

Denver Parks & Recreation

Proposed Park Designations

13th Round – Spring 2022

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure (LUTI) –
May 24, 2022

Park System History

- Park System had its 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
- 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 (Kennedy Complex, DEN Open Space)
- No pending or anticipated plans for making/expanding non-park uses within the park.

Park Designation Status

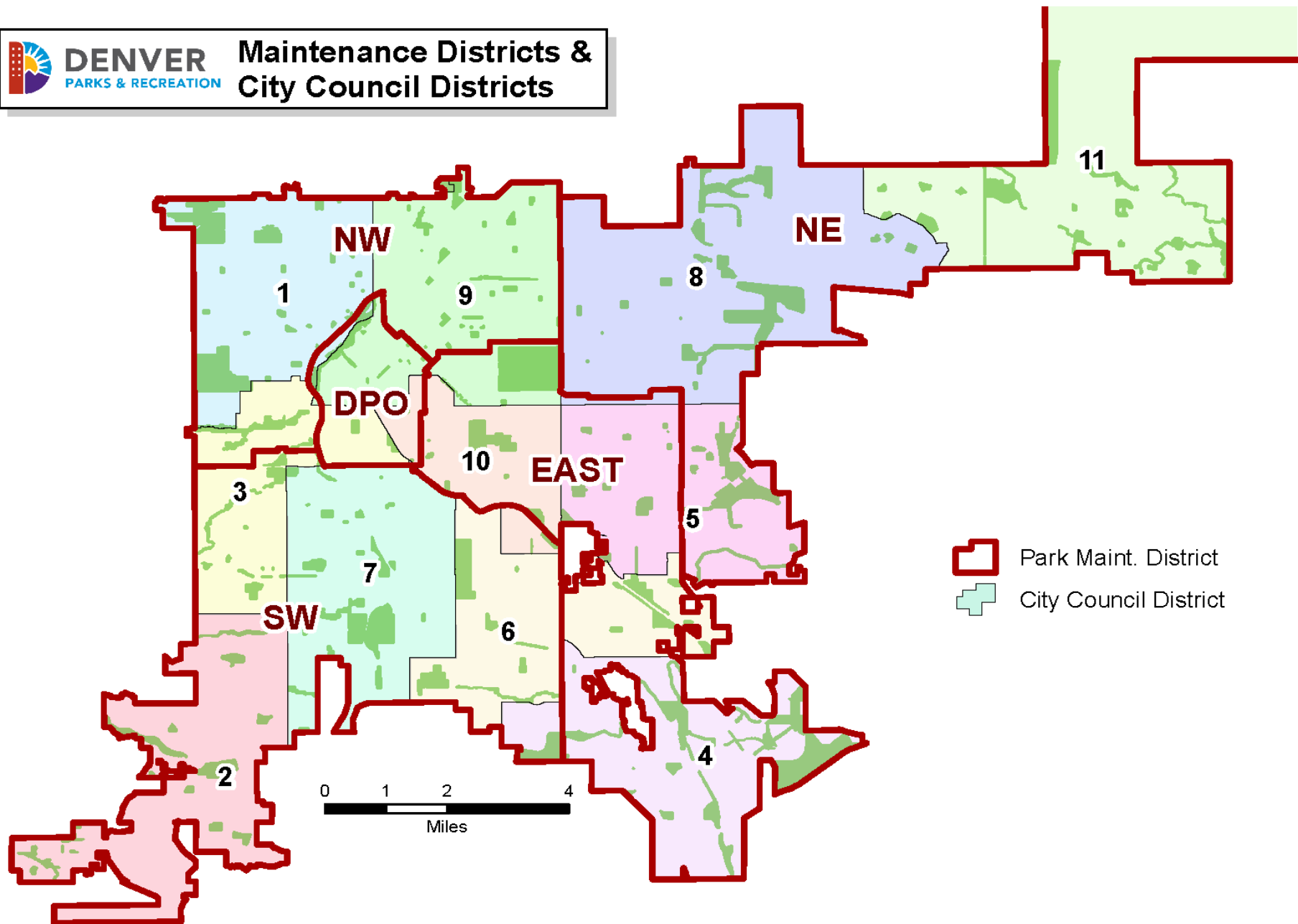
- Beginning of 2013
Approximately 68% of the park system was already designated a parkland
- 1st Round - April 2013
Approximately 180 acres became designated (72% of parks are designated)
- 2nd Round – January 2014
Approximately 275 acres became designated (78% of parks are designated)
- 3rd Round – April 2014
Approximately 164 acres became designated (82% of parks are designated)
- 4th and 5th Rounds – November 2014
Approximately 42 acres became designated (84% of parks are designated)

Park Designation Status

- 6th Round – Fall 2015
Approximately 88 acres became designated (85% of parks are designated)
- 7th Round – Spring 2016
Approximately 5.9 acres became designated (78% of parks are designated)
- Red Rocks Park Addition – Summer 2016
Approximately 98 acres added to Red Rocks became designated
- 8th Round – Fall 2016
Approximately 180 acres became designated (81% of parks are designated)
- 9th Round – Spring 2017
Approximately 65 acres became designated (82% of parks are designated)

Park Designation Status

- 10th Round – Fall 2017
Approximately 3.6 acres became designated (82% of parks are designated)
- 11th Round – Winter 2018
Approximately 75 acres became designated (84% of parks are designated)
- 12th Round – Fall 2020
Approximately 99 acres became designated (82% of parks are designated)
- 13th Round – Spring 2022
Approximately 36 acres will become designated parkland
81% of the urban park system will be designated parkland





Gilpin County

Clear Creek
County

Echo Lake

Summit
Lake

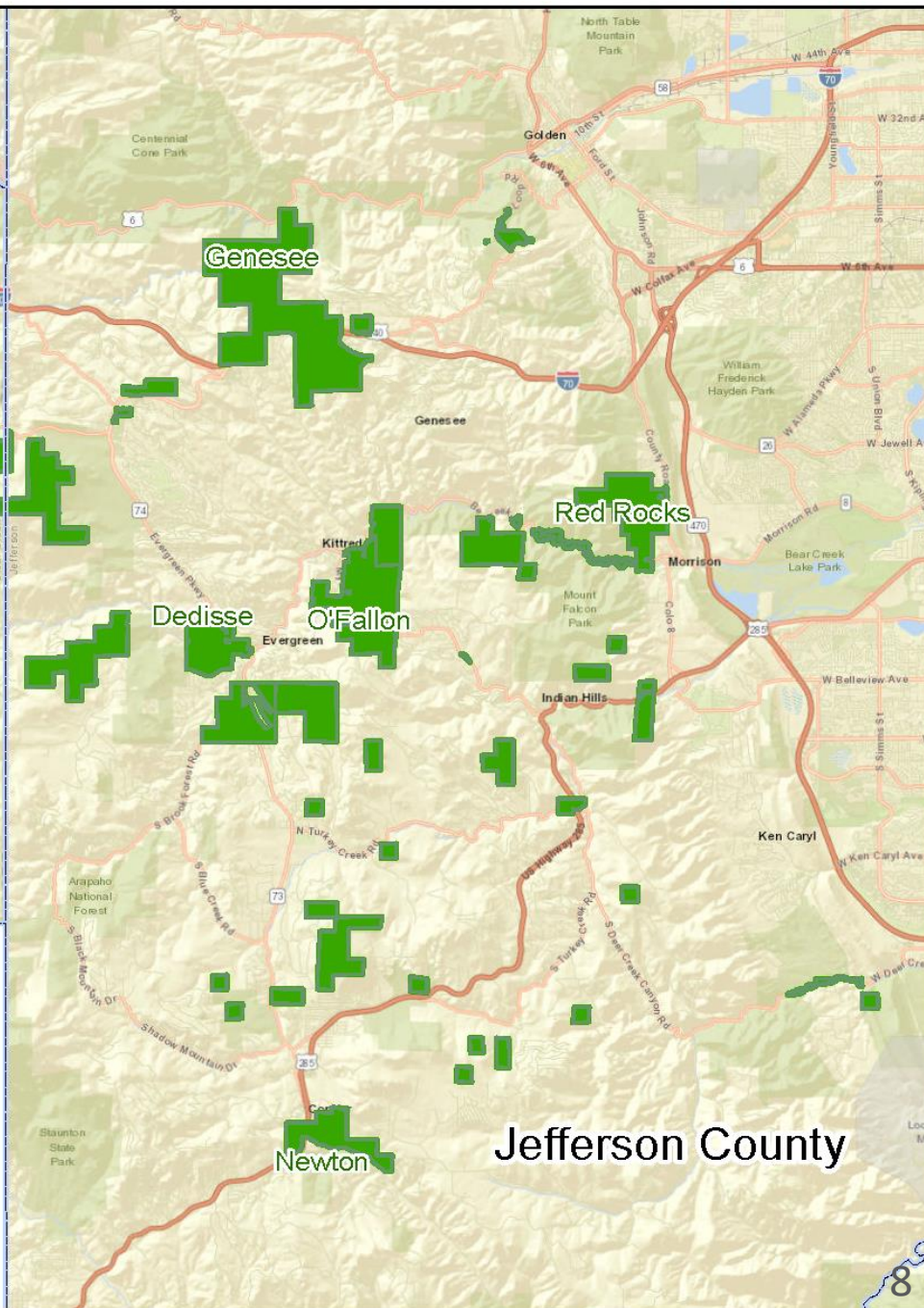
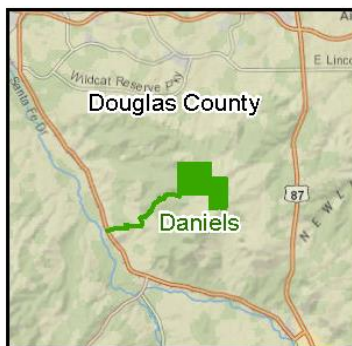
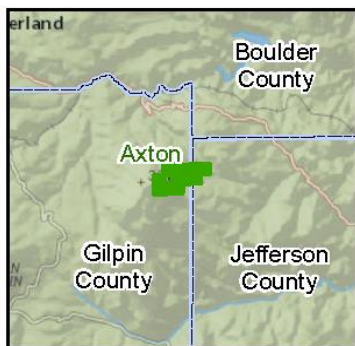
Genesee

Red Rocks

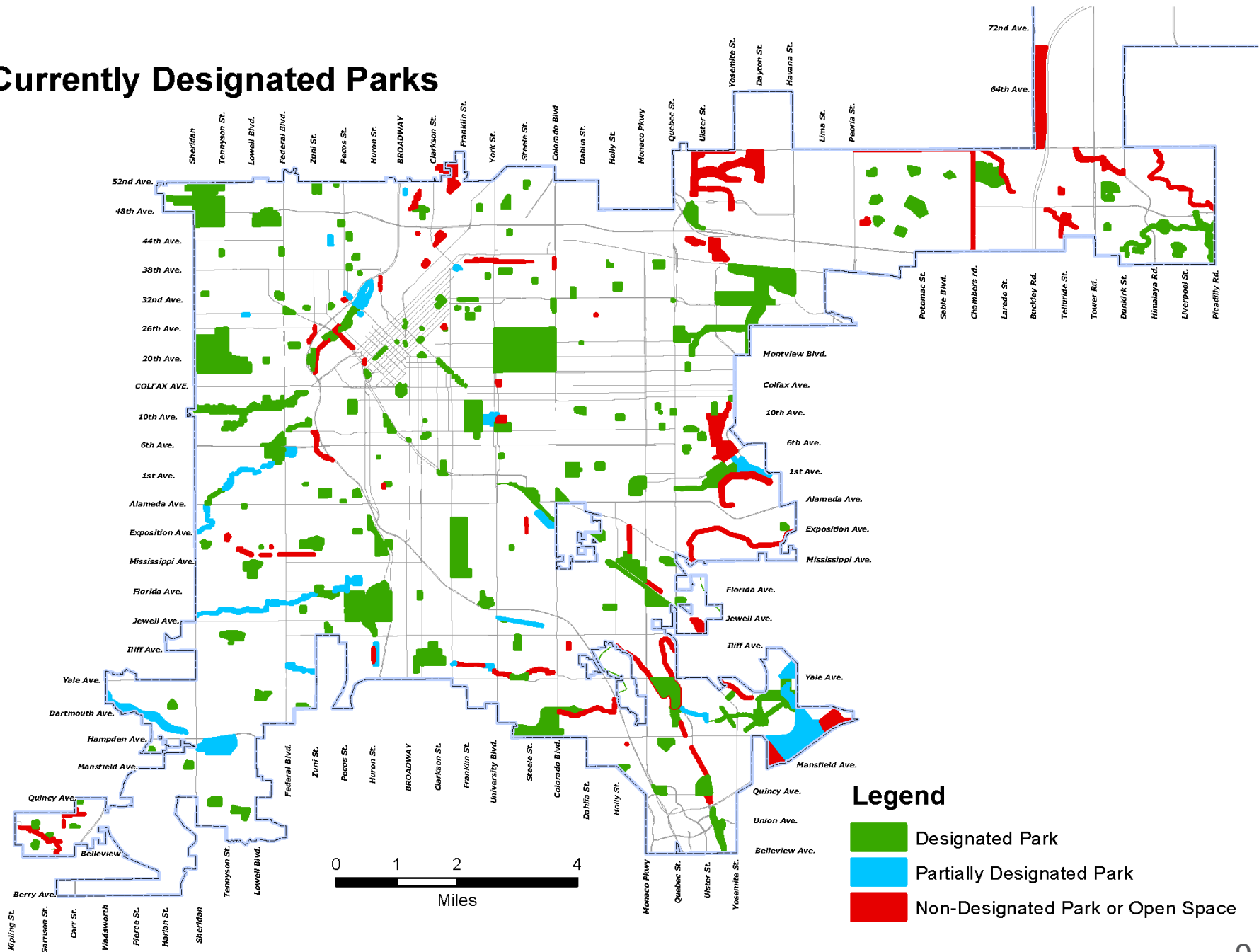
Dedisse
O'Fallon

Jefferson County

Newton



Currently Designated Parks



Park Designations

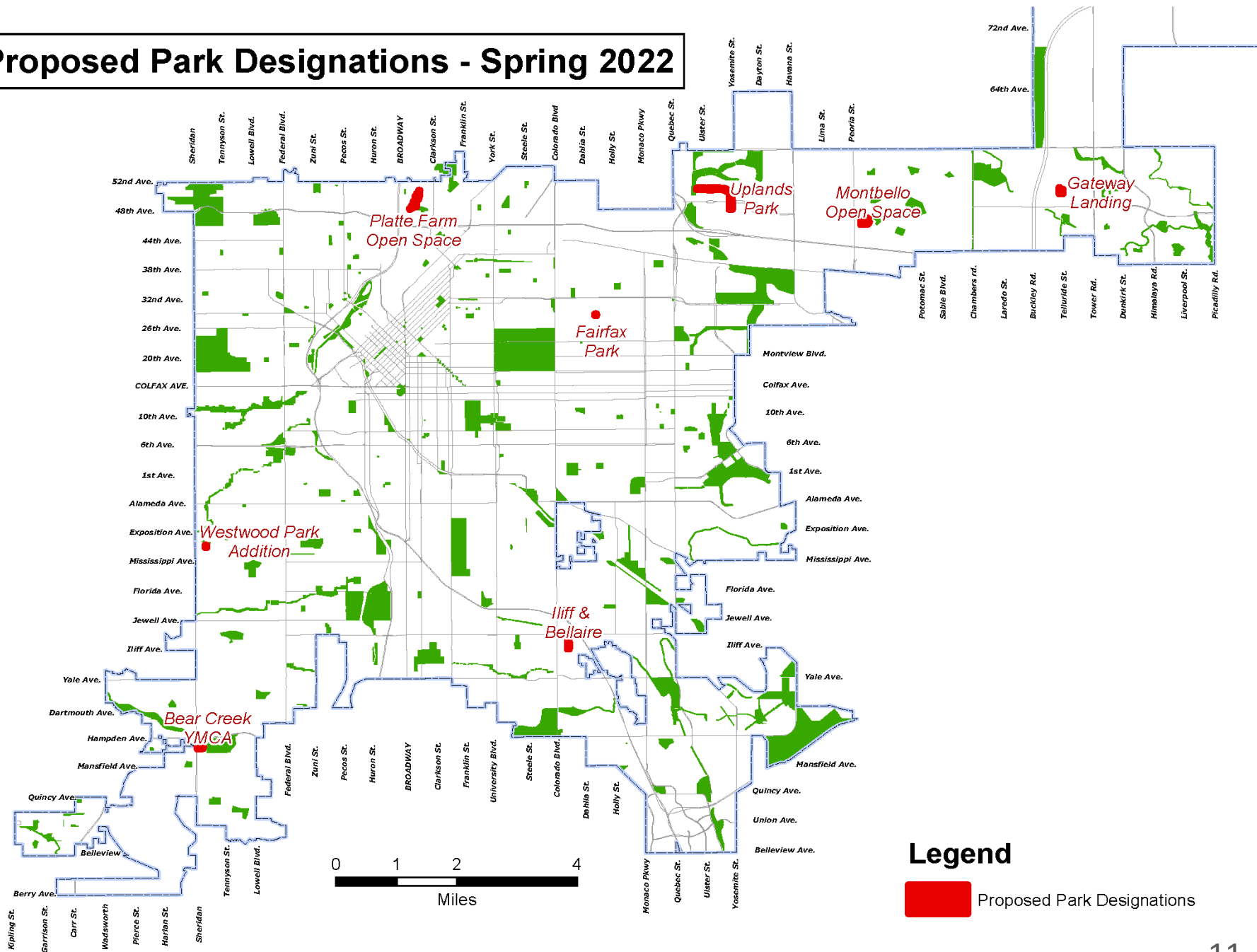
Proposed Designations - Round 13 - Spring 2022

LOCATION NAME	PARK TYPE	GIS ACRES	MAINT DIST	COUNCIL DIST
Bear Creek YMCA	Regional	4.1	SW	2
Fairfax Park	Open Space	0.4	NE	8
Gateway Landing	Undeveloped	3.0	NE	11
Illif & Bellaire	Undeveloped	1.9	E	4
Monbello Open Space	Open Space	5.6	NE	8
Platte Farm Open Space	Open Space	6.2	NW	9
Upland Park	Linear	14.6	NE	8
Westwood Park Addition	Neighborhood	0.5	SW	3

Total Acres:	36.3
---------------------	-------------

- Designation of parkland from 1956 to 2012 – 56 year time span: approximately 600 acres
- Designation of parkland from 2013 to 2021 – 9 year time span: approximately 1300 acres, twice as much as the prior 56 years
- Park and Open Space acreage added to the Denver Parks system from 2013 to 2022: approximately 1,226 acres
- Designated parkland cannot be sold or disposed of without approval of voters

Proposed Park Designations - Spring 2022



Legend

Proposed Park Designations



Bear Creek Park - YMCA Site

Aerial Imagery - 2020



Fairfax Park
Aerial Imagery - 2021

1 inch = 50 feet at 11x17
100
Map Scale In Feet





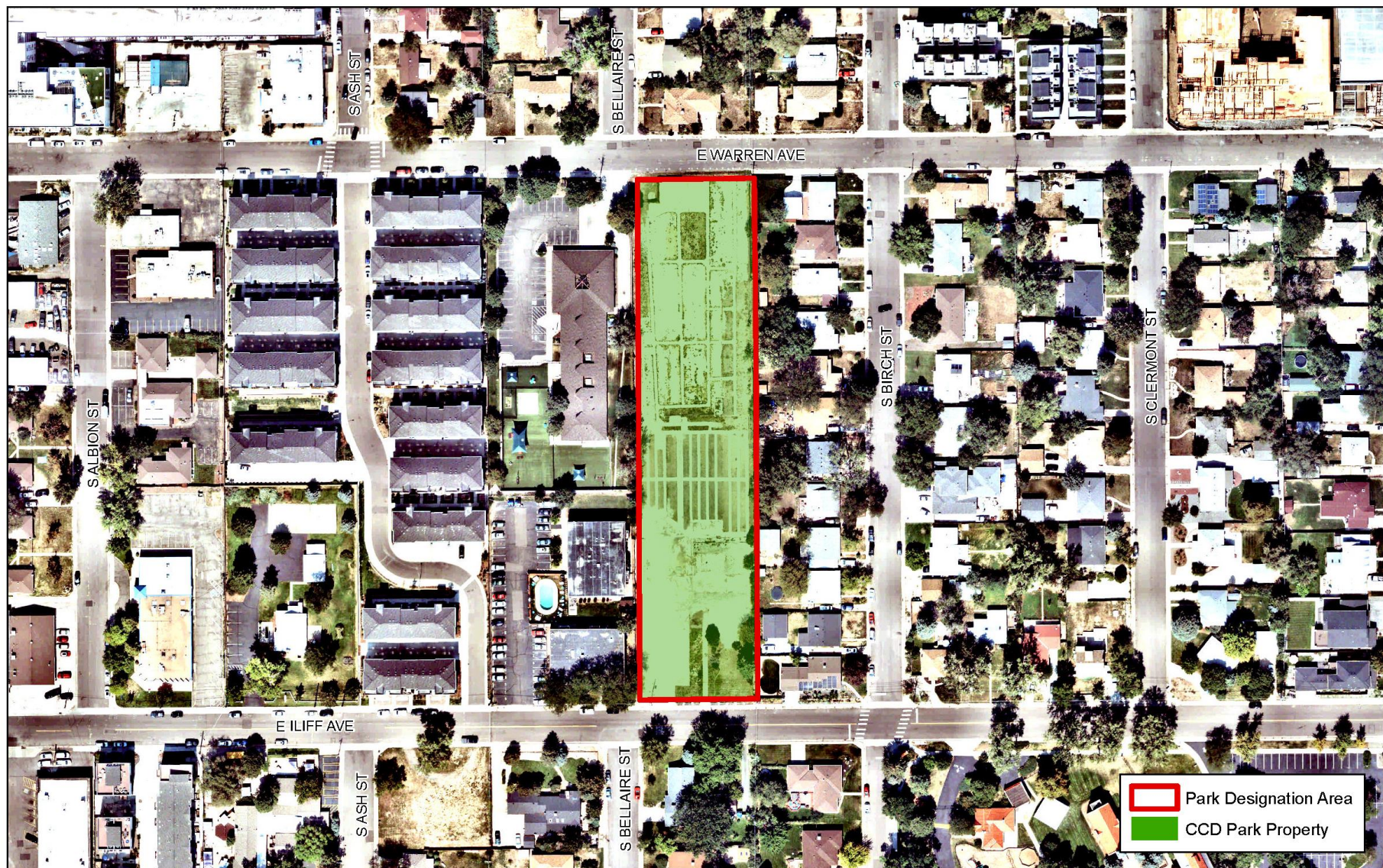
Gateway Landing Park

Aerial Imagery - 2021

1 inch = 100 feet at 11x17

100
Map Scale In Feet





Unnamed Iliff & Bellaire Park

Aerial Imagery - 2021

1 inch = 100 feet at 11x17

100
Map Scale In Feet





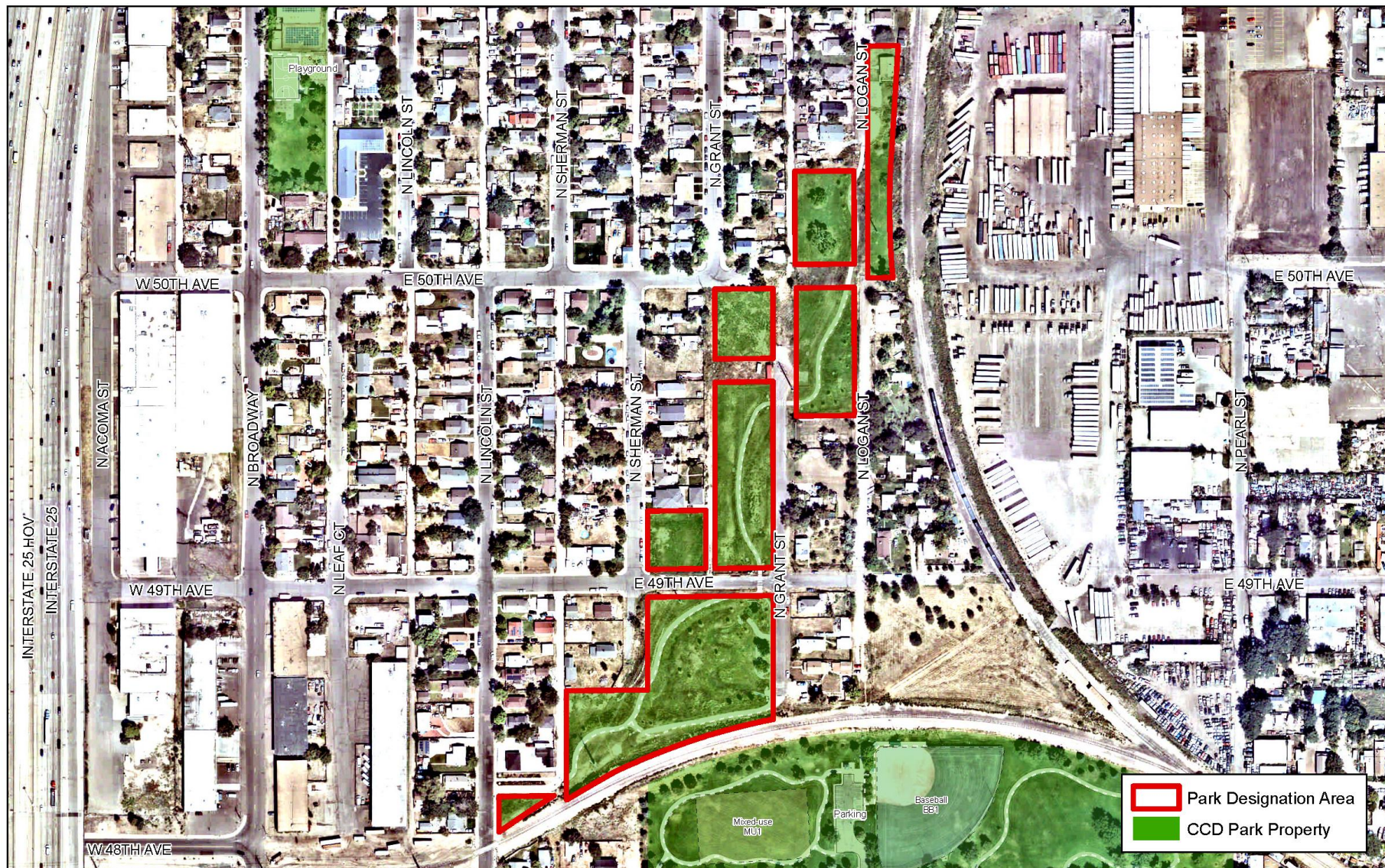
Montbello Open Space

Aerial Imagery - 2020

1 inch = 100 feet at 11x17

100
Map Scale In Feet





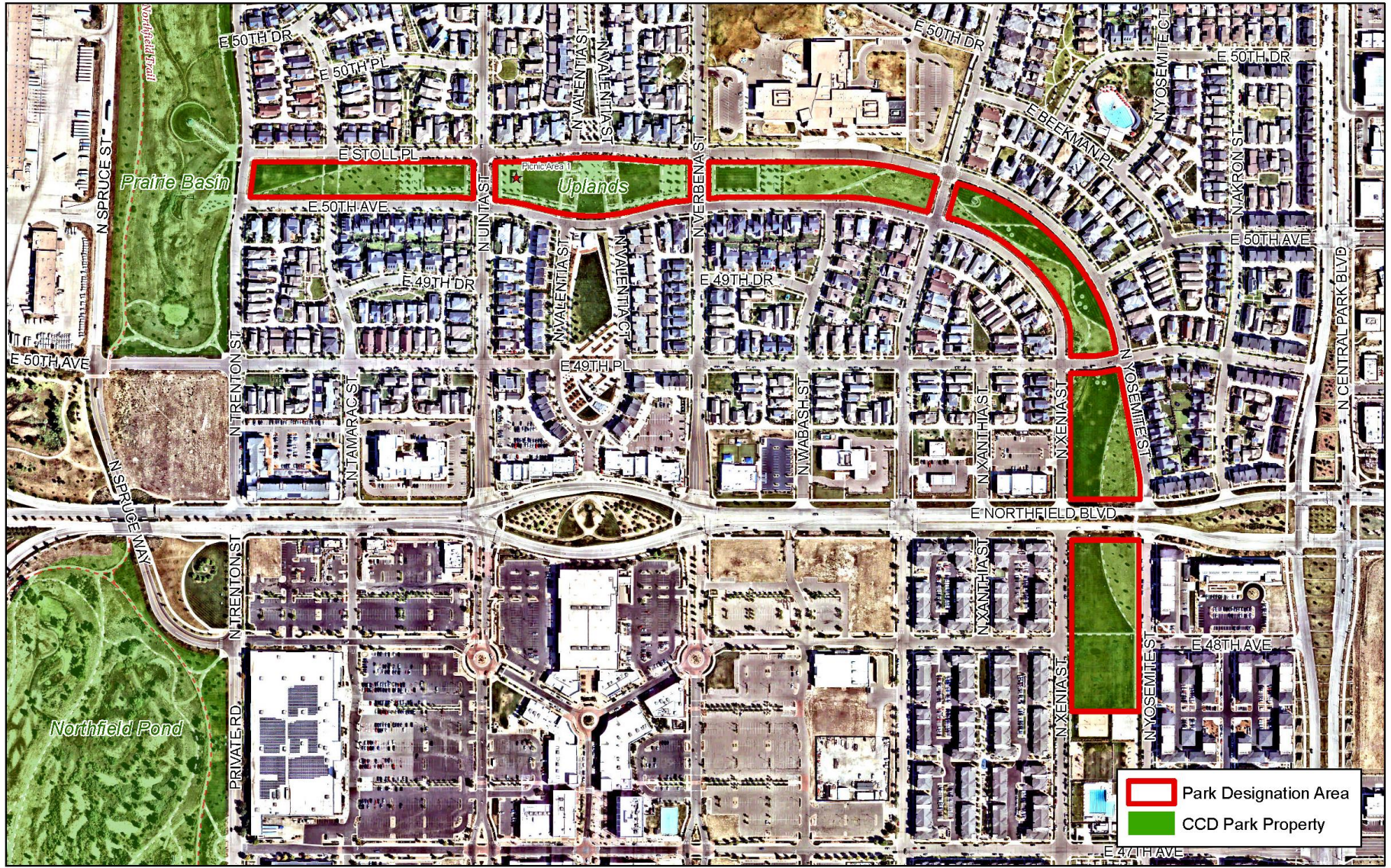
Platte Farm Open Space

Aerial Imagery - 2021

1 inch = 186 feet at 11x17

100
Map Scale In Feet





Uplands Park
Aerial Imagery - 2021

1 inch = 300 feet at 11x17
100
Map Scale In Feet





Westwood Park Addition

Aerial Imagery - 2021

Request for Approval of Park Designations

- CB 22-0591 – Bear Creek Park, Council District 2 - 4.06 acres
- CB 22-0592 – Fairfax Park, Council District 8 – 0.36 acres
- CB 22-0593 – Gateway Landing Park, Council District 11 – 3.0 acres
- CB 22-0594 – Montbello Open Space, Council District 8 – 5.6 acres
- CB 22-0595 – Platte Farm Open Space, Council District 9 – 6.2 acres
- CB 22-0596 – Iliff & Ballaire Park, Council District 4 – 1.88 acres
- CB 22-0591 – Uplands Park, Council District 8 – 14.6 acres
- CB 22-0598 – Westwood Park addition- Council District 3 – 0.48 acres

Questions / Comments

