

# Denver Parks & Recreation

Proposed Park Designations 9<sup>th</sup> Round – Spring 2017





# 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 (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 nonpark uses within the park.





#### Park Designation Status

- Beginning of 2013
  - Approximately 68% of Parks were already designated
- 1st 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



### Urban Park Designation Status

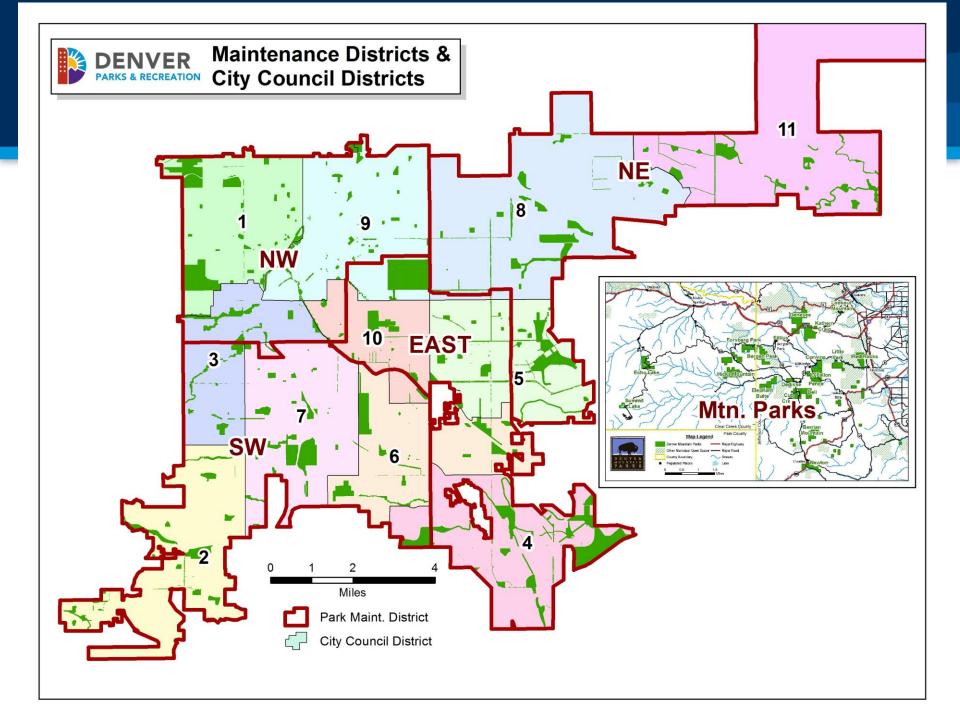
- 6<sup>th</sup> Round Fall 2015
  - Approximately 88 acres became designated
  - Approximately 85% of system designated as parkland
- 7<sup>th</sup> Round Spring 2016
  - Approximately 5.9 acres became designated
  - Approximately 78% of system will be designated as parkland
  - Percentage decreased 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

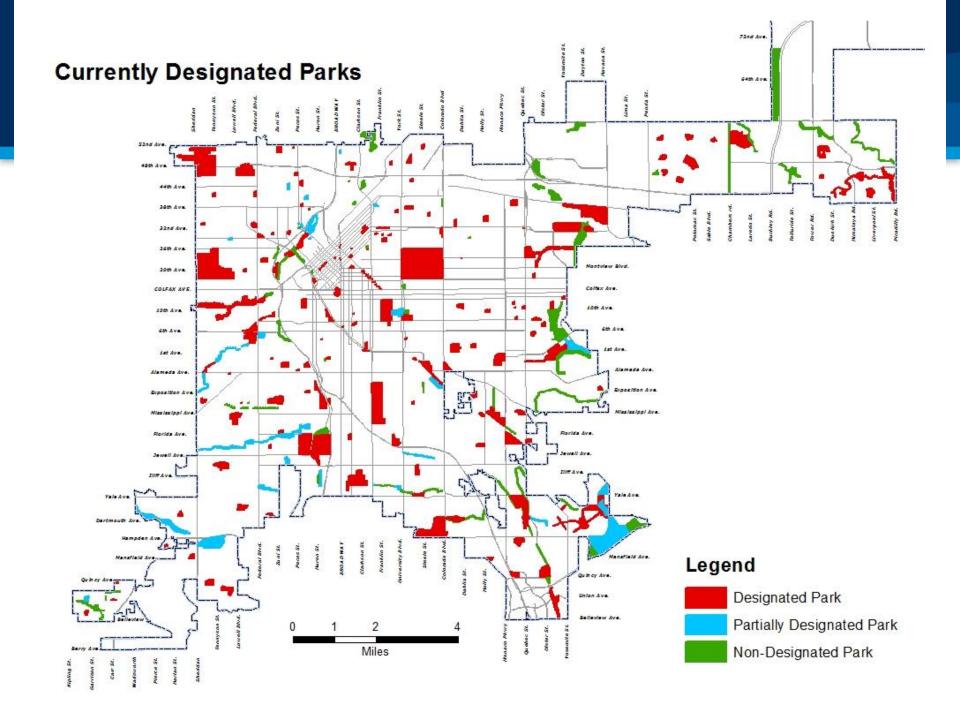




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- 9<sup>th</sup> Round Spring 2017
  - Approximately 65 acres will become designated
  - Approximately 82% of system designated as parkland







# Park Designations

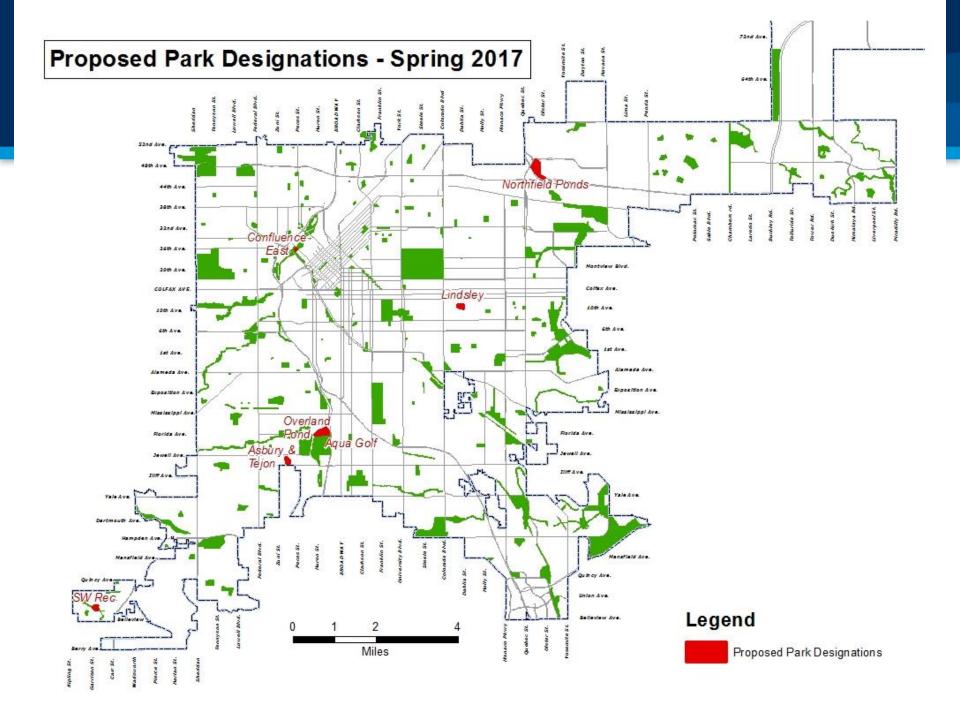
#### Proposed Designations - Round 9 - Spring 2017

LOCATION NAME	PARK TYPE	GIS ACRES	MAINT DIST	COUNCIL DIST
SW Rec Center Park	Neighborhood	6.2	SW	2
Lindsely Park Addition*	Neighborhood	1.4	East	5
Asbury & Tejon Park Addition*	Neighborhood	2.1	SW	7
Aqua Golf	Golf	13.8	SW	7
Overland Pond Park	Open Space	9.6	SW	7
Northfield Pond Park	Open Space	30.8	NE	8
Confluence East Park	Community	0.9	NW	9

Total Acres:	64.9	
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- Designation of parkland from 1956 to 2012 56 year time span: approximately 600 acres
- Designation of parkland from 2013 to 2017 5 year time span: approximately 1098 acres
- Park and Open Space acreage added to the Denver Parks system from 2013 to 2016: approximately 625 acres

<sup>\*</sup> Portion of Park to be Designated





**Southwest Rec Center** 

Aerial Imagery - 2016

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







**Linsely Park Addition** 

Aerial Imagery - 2016

1 inch = 100 feet at 11x17

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Map Scale In Feet







Asbury & Tejon Park Addition

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Aqua Golf Aerial Imagery - 2016 1 inch = 120 feet at 11x17

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**Confluence East Park** 

Aerial Imagery - 2016

1 inch = 50 feet at 11x17

☐ Map Scale In Feet







### Questions / Comments











