



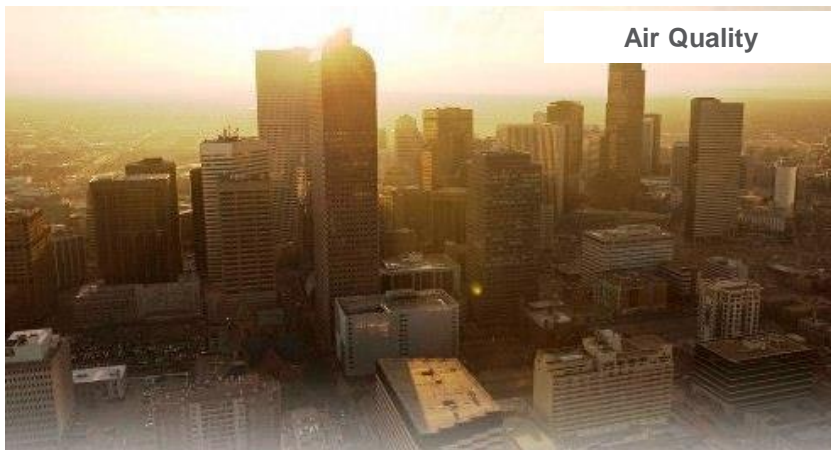
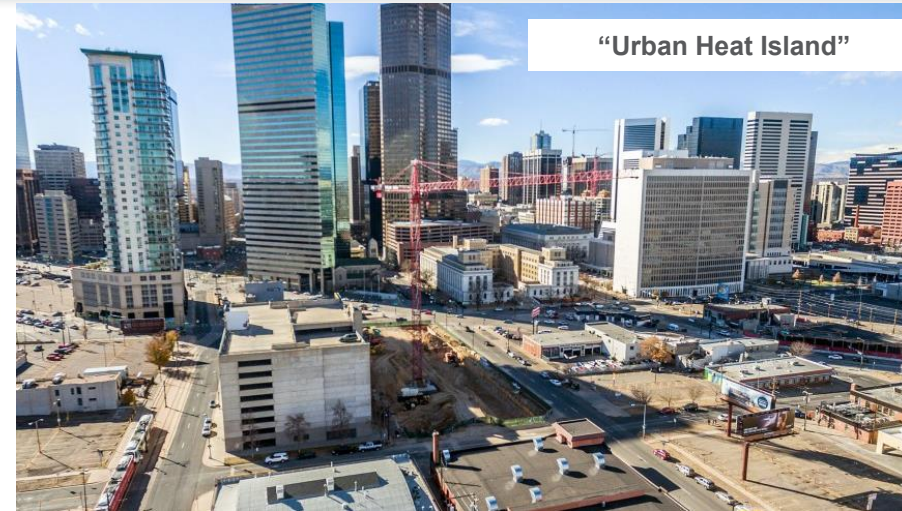
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# URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE: CREATING A LIVABLE & HEALTHY CENTER CITY

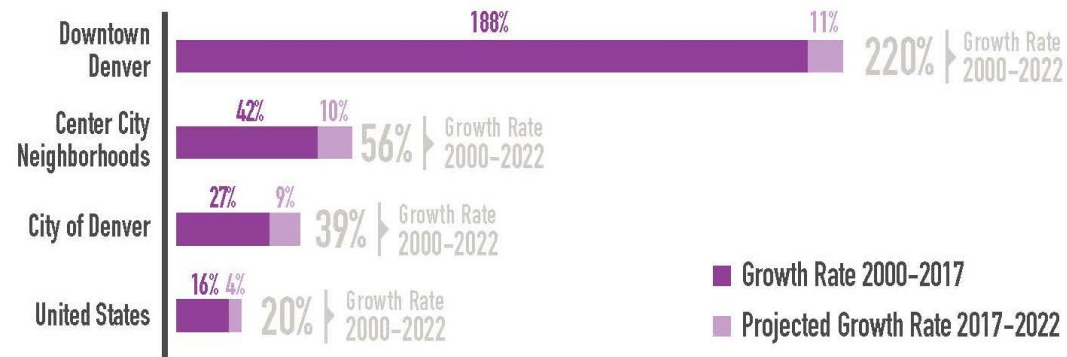
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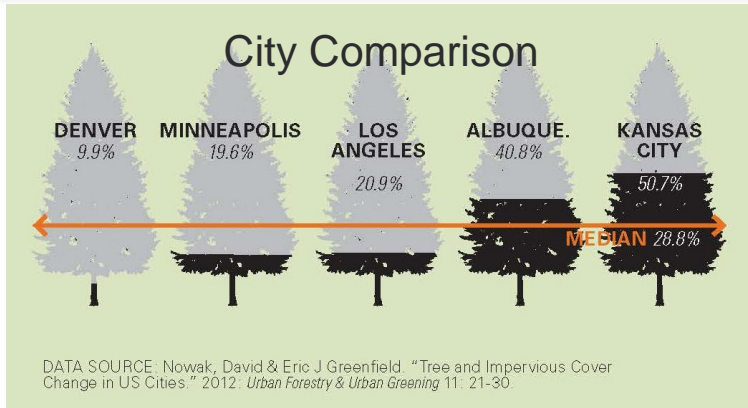
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- 19-1291
  - Approves an agreement with Denver Civic Ventures to fund the Urban Forest Initiative grant program.
  - Through public-private partnership, the program will expand and enhance downtown's urban tree canopy by planting and/or improving 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.

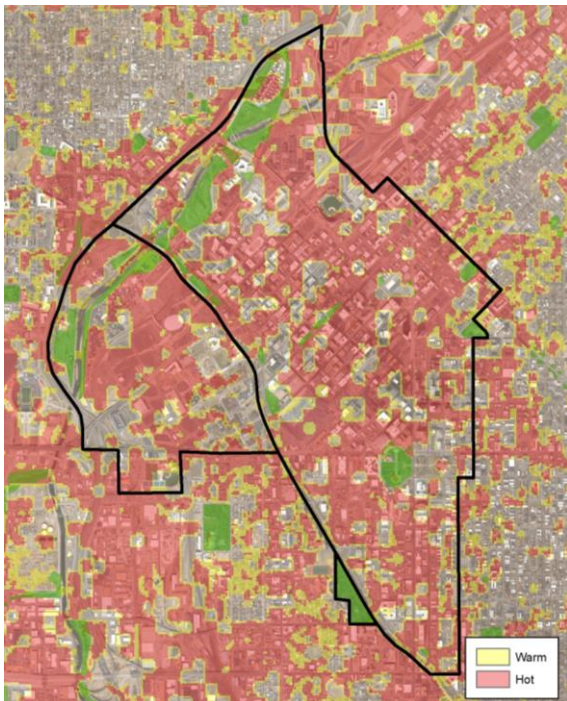


## Downtown Denver's Expanding Residential Population

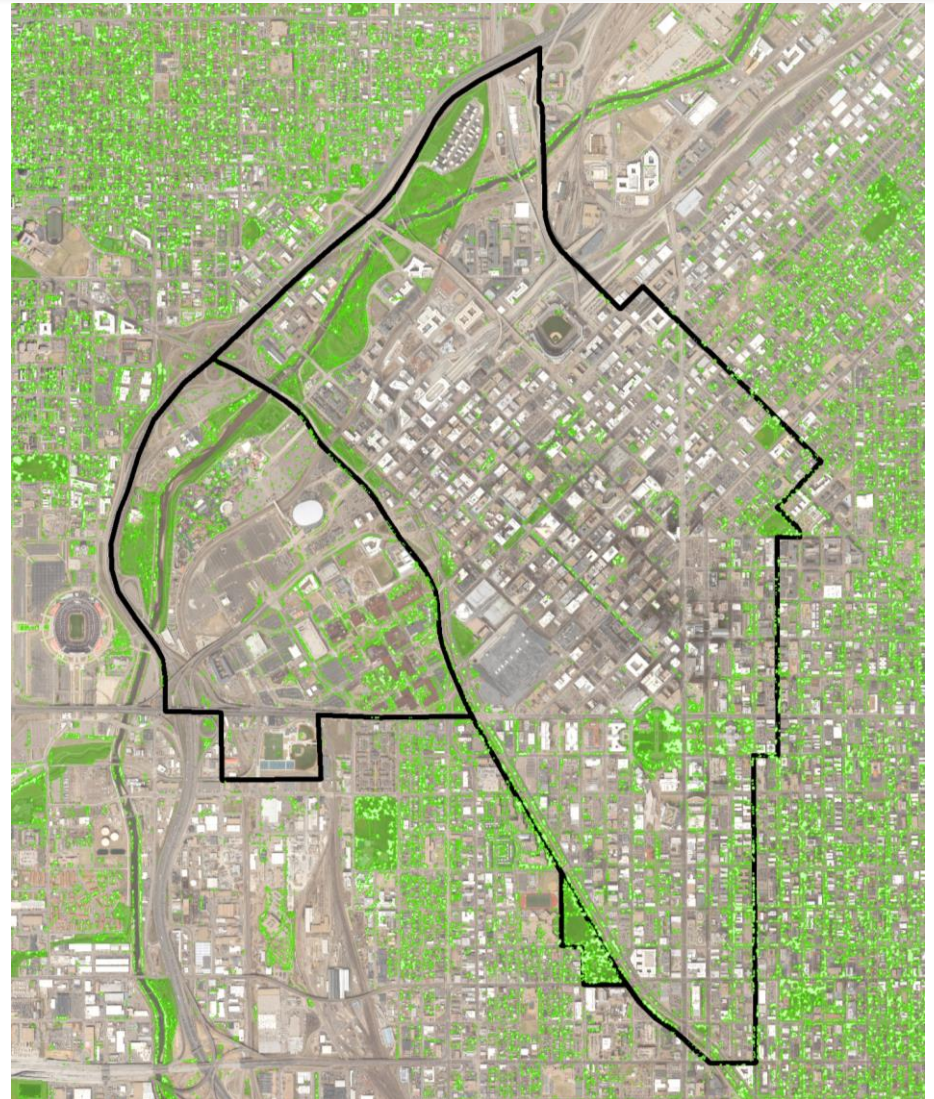




When measured against 20 other American cities, downtown Denver ranked the lowest for urban tree canopy with 4% coverage. Parks & Recreation's stated goal is 10%



Downtown Denver "Urban Heat Island"



Downtown Denver Urban Tree Canopy

## A few of the benefits trees offer:

Carbon Reduction

Oxygen Creation

Stormwater Runoff Reduction

Wind Deflection

Stormwater Quality Improvement

Improving Air Quality

Reducing Urban Heat Island Effect

Encouraging Exercise

Protecting Biodiversity

Noise Abatement

Improving Health

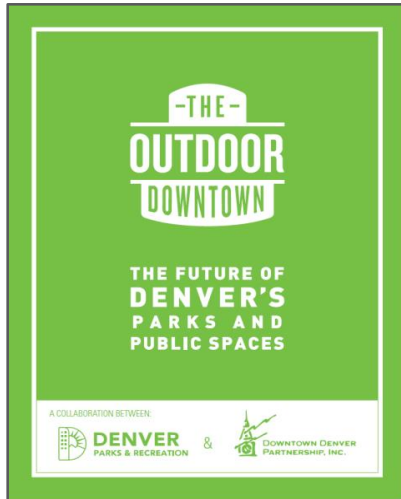
Providing Shade

Calming Traffic

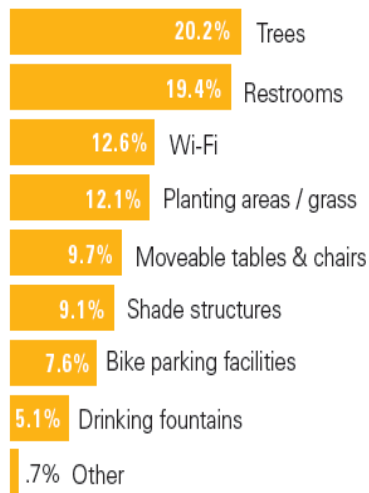
Moderating Temperature

Increasing Property Values

## The Outdoor Downtown



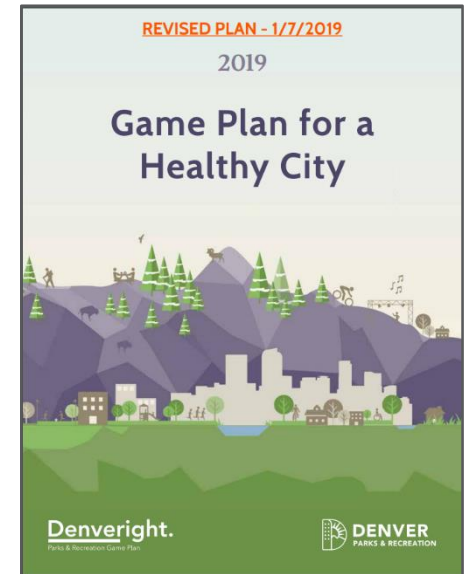
*Rank your top three priorities for basic amenities.*



## 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**

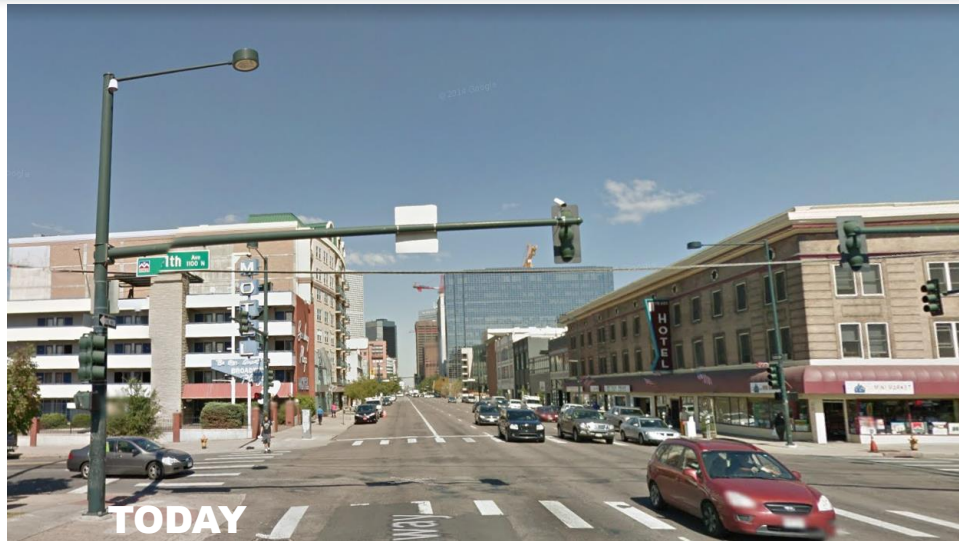
**Maintain the  
Forest**

- **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.**











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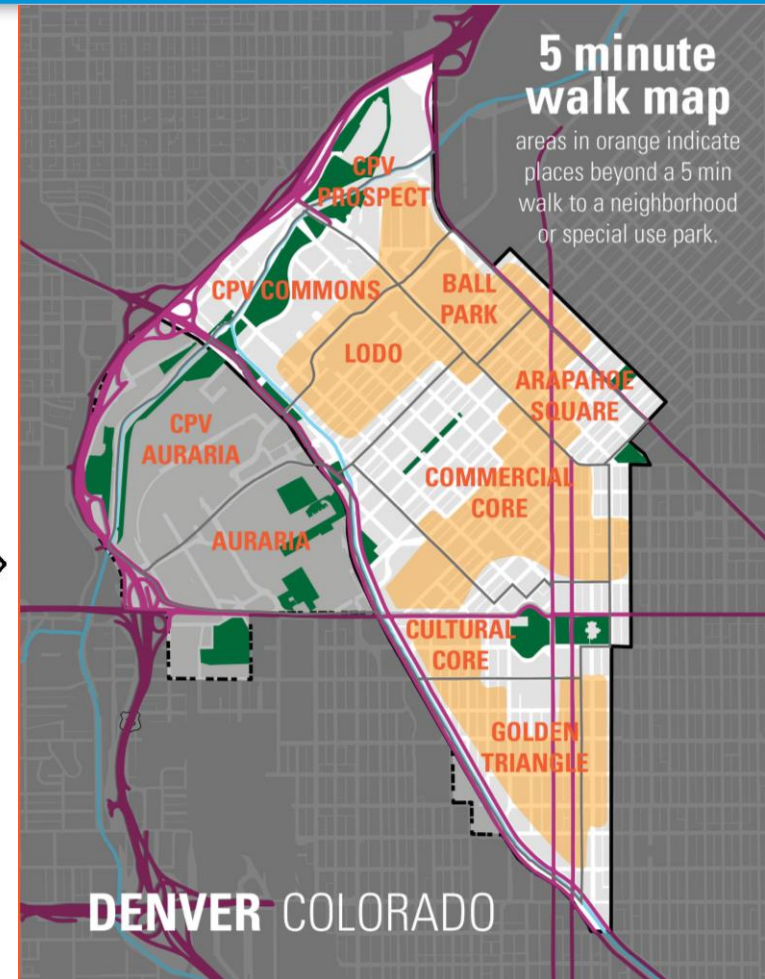
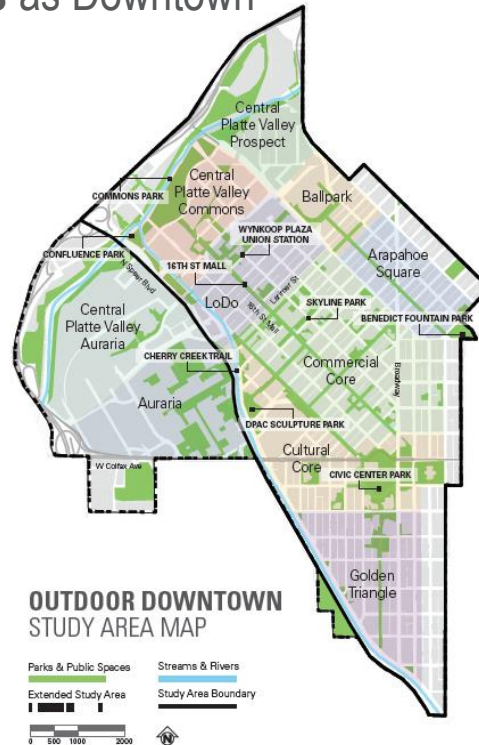
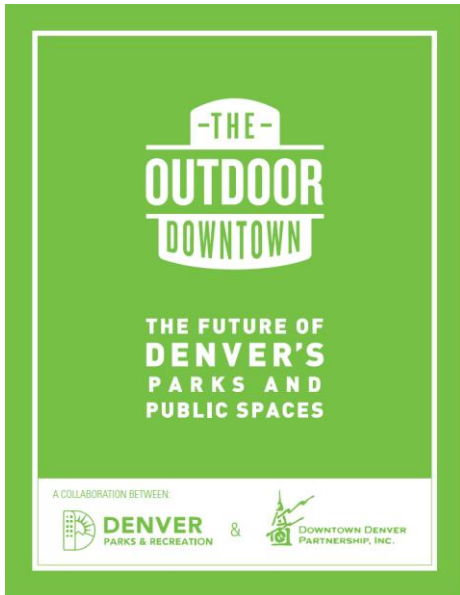
# BROADWAY & BLAKE POP-UP PARK: CREATING A LIVABLE & HEALTHY CENTER CITY

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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

- 43.7% of the Downtown study area is a **park desert** with no neighborhood or special use parks within a five minute walk.
- **Rising acquisition costs** as Downtown develops and densifies



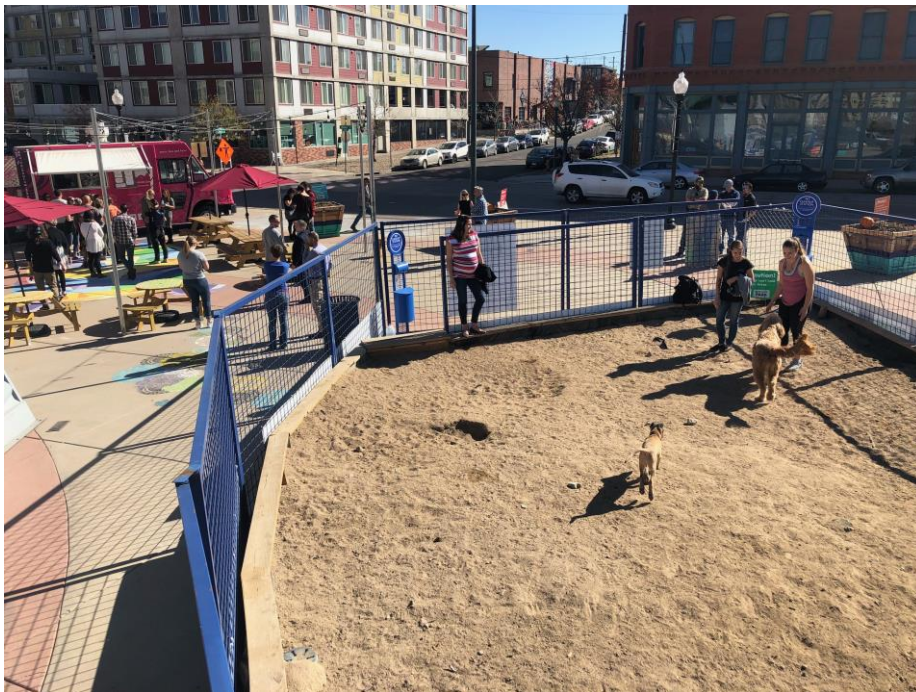
## Pop-Up Park Goals:

- 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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