

# Denver Parks & Recreation

Proposed Park Designations

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Rounds



# Park System History

- Park System had it's origin in 1858 with the cities of Auraria, Denver City and Highland at the confluence of the South Platte River and Cherry Creek
- First park was Curtis Park in 1868
- First Park Board was created in 1893
- The Park Board directed the management and development of the park system until about 1904
- Under Mayor Speer, a charter amendment in 1904 was adopted that created the Department of "Improvements and Parks"
- In 1910 the Mountain Park System was established
- In 1956 the Department of Parks and Recreation was created.
- Parcels that were acquired, developed or treated as a park at this time
   (1956) became designated under this charter amendment
- Subsequent park designations are accomplished through the City Council ordinance process





### Designation Considerations

- Supports a master plan (City Park)
- Has historical, cultural, ecological, or educational significance (Civic Center, Cheesman)
- Preservation of key visual corridors or scenic vistas (Cranmer)
- Park facilities have been or are planned to be constructed (13<sup>th</sup> & Xenia, Cuatro Vientos)
- Area infrastructure / utilities are not in a state of flux that may impact or change the park (Hampden Heights Park)
- There are no title / ownership issues that cast a cloud on the City's title or right to possession of the park
- No pending or anticipated plans for making/expanding nonpark uses within the park.

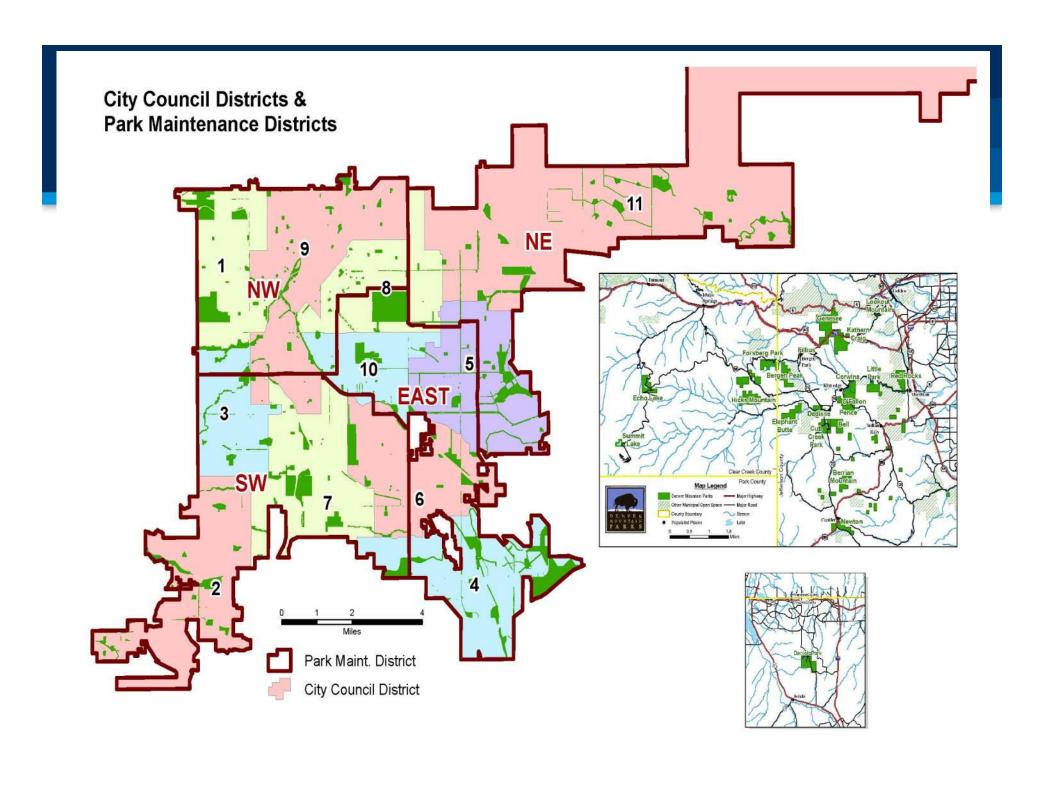


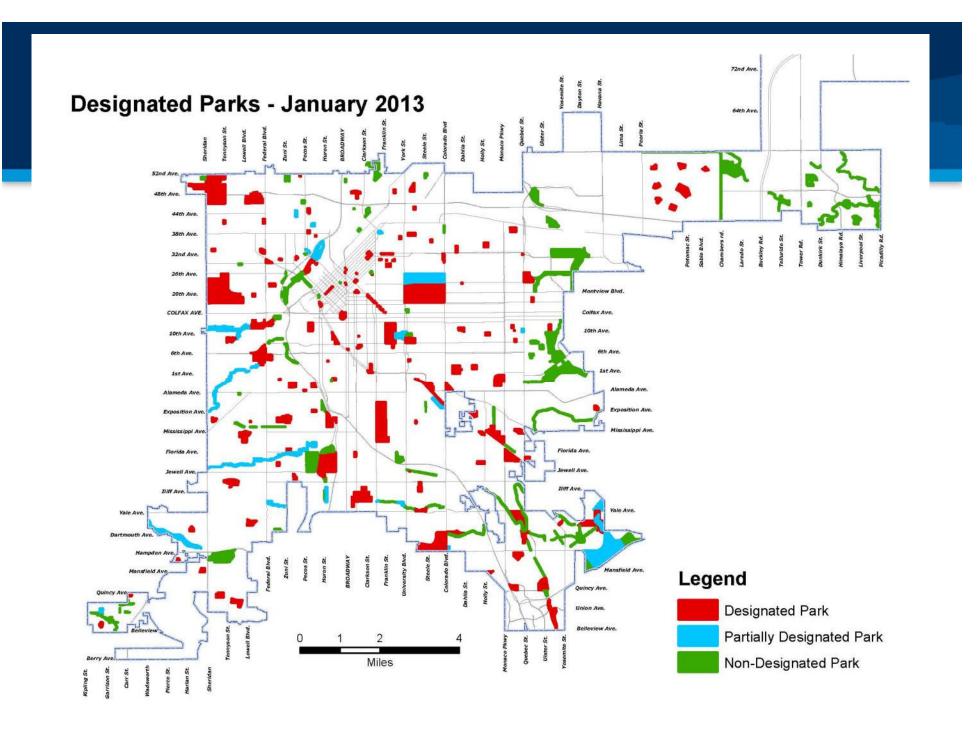


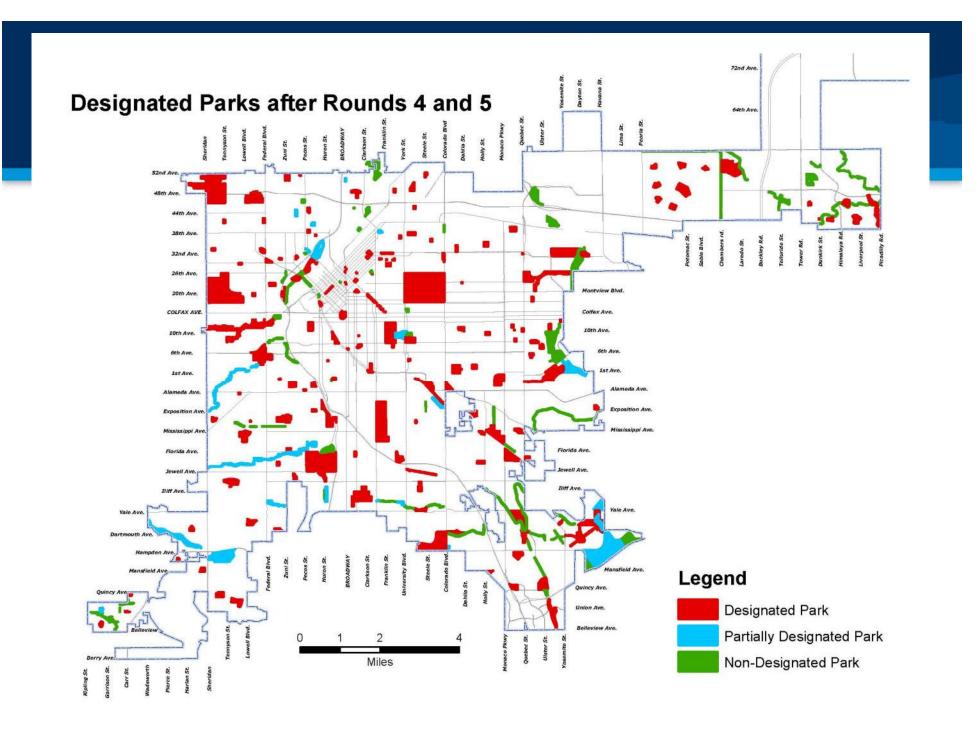
## Park Designation Status

- Beginning of 2013
  - Approximately 68% of Parks were already designated
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round April 2013
  - Approximately 180 acres became designated
  - Approximately 72% of system designated as parkland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round January 2014
  - Approximately 275 acres became designated
  - Approximately 78% of system designated as parkland
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Round April 2014
  - Approximately 164 acres became designated
  - Approximately 82% of system designated as parkland
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Rounds Fall 2014
  - Approximately 97 acres to become designated
  - Approximately 84% of system will be designated as parkland











# Designations – Rounds 4 and 5

#### Proposed Designations - Round 4

LOCATION NAME	PARK TYPE	GIS ACRES	MAINT DIST	COUNCIL DIST
Lakewood / Dry Gulch Park	Community	52.1	NW	3
City of Ulaanbaatar	Neighborhood	5.1	NE	5
Montclair East Park	Community	5.6	NE	5
Highland Senior Center Park	Neighborhood	0.9	NW	1
Stapleton Central Park Addition	Community	10.6	NE	11

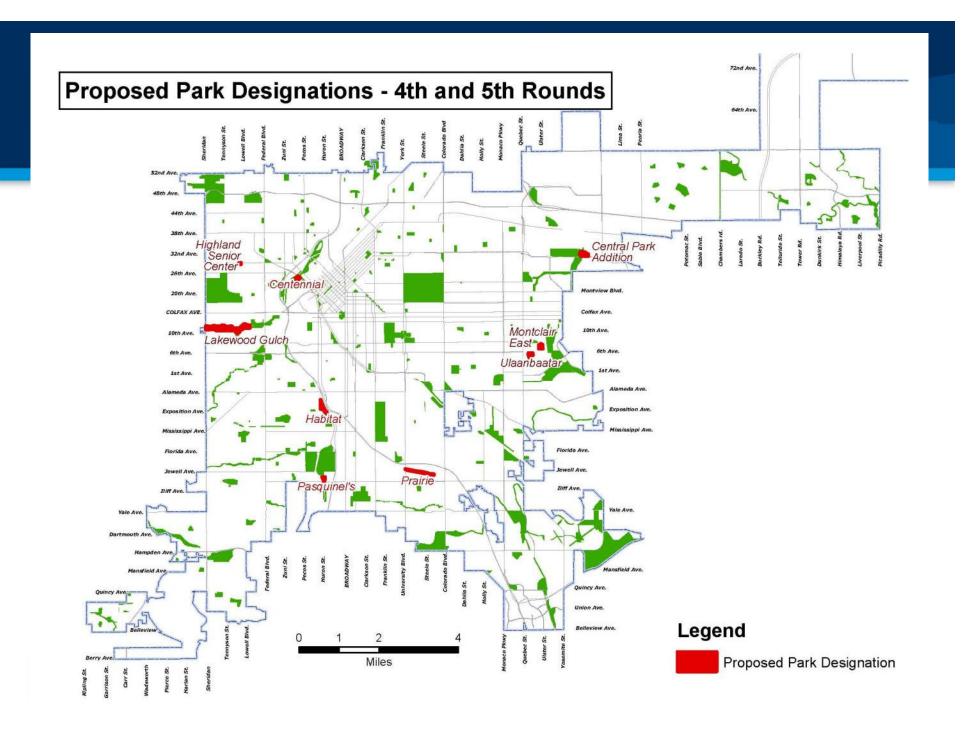
Total Acres:	74
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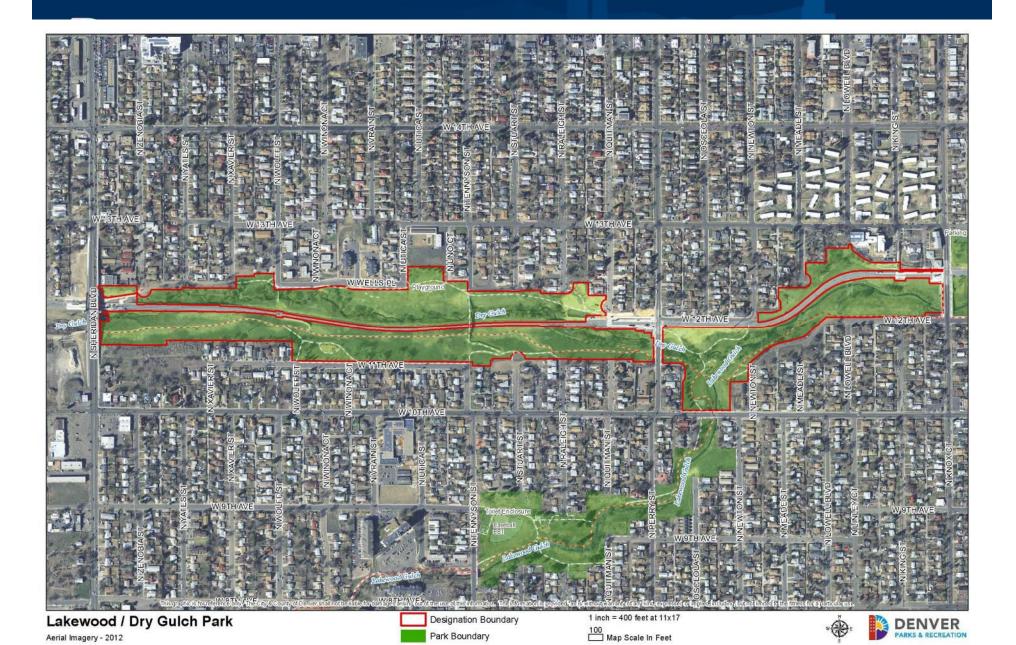
#### Proposed Designations - Round 5

LOCATION NAME	PARK TYPE	GIS ACRES	MAINT DIST	COUNCIL DIST
Habitat Park	Open Space	7.7	SW	7
Centennial Park	Special Use	5.5	NW	9
Pasquinel's Landing Park	Neighborhood	2.6	SW	7
Prairie Park	Open Space	6.4	SW	6

Total Acres: 22













Highland Senior Center Park
Aerial Imagery - 2012

Designation Boundary
Park Boundary

1 inch = 50 feet at 11x17

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Map Scale In Feet

















# Questions / Comments













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