Everyday Excellence 2016 & Beyond

Boulder Parks & Recreation

2015 Progress Report

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Thank you for entrusting the care of our community's parks, facilities, and recreation resources to Boulder Parks and Recreation (BPR). We are pleased to share our 2015 accomplishments.

We maintain, operate, and care for:

80 parks, plazas, and properties including 41 playgrounds totaling more than 1,700 acres.

3 full-service recreation centers, providing more than 125 weekly drop-in fitness classes.

236 miles of multi-use paths, providing safe, year-round connectivity across the city.

4 dog parks totaling 9 acres.

100 outdoor ball courts (basketball, handball, tennis and volleyball), two outdoor pools and 44 multi-use sports fields and ball diamonds.

5 major city properties: Pearl Street Mall, Valmont Bike Park, Columbia Cemetery, the Flatirons Golf Course and Boulder Reservoir.

36,000 trees and planted 500 new trees.

300 flowerbeds and planted more than 50,000 flowers.

114 bird species including 82 nesting species and 3 birds of special concern at Boulder Reservoir.

With your support, we were honored to receive 7 national and regional awards in 2015 for our community service programming, sustainability practices, forestry and horticulture efforts.

Vision Statement

We envision a community where every member's health and well-being is founded on unparalleled parks, facilities and programs.

Our team is committed to providing excellent services and beautiful spaces. As we are making plans for 2016, we are especially excited to focus next year's efforts on:

- Neighborhood connectivity and community engagement.
- Inclusive programming.
- Improved registration systems.
- Two park enhancements and Civic Area construction (Phase 1).

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Engage

We promote the health and well-being of the community through impactful, inclusive programming, and outreach.

Youth Camps: More than 4,000 youth enjoyed BPR's summer day camp programs, gaining athletic, arts, agricultural, and science skills.

Inclusive Programming: BPR's EXPAND program provided more than 8,000 participations for community members living with disabilities.

Meeting Needs: Served more than 150 families and children from low-income homes, providing diverse cultural, educational and athletic after-school programs through Youth Services Initiative (YSI).

Keeping Boulder Fit: Hosted 14,500 participants in adult softball, soccer, basketball, kickball, dodge ball, and volleyball leagues and welcomed 481,000 recreation center user entries.

Community Events: Produced 20+ public events including movie nights, Boulder Community Day, Summer Festival, Star-Spangled Splash, Dog Days and Snow Much Fun attracting more than 15,000 attendees.

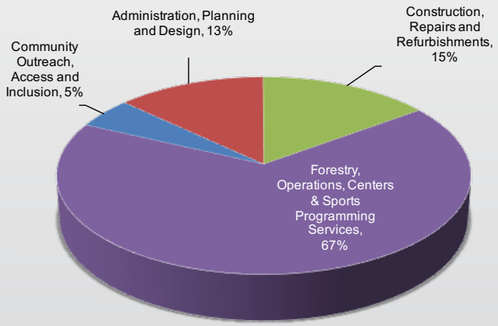
Volunteerism: Benefited from more than 11,000 volunteer hours including 8,000 hours of youth participation, valued at $253,000*.

** Based on $23.07/ volunteer hour, national average.*

Enhance

We provide safe, accessible public spaces and seek to use available resources wisely while contributing to our community's unparalleled quality of life.

Parks and Recreation Funds – 2015 Approved Budget $ 25.9 Million



Park Renovations:
Invested $2.2 million, completing renovations of 12 city parks impacted by the 2013 flood* including Evert Pierson Memorial Kids' Fishing Ponds, Crestview Park, Eben G. Fine Park and Knollwood Tennis Courts. Received $135,000 in grants to further enhance our park developments.

Pearl St. Mall:
Enhanced Pearl Street Mall's irrigation to ensure the long-term health and beauty of Boulder's most vibrant area.

Eco-Sustainability:
Celebrated 15 years of pesticide and herbicide-free maintenance practices at our parks and facilities. Saved approx. $50,000 through energy efficiency and solar resources at recreation centers.

**2015 flood repairs have been financed with city and FEMA funds.*

Envision

We continue to invest in Boulder's future and the ongoing support of the entire community.

Facility Plans: Completed studies identifying future community needs for athletic fields, aquatic facilities, and further development of Valmont City Park.

Forestry: Developed a strategic response plan to the discovery of the city's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. This invasive pest is projected to impact most of the city's ash trees. Our plan aims to ensure a diverse and resilient urban canopy for years to come.

Software: Invested in tools designed to improve GIS mapping, asset management, and online program registration to support operating efficiency and ensure alignment with community values and desires.