



Arapahoe Park and Recreation District



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Arapahoe Park and Recreation District

11.6 square miles

59,500 residents and growing

20 parks

15 miles of trails

1 outdoor swimming complex

1 skate park

1 award winning recreation center



APRD History

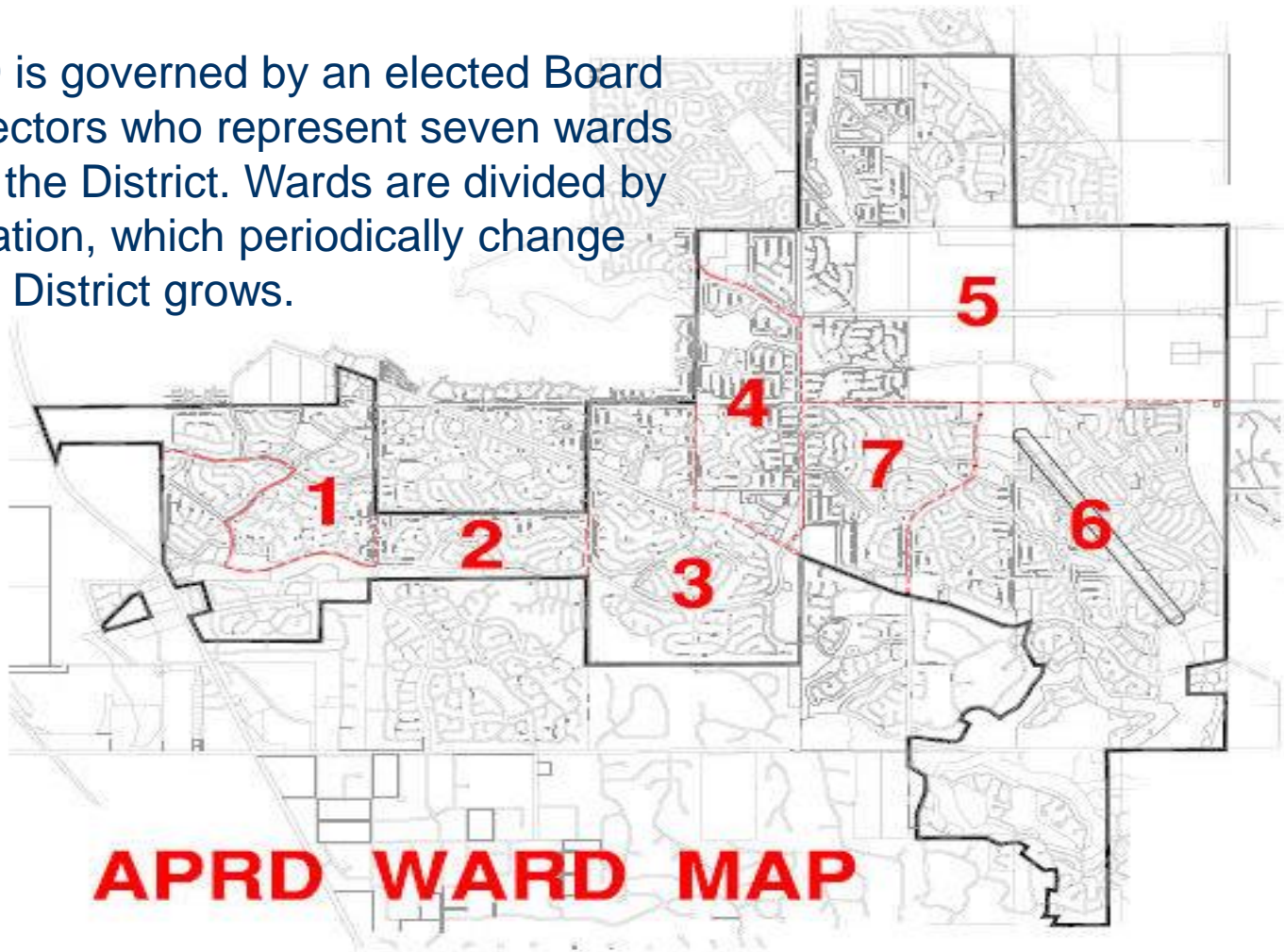
The Arapahoe Park and Recreation District (APRD) was formed in 1982 by the Arapahoe County Commissioners and area land holders for planning, acquiring, developing, maintaining and programming parks, open space, trails and recreational amenities for the residents of unincorporated Arapahoe County (City of Centennial) that were not being served by adjacent entities. The District's Service Plan anticipates approximately 100 acres of developed parks, 500 acres of natural open space, and 18 miles of paved trails.





APRD District Ward Map

APRD is governed by an elected Board of Directors who represent seven wards within the District. Wards are divided by population, which periodically change as the District grows.





APRD Partnerships

- City of Centennial – Cherokee Trail Park
- Cherry Creek State Park – Trail System
- East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District / SEMSWA – Land Use, Landscape Maintenance and Drainage
- Cherry Creek School District – Joint-Use Fields
- Youth Athletic Leagues
- Arapahoe County Open Space Grant Program
- GOCO Open Space & Trail Grant Program
- Colorado Lottery - CTF



Cherry Creek School District

A Joint-Use Agreement with Cherry Creek School District allows APRD to permit the use of specific athletic fields. These fields are located at nine elementary schools within the park district boundaries. APRD pays an annual fee for this arrangement. This agreement results in APRD having nine additional soccer and nine additional baseball fields for youth athletic seasons.



Youth Athletic Leagues

APRD currently issues permits to the following youth athletic leagues:

- Centennial Little League
- Cherry Creek Little League
- Rapids Youth Soccer
- Spartans – Baseball
- Spartans – Football
- Spartans – Lacrosse





APRD Recreational Amenities

- Trails Recreation Center
- Lookout Park and Outdoor Pool
- Numerous shelters and neighborhood playgrounds
- APRD Skate Park
- Trails for biking, running and walking
- Athletic and multi-use fields
- Active and passive recreation combining people, pets and wildlife in the urban setting.



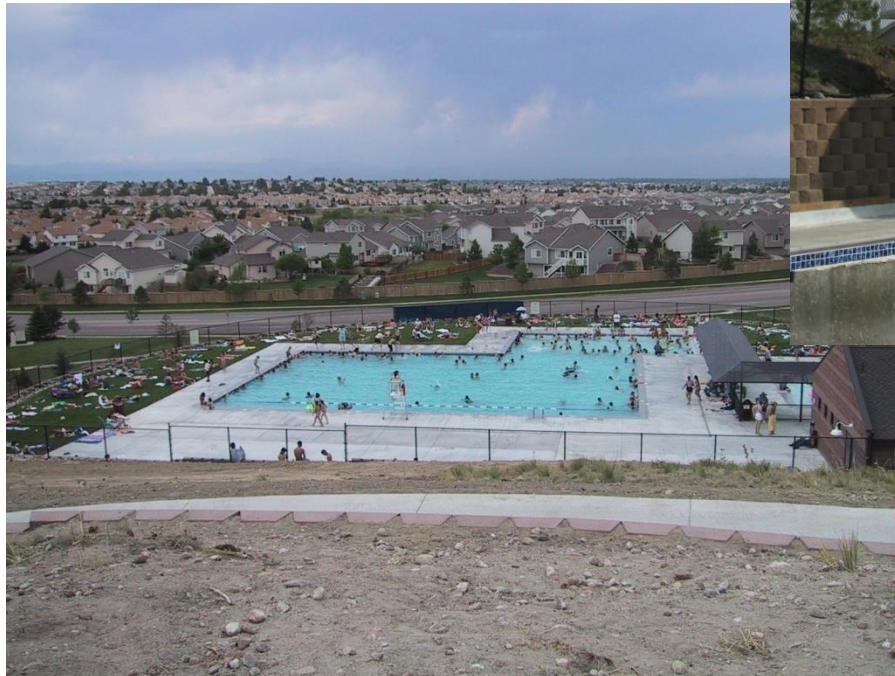
Trails Recreation Center





Lookout Park and Outdoor Pool

Opened in 2002, Lookout Pool has three separate pool areas; an 8-lane 25-meter pool, a separate 20' x 40' pool for toddlers and a splash pool for the water slide.



The Lookout Pool water slide opened in 2004. The water slide is 18 feet tall and features a ride that is 140 feet long. Riders land in the new splash pool.



Lookout Park & Outdoor Pool

The pool attracts close to 20,000 visitors each summer season and fields a local swim team.





Shelters & Playgrounds





APRD Skate Park





APRD Trail System





Athletic & Multi-Use Fields



Large multi-use fields such as Piney Creek Hollow Park.

Water detention facilities used as a soccer field at Highlands Park.





Athletic & Multi-Use Fields



Baseball fields in baseball season and Lacrosse or Football fields using the outfield grass during their respective seasons.

Joint-Use Field Agreement with Cherry Creek School District.





Current APRD Mill Levy

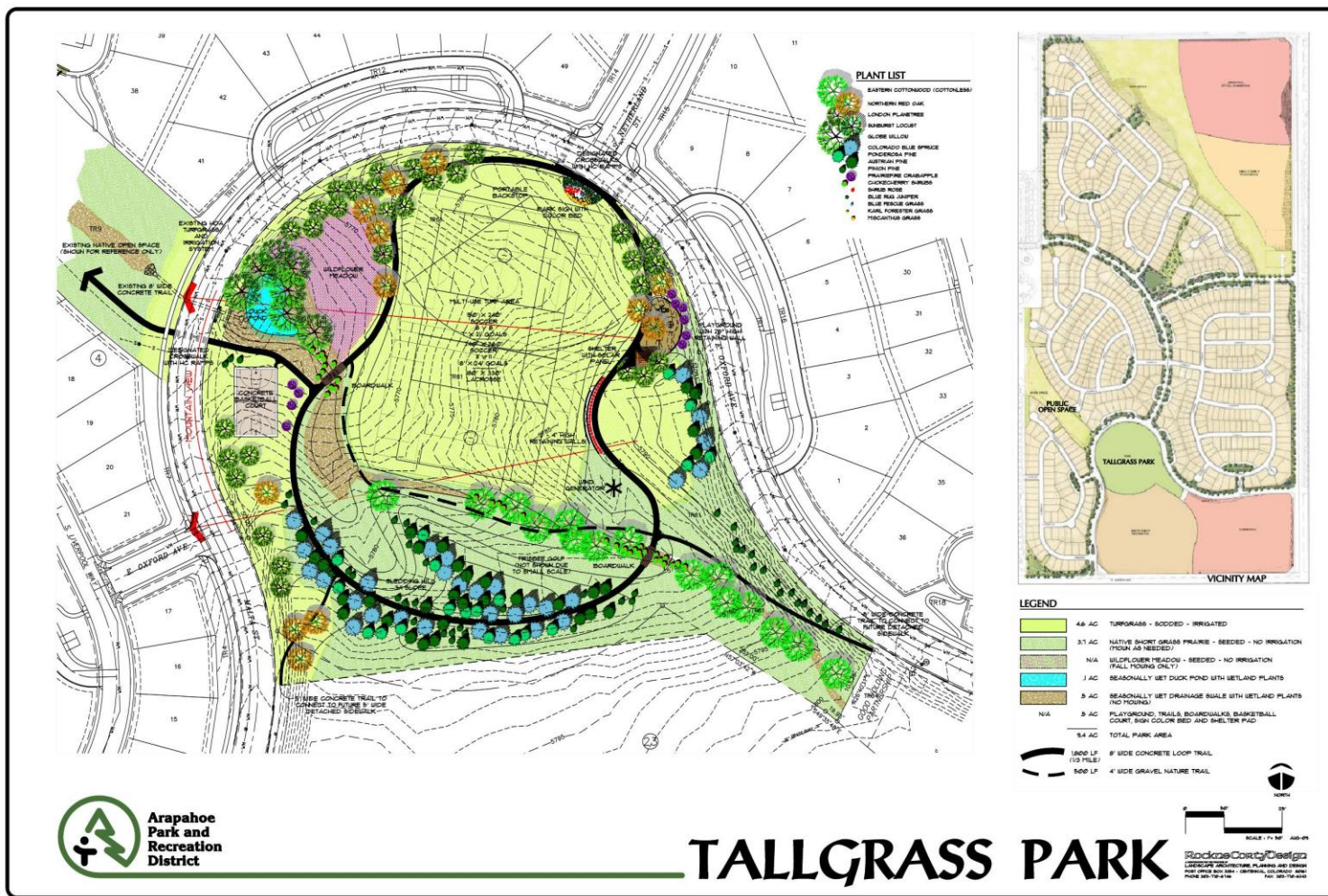
The Arapahoe Park and Recreation District currently operates with a mill levy of 6.140 mills. 2.140 mills are used to retire the voter approved bond used to construct the Trails Recreation Center. The other 4.0 mills are used to maintain the existing park district facilities and amenities and to build new parks, trails, athletic fields and playgrounds. The 4.0 mill rate has remained the same for the last 15+ years.

APRD often uses grants to build new parks and trails. APRD has enjoyed a great deal of success in seeking grants. APRD competes for grants from Arapahoe County Open Space (ACOS) and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). Grants are always welcome!

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Tallgrass Park



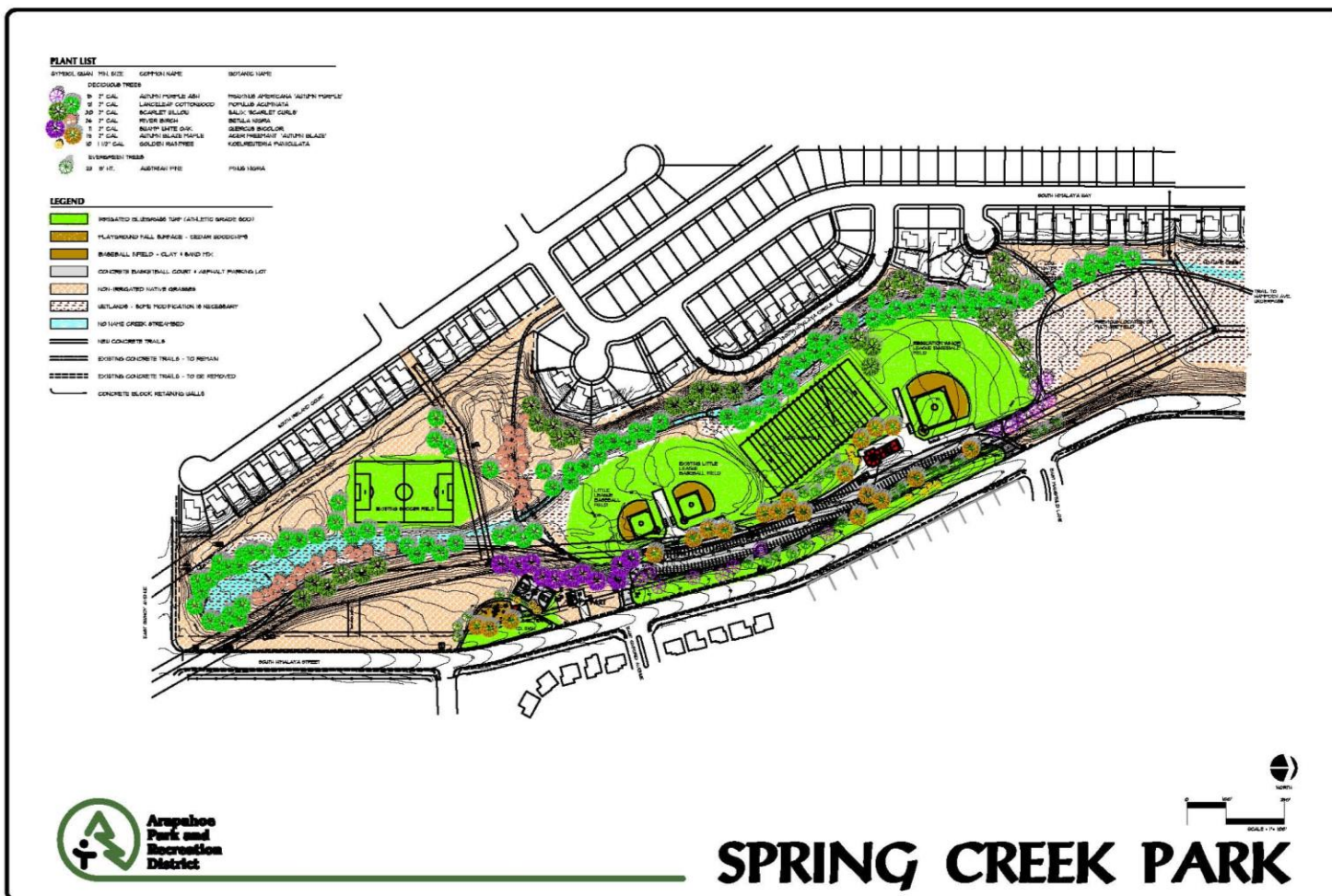


Tallgrass Park





Spring Creek Regional Park





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Village Park



The Village Park Renovation was funded by Colorado Lottery Funds in 2007. The project added a shelter and playground to an existing multi-use field park location.



The Future

The Arapahoe Park and Recreation District (APRD) would like to find more ways to provide recreational opportunities and amenities on behalf of our constituents. Our district population will continue to grow over the next few years as the remaining residential developments are built out and sold.

With little land available within our district boundaries, APRD was able to acquire 175-acres of land just west of E470 between E. Quincy Ave. and E. Hampden Ave. This 2011 acquisition involved grants from both Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and Arapahoe County Open Space (ACOS). The net cost to APRD taxpayers after the grant awards was approximately \$45,000 for the entire 175-acres. Recently, a partnership between Arapahoe County, the E470 Authority and APRD has completed the construction of a 1-mile trail on this parcel. A trailhead will also be built in the near future. APRD may have to consider joint ventures and partnerships with neighboring municipalities and/or districts to build more recreational amenities on this parcel in the future.

APRD has worked closely with Arapahoe County to make sure that our park and trail development plans work well with the regional trail plans developed by the County.



A Possible Solution?

This is the conceptual master plan that APRD developed as part of the acquisition of the land west of E-470 between E. Quincy Ave. on the south and E. Hampden Ave. on the north. This 175-acre parcel is deed restricted and therefore no residential or commercial development is supposed to occur. APRD emphasizes that this is a conceptual master plan that merely helps us plan for the future. We refer to this parcel as Country Park.

