

# PARKS & RECREATION

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## PERSPECTIVE

- The original plat of Greeley included Lincoln Park, Washington Park, and Island Grove Park
- Lincoln Park had 2 lakes when it was first constructed: Lake Luna and Lake Auricular
- Island Grove Park become home to the Greeley Spud Rodeo in 1922, now the world's largest 4<sup>th</sup> of July Rodeo
- The City created its Department of Culture in 1958 to coordinate the activities of the museum, library and recreation programs, becoming the first city in the nation to do so

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**VISION:** Enhanced quality of life through a complete system of parks and leisure opportunities

**GOAL:** Enhance the community quality of life through an integrated parks and recreation system that offers a full range of leisure opportunities for community residents and visitors

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## QUICK FACTS



Greeley has 40 parks that offer a wide variety of activities and total about 1,100 acres



Recreation and leisure activities for all ages and interests are offered at the Family FunPlex, Ice Haus, Jesus Rodarte Cultural Center, Recreation Center, and Senior Activity Center







The Poudre River Trail offers over 20 miles of surface for bicycling, in-line skating, and walking and connects Island Grove Regional Park to Highway 392 in Windsor

## **PROGRESS**

- *An additional 11 miles of trail have been added to the Poudre River corridor, making it over 20 miles in length and contiguous from Island Grove Park to the west end of the Town of Windsor*
- *Seven new parks have been completed, adding about 130 acres to the City's parks system*
- *The Family FunPlex, Ice Haus, and Rodarte remodel have been completed*
- *Youth programming and activities have been expanded in the community*
- *Three miles of the planned 6.2 miles of the Sheep Draw Trail was completed*
- *Greeley continues to host the Rocky Mountain Senior Games which average 600 participants from 12 states*

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## **KEY CONCEPTS**

-  Interconnectivity essential to parks, trails and open space system
-  Parks = enormous community asset
-  Parks and recreation offer all residents access to a healthy lifestyle
-  Open Space Strategy needs to be implemented

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## **CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **PR1 PARK LAND LOCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Provide ample places for people to interact with others, relax and recreate in both passive and active forms
- Improve the city's visual appeal and economic attractiveness and enhance the community quality of life through planning and development of parkland and open space areas
- Coordinate the location of parks to coincide with and complement other beneficial uses

### **PR2 GREENWAYS, OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

- Develop greenways as linear corridors that permit public access and community connectivity
- Identify and secure open space areas as part of a comprehensive strategy to protect, preserve and enhance natural areas and environmentally sensitive portions of the community
- Promote responsible stewardship of the community's environmentally sensitive areas

### **PR3 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES**

- Promote healthy lifestyles of residents through a continuum of leisure life skills
- Promote the constructive use of free time and increase the community's appeal
- Develop recreational facilities and programs that meet the organized and unstructured leisure interests of its residents and visitors