was approved to acquire additional acreage to meet then current standards for community park acreage
- 1997** – Property acquisition began
- 1998** – Concept plan for Valmont City Park was approved by City Council and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- 2000** – Design Guidelines for Valmont City Park developed
- 2008** – New concept plan for Valmont City Park approved
- 2010** – Construction of Valmont Bike Park begins
- 2011** – Valmont Bike Park Opens to the public
- 2013** – Valmont Dog park is completed
- 2013** – Temporary disc golf on south side of Valmont Road is opened

2008 VALMONT CITY PARK MASTER PLAN

Addressed 132 acres for the park including:

- The 40-acre parcel north of Valmont Road (now the Valmont Bike Park and Valmont Dog Park)
- The 92-acre parcel south of Valmont Road

18 month process included extensive public outreach (17 public meetings & public opinion survey)

The 2008 Master Plan considered:

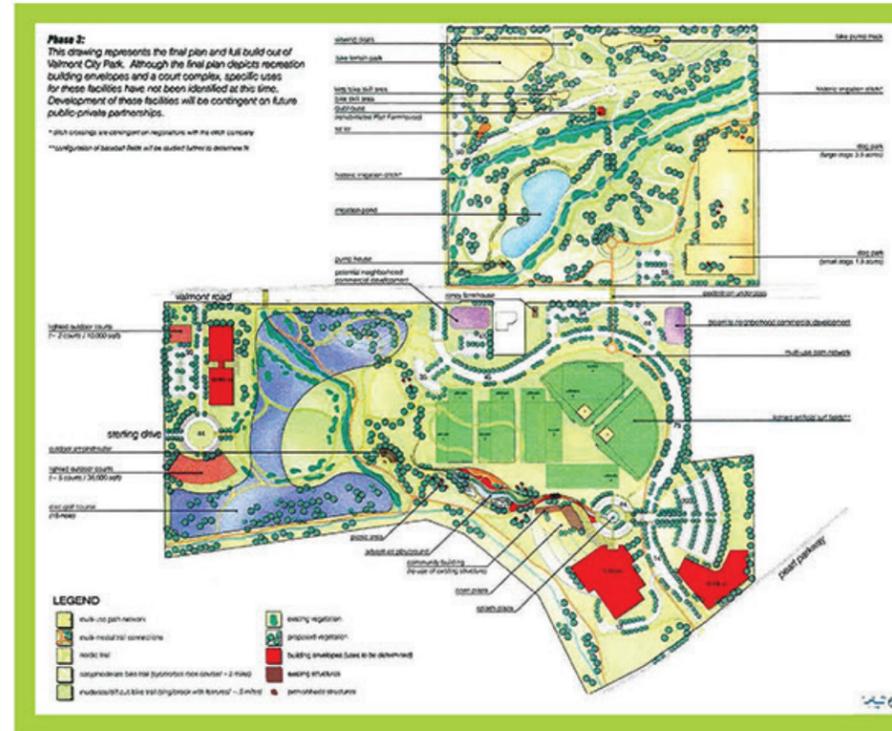
- 2002 “Valmont City Park Design Guidelines”
- 1998 plan’s “Public / Private Partnership Process”, as amended by the Parks Department’s 2006 update and RFP process.

Facilities in place at the time of the 2008 Master Plan:

- Multi-purpose turf area west of Wonderland Creek
- Prairie dog fencing around developed areas
- The Wonderland Creek Channel / Greenway improvements and underpass at Valmont Road
- Goose Creek Channel / Greenway improvements and underpass at Pearl Street
- Hard and soft surface trails
- Irrigation pond for the north parcel
- Airport Road entry and small parking lot
- Temporary dog park
- Wildlife corridor plantings along the east property line

Prairie dog colonies in undeveloped areas of the park site.

- “2006 Urban Wildlife Management Plan” (UWMP) colonies designated as “Interim Protection Areas”. Would not be removed until “development is imminent”.
- UWMP recommended that “hardscape improvements” be planned at edges of colonies to inhibit prairie dog encroachment.



2008 MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW

PROPOSED FACILITIES

North of Valmont Road (40 acres):

- Fully integrated, purpose built bike park
- Tricycle track and tot lot
- Rehabilitated Pratt Farmhouse (commercial or community meetings)
- Shaded, five-acre dog park with areas for large and small dogs
- Pedestrian only trails
- Two 50-stall parking areas

South of Valmont Road (92 acres):

- Lighted artificial turf multi-purpose fields:
 - o Four championship soccer fields
 - o Five ultimate Frisbee fields
 - o Two regulation high school baseball fields
- 18-hole disc golf course
- Areas for several large indoor recreation facilities such as:
 - o Gymnasium
 - o Indoor aquatic facility
 - o 50 meter pool
 - o Ice arena
 - o Tennis court complex
 - o Final building configurations / programming to be determined
- Parks and Forestry Operations building repurposed as a classroom / meeting space (if Parks Operations are relocated).
- In the south edge along Goose Creek:
 - o Linear adventure playground
 - o Picnic facilities
 - o Passive recreation
 - o 300 seat outdoor amphitheater

Three phases of development planned

2008 MASTER PLAN VISION

“Valmont City Park will provide **world class recreation facilities** that will become a vital part of Boulder and its surrounding communities. The design of the final master plan was **inspired by the site’s agrarian past**. Forms that take shape on the ground plane mimic lines made by irrigation circles in agricultural landscapes and shape site features including parking lots roads, building envelopes, and pedestrian circulation. In addition to providing numerous recreation amenities to the City Boulder, each feature of Valmont City Park will **showcase design innovation and environmental sensitivity.**”

VALMONT BIKE PARK AND VALMONT DOG PARK

The Valmont Bike Park and Dog Park opened in 2011 (\$3.2 million construction cost)

Valmont Bike Park

- One of the largest urban bike parks in the country
- Over 50,000 users in first year
- Natural surface facility
- Accommodate multiple disciplines and all ages and abilities
- Wide range of single-track circuits, cyclo-cross trails, BMX, pump track, jumps, and spectator facilities
- A small tot lot and tricycle track
- Accommodates special events and everyday use
- Includes support facilities such as restrooms and two soft surface parking lots

Valmont Dog Park

- Fenced area for both large and small dogs
- Large dog area is about 3 acres, Small dog area is about 0.25 acres
- Water spigot (seasonal)
- Opportunities for seating and shade

Valmont Dog Pavilion Water spigot (seasonal)

- Repurposed, steel building with exterior sheathing removed to create an open-air structure.
- Available for a wide variety of special events.

Pratt Farmhouse

- Rehabilitated farmhouse used as a community meeting space.