



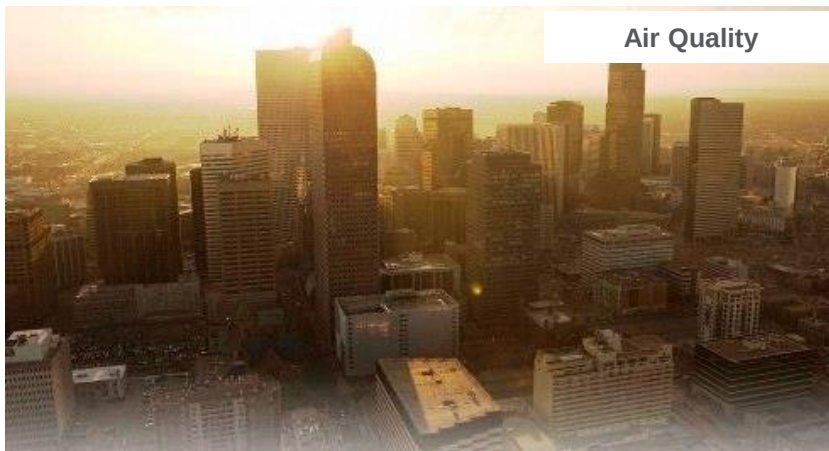
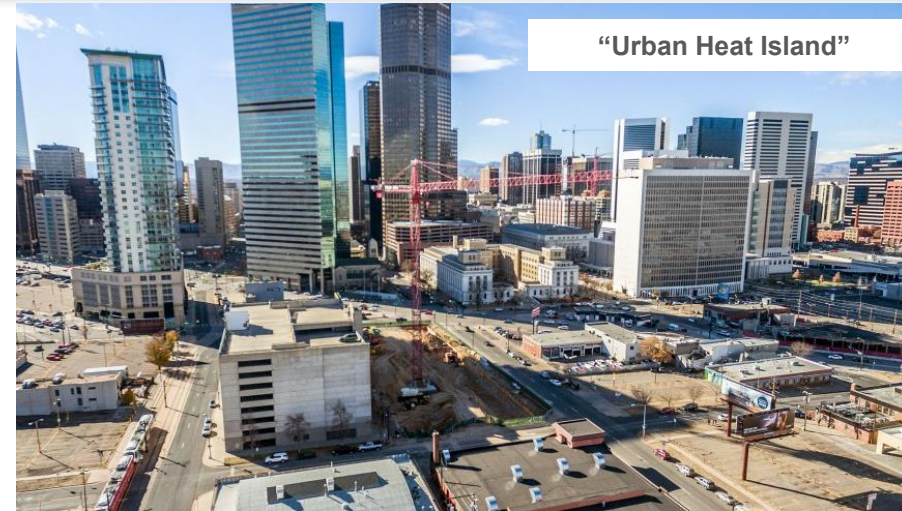
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URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE: CREATING A LIVABLE & HEALTHY CENTER CITY

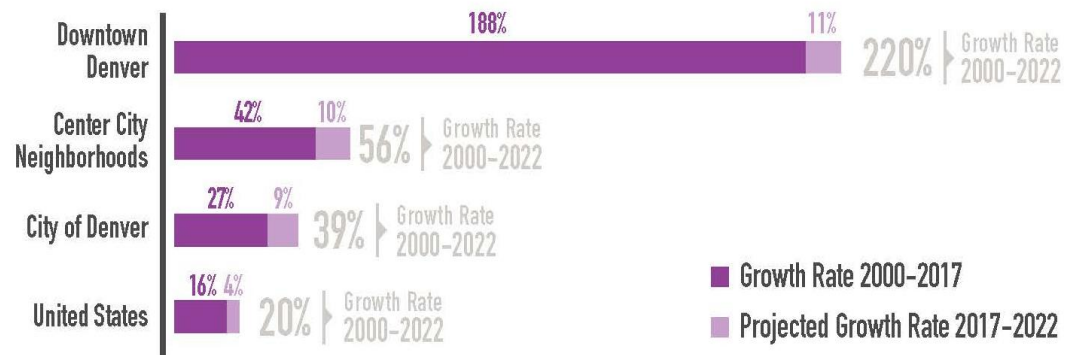
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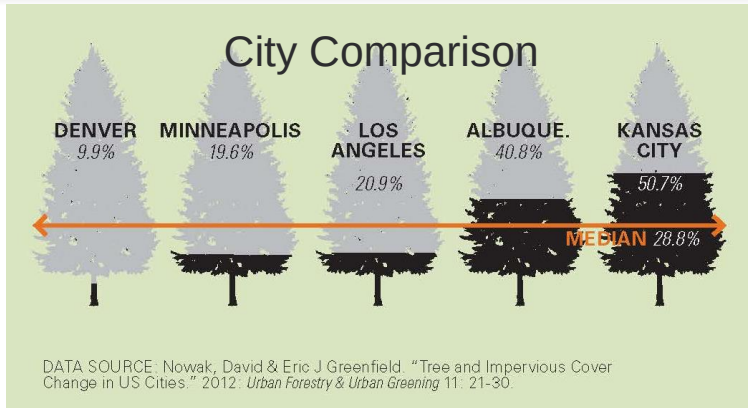
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- 19-1291
 - Approves an agreement with Denver Civic Ventures to fund the Urban Forest Initiative grant program.
 - Through public-private partnership, the program will expand and enhance downtown's urban tree canopy by planting and/or improving existing planting areas for 400 to 500 trees.
 - Contract expires 12/31/2024.
 - Parks & Recreation will reimburse one-third of project costs, up to \$3 million.

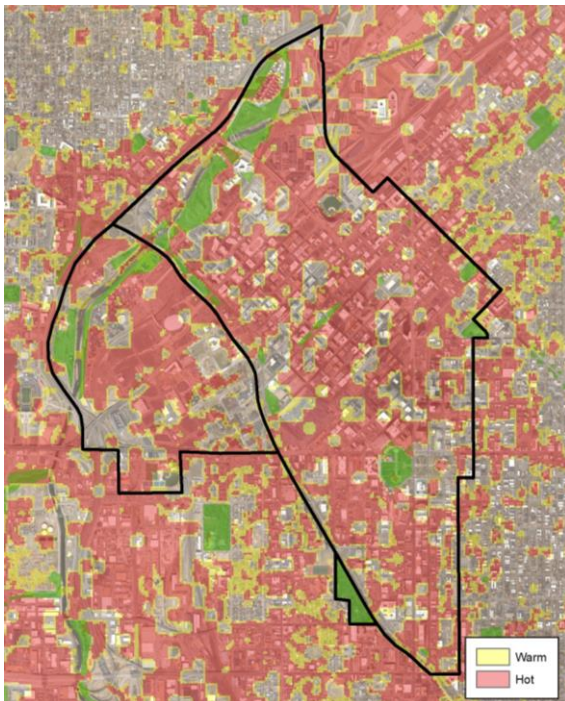


Downtown Denver's Expanding Residential Population

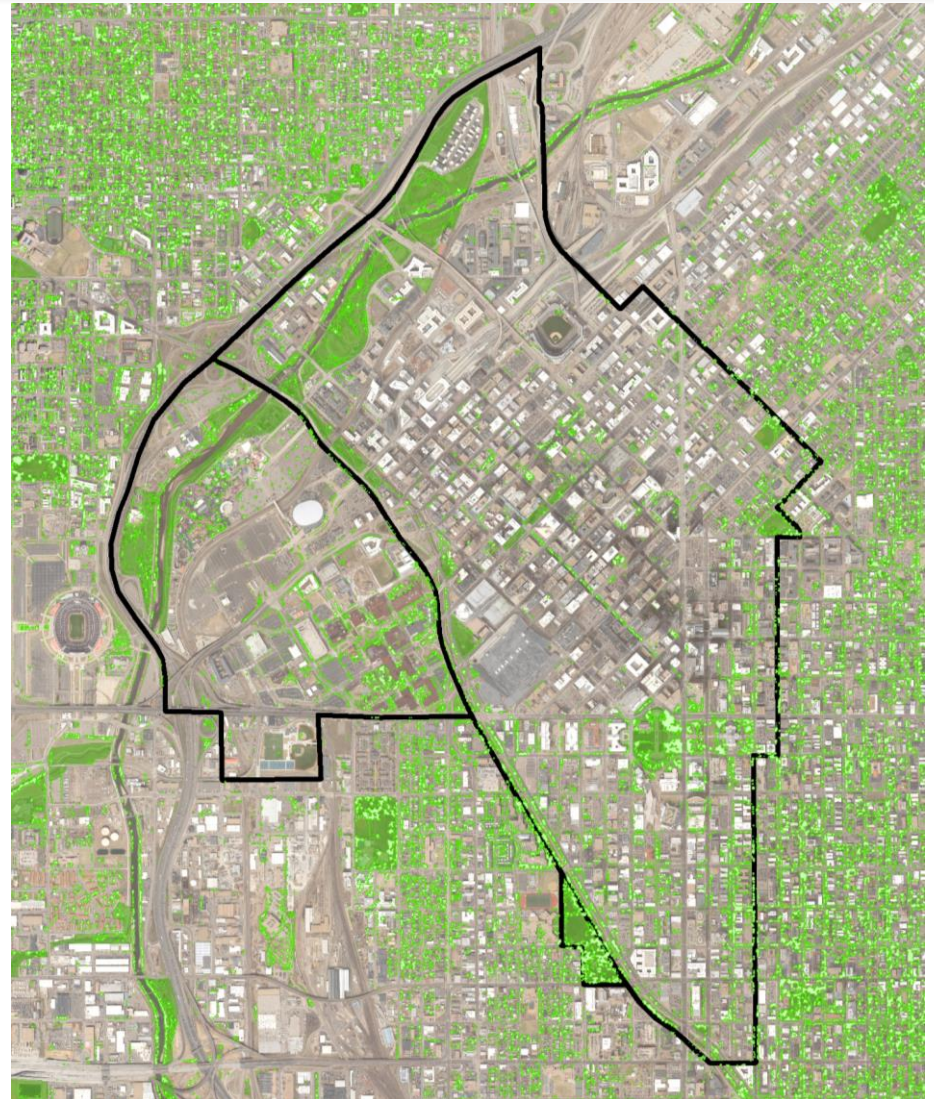




When measured against 20 other American cities, downtown Denver ranked the lowest for urban tree canopy with 4% coverage. Parks & Recreation's stated goal is 10%



Downtown Denver "Urban Heat Island"



Downtown Denver Urban Tree Canopy

A few of the benefits trees offer:

Carbon
Reduction

Oxygen
Creation

Wind
Deflection

Stormwater
Runoff
Reduction

Stormwater
Quality
Improvement

Improving
Air Quality

Reducing
Urban
Heat Island
Effect

Encouraging
Exercise

Protecting
Biodiversity

Noise
Abatement

Improving
Health

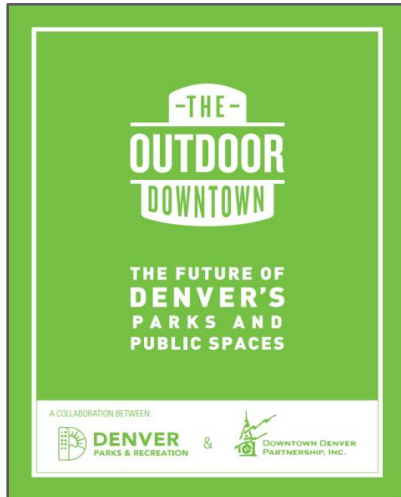
Providing
Shade

Calming
Traffic

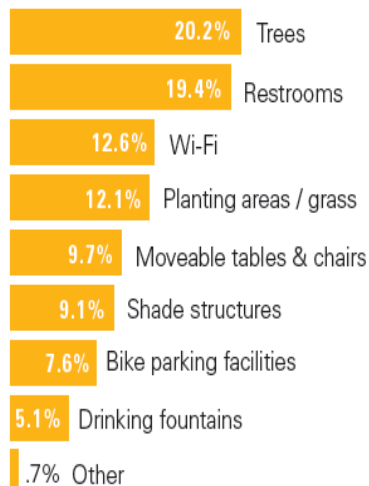
Moderating
Temperature

Increasing
Property
Values

The Outdoor Downtown



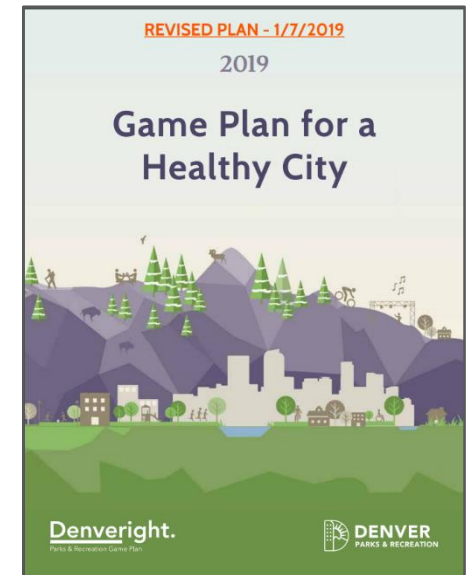
Rank your top three priorities for basic amenities.



Ballot Measure 2A

- Acquiring additional land for parks, trails, and open space;
- Developing, improving, and maintaining new and existing parks, trails, and open space, including in Denver's mountain parks;
- Restoring and protecting waterways, rivers, canals and streams;
- **Purchasing, planting, and caring of trees, such as Urban Forest Initiative Grant Program and Equity Neighborhood Tree Planting Program; And**
- Operating and maintaining any related additional acquisitions and capital improvements.

Game Plan for a Healthy City



Make the parks system more resilient and environmentally sustainable.

- **Protecting and expanding our urban forest**

Urban Forest Initiative

**Cultivate
the Culture**

**Build the
Canopy**

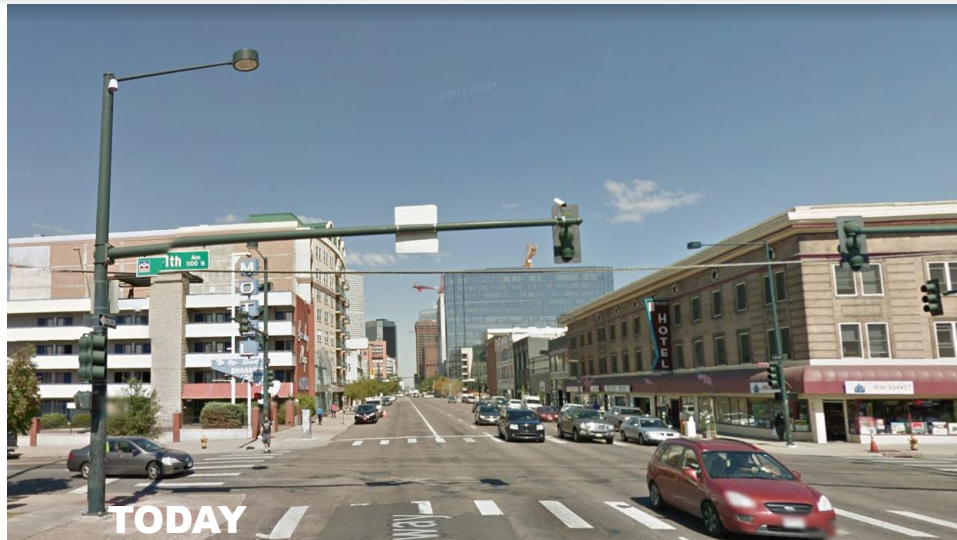
**Maintain the
Forest**

- Grow the Downtown Forest Canopy coverage from 4% - 10%.
- Plant and/or improve the planting areas for 400-500 trees by 2024.
- Leverage the urban forest impact through partnerships: City & County of Denver, Denver Civic Ventures, Business Improvement District and property owners.





Growing the Urban Forest | Broadway & 11th Avenue





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BROADWAY & BLAKE POP-UP PARK:

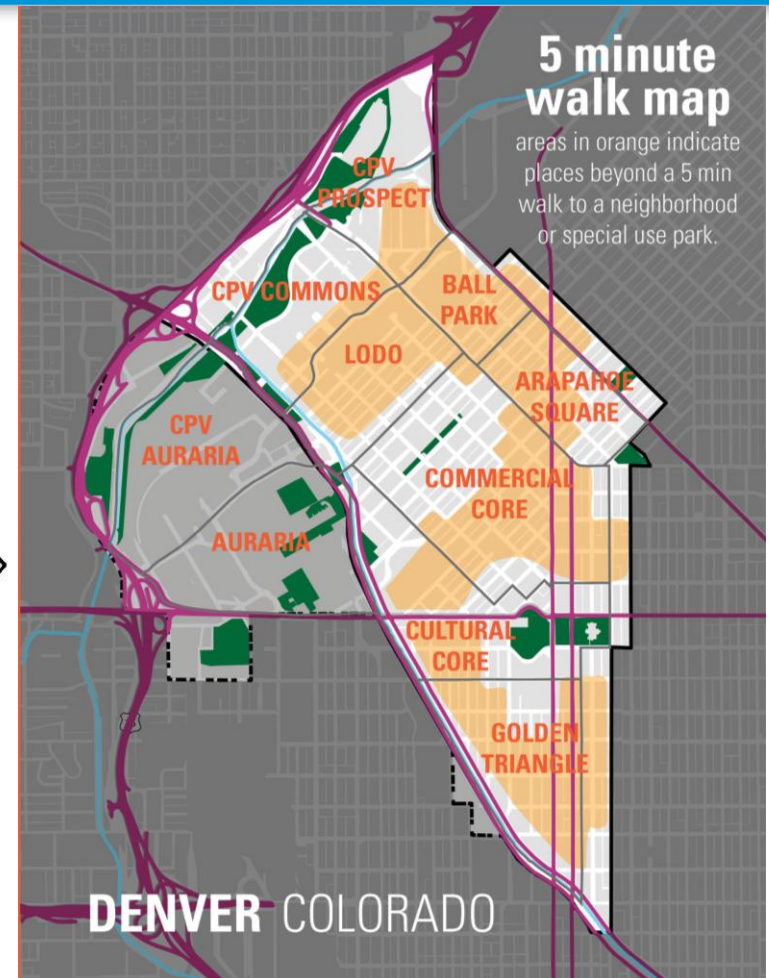
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- **19-1308**
 - Amends cooperative agreement with RiNo Art District.
 - Adds one year with option to renew an additional year at the discretion of DPR's executive director.
 - RiNo Art District solely funds the design, construction, programming and maintenance of neighborhood pop-up pocket park.
 - No funding required by the City.
 - City will provide trash removal and administrative support

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OUTDOOR
DOWNTOWN**
- THE FUTURE OF
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- A COLLABORATION BETWEEN:
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PARKS & RECREATION
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-  **DOWNTOWN DENVER
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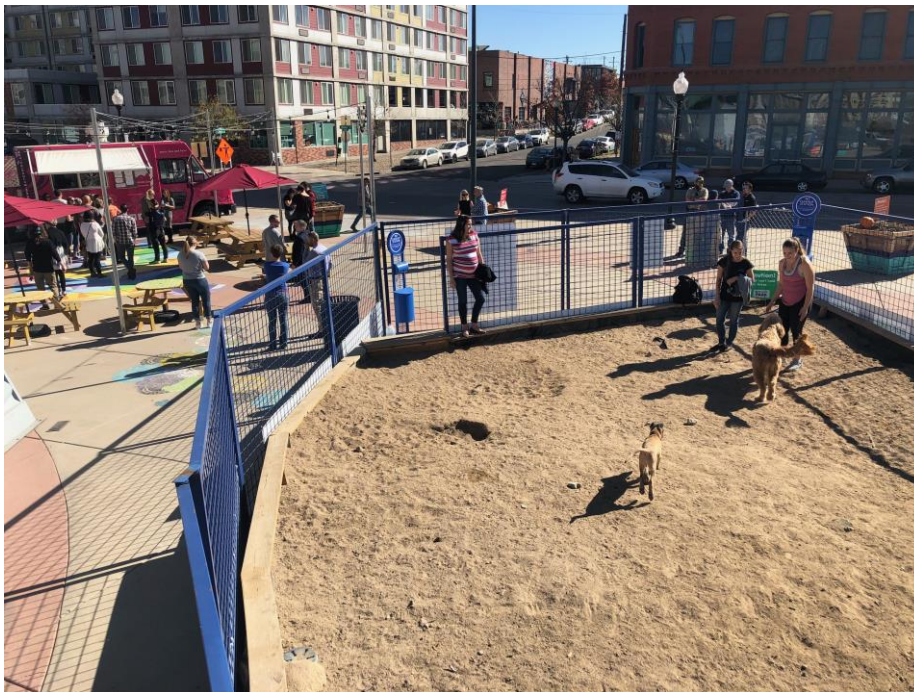


Pop-Up Park Goals:

- Innovate and adapt use of public right-of-way to create green spaces and places for people - a neighborhood pocket park for social gatherings and celebration of arts and culture.
- Contribute to fostering a livable, multi-generational downtown year-round.
- Cultivate the identity and culture of the neighborhood.
- Create a resilient and functionally sustainable outdoor public space.



- Pop-up design and construction was privately funded by community partners.
- RiNo Art District funds and activates the pop-up park through year-round programs.
- RiNo Art District funds and provides maintenance via Denver Day Works / Bayaud Enterprises.





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