



**DENVER**  
THE MILE HIGH CITY

# Denver Parks & Recreation

Proposed Park Designations  
11<sup>th</sup> Round – Winter 2018

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- 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 (New Freedom, 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 non-park uses within the park.

- 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 – November 2014
  - Approximately 42 acres became designated
  - Approximately 84% of system designated as parkland

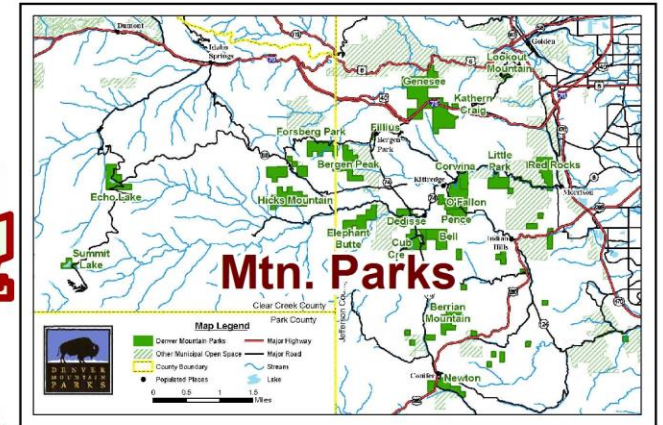
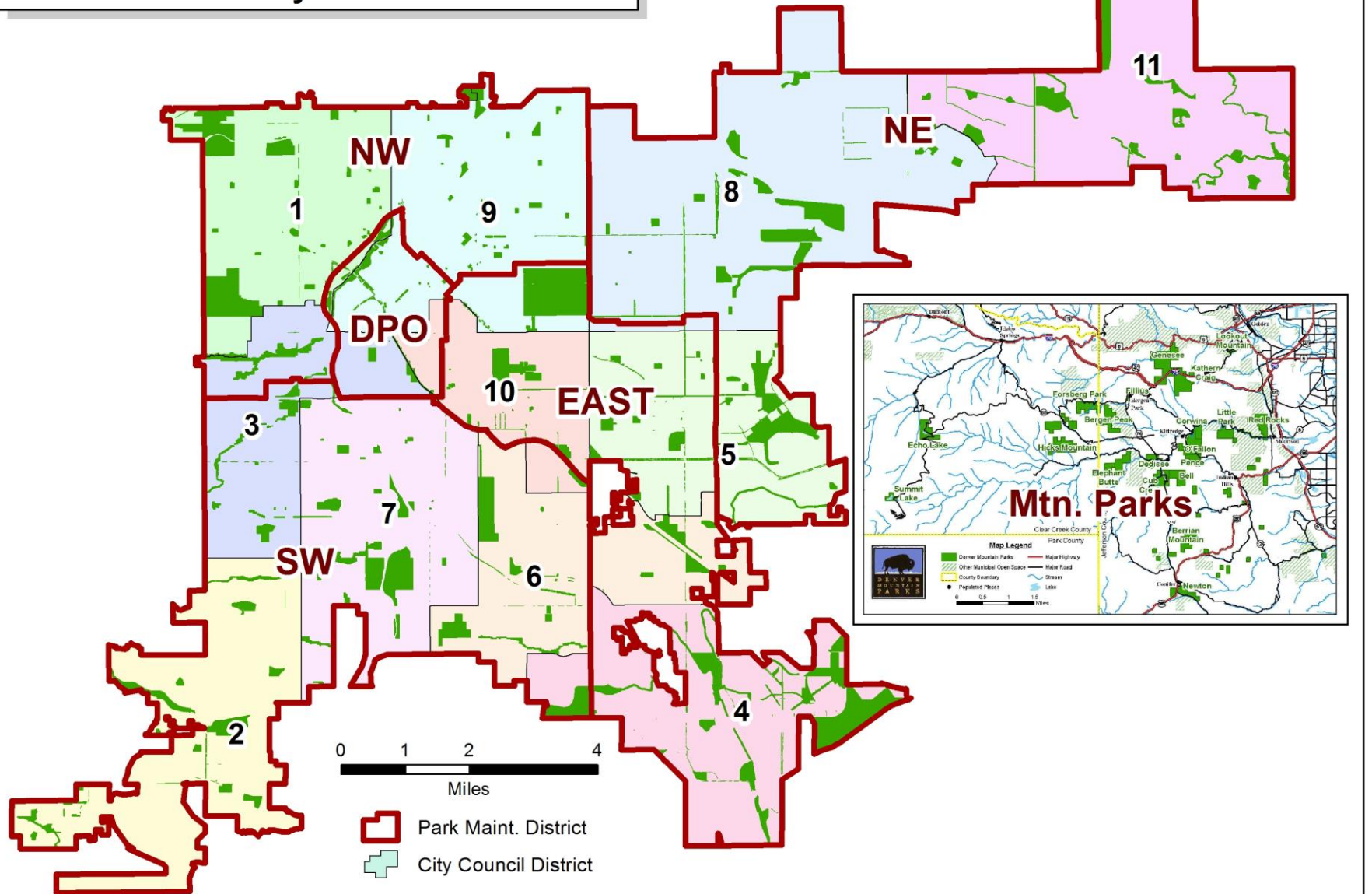
- 6<sup>th</sup> Round – Fall 2015
  - Approximately 88 acres became designated
  - Approximately 85% of system designated as parkland
- 7<sup>th</sup> Round – Spring 2016
  - Approximately 5.9 acres became designated
  - Approximately 78% of system will be designated as parkland
  - Percentage decreased due to the addition of more than 450 acres to the park system in 2015.
- Red Rocks Park Addition – Summer 2016
  - Approximately 98 acres added to Red Rocks became designated
  - This will completed the designation of the Mountain Park System
- 8<sup>th</sup> Round – Fall 2016
  - Approximately 180 acres will become designated
  - Approximately 81% of the system will be designated as parkland

# Urban Park Designation Status

- 9<sup>th</sup> Round – Spring 2017
  - Approximately 65 acres will become designated
  - Approximately 82% of system designated as parkland
- 10<sup>th</sup> Round – Fall 2017
  - Approximately 3.6 acres will become designated
  - Approximately 82% of system designated as parkland
- 11<sup>th</sup> Round – Winter 2018
  - Approximately 75 acres will become designated
  - Approximately 84% of system designated as parkland

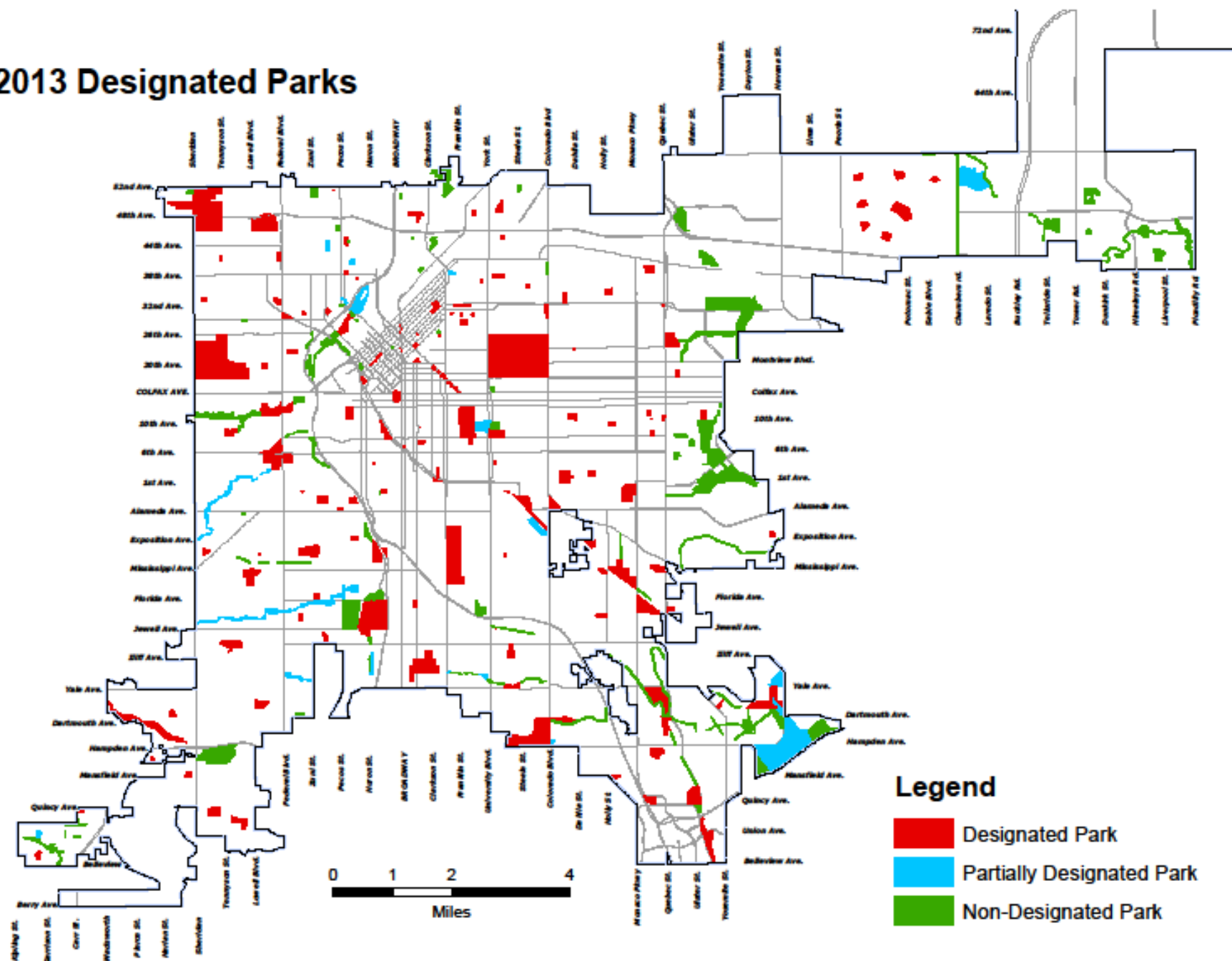


# DENVER Maintenance Districts & City Council Districts



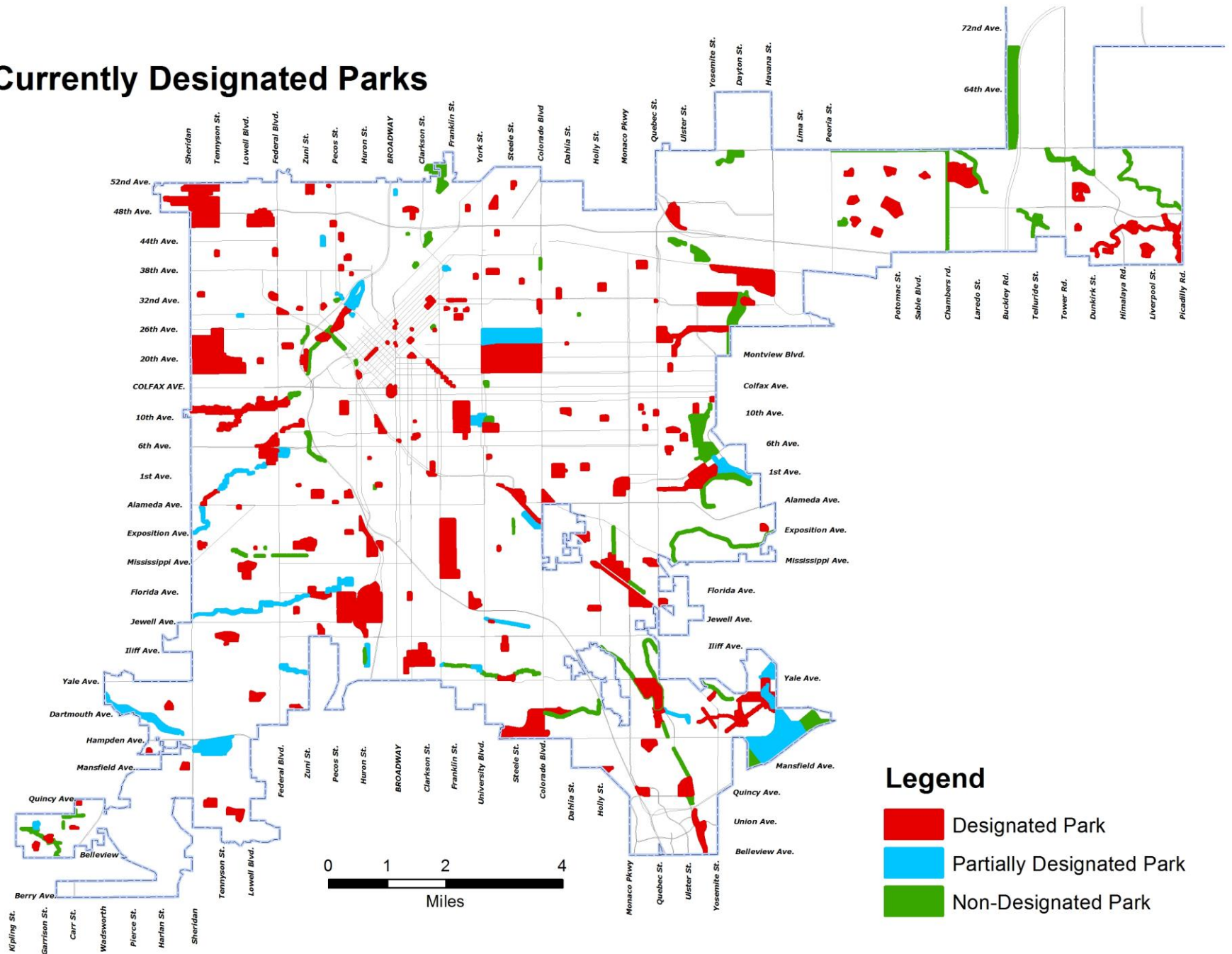


# 2013 Designated Parks





# Currently Designated Parks



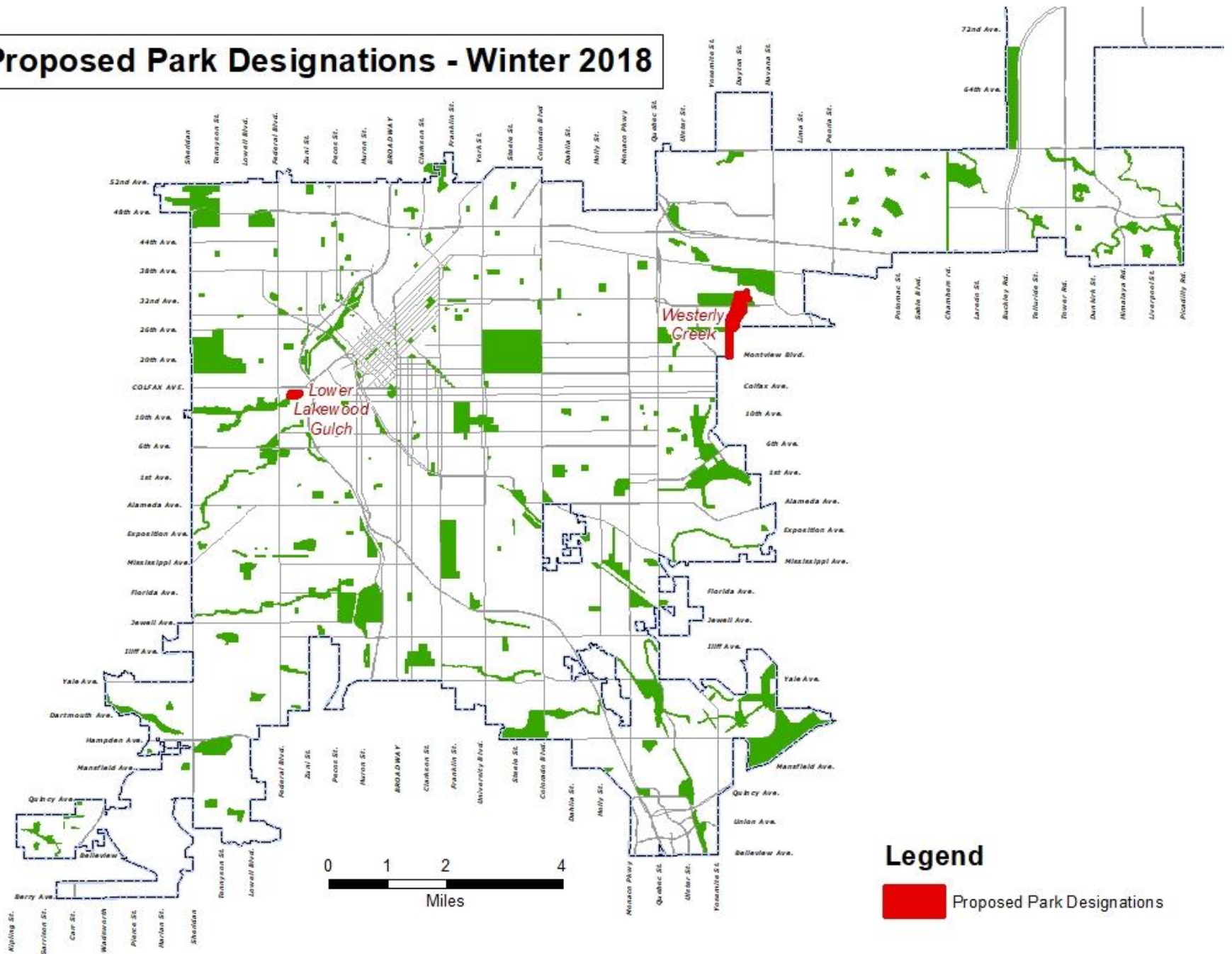
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| LOCATION NAME        | PARK TYPE  | GIS ACRES | MAINT DIST | COUNCIL DIST |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Westerly Creek Park  | Open Space | 69.0      | NE         | 8            |
| Lower Lakewood Gulch | Open Space | 5.9       | NW         | 3            |

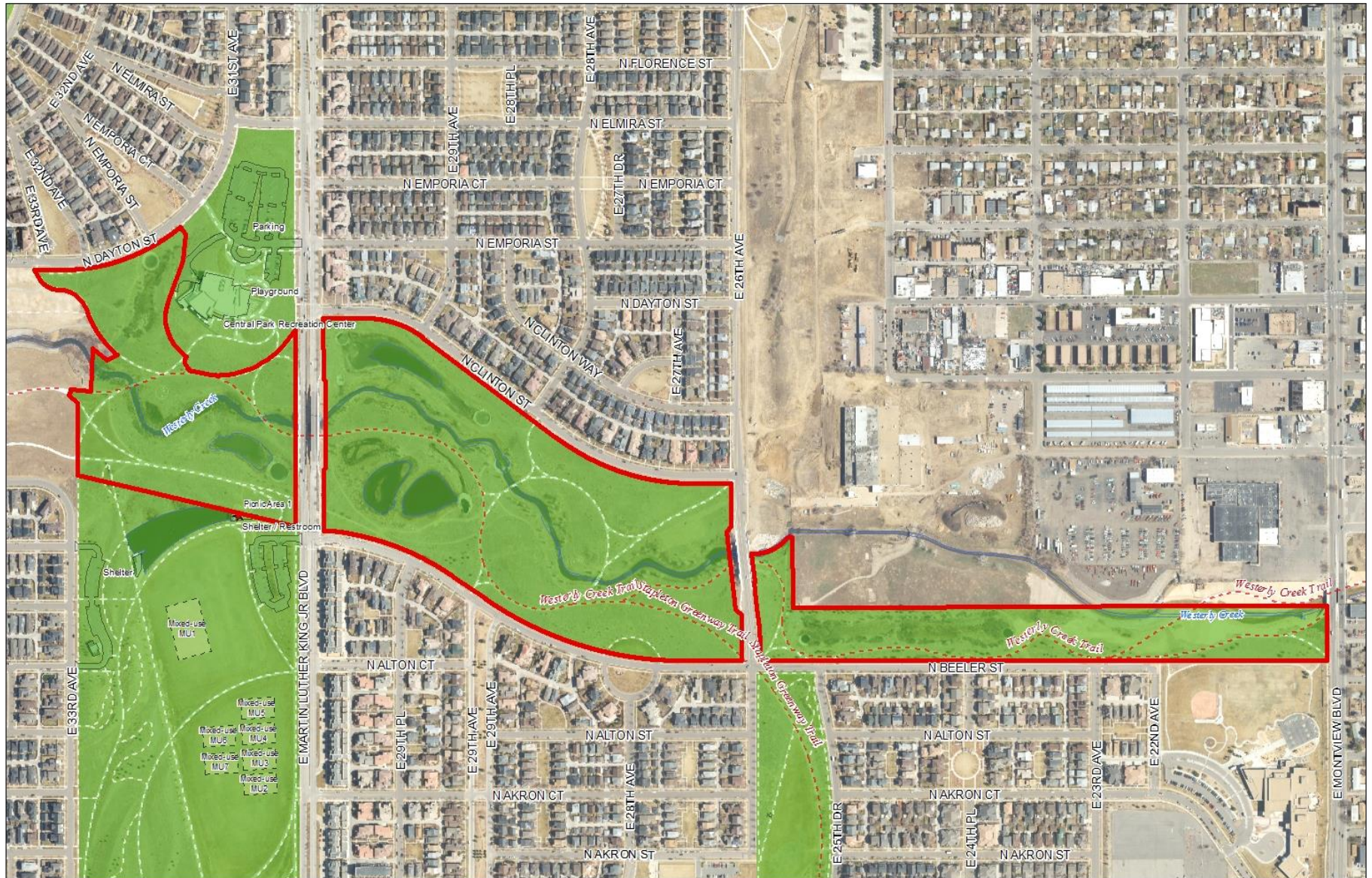
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| <b>Total Acres:</b> | <b>74.9</b> |
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- Designation of parkland from 1956 to 2012 – 56 year time span: approximately 600 acres
- Designation of parkland from 2013 to 2018 – 5 year time span: approximately 1100 acres
- Park and Open Space acreage added to the Denver Parks system from 2013 to 2018: approximately 640 acres

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# Westerly Creek Park

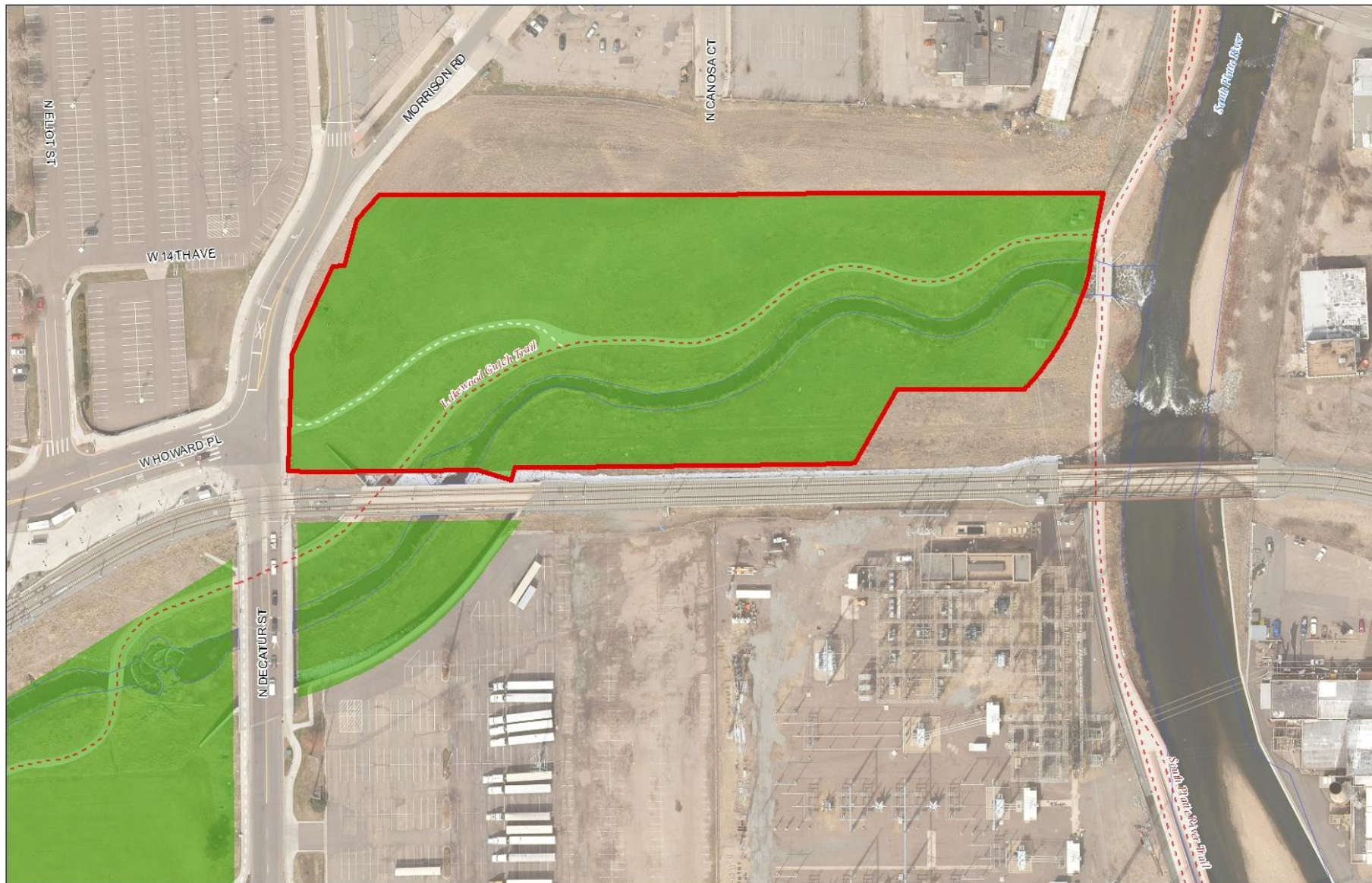
Aerial Imagery - 2016

1 inch = 380 feet at 11x17

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Map Scale In Feet







## Lower Lakewood Gulch

Aerial Imagery - 2016

1 inch = 100 feet at 11x17

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Map Scale In Feet





# Questions / Comments

