



AGENDA

Infrastructure Task Force Ad Hoc Policy Committee

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Aurora Room

15151 E. Alameda Parkway

Aurora, CO 80012

Council Member Curtis Gardner, Chair
Council Member Françoise Bergan, Member

Executive Staff: Laura Perry, Deputy City Manager
Legal Staff: Jack Bajorek, Rachel Allen

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Infrastructure Task Force Ad Hoc Policy Committee
Thursday, May 22, 2025

Members Present: Council Member Françoise Bergan, Member, Council Member Curtis Gardner - Chair

Others Present: L. Perry, J. Burne, J. Zambrano, C. Essman, T. Kuntzelman, K. Lardie, J. Boyd, J. Patterson, K. Stuart, J. Wardip, J. Batchelor, I. Cordero, M. Burton, G. Hayes, T. Velasquez, J. Schneebeck, S. Newman, B. Green, N. Colwell, S. Coffin, T. Buneta, T. Chamberlain, A. Oughton, N. Ankey, W. Mitchell, J. Rustad, E. Watson, I. Bounouar, J. Knight

Online: M. Bryant, K. Muehlemyer, S. Hancock, M. Crawford, S. Vanburen, E. Wilkinson

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member (CM) Bergan called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 24, 2025 minutes were approved.

NEW ITEMS

Public Safety Capital Needs/Master Plan

L. Perry expressed these are the first of several capital needs presentations. She discussed the schedule for the presentations, which is public safety for today, PROS on July 9th, Transportation on August 28th, City facilities including Recreation on September 25th, and Library & Cultural Services on October 23rd, and it will end with a report on all of the public engagement feedback they gather over the summer. She explained that in these presentations, the departments will give a summary of their services and operations, overview of the capital assets, capital master planning work they have done, and will highlight capital project priorities. She gave an overview of the Public Safety Capital Master Plan, which has evaluated over 30 facilities and are looking at their current and future needs, operational efficiency, mission effectiveness, and major building systems to determine what was needed to support operations and infrastructure. She said that resulted in a road map to help guide capital planning in the city and strategic planning framework for public safety for operations. She went over the focus areas of the Public Safety Master Plan, the project timeline, and project approach. L. Perry discussed the Facility Condition Assessment, which looked at the site, architectural integrity, structural elements, and electrical systems. The key challenges that were identified in the Public Safety Capital Master Plan include aging facilities, space and operational constraints, systemic impacts, and shared facility issues. She noted that all of the needs total over \$1.5 billion for the next 25 years. She displayed the short-term, mid-term, and long-term needs for all of the public safety departments.

J. Batchelor added that today's meeting is for information gathering and to answer any questions.

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S. Coffin asked if the \$1.53 billion was broken down into the categories.

L. Perry answered no, because the Facility Condition Assessment is just one input into what they will hear from the departments on prioritization.

Aurora Fire Rescue

Chief Oughton, Aurora Fire Chief, presented on Aurora Fire Rescue projects. He stated that the fire department holds \$466 million worth of projected projects over the next quarter century, and he thanked L. Perry and her team for all the work they put in. He said they operate out of 17 fire stations across the city. He went over their vision, which is to lead the nation in fire, rescue, and emergency services and to connect and imbed themselves within the communities they serve. He noted that they respond to a number of calls throughout the city, including fire, emergency medical services, rescue, vehicle extrication, technical rescue, hazardous materials, and wildland, and in 2024, they had 47,406 calls for service. He added that 31,562 of those calls were rescue/EMS related. He also discussed their average response, travel, and fire turnout times. Chief Oughton stated that in areas like Aurora Highlands, the northeast side of Southshore Blackstone, and developing areas east of there refereed to as the frontier, they are seeing response times that are two to three times the recommended travel times, so they need to pay attention to that in this plan. He noted that they have fire stations within their capital assets that are anywhere from 40 to 50 years old, with five stations nearing or over the age of 50 that they need to pay attention to with this plan, with the average age being 26 years. He voiced that they need updates for changes in building codes/standards, new technology, firefighter wellness initiatives, evolving operational needs/broader range of services, and population/density growth. He went over a map of existing permanent stations and those to be replaced, existing temporary stations, future permanent stations, neighboring stations, city owned parcels, and potential relocations.

CM Bergan stated there is a temporary fire station in southeast Aurora that is close to a permanent fire station. She asked what determines a temporary fire station versus a permanent one when close together.

Chief Oughton responded that it is a matter of land, as they need a little more land to build a proper fire station. He added that a full fire station build out is anywhere from \$15 to \$23 million, and there is not a temporary fire station there, but just a plot of land for a potential temporary site.

Chief Oughton gave an overview of the 10-year Master Plan recommendations, including five significant remodels, six new fire stations, and five replacements. In the 11 to 25-year master plan, they are recommending five remodels, one replacement, and seven new fire stations. He went over some of the projects, including the new Station 18 Highlands and Station 19 Southshore, Station 8 replacement, and the Station 2 and 3 remodel.

S. Coffin asked if they hear a lot of complaints from people in the Frontier about slower response times.

Chief Oughton answered that the Council Members probably hear more from people out there than they do, but they do get questions to line staff on why it took so long to get there when they respond, as there have been several incidents of that. He is grateful there is not a very high volume out there, but there is still acuity, so they are concerned about those areas.

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J. Batchelor added in any of the existing station renovations, scrapes, rebuilds, there is going to be minimal operating impact, but the new stations will, so they have to figure out \$2.7 million per year to hire 17 new firefighters to staff.

Aurora911

Tina Buneta, Aurora911 Director, discussed where Aurora911 is, their challenges, and where they are going. She went over their mission, which is to get the right resources to the right place at the right time every time. She said they have been on an evolution for the last five years to reaffirm and redesign their culture and team spirit. She explained that they are currently budgeted for 91 personnel, and in 2024, they filled all budgeted FTE for the first time in decades, and over the last four years, they have reduced turnover from 37% annually to a 9% turnover rate in 2023, and are currently in over-hiring to increase the operational staffing level. In 2024, they had 302,208 9-1-1 call, 279,944 non-emergency calls and 6,796 Text-2-911 dialogues. She talked about how Aurora911 is changing, including landlines becoming almost obsolete, voice calls plateauing, Text-2-911 increasing, digital alerts, third party translation services being replaced with AI assisted language detection and translation, AI attendants for non-emergency, multi-media and live streaming, drone technology, and alternative response models no longer being limited to police, fire, and EMS.

J. Batchelor added that they get multiple calls for an accident because everyone driving by calls in, which holds up the call line, but now AI can show where the cluster of calls are coming from, so they can get to other types of calls as well, which will improve services.

T. Buneta stated that call handling technology will be in their center before the end of this year, and it can not only geographically triage, but also ask the caller if they were a passerby or witness. She gave a visual representation of what happens in the 911 space. She stated that to make access simplified, they can create some consistent generalized methods of receiving requests for need, understanding them, deploying resources, and capturing data assigned to each of them for transparency sake, so they can have a vision of a 3-1-1, which are city services and information, 9-1-1, which is for public safety emergencies, and the 9-8-8 approach, which is the suicide & crises lifeline. She said whatever the issue is, the equation of service applies to all of those needs they can provide resources for. T. Buneta discussed centralization of resource requests, which include the ability to report to community needs from routine to emergency, centralize most if not all public facing COA services, have a centralized method of request and response data tracking, increase transparency and accountability to the community, share resources and platforms, which will equal reduced silos and fiscal discipline, and simplified access to resource requests will all increase community trust. She discussed what is currently in their way, which is outgrowing their space in Tallyn's, Access Aurora logistic challenges within AMC, current technological landscape lacks redundancy, and operations and request responses being tracked and reported in inconsistent silos after delivery by Access Aurora. She stated that having a single central location can help them improve information flow, increase service, reduce silos, increase collaboration, have shared platforms and other uses, fiscal efficiency, and will give each entity the ability to work within their own area of expertise. She stated that real-time operations would include 9-1-1, 3-1-1, a Traffic Operation Center, and a Real-Time Crime Center.

J. Knight asked why 9-8-8 was not a part of that.

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T. Buneta responded because they are a separate entity partner that is governed by the state of Colorado.

T. Buneta discussed the Short-Term 10-year recommendations, which include constructing a new Real-time Operational Center and implementing the IT Infrastructure Resiliency Plan. The Real-Time Operations Center, Phase 1, is estimated to cost \$119.7 million, plus land acquisition, and would be a \$120,000 square foot facility that brings all of the functions together, and Phase 2 would offer space to EOC and allow them to have their operation center.

J. Zambrano asked if having all the 9-1-1 operators in one space with a city of this size was best practice.

J. Batchelor answered that part of what they would do is maintain the old one as a backup center and continue the ability to take all of our systems virtual, which would increase their resiliency, especially in the event of a catastrophic incident, and having them located centrally is best for operation and creates significance through security.

J. Zambrano inquired if they let 9-1-1 operators work from home.

T. Buneta responded no, as their technological infrastructure does not support that and there is a lot of teamwork and reliance on each other that occurs within the 9-1-1 center that they would lose if they segregated and dispersed everyone. However, for low acuity and maybe 3-1-1, pursuing technological goals for virtualized cloud based technology may allow them that opportunity.

J. Zambrano asked how many dispatchers sit in a 120,000 square foot call center.

T. Buneta answered that the 120,000 square feet incorporates all functions, and 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 would essentially work together within a room, but they would have other spaces for things like Emergency Management, Traffic Management Center, Real-Time Crime Center, and common areas for wellness, rest, and training.

J. Zambrano asked how many are on a shift.

T. Buneta responded that they would have 15 to 19 people on a shift at a time that would include call takers, supervisors, fire dispatchers, and police dispatchers, but that does not include when they expand to 3-1-1, which is a 24-hour operation as well. She added that this design is intended to be a non-public facing building facility that is secure in nature and non-descript to protect the integrity and security of the operations within it.

T. Buneta stated they need to reformatify and redesign their IT infrastructure so they can virtualize and have operational continuity, redundancy, appropriate network security, and no dead ends within the operation plan.

J. Zambrano asked if this facility would be strictly 9-1-1.

T. Buneta answered that it would be 9-1-1, 3-1-1, Traffic Operations Center, and Real-time Crime Center. She added that it is all based in information sharing.

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Aurora Police Department

Todd Chamberlain, Aurora Chief of Police, presented on behalf of the Aurora Police Department, and stated that crime fighting is incredibly important and the three components for him when looking at crime and what it is about is about maintaining social order, making sure that people are not victimized, and holding those that victimize others accountable. He said they cannot do that without an effectively staffed and trained organization, proper logistics, proper tools, and proper direction. He talked about the key divisions and functions, which consist of the patrol, investigations, special operations, professional standards & training, business services, and additional support unit divisions. He went over their three geographic districts and Aurora's crime statistics. He noted that they have had a reduction in crime of 22.5%. Chief Chamberlain said they have 14 separate entities throughout the city and they support a lot of different functions. When it comes to staffing needs, they currently have 748 sworn officers and 212 civilian staff across five operational divisions and they have increasing call volumes in both existing areas and new growth areas, so future requirements will need to address those increasing demands by increasing both sworn and civilizing staffing over the next 10 years and beyond. He stated that they have aging infrastructure, capacity issues, and impacts on operations. The 10-year recommendations include property and evidence modernization with a Centralized Property & Evidence Campus, geographic coverage enhancement with a new District 4 Station, special operations consolidation with a special operations facility to consolidate all Special Operations Units and personnel into a single location and repurpose vacated Special Operations space in existing facility for departmental growth, headquarters modernization with demolishing and replacing the Headquarters facility with a Command Staff and Investigations Divisions and repurposing vacated investigations space in existing facilities, and intermittent improvements, such as lobby enhancements, site security improvements, and building modernization.

CM Bergan asked about the DNA crime lab that they partner with.

Chief Chamberlain responded that a lot of that is still there and that is where is a lot of the DNA goes, and things like bullets and casings. He believes there is still an opportunity and room for growth.

J. Batchelor noted that they have to store evidence. He said they partner with multiple agencies to process DNA, fingerprints, and all the evidence, but the new Centralized Property & Evidence Campus would include the storage of that DNA. He said there are legal requirements around how they store and how long they keep evidence.

Chief Chamberlain said the new District 4 Station is estimated to cost \$46.4 million, plus land acquisition, and will be 43,000 square feet and serve northeastern areas of the city. The Property and Evidence Campus would cost around \$47.9 million, plus land acquisition, and will be 50,000 square feet, and the Special Operations space is estimated at \$83.7 million, plus land acquisition, and will be 100,000 square feet. Headquarters is estimated at \$240.5 million and will be 191,000 square feet, with a dedicated police parking garage on existing site. He went over the 15 and 25-year recommendations, which include constructing a new APD dedicated training facility, repurposing a vacated APD space in CAPSTC, building a new District 1 Station with parking garage, building a new District 2 Station on the existing site, and remodeling and expanding District 3 into the space vacated by Aurora 911.

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J. Knight asked if the three departments are the substations.

Chief Chamberlain answered no, they are stations.

J. Knight asked if they have substations, as he mentioned 14 buildings.

Chief Chamberlain responded that they those include the evidence buildings, special operations, and other venues spread throughout the city.

J. Batchelor added that they do have substations, but they want to make sure they get the districts and boundaries right and a district station that is good for purpose first, and that will help them a lot.

Chief Chamberlain expressed that substations are a slippery slope, as they are usually not controlled and do not have a leadership component, and he does not want people hanging out at stations instead of being out in the field.

CM Bergan asked who handles the concerns with the non-emergency line for police.

J. Batchelor responded that the police answers, but they are in process of updating policies and procedures, including their entire dispatching protocol for police to identify what kind of call is coming in and what the highest priority calls are.

CM Bergan voiced that she had a town hall last night where someone stated they called the non-emergency line 20 times on one issue and never got a call back.

J. Batchelor responded that under the new protocols it will be coordinated and they will try to give people procedural justice. He explained they can talk to someone, a telephonic report will be done, it will give a case number, send that to police to go through, and then they will hear back from them in two to three days with next steps.

Chief Chamberlain further explained that they are trying to vet all the calls so they are not going somewhere for no reason.

CM Bergan asked if they would be able to see how many times it is the same issue with AI.

J. Batchelor stated that with Access Aurora and the non-emergency call line, they will be able to see how many calls we have had from an address, and it would be the same thing on this.

T. Buneta added that the system will have the analytics and ability to extract contextual analytics from them, and it is very conversational and does not feel like you are speaking to a robot. She said it will make a record for the information that was provided and will require some human interaction at some point, but they are trying to help people feel heard in the moment because our officers are busy.

S. Coffin expressed that these presentations are extraordinarily compelling and there is nothing more important that a city does than the stuff they do, but wanted to hear the political side.

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J. Batchelor responded that they will talk about producing collateral and having impactful campaigns by telling stories of what officers, firefighters, and caller takers do.

S. Coffin inquired what they will do if the polling shows that we need to shave some of this stuff back.

J. Batchelor answered that this was not resource constrained, and the city has other funding sources for some of this. He said he would love to fund all of it, but it is not likely, and funding any of it is still taking steps forward. He added that with the timing of the ballot question for next year, they typically like to see expectations that they are going to complete projects in 6 to 7 years, so hopefully in that same timeframe we find grants and other funding sources that are not covered. However, if they do not succeed in that, they still have the 10-year window.

L. Perry shared that there are also phasing opportunities. She noted that some facilities require land, so they could put land dollars for a land purchase and then phase them out.

CM Bergan stated that this is great to hear but the public needs to hear it as well, as she was asked at her town hall last night what the priorities of the city are. So, she hopes all of this gets pushed out to them, including some of the specifics.

J. Batchelor responded that is part of the plan.

M. Burton asked what the acronym CAPSTC means.

J. Schneebeck answered City of Aurora Public Safety Training Center.

Shared Facilities

Chief Oughton discussed the 10-year recommendations for the shared facilities, which include renovating and expanding the CAPSTC facility on existing site to meet training operation needs for APD and AFR, which is estimated at \$46.8 million and will include additional classroom space, support space, locker rooms, fitness room remodel, breakroom remodel, PT clinic, and site modifications. The 15 and 25-year recommendations consist of constructing a new APD dedicated training building and site, renovating the CAPSTIC facility areas vacated by APD for use by AFR, establishing an EOC operational facility for the Office of Emergency, and phase 2 of the Real-time Operations Center.

Communication and Engagement Plan

M. Burton shared the upcoming confirmed events for community outreach meetings and events to be scheduled. She said they will continue to add to this list throughout the summer.

K. Stuart added that if anyone has not received their meeting in a box to let them know and they welcome any suggestions on groups or affiliations that they think would be interested in hosting a meeting. She noted there are close to 850 completed surveys completed through Engage Aurora.

M. Burton noted that they are also collecting paper surveys as well.

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S. Coffin asked CM Bergen if there was any discussion about this at her town hall last night.

CM Bergen explained that it was a full agenda, so they did not ask a ton of questions on that.

M. Burton said there were a lot of people scanning the QR code and doing the survey there.

CM Bergen asked if they could do a video to share on Facebook that gives the whole picture.

K. Stuart responded that they have started the Engage Aurora page and done a couple of reels and they are starting to develop subtopics that it is right on the Engage Aurora. She encouraged everyone to sign up and opt in to Engage Aurora.

M. Burton stated that they would love to have task force representation, so if any members see anything they want to participate in to let them know, as that is really impactful when talking to the community and supporting the project.

J. Batchelor noted that he has started conversations with both Adams and Arapahoe County to try to get on their agenda and will let the commissioners know what is going on and then will do the same thing with each of the school districts to help them amplify the message.

S. Coffin expressed that he was struck by Chief Chamberlain's comments about how we are shaping the future of the city, and stated that there is a way to look at this whole thing in terms of needs and filling the gap and have they all these challenges, but can also look at it as we are creating a future of the city. He said it would be interesting to see how that plays out.

L. Perry added they will form subcommittees early next year to bring in more stakeholders around areas, and public safety will be one subcommittee, so there will be more conversations to come on the need.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be, Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The May 22, 2025 Infrastructure Task Force Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

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CM Curtis Gardner, Chair



*Care for What We Have
Provide for What We Need*

Infrastructure Task Force Advisory Committee

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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Capital Needs Presentations



ITF Date*	Topic / Department
May 22nd ✓	Public Safety (AFR, APD, 911)
July 9th ★	Parks and Open Space (PROS)
August 28th	Transportation (P&BD, Public Works) ADA Transition Plan
September 25th	Recreation Centers City Facilities Other Capital Programs
October 23rd	Library & Cultural Services <i>Public Engagement Summary</i>

- Presentations will include the following information:
 - Services and operations summary
 - Capital asset(s) condition
 - Capital master plan recommendations (if applicable)
 - Capital project priority highlights

**Date subject to change*

Agenda

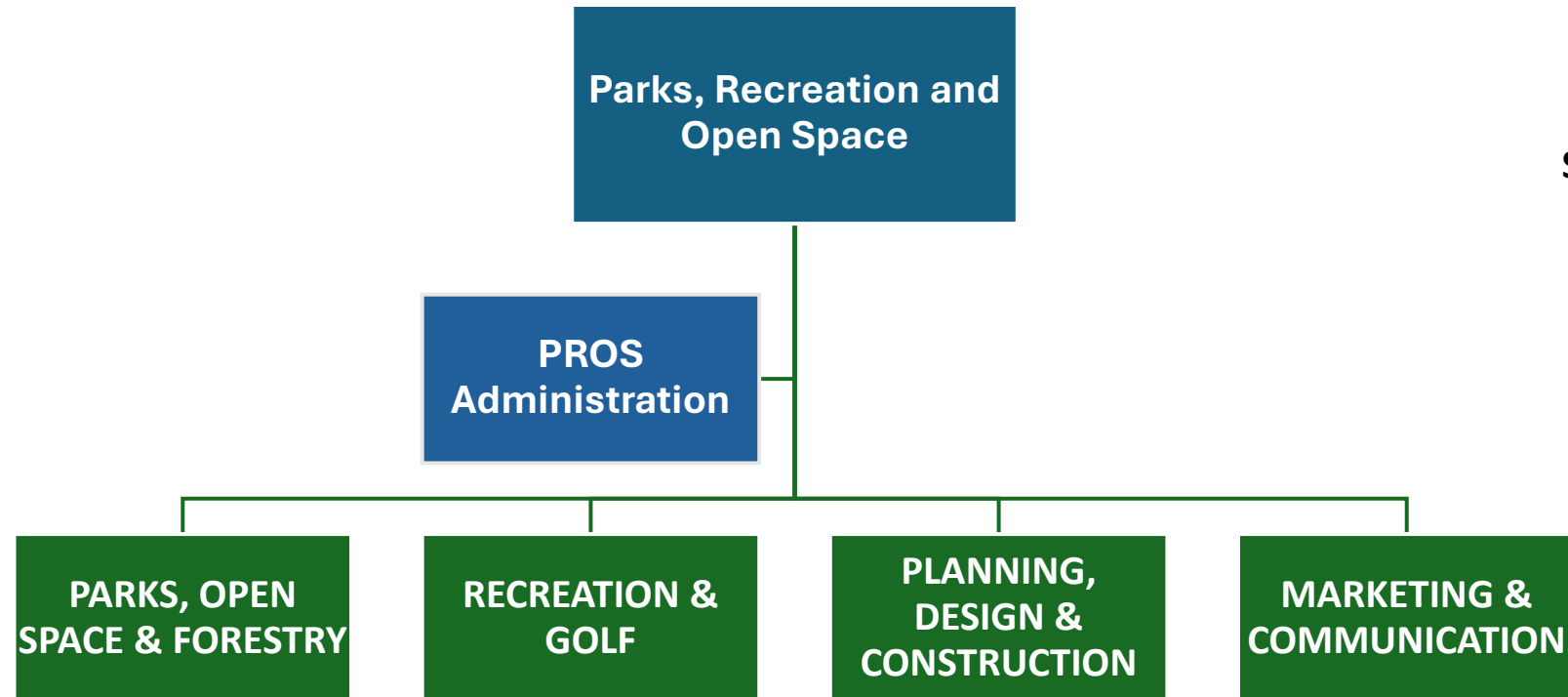


- **Welcome**
 - Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- **Capital Needs Presentation**
 - **Parks and Open Space (PROS)**
- **Information Requests**
- **Communications and Engagement Update**
- **Next Meeting Lookahead**

**THE MISSION OF THE
PARKS, RECREATION &
OPEN SPACE
DEPARTMENT IS TO
ENCOURAGE ACTIVE
LIFESTYLES AND
CREATE HEALTHY
ENVIRONMENTS FOR
PEOPLE, NATURE AND
COMMUNITY.**



PROS Organization



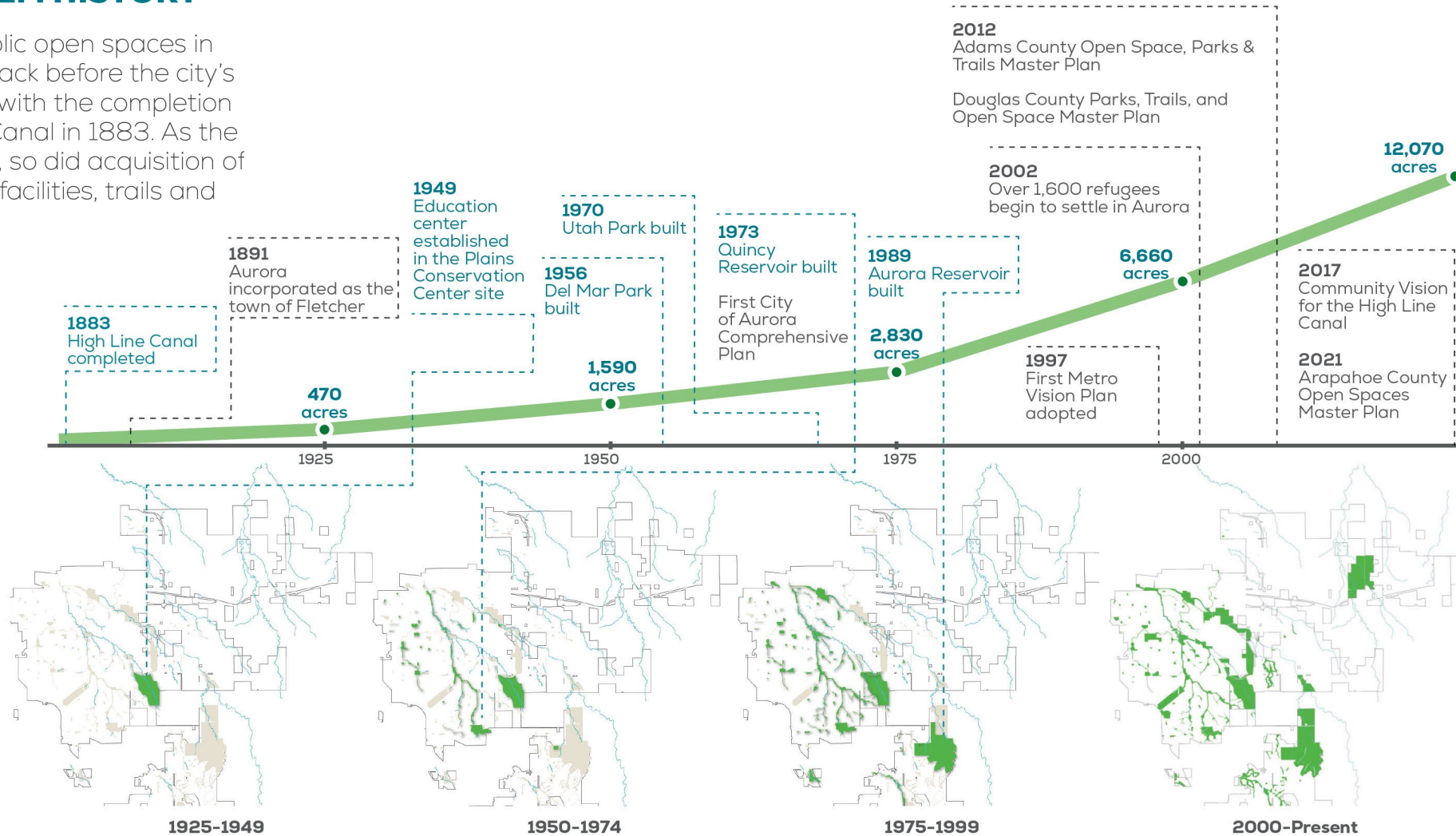
Total FTE ~300
Seasonal Staff ~1,000

Parks System History



PARKS SYSTEM HISTORY

The legacy of public open spaces in Aurora extends back before the city's founding in 1891, with the completion of the High Line Canal in 1883. As the city steadily grew, so did acquisition of parks, recreation facilities, trails and natural areas.



PROS System Overview

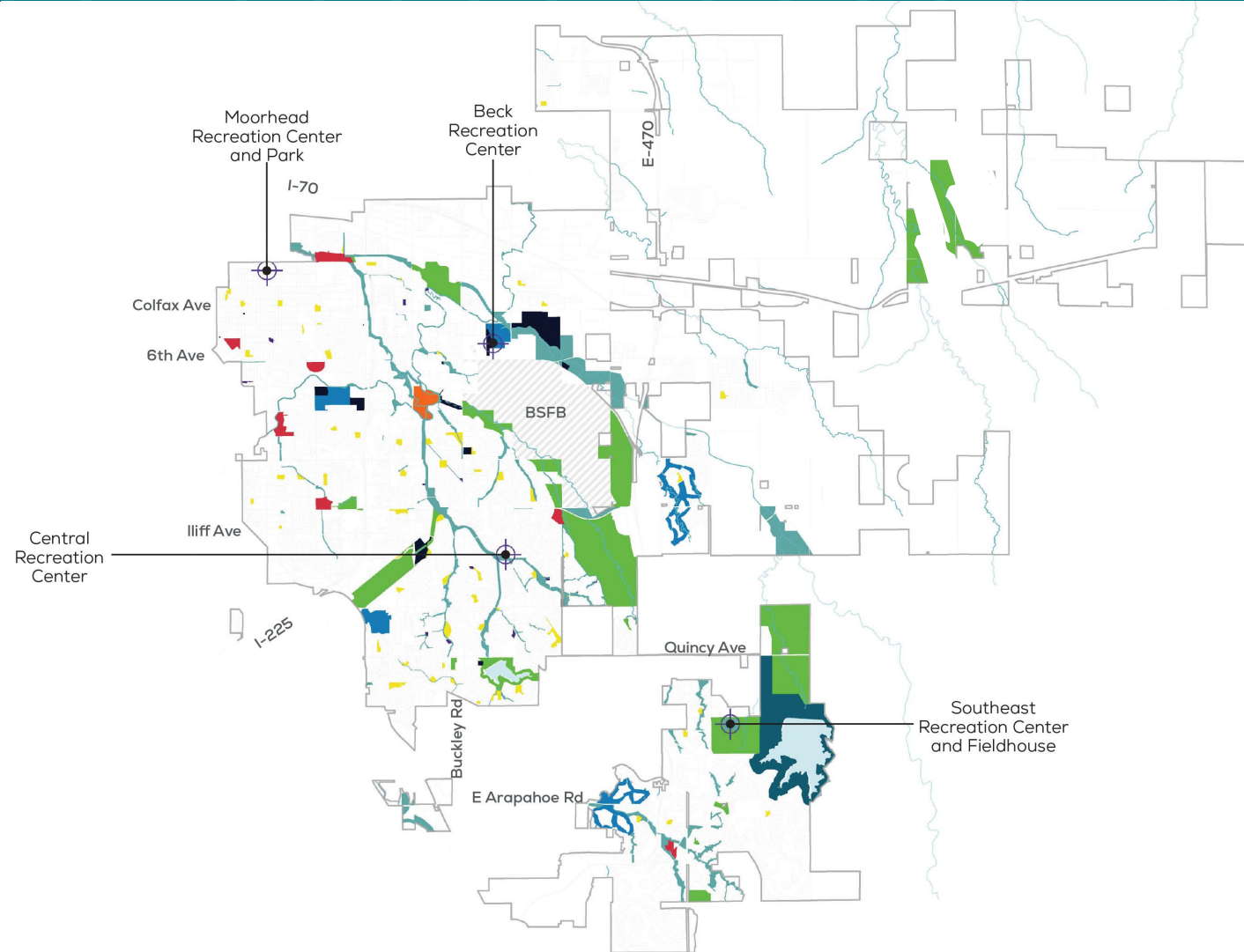


LEGEND

- Cultural and Historic Site
- Community Park
- Natural and Conservation Area
- Neighborhood Park
- Pocket Park
- Regional Park
- Special Use Park
- Greenway and Greenbelt
- Golf Course
- Non-City Parks and Open Space
- Recreation or Community Center



PROS CLASSIFICATION MAP



PROS System Overview



***Over 12,000 acres in system**






















PROS System Overview




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	Playground	Splash Pad	Basketball Court	Diamond Field	Rectangle Field	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Skate Park	Pickleball Court	Disk Golf	Outdoor Pool	Dog Park	Trailhead and Trail Access	Recreation or Community Center	Golf Course	Reservoir	BBQ Grill	Picnic Shelter	Restroom
Number of Amenities	80	2	33	57	94	44.5	9	3	18	2	6	3	56	7	5	2	86	87	30
Cultural & Historic Site													✓						
Pocket Park	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓								✓	✓	
Neighborhood Park	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Special Use Area	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Community Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Natural and Conservation Area													✓			✓		✓	✓
Regional Park	✓						✓						✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

 75,000 trees

 117 miles of trails

 75 miles of median landscaping

Sub-Asset Condition Assessment



Current condition of sub-assets are currently being evaluated.

Each sub-asset is being scored and ranked utilizing a scorecard.

- Playgrounds
- Courts
- Fields
- Hardscapes
- Structures
- Buildings

Operation & Performance

Field Data	
1.0 Condition of Asset	1.1 Current Condition
Desktop Data	
2.0 Functionality	2.1 User Convenience
	2.2 ADA Accessibility & Use
	2.3 Functional Lighting
	2.4 Maintenance Needs
	2.5 Meets PROS Manual Standards
	2.6 Capacity vs. Demand
	2.7 Security
3.0 Essentiality	3.1 Usage Frequency
	3.2 Multiple Use/Purpose
	3.3 Internal Redundancy
	3.4 External Redundancy
4.0 Aesthetics	4.1 Visual Appearance Meets Design Guidelines
	3.2 Experiential Attributes (Multiple Supporting Amenities)
5.0 Physical Attributes	5.1 Material Type
	5.2 Asset to Park Footprint Ratio
	5.3 Asset Age

Safety & Performance	
6.0 Safety	1.1 Current Condition
	2.5 Meets PROS Manual Standards
	2.7 Security
	6.4 Future Measure
	6.5 Future Measure

Risk Evaluation	
7.0 Risk	1.1 Current Condition
	5.1 Material Type
	5.3 Asset Age
	3.1 Usage Frequency
	3.2 Multiple Use/Purpose
	3.3 Internal Redundancy
	3.4 External Redundancy

PROS Annual Capital Budget



All Annual Capital Sources

Open Space Fund	\$8.2M	Open space or park improvements or acquisition.
Conservation Trust Fund	\$3.5M	Acquiring, developing, and maintaining new conservation sites and/or capital improvements or maintenance on any public site
Golf Fund	\$2.6M	Golf course capital improvements (<i>enterprise fund</i>)
Parks Development Fund	\$1.2M	Development of new park land
Capital Projects Fund	\$4.5M	Capital improvements (least restrictive)
Total	\$20M	

Source: 2025 Adopted Budget

PROS Master Plan

Our Parks, Our Places



- First systemwide master plan
- Adopted in April 2024
- Parks, Open Space, Trails, Recreation Centers are the infrastructure of wellness, health, environmental sustainability and economic stability.
- PROS Ensures Quality of Life for Aurora



PROS Master Plan

Our Parks, Our Places



Guiding Principals

**Strengthen Connectivity
to PROS Assets**

**Meet Evolving Needs of
the Community**

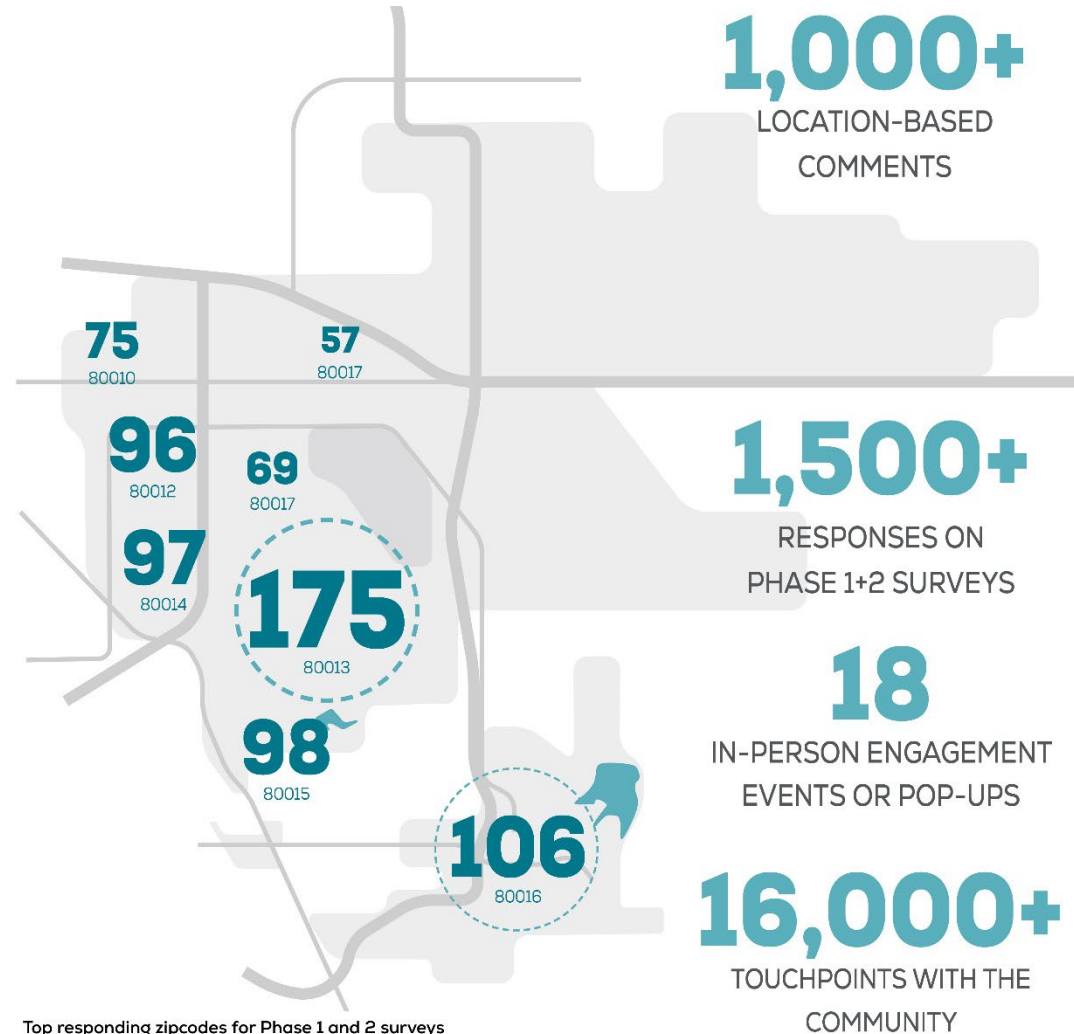
**Create Opportunities for
Lifelong Education**

**Serve as Stewards to
Our Environment**

**Provide Welcoming and
Safe Spaces**

**Proactively Invest in the
Present and Future**

Our Parks, Our Places Engagement



Top responding zipcodes for Phase 1 and 2 surveys

Our Parks, Our Places Engagement



Main takeaways:

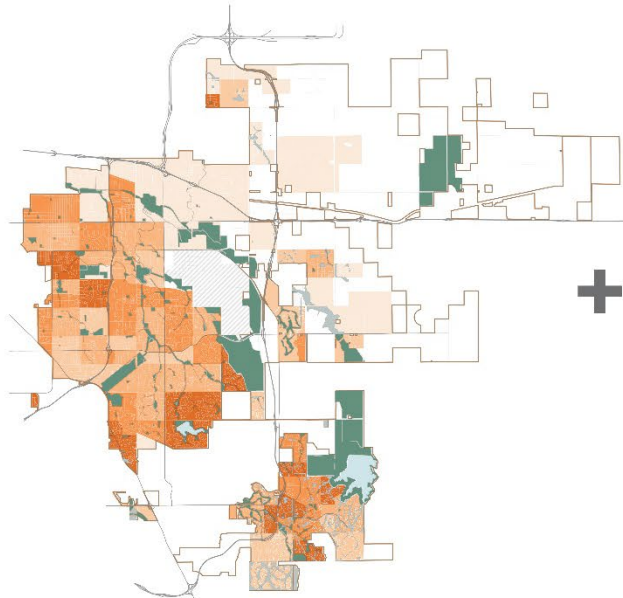
- Upgrade existing parks, facilities, trails and open space.
- Acquire and protect land for natural open space.
- Expand and develop the regional trails system.
- Improve community connections.
- Increase safety.
- Improve operational efficiency.



High Need Neighborhoods



Density

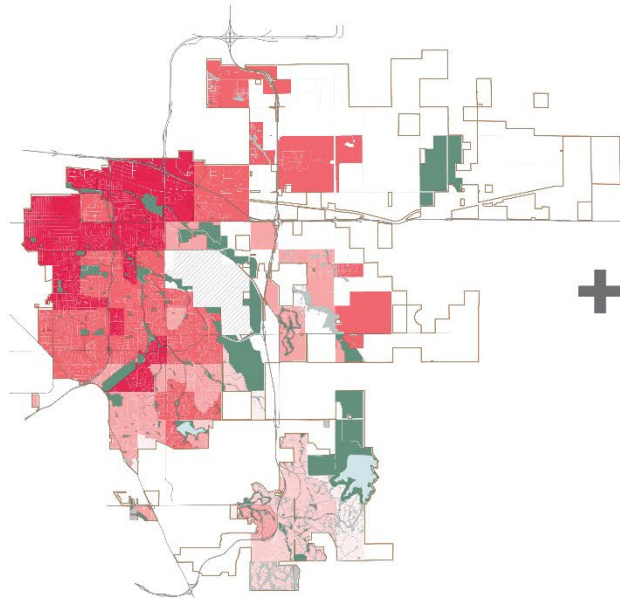


Residents per Acre



PROS System
Non-City Parks and Open Space
Buckley Space Force Base

Demographic Vulnerability

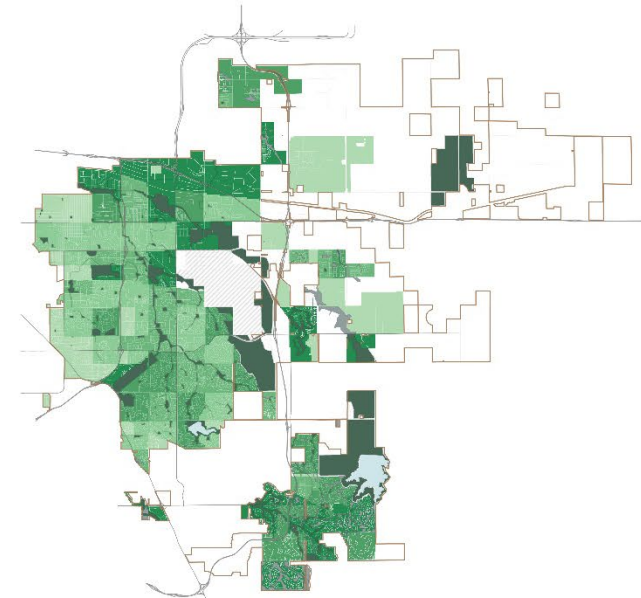


SVI + Health Indicators

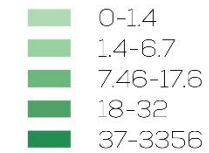


PROS System
Non-City Parks and Open Space
Buckley Space Force Base

Park Acreage Per Capita



Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents

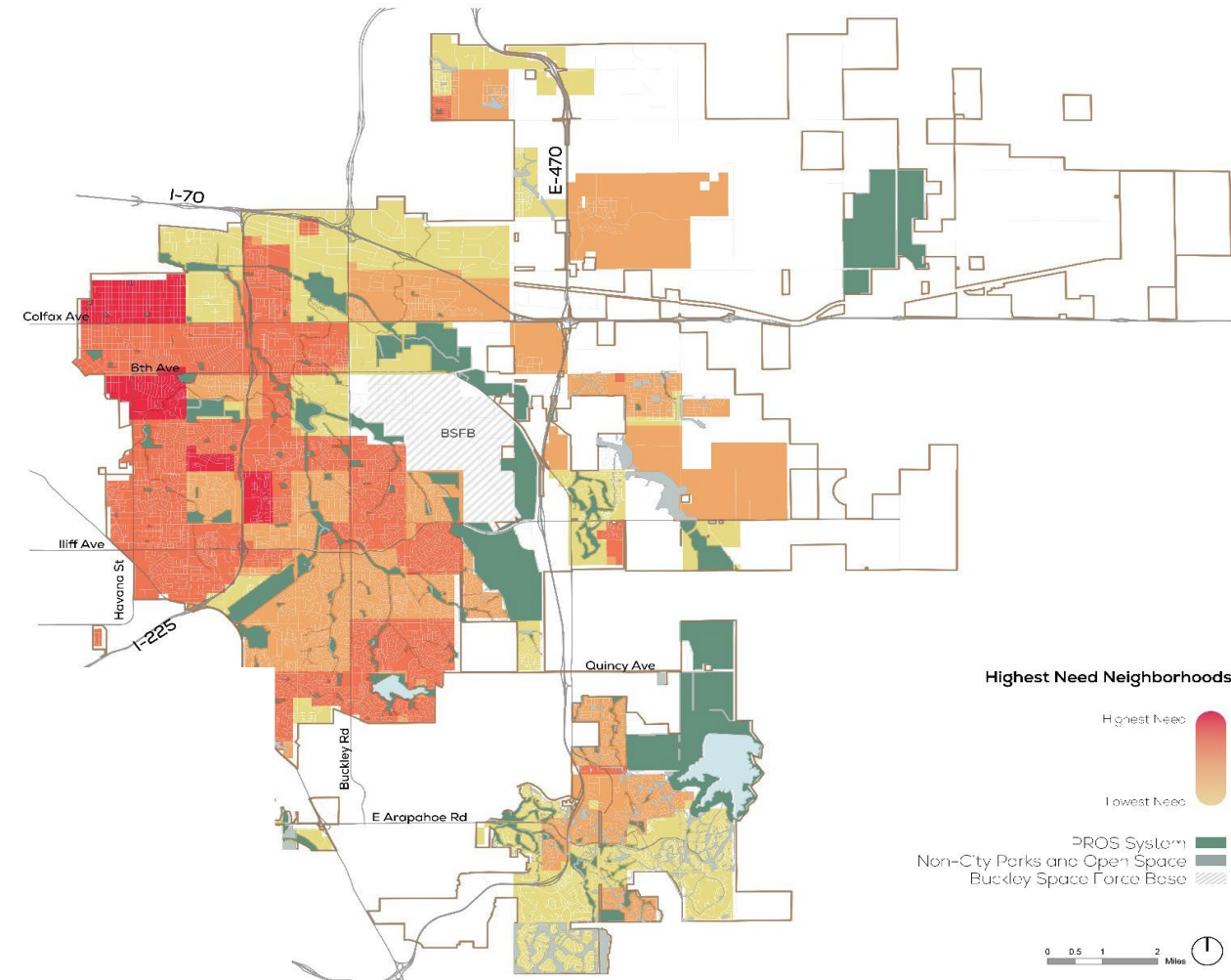


PROS System
Non-City Parks and Open Space
Buckley Space Force Base

High Need Neighborhoods



A composite map was developed to identify areas requiring attention, facilitating strategic resource allocation, land acquisitions, accessibility planning, deferred maintenance prioritization, as well as informing events planning and program offerings.



Parks and Open Space Capital Project Needs



- Full Park Renovations
- Half-life Park Renovations
- Master Planned Park Buildouts
- Destination Sites



Park Renovations – Full



Project Name: Full Renovation of existing parks (40+ years old)

Capital Cost: \$15M per park (average cost)

Status: Planning

Scope Statement:

Full renovation of oldest parks for the benefit of all Aurora. Each park will require a new master plan with significant public engagement for each.

- **Del Mar Park (Ward III)**
- **Bicentennial Park (Ward III)**
- **Springhill Park (Ward II)**
- **Lowry Park (Ward I)**



Photo representative of a renovation in progress

Neighborhood Park Half-life Renovations



63 neighborhood parks over 20 years old need half-life renovations which include playgrounds, shelters, paths, courts, and ADA upgrades.

No
Renovation
30+ Years

Terrace - Ward II
Seven Hills - Ward V
Marina - Ward VI
Los Ninos - Ward V
Panorama - Ward III

No
Renovation
15-30 Years

Apache Mesa - Ward II
Sagebrush - Ward V
Hilltop - Ward V
Appaloosa - Ward VI

- **\$223 million needed to complete renovations**
- **Require \$4M investment at each park on average**

Neighborhood Park Half-life Renovations



Capital Cost: \$4M per park (average)

Ward: All

Status: Planning

Scope Statement:

- Playground equipment and surfacing
- Court sports: basketball, tennis, pickleball, etc.
- Structures: Picnic shelters, restrooms, surrounds
- Hardscape: Sidewalks, parking lots, etc.
- Site furnishings: tables, benches, signs
- Lighting
- ADA improvements
- Irrigation: Minor improvements
- Landscape: Turf conversion



Build Master Planned Parks



Capital Cost: \$45 million (\$28 million needed)

Ward: VI, V

Status: Design

Scope Statement:

Three parks with brand new master plans require construction. Each park costs approximately \$15 million to construct (or can be phased over time).

- **Red-tailed Hawk Park – Ward VI**
- **Central Community Park – Ward V**
- **Unnamed Neighborhood Park – Ward VI**



**Build Up
AURORA**

Care for What We Have
Pave for What We Need

Build Master Planned Parks



Project	Estimated Cost	Current Funding	Funding Needed
Red-tailed Hawk Park	\$15M	\$5.5M	\$9.5M
Central Community Park	\$15M	\$6.5M	\$8.5M
Unnamed Neighborhood Park	\$15M	\$5M	\$10M
Total	\$45M	\$17M	\$28M



Unnamed Neighborhood Park

Destination Sites



Natural spaces and recreational assets, destination parks serve as vibrant hubs for outdoor recreation, tourism, education, and community well-being.

- **Aurora Reservoir**
- **Aurora Sports Park**
- **Plains Conservation Center**
- **Sports Park II**



Aurora Reservoir Renovations/Expansion



Capital Cost: \$30M

Ward: VI

Status: Planning

Scope Statement:

Replace aging 35-year-old facilities:

- Replace lower lot restroom
- Replace 4 deteriorating shelters
- Repave roads and parking lots
- Solve ingress/egress issue
- Develop new activity area – relocate boat ramp, expand swim area/beach
- Expand amenities at plaza
- Replace 2 miles of asphalt trail surface



Aurora Sports Park (Expansion)



Capital Cost: \$20M

Ward: II

Status: Planning

Scope Statement:

- Add 4 additional synthetic fields
- Add a visitor services building
- Add parking on land already owned
- Expand maintenance/rec office and shop



Aurora Sports Park II (New)



Capital Cost: TBD based on location

Ward: TBD

Status: Planning

Scope Statement:

Construction of a new Sports Park II in Aurora. Land acquisition, site development, and construction required.



Capital Project Needs Summary



	Estimated Cost	Current Funding	Funding Needed
Full Renovations	\$60M	\$0	\$60M
Half Life Renovations	\$252M	\$29M	\$223M
Master Planned New Parks	\$45M	\$17M	\$28M
Destination Sites	\$85M	\$0	\$85M
Total	\$442	\$46M	\$396M



Requests for Information



Communications and Engagement Plan



Upcoming Events

- Thursday, July 10: Southlands Concert Series
- Saturday, July 12: Flagship Event at Aurora Highlands
- Saturday, July 19: Southlands Farmers Market
- Saturday, July 19: Del Mar Park Rebel Marketplace Farmers Market
- Saturday, July 26: Havana Street Market (TBD)
- Saturday, August 2: APS Back to School Kickoff
- Thursday, August 7: Southlands Farmers Market (TBD)
- Saturday, August 16: Southlands Farmers Market
- Saturday, August 16: Del Mar Park Rebel Marketplace Farmers Market

**Over 1,500 surveys
completed!**

Completed Events

- 8 Councilmember town halls
- 1 Employee town hall
- 2 HOA Build Up Aurora Sessions
- 2 Build Up Aurora Flagship Events
- Engage Aurora Live
- Bunny Bonanza
- Fire Safety Field Day
- Global Fest
- South Metro Realtors Presentation
- Juneteenth
- Anschutz Campus Bike to Work Day
- Aurora Chamber of Commerce Presentation
- Aurora Rotary Club Presentation
- 2 Havana Street Markets
- 1 Stanley Marketplace First Friday
- 2 Rebel Market Farmers Markets (Town Center at Aurora)
- 2 Southlands Concert Series Events



Next ITF Meeting: August 28, 2025 (4 to 6 p.m. in-person)

- Transportation
- Connecting Aurora
- ADA Transition Plan (Public Right-of-Way)