

# Elks Neighborhood Park



## Project Schedule



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## Project Goals

**To improve the Elks Neighborhood Park to meet the standards and needs of the neighborhood. (2006 Parks and Recreation Master Plan)**

**To meet the obligations of the 1996 Parks and Recreation ballot measure (.25 cent sales tax).**

**To partner with the City of Boulder Public Works Department Utilities, Greenways and Tributaries Programs to improve trail connections along Four Mile Creek.**

**To utilize the Safe Routes to Schools grant and improve multi-modal safety and connectivity in the vicinity.**

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## Neighborhood Park Amenities

Typical features found in neighborhood parks

Age appropriate play equipment

Ages 2-5



Picnic Shelter



Ages 5-12



Trash/Recycling containers



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## Neighborhood Park Amenities

Park Identification Sign



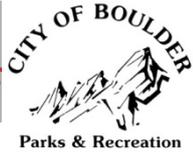
New Trees/shrubs



Open grass play area



# Four Mile Canyon Creek Greenway Trail 28<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> S



## Project Description

In April 2009, the City of Boulder Transportation division was awarded \$198,000 in Federal funding by the Colorado Division of Transportation to construct the Four Mile Canyon Creek greenway trail between 28<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> streets. An on-street designated bike route also will be signed along Agate Road west of 26<sup>th</sup> St. The project is part of the Safe Routes to School program. This project is a collaborative effort with Crestview Elementary and Centennial Middle schools; parent champions and community members dedicated to walking, biking and active living; the Boulder Valley School District; and the City of Boulder Utilities, Transportation and Parks and Recreation Department.

## Trail Project Goals

The completed greenway multi-use path will directly benefit Crestview Elementary and Centennial Middle schools by eliminating a physical barrier for 177 students and their families to provide a safe walking and cycling route to school.

The Four Mile Canyon Creek Greenway multi-use path project is included in the Transportation and Greenways Master Plans.

The multi-use path will complete a missing link in the City's bikeway system.

## About Colorado Safe Routes to School

**SafeRoutes**

Colorado Safe Routes to School



The Colorado safe Routes to School program addresses barriers that inhibit students from walking and biking to school. The program is 100 percent federally funded and managed by the Colorado Department of transportation.

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## Site Characteristics

### Site conditions to be taken into consideration during design

Wetland buffer

Existing mature trees

Adjacent neighborhoods

Flood conveyance zones

Groundwater levels

Soil types

Prevailing winds

Solar exposure

Water resources

Utility easements

Existing 28<sup>th</sup> St. right-of-way

Existing irrigation ditch

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## Design Considerations

Age Appropriate Playgrounds (2-5 year and 6-12 year age groups)

Picnic Shelter / Tables

Open Play Area

Native / Low Water Use Plant Materials

Ditch Water Rights/Irrigation

Multi-Use Pathways

Social Gathering Spaces

Park Entry/Circulation

Safety, Visibility and Diversity of Uses by All Age Groups

Neighborhood Ownership

Neighborhood Scale Park Features

Walking Paths

Active and Passive Uses

Existing Tree and Native Planting Conservation

Maintenance and Operations

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## Next Steps

### **October - December 2010**

Kick-off Meeting: Obtain Initial Input

#### **Neighborhood Meeting #2**

Identify Park/Trail Opportunities/Constraints

Develop Options for Park/Trail Layout (Alternatives)

#### **Neighborhood Meeting #3**

Select Preferred Alternative

Provide Update to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)

Select Design Consultant

### **January – June 2011**

Phase II: Design Development

Phase III: Construction Standards/Cost Estimates/Finalize Budget

***Anticipated Construction Schedule: Summer/Fall 2011***