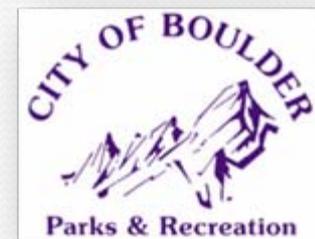
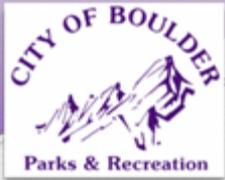


City of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department's Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Compliance Transition Plan Review

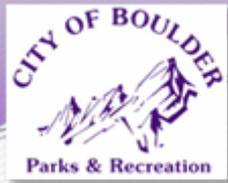




Thank you for your interest in the department's ADA Transition Plan

- I. What is ADA?
 - A. What do the guidelines recommend?
- II. Why do we need a Transition Plan?
 - A. What does the plan include?
- III. Creating the Plan
 - A. Process for determining Parks and Facilities
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 - Reports
 - Accessibility Guidelines
 - B. What was the criteria/rationale used to determine parks and facilities?
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- V. Public Outreach
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 - PRAB Presentation (Sept. 24th)
- VI. The Department's Next Steps



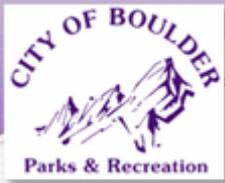


What is the ADA?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (P.L. 101-336) is the most comprehensive civil rights legislation adopted to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities. Public and private businesses, state and local government agencies, private entities offering public accommodations and services, transportation and utilities are required to comply with the law.

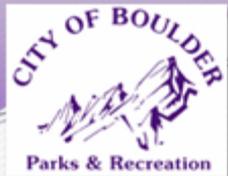
The ADA was signed into law by President George Bush on July 26, 1990, extending civil rights protections to individuals with physical or mental disabilities in the following areas:

- Public Employment
- Transportation
- State and local government services
- Public accommodations
- Telecommunications
- Miscellaneous



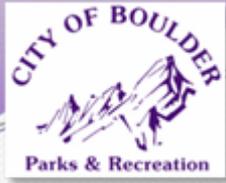
What do the guidelines recommend?

- All entities to complete a Transition Plan.
- Compliance with the guidelines to be met by 2015.
- All new construction to follow the 2010 guidelines.
- 1/3 of all existing parks to be made fully compliant by 2015.
- Compliance of standalone facilities will be dependent upon available funding and existing site constraints.
- Entities to determine which “like facilities” will be made fully compliant by 2015.
- Entities to address their operational policies and procedures for accessibility.



Why do we need a Transition Plan?

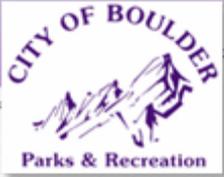
In 2010, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a final rule in order to adopt enforceable accessibility standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These standards assure that State and local government services do not discriminate individuals on the basis of disabilities. Acting on these final standards, the city of Boulder Parks & Recreation Department has created Transition Plans which detail efforts to comply with these rules and regulations.



What does the Plan include?

In order to clearly explain the department's commitment to comply with 2010 ADA guidelines, staff created three separate Transition Plans.

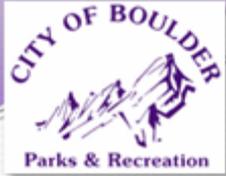
The first addresses parks and playgrounds, the second addresses recreation facilities and the third addresses our internal and external operating procedures and guidelines.



Creating the Plan

Rationale and criteria were developed to determine which parks and facilities should be made fully compliant to 2010 guidelines.





Process for determining Parks and Facilities

- **Checklists**

- City hired a consultant firm, Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC (RAC) to work with staff to “Train the Trainer” and train staff on new guidelines and how to audit parks & facilities.
- Staff and consultants audited all 61 parks and their amenities.
- Staff and consultants also audited 15 facilities.

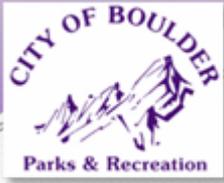
- **Reports**

- Staff and consultants compiled data from checklists done to audit each site (i.e. parking, accessible route, playground, bathrooms, etc.) and created one report for each park/facility outlining the deficiencies.

- **Policies and Procedures**

- Staff consolidated all departmental policies, procedures and operational guidelines, which are being assessed for accessibility.



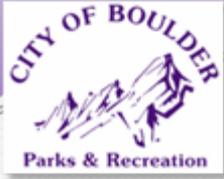


Selection of Parks

Identifying Parks to Improve

- Rationale/Criteria used
 - Geographic Distribution
 - Type of Park (Community, Neighborhood, Pocket)
 - Current / Projected Funding (CIP, Bond, FAM)
 - Specific Amenities



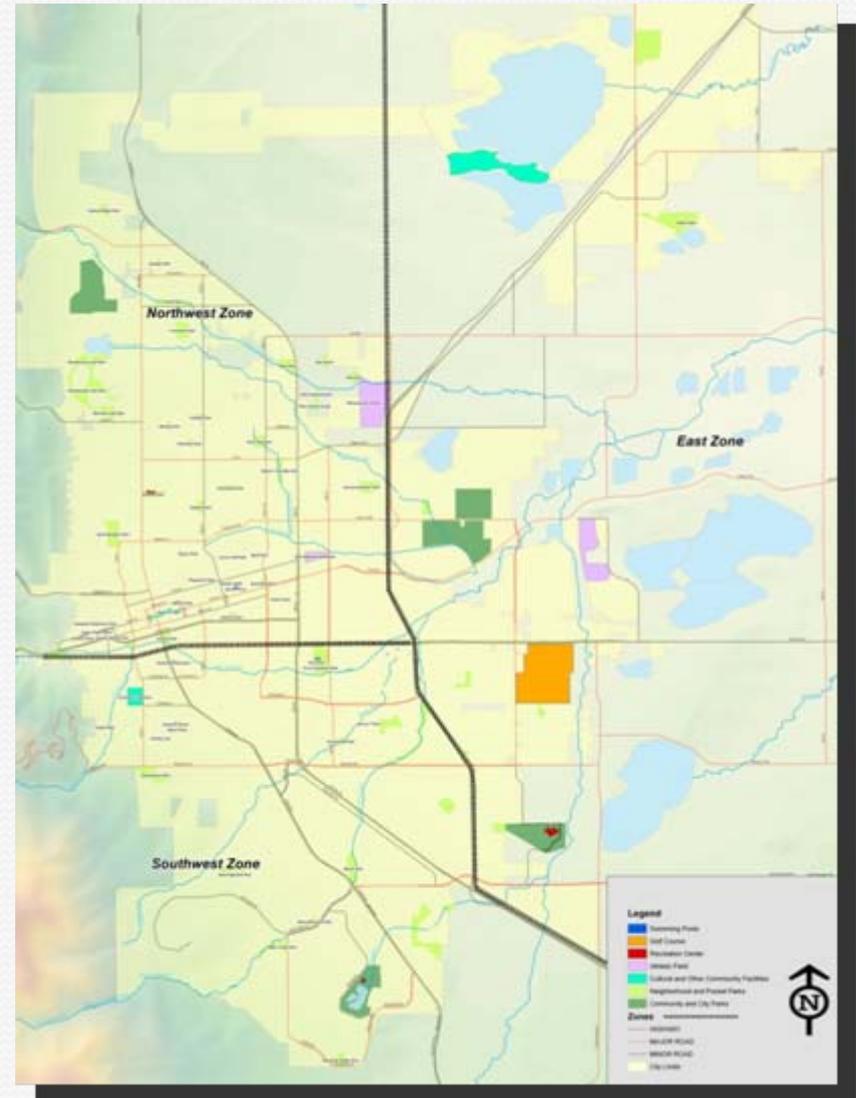


Selection of Parks

Rationale Steps

- Divide the parks system geographically into three zones (tridrants).
 - Zones contain similar numbers of each park classification (Community, Neighborhood, Pocket, and etc.)

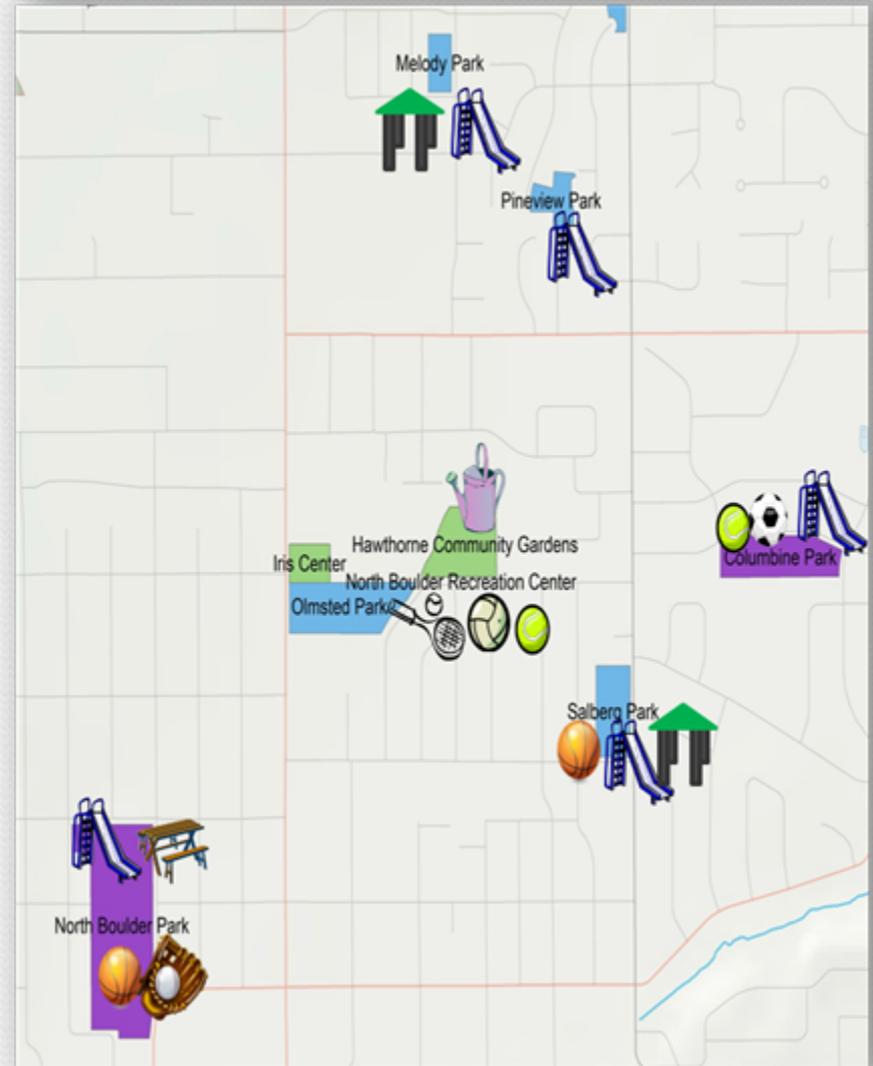
Thus ensuring that each zone would provide equitable options, and opportunities for users.

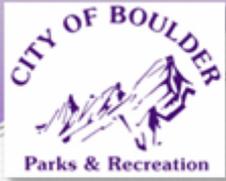


Selection of Parks

Rationale Steps

- Inventory all park amenities.
 - A park amenity might include sand volleyball, tennis courts, ball field etc.
- Identify existing parks that have attained compliance.
- Identify all current, and future Capital Improvement, Bond, and R&R funded projects (organizationally).
- Identify the parks that help us attain the goal of surpassing the 1/3 requirement.





Selection of Parks

The chart below shows the anticipated percentage of fully compliant parks, as of 2015.

*Please note, many other parks in our system will have compliant components such as playgrounds, picnic tables, shelters etc. In addition, all new construction will follow the 2010 guidelines furthering our aim to be a truly accessible community.

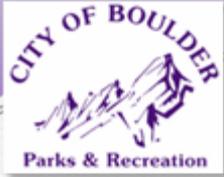
	Parks	Play grounds	Ball Fields	Multi/ Soccer	Tennis	Sand Volleyball	Basket Ball	Hand Ball	Roller Sport Rink	Platform Tennis Court	Shelters- Rentals	Shelters - General Use	Fishing Pier	Bandshell	Artificial Turf	Horse Shoes
Total Numbers Projected to be Compliant by 2015	25	22	6	7	17	6	6	4	2	2	8	18	1	1	2	9
Minimum Required	20	13	5	3	11	4	4	2	1	1	3	10	1	0	1	3
Projected Percentage by 2015	41%	58%	40%	88%	53%	55%	55%	80%	67%	100%	80%	62%	33%	100%	100%	100%

Selection of Facilities

Rationale

- “Stand Alone” facilities, and “Like” facilities were separated.
 - “Stand Alone” - Are ‘one of a kind’ facilities.
 - Example of “stand alone” facilities are the pottery lab and golf course.
 - “Like” - Are facilities that we have more than one of in our system.
 - Examples of “like” facilities include: (3) recreation centers and (2) outdoor pools .

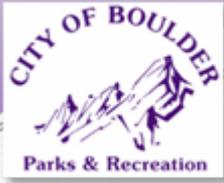




Selection of Facilities

- “Stand Alone” facilities – Compliance of standalone facilities will be dependent upon available funding and existing site constraints.
 - Pottery Lab
 - Pleasantview Multi Use Fields
 - Stazio Ball Fields
 - Scott Carpenter Baseball Diamond
 - Flatirons Golf Course





Selection of Facilities

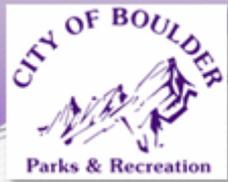
- “Like” facilities – will follow the 1/3 rule.
 - Three Community/Recreation Centers (EBCC, NBRC, SBRC)
 - Two outdoor pools (Scott Carpenter, Spruce)
 - Salberg Building (Pilates)
 - Iris Studio (Dance/Yoga)



- Further Rationale

- Which facility of the group has the potential to serve the most users?
- Where is it located?
- Is it a convenient facility for users to access?

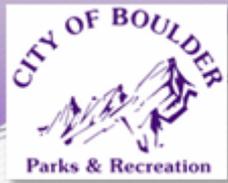




Accessibility Guidelines - Internal and External Operating Procedures

This document will be used as a “guideline” for all department staff and includes:

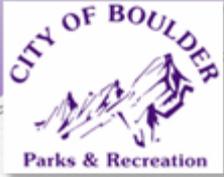
- The department’s philosophy regarding accessibility.
- Written guidance for staff about the ADA and how it applies to operating procedures.
- Clarification of policies and procedures as they pertain to accessibility for both parks and recreation.



Accessibility Guidelines - Internal and External Operating Procedures

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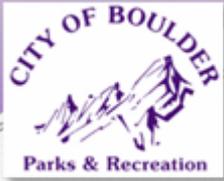
- This document will be flexible and changing.
- Staff will make updates to policies and procedures as needed, and as input from the community is provided.
- Staff will develop appropriate training to assist the department with providing excellent customer service to people with disabilities.



Public Outreach

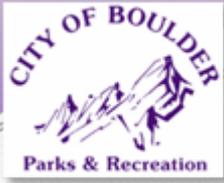
The process to gather feedback is:

- Department staff held (3) Focus Group Meetings
- The department is hosting an-Open House
 - Sept. 19th at the EBCC
- Presentation for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
 - October 22, 2012 *** Members from the public are encouraged to attend and provide input.



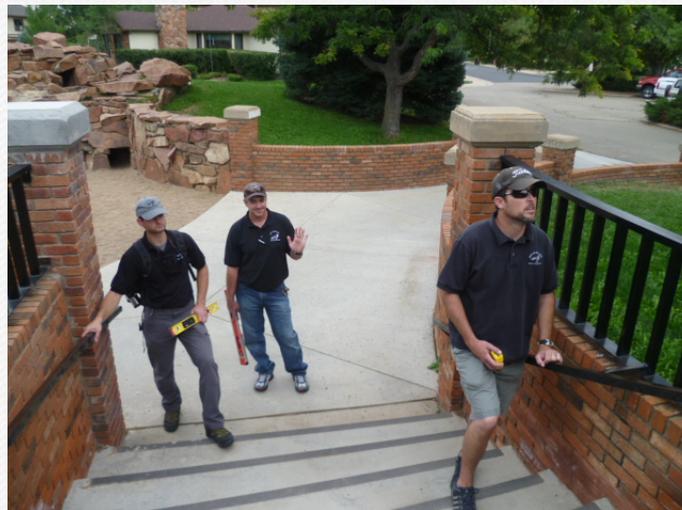
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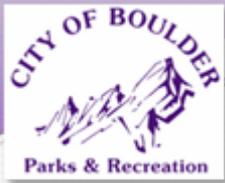
- Continue Public Outreach.
- Finalize all three Transition Plans to incorporate public feedback.
- Schedule, and complete renovations per our Transition Plans for Parks and Facilities.
 - Implement the Accessibility Guidelines. Once the parks and facilities were chosen an excel spreadsheet was created listing the prioritized parks and facilities, and the scope of work to be done.
 - The final step will be to attach costs and completion dates to the plan.



The Department's Next Steps - Challenges

- Coordination of facility upgrades with other departments.
- Identifying funding sources for compliance projects.
- Difficulty of addressing accessibility within the constraints imposed by historic structures.





Transition Plan Review

Thank you for taking the time to review this presentation!

On this website you can also find the Transition Plan documents. Please take the time to review these documents and provide us with your feedback. Your opinion and comments are valuable to us.

Open House

Wednesday, Sept. 19th

East Boulder Community Center

4:00-7:00pm