



Competitive Ball Fields

June 11, 2018

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City Council identified competitive ball fields north of 96th as a priority during the 2017 and 2018 City Council planning retreats.



Competitive Ball Fields

2018 work plan items –

- 4.3.4 Complete construction of competitive youth sports fields in the northern range by December 31, 2023
- 4.3.4.S1 Solidify future possible sites for athletic complexes by September 30, 2018
- 4.4.4.S1.T1 Plan for development of practice fields dependent upon budget approvals for 2019



Purpose

- Share information about community youth baseball/softball programs
- Provide an overview of city-owned properties for consideration for future sports complex development
- Identify possible sites for youth field development and/or improvements



Current Baseball/Softball Programs

- Commerce City Parks and Recreation Baseball
 - Consistently between 400 and 450 participants
 - Program uses all fields in city and both school districts
 - Numbers expected to increase with opening of Bison Ridge and continued population growth in the north



Current Baseball/Softball Programs

- Youth Sports Providers:
 - Brighton Baseball/Softball
 - Recreational and competitive baseball (535 spring and 225 fall for baseball; 100 spring and 100 fall for softball)
 - 35% Commerce City participants
 - Baseball steady; softball growing
 - Uses 1-3 fields in north
 - Commerce City Youth Athletics
 - Girls softball; 70 participants- mostly Commerce City
 - Trending down as competitive softball becomes more popular
 - Uses 1 field in north and 2 fields in south



Current Baseball/Softball Programs

- Youth Sports Providers:
 - Burn Baseball – Competitive
 - 33 participants; 70% Commerce City
 - Increased from 1 to 3 teams in 4 years
 - Use Fairfax Park in spring due to lights
 - Mile High Athletics – Competitive Softball
 - 50 participants; 80% Commerce City
 - Use 1 field in north
 - 1st year program



Current Baseball/Softball Programs

- Youth Sports Providers:
 - Colorado Cutthroats – Competitive Baseball
 - 12 participants; 40% Commerce City
 - Use one field in north
 - 2nd year program
 - Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School
 - 15 participants in boys baseball
 - Use one field in north
 - 3rd year as a school



Current Field Use

- Commerce City has 2 fields in the north (no lights)
 - River Run
 - Villages East
- School District 27J has 2 fields in the north (no lights)
 - Second Creek Elementary
 - Turnberry Elementary
- Commerce City has 7 fields in the south (all have lights)
 - 4 fields at Pioneer Park & 3 fields at Fairfax Park
- School District 14 has 10 fields in the south
 - Alsup, Central, Dupont, Hanson, Kemp, Monaco, Rose Hill
 - Commerce City recently upgraded many of these fields and is maintaining them



Current Field Use

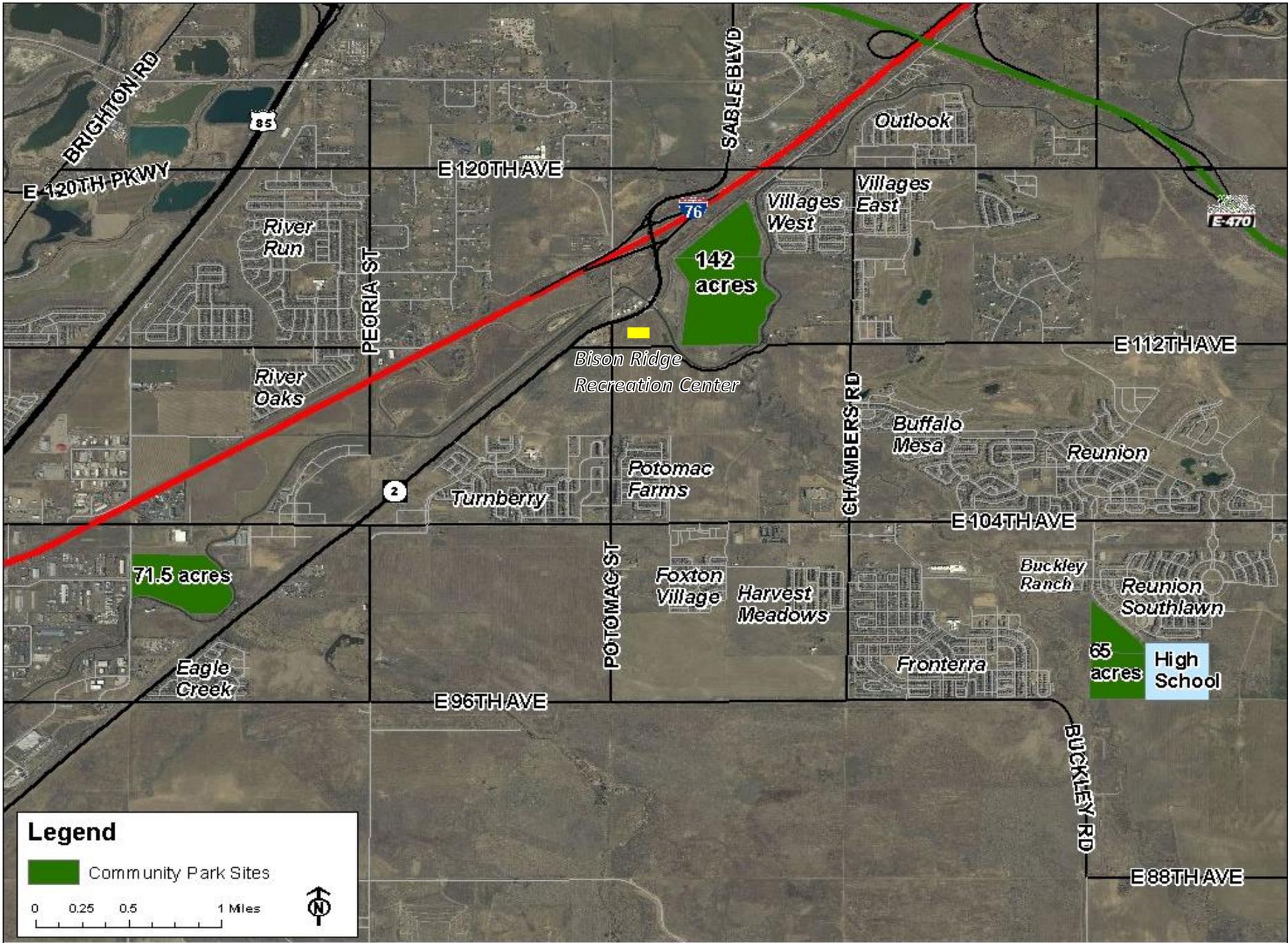
- Three non-resident groups requested fields this summer and could not be accommodated
- This spring every field available to the city in the north is full Monday through Friday
- This summer each field in the north will have 2 practices per evening M-F and all times will be full



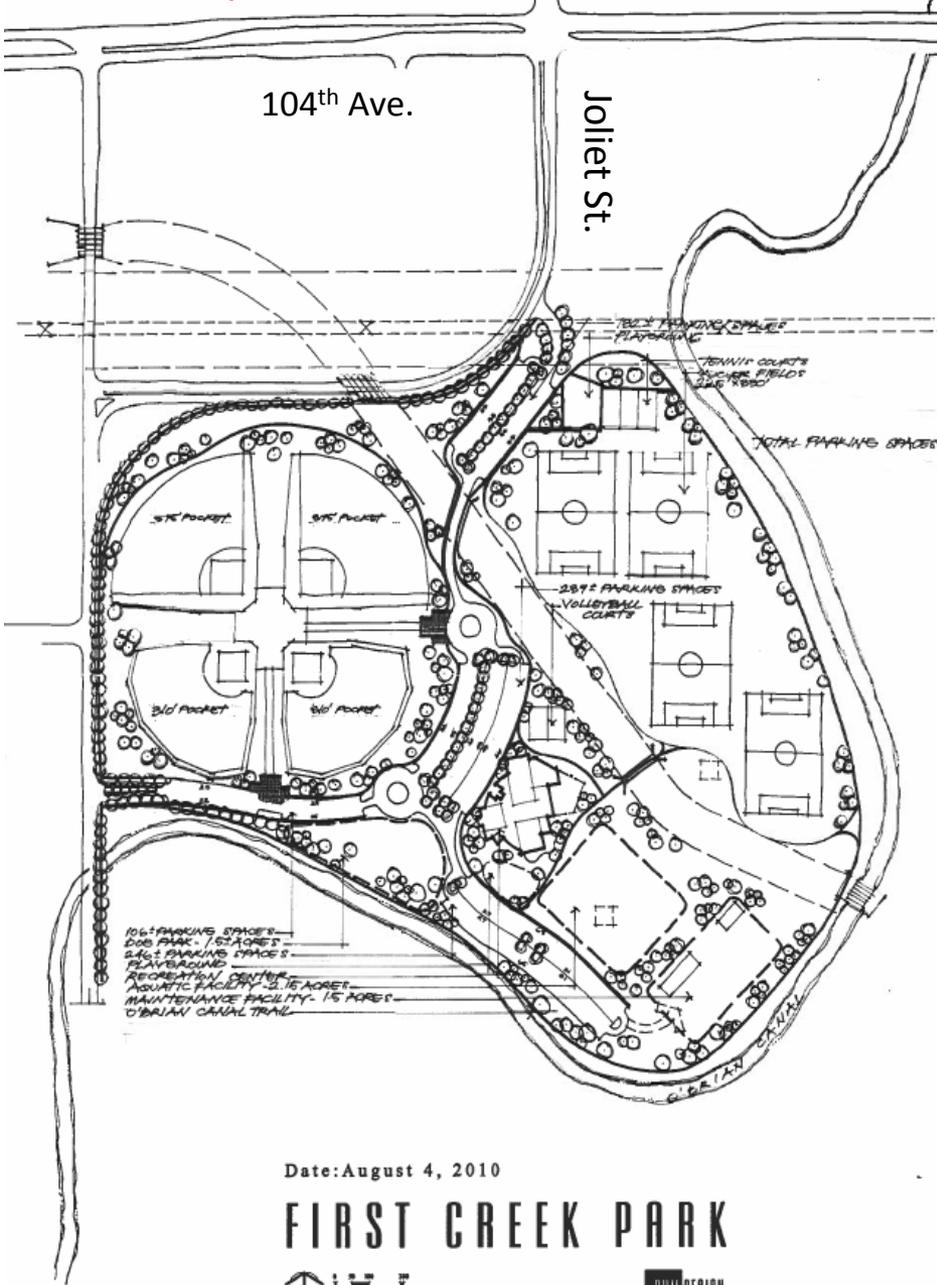
Youth Athletic Fields- Sports Complex

- The city owns all or portions of three (3) community park sites from 65-140 acres
- All would require significant infrastructure improvements

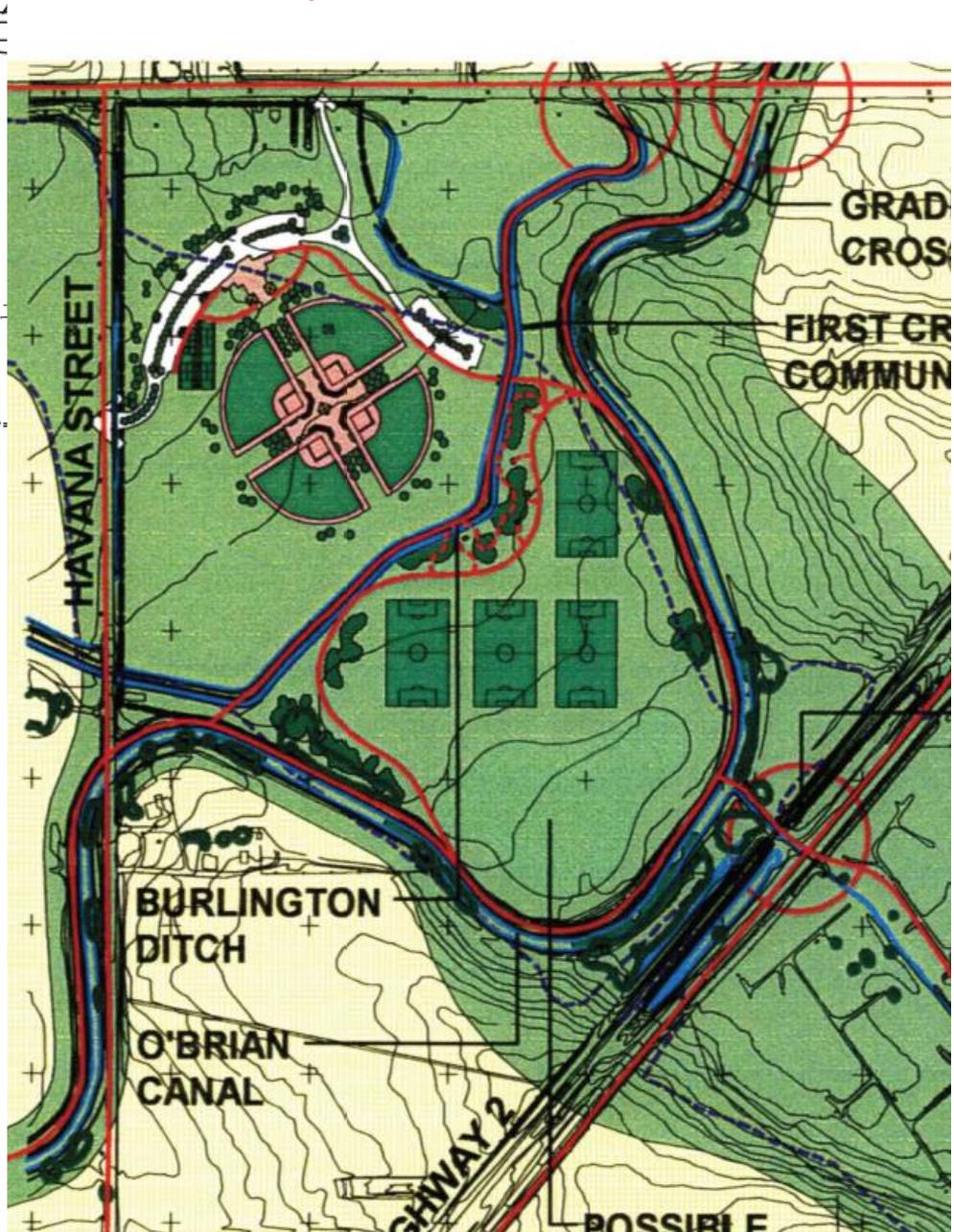




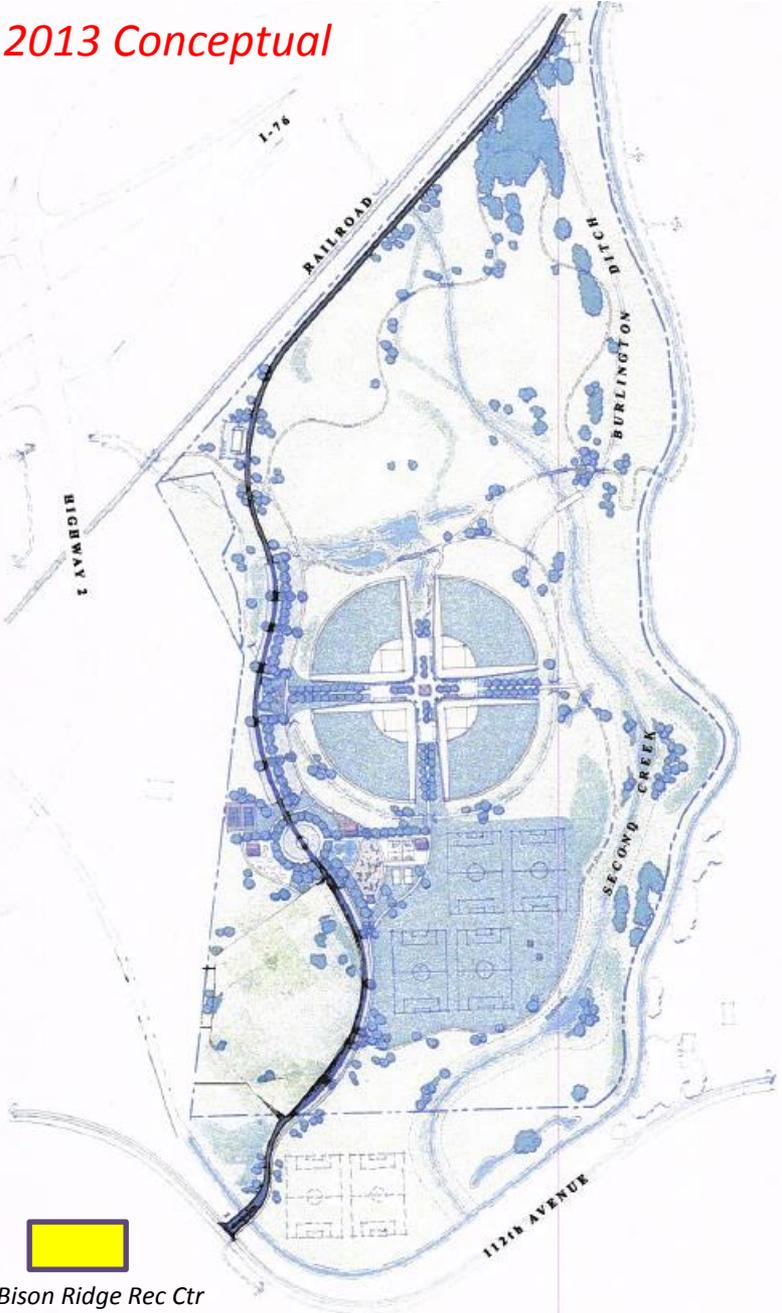
2010 Conceptual



1999 Prairieways Action Plan



2013 Conceptual

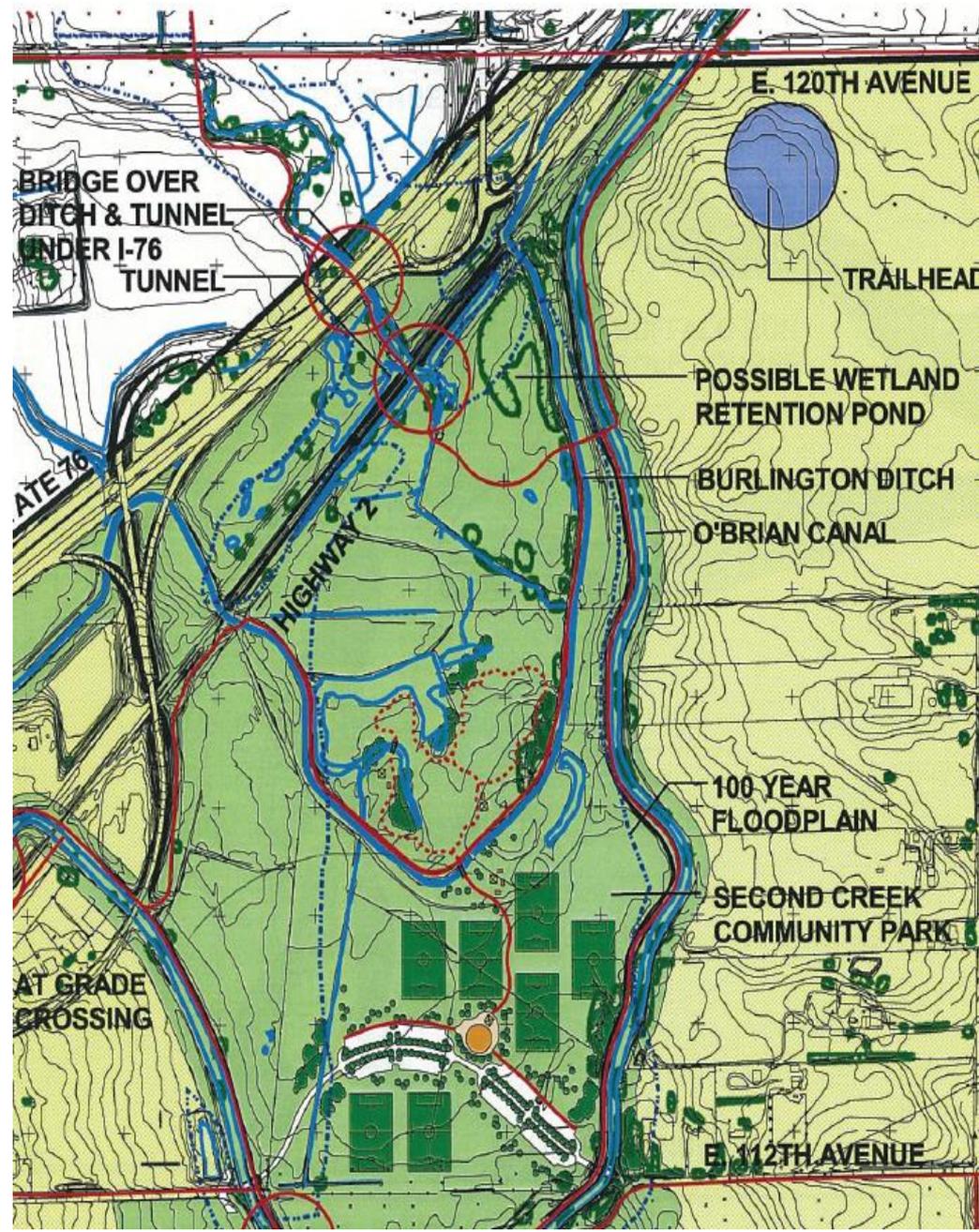


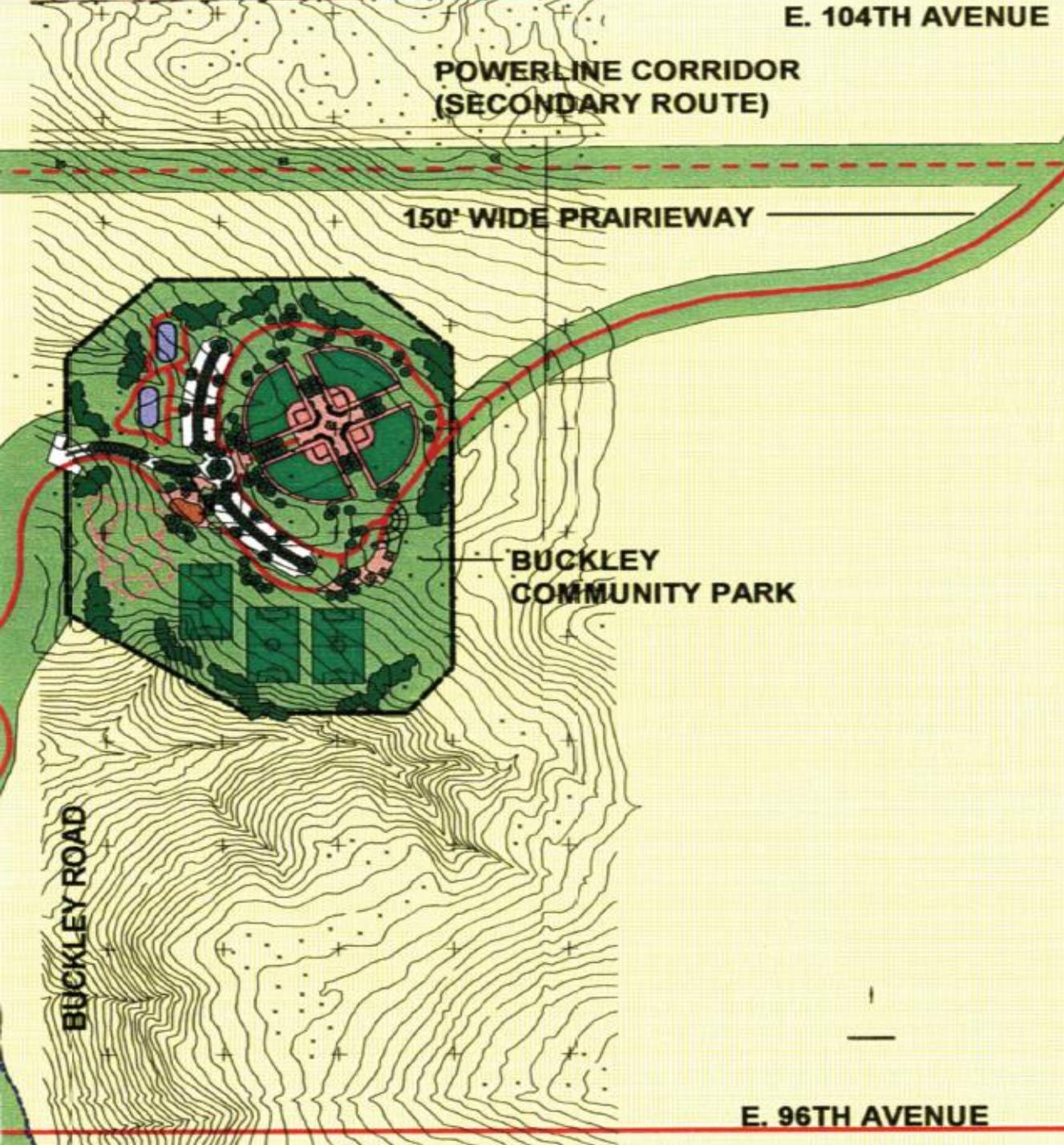
 Bison Ridge Rec Ctr

SECOND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK
COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO



1999 Prairieways Action Plan

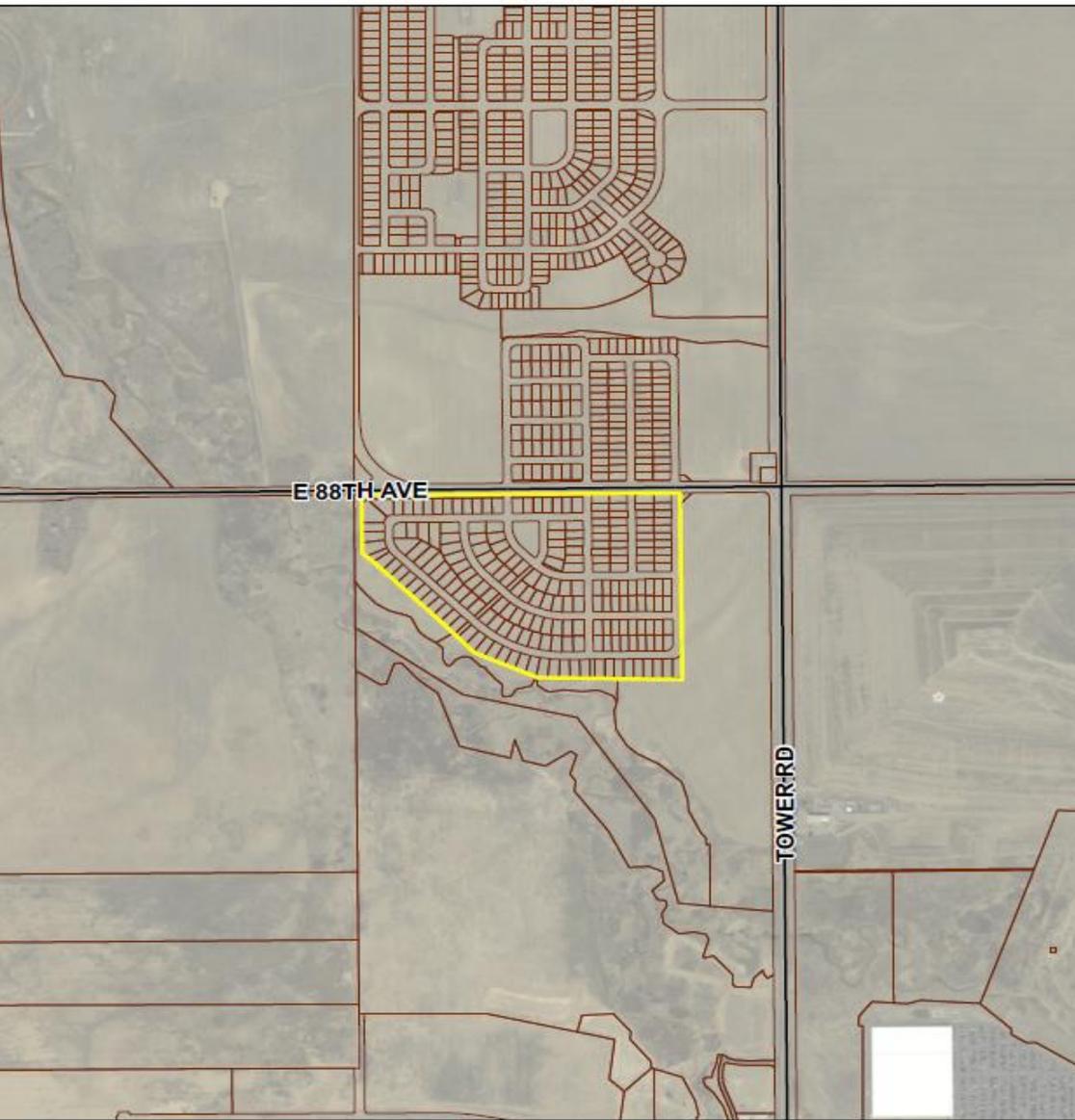




*1999 Prairieways
Action Plan*

- No additional conceptual planning has been completed for this site
- 65 acres (currently 25 dedicated via plat; remainder in future platting)
- Adjacent to future high school site

Subject Property - 48.475 acres



Potential additional ball field complex site

- Currently zoned residential
- Within DIA noise contours
- Exploring acquisition with DIA noise mitigation funds



Additional site considerations

- RMANWR (96th & Hwy 2) fields not compatible with wildlife refuge mission
- Partnership opportunities:
 - other government agencies
 - private developers
- City purchase additional property



Youth Athletic Fields- Interim Option

- Opportunities to add additional fields at existing park/school sites
- Staff identified potential sites near elementary and middle schools to add new fields and also looked at existing fields that are not currently utilized for city programs
- Provide short/long term practice fields
- Possible short term game fields



6 Potential Additional Fields

- River Run
 - One existing field at Thimmig; construct additional field at Thimmig & additional field in Ragweed Draw
- Stuart Middle School
 - Upgrade two existing fields
- Fronterra Park/Second Creek Elementary
 - One existing field; construct one more field
- Turnberry Park
 - One existing field; construct additional field





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- ★ Existing Field
- ★ Possible Future Field
- ★ School Field- Possibly Upgrade

Youth Athletic Fields- Potential Sites

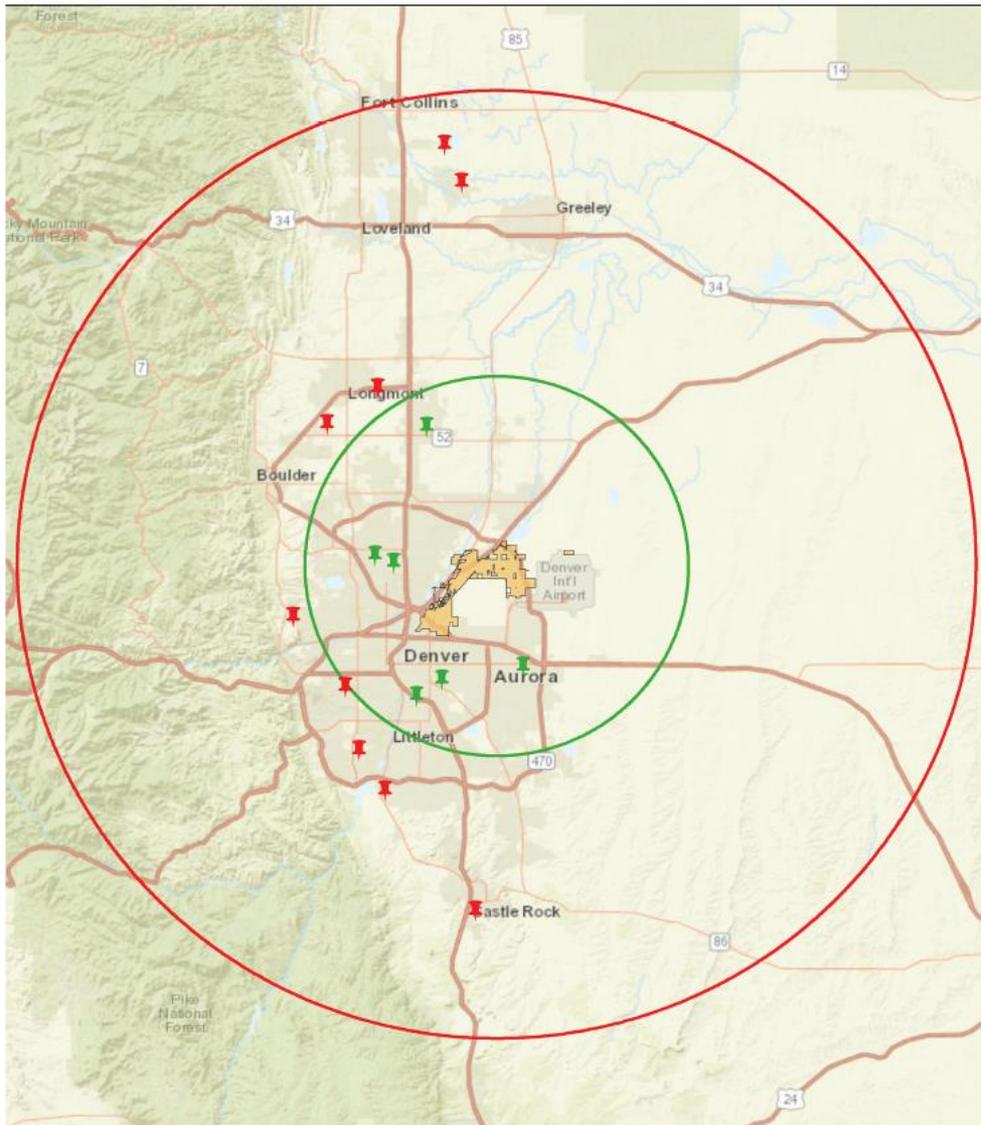
- City staff would work with School District 27J on deeding, IGAs, operations and maintenance, and funding source(s.) These discussions have not yet occurred.
- Utilizing these existing fields with upgrades and constructing additional fields near developed city owned properties are estimated at \$625,000.
 - Submitted as a 2019 CIP project
- Additional O&M would be necessary as well.



Studies

- Currently working with Design Concepts to gather information about ball field and multi-purpose field complexes within 20 miles and 50 miles of Commerce City
- Focusing on those complexes in cities with population size close to Commerce City





6 facilities within 20 miles:

AGENCY/CITY	LOCATION: PARK NAME (IF KNOWN)	NUMBER OF DIAMOND FIELDS	NUMBER OF RECTANGLE FIELDS	POPULATION (2012)
Denver	All-City Stadium (South High School)	4	3	621845
Denver	Crestmoor Park	3	3	621845
Aurora	Aurora Sports Complex	12	31	334487
Westminster	Westfield Village Park	3	6	107602
Northglenn	Northwest Open Space	4	11	36073
Frederick	Frederick High School	4	4	9124
Totals:		30	58	

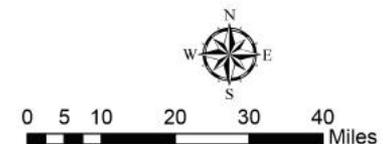
15 facilities within 50 miles:

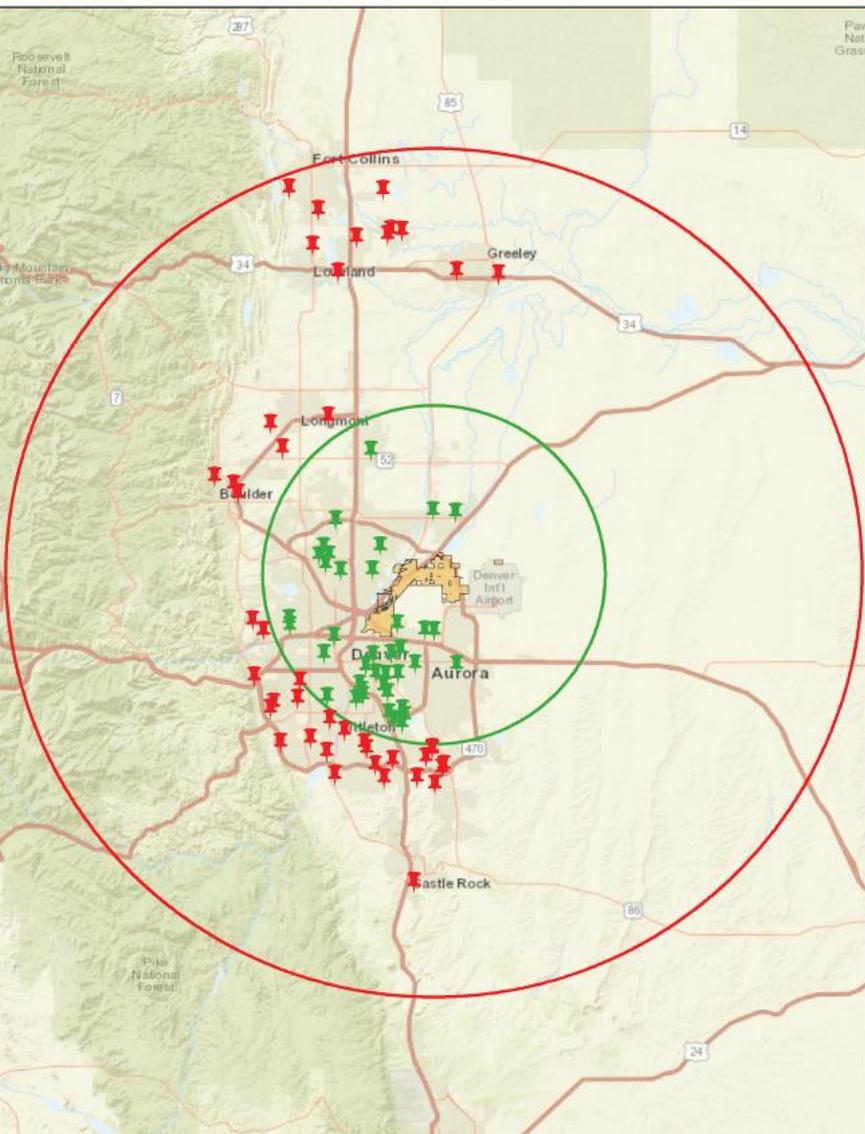
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Denver	All-City Stadium (South High School)	4	3	621845
Denver	Crestmoor Park	3	3	621845
Aurora	Aurora Sports Complex	12	31	334487
Lakewood	Addenbrooke Park Soccer Fields	3	4	146133
Arvada	Long Lake Regional Park	5	5	108325
Westminster	Westfield Village Park	3	6	107602
Highlands Ranch	Redstone Park	4	8	99686
Longmont	Sandstone Ranch Park	4	11	88003
Douglas County	Douglas County Fairgrounds	3	4	50758
Northglenn	Northwest Open Space	4	11	36073
Columbine	Clement Park	4	8	24410
Windsor	Diamond Valley Community Park	3	5	19775
Windsor	Rocky Mountain Sports Park	12	23	19775
Frederick	Frederick High School	4	4	9124
Niwot	Niwot	3	3	4080
Totals:		71	129	

The above tables are sorted by 2012 Population. Similar sized communities have been highlighted. Commerce City currently has no combination facilities.

Legend

- Commerce City
- Within 20 miles
- Between 20 and 50 miles
- 20 miles Service Area
- 50 miles Service Area





39 facilities within 20 Miles:

AGENCY/CITY	LOCATION: PARK NAME (IF KNOWN)	NUMBER OF RECTANGLE FIELDS	POPULATION (2012)
Denver	Rossmore Park	5	621845
Denver	Kennedy Soccer Complex	4	621845
Denver	Southmoor Park	3	621845
Denver	Hampden Heights Park	3	621845
Denver	Harvard South North	3	621845
Denver	Hansen Park	3	621845
Denver	University of Denver Soccer Stadium	3	621845
Denver	Cook Park	5	621845
Denver	All-City Stadium (South High School)	3	621845
Denver	Garland Park	3	621845
Denver	Washington Park	3	621845
Denver	Crestmoor Park	3	621845
Denver	Lowry Sports Complex	8	621845
Denver	Cramer Park	3	621845
Denver	Congress Park Reservoir	4	621845
Denver	City Park	6	621845
Denver	Stearns Lake Park	3	621845
Denver	Thomas (Fred) Park	4	621845
Denver	Central Park	10	621845
Denver	Rocky Mountain Lake Park	3	621845
Denver	Parkfield Lake Park	3	621845
Denver	Falcon Park	3	621845
Aurora	Aurora Sports Complex	31	334487
Aurora	Nome Park	6	334487
Thornton	Carpenter Park Fields	6	121387
Thornton	Trail Winds Park and Open Space	11	121387
Arvada	Stenger Soccer Complex	31	108325
Arvada	Rabston Recreation Area	3	108325
Westminster	Westfield Village Park	6	107602
Broomfield	Highland Park South	4	60262
Broomfield	Brandenburg Park	6	60262
Broomfield	Broomfield Commons Sports Fields	14	60262
Broomfield	Anthem Community Park	3	60262
Commerce City	Dick's Sporting Goods Park	25	47150
Northglenn	Northglenn Open Space	11	34154
Brighton	Dorshoff Park	5	34154
Brighton	Brighton Park	4	34154
Greenwood Village	Greenwood Village	4	14206
Frederick	Frederick High School	4	9124
Total:		263	

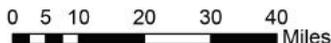
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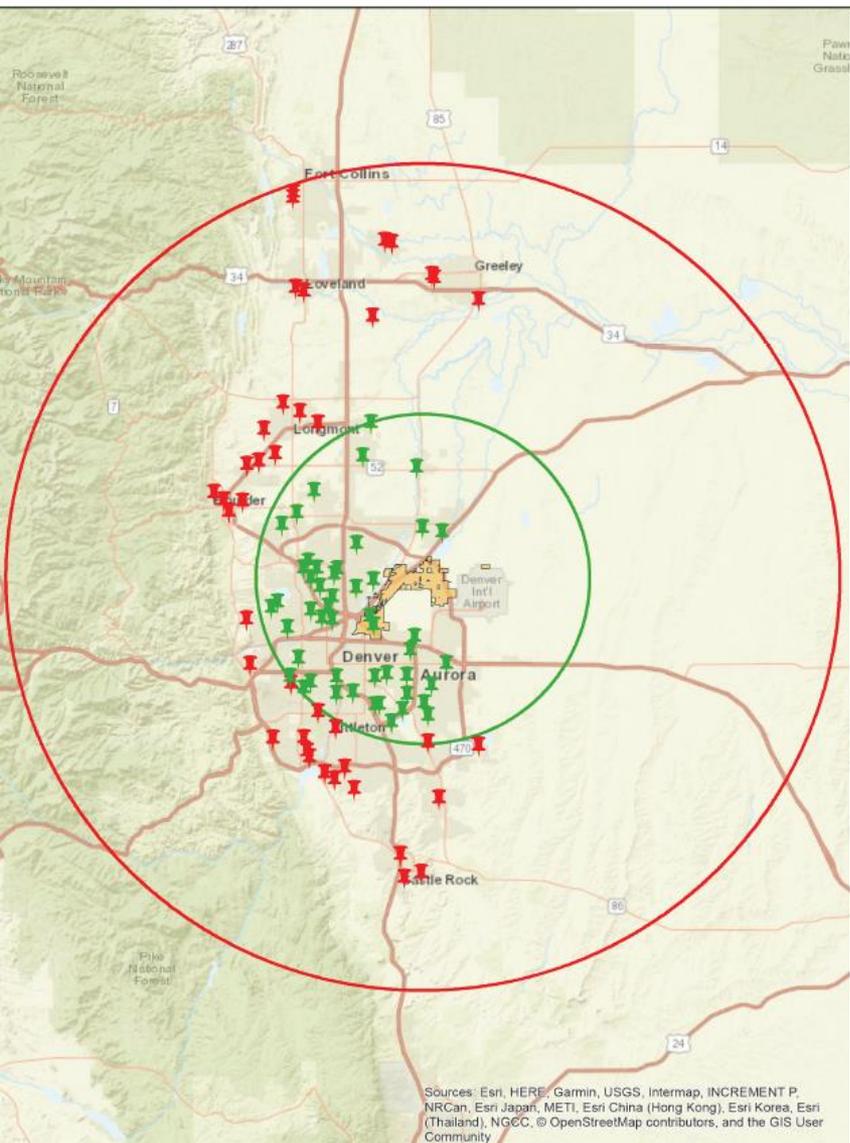
83 facilities within 50 Miles:

AGENCY/CITY	LOCATION: PARK NAME (IF KNOWN)	NUMBER OF RECTANGLE FIELDS	POPULATION (2012)
Denver	Rossmore Park	5	621845
Denver	Bowditch Soccer Club	5	621845
Denver	Kennedy Soccer Complex	4	621845
Denver	Southmoor Park	3	621845
Denver	Hampden Heights Park	3	621845
Denver	Harvard South North	3	621845
Denver	Hansen Park	3	621845
Denver	University of Denver Soccer Stadium	3	621845
Denver	Cook Park	5	621845
Denver	All-City Stadium (South High School)	3	621845
Denver	Garland Park	3	621845
Denver	Washington Park	3	621845
Denver	Crestmoor Park	3	621845
Denver	Lowry Sports Complex	8	621845
Denver	Cramer Park	3	621845
Denver	Congress Park Reservoir	4	621845
Denver	City Park	6	621845
Denver	Stearns Lake Park	3	621845
Denver	Thomas (Fred) Park	4	621845
Denver	Central Park	10	621845
Denver	Rocky Mountain Lake Park	3	621845
Denver	Parkfield Lake Park	3	621845
Denver	Falcon Park	3	621845
Centennial	Getze Soccer South	6	334407
Centennial	Cherry Creek Soccer Complex	6	334407
Aurora	Aurora Sports Complex	31	334487
Aurora	Nome Park	6	334487
Fort Collins	Fossil Creek Community Park	5	147398
Fort Collins	Spring Canyon Community Park	5	147398
Lakewood	Copple Gulch Park	6	148118
Lakewood	Carmody Park	5	148133
Lakewood	Adlerbrooke Park Soccer Fields	4	148133
Thornton	Carpenter Park Fields	6	121387
Thornton	Trail Winds Park and Open Space	11	121387
Arvada	Stenger Soccer Complex	31	108325
Arvada	Long Lake Regional Park	3	108325
Arvada	Rabston Recreation Area	3	108325
Westminster	Westfield Village Park	6	107602
Centennial	Willow Creek Park	3	101476
Centennial	Cherry Snuffs Park	2	101476
Centennial	Delcove Park	5	101476
Highlands Ranch	Highland Heritage Regional Park	12	99686
Highlands Ranch	Redstone Park	8	99686
Highlands Ranch	David A. Cooney Regional Park	5	99686
Boulder	Valmont City Park	3	99189
Boulder	Pleasant View Soccer Fields	12	99189
Boulder	Foothills Community Park	3	99189
Greenley	Belbom Sports Complex	4	95113
Greenley	Manitou Park	12	95113
Loganmont	Dry Creek Community Park	4	88003
Loganmont	Sandstone Ranch Park	11	88003
Loveland	Loveland Sports Park	14	69134
Loveland	Kroh Park	7	69134
Broomfield	Highland Park South	4	60262
Broomfield	Brandenburg Park	6	60262
Broomfield	Broomfield Commons Sports Fields	14	60262
Broomfield	Anthem Community Park	3	60262
Douglas County	Douglas County Fairgrounds	4	50758
Commerce City	Dick's Sporting Goods Park	25	47150
Parker	Cottonwood Park West	3	46677
Parker	Cottonwood Park East	5	46677
Lafayette	Lafayette	6	42514
Northglenn	Northglenn Open Space	11	34154
Brighton	Dorshoff Park	5	34154
Brighton	Brighton Park	4	34154
Dakota Ridge	Robert A. Easton Regional Park	8	32492
Lafayette	Carverstone Park	7	30814
Columbine	Columbine Park	8	24410
Windsor	Windsor	3	19775
Windsor	Eastman Park	16	19775
Windsor	Diamond Valley Community Park	5	19775
Windsor	Mountain View Elementary School	4	19775
Windsor	Rocky Mountain Sports Park	23	19775
Golden	Bowsey Road Sports Complex	5	19273
Greenwood Village	Greenwood Village	4	14206
Parker	Stronagata Park	4	9163
Frederick	Frederick High School	4	9124
Fairmont	Fairmont Park	4	7384
Dove Valley	Dove Valley Regional Park	9	5400
Newot	Newot	3	4080
Meridian	Real Colorado Soccer Complex	3	3124
Morrison	Red Rocks Baptist Church	3	431
Total:		538	

Legend

- Commerce City
- Within 20 miles
- Between 20 and 50 miles
- 20 miles
- 50 miles





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49 facilities within 20 miles:

AGENCY/CITY	LOCATION: PARK NAME (IF KNOWN)	NUMBER OF DIAMOND FIELDS	POPULATION (2012)
Denver	Kennedy Ballfields Complex	8	621845
Denver	James A Bible Park	4	621845
Denver	Ruby Hill Park	3	621845
Denver	All-City Stadium	4	621845
Denver	Valverde Park	4	621845
Denver	Crestmoor Park	3	621845
Denver	Jackie Robinson Fields	3	621845
Denver	Montbello Central Park	4	621845
Aurora	Mitsion Viejo Park	4	334487
Aurora	Cherokee Athletic Park	4	334487
Aurora	Utah Park	3	334487
Aurora	Mountain View Park	4	334487
Aurora	Highline Park	5	334487
Aurora	Aurora Sports Complex	12	334487
Aurora	Park Lane Park	3	334487
Lakewood	Link Recreation Center	3	146133
Lakewood	Ray Ross Park	3	146133
Lakewood	Lakewood Park	5	146133
Lakewood	Morse Park	3	146133
Thornton	Community Park	4	121387
Thornton	Thornton Sports Complex	4	121387
Thornton	Northern Lights Ball Fields	7	121387
Arvada	Harold Lutz Sports Complex	8	108325
Arvada	Youth Memorial Park	4	108325
Arvada	Pioneer Park	6	108325
Westminster	Tepper Fields	4	107602
Westminster	Carroll Butts Park	4	107602
Westminster	Christopher Fields Softball Complex	4	107602
Westminster	Mike Lansing T-ball Fields	4	107602
Westminster	Westfield Village Park	3	107602
Broomfield	Broomfield Industrial Park	4	60262
Broomfield	Broomfield Community Park Ball Fields	4	60262
Commerce City	Pioneer Park	4	47150
Commerce City	Fairfax Park	3	47150
Northglenn	Northwest Open Space	4	36073
Brighton	Brighton City Sports Complex	4	34354
Brighton	Brighton Youth Sports Complex	4	34354
Lafayette	Lafayette City Park	4	23464
Fair	Fair Community Park	4	18782
Louisville	Louisville Sports Complex	4	18660
Sherrwood	Waddell Park	4	18516
Greenwood Village	Greenwood Village	6	14206
Federal Heights	Federal Heights	3	12036
Berkeley	Hidden Lake Park	3	11481
Firestone	Firestone Regional Sports Complex	3	10555
Frederick	Frederick High School	4	9124
Fort Lupton	Pearson Park	4	7311
Twin Lakes	Softball Country	4	6280
Holly Hills	Lutz Field	3	2600
Total:		207	

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89 facilities within 50 miles:

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Denver	Bear Creek Park	5	621845
Denver	Kennedy Ballfields Complex	8	621845
Denver	James A Bible Park	4	621845
Denver	Ruby Hill Park	3	621845
Denver	All-City Stadium	4	621845
Denver	Valverde Park	4	621845
Denver	Crestmoor Park	3	621845
Denver	Jackie Robinson Fields	3	621845
Denver	Montbello Central Park	4	621845
Aurora	Mitsion Viejo Park	4	334487
Aurora	Cherokee Athletic Park	4	334487
Aurora	Utah Park	3	334487
Aurora	Mountain View Park	4	334487
Aurora	Highline Park	5	334487
Aurora	Aurora Sports Complex	12	334487
Aurora	Park Lane Park	3	334487
Front Collins	French Field	3	147398
Front Collins	Rolland Moore Park	4	147398
Lakewood	Link Recreation Center	3	146133
Lakewood	Addenbrooke Park Soccer Fields	3	146133
Lakewood	Ray Ross Park	3	146133
Lakewood	Lakewood Park	5	146133
Lakewood	Morse Park	3	146133
Thornton	Community Park	4	121387
Thornton	Thornton Sports Complex	4	121387
Thornton	Northern Lights Ball Fields	7	121387
Arvada	Harold Lutz Sports Complex	8	108325
Arvada	Long Lake Regional Park	5	108325
Arvada	Youth Memorial Park	4	108325
Arvada	Pioneer Park	6	108325
Westminster	Tepper Fields	4	107602
Westminster	Carroll Butts Park	4	107602
Westminster	Christopher Fields Softball Complex	4	107602
Westminster	Mike Lansing T-ball Fields	4	107602
Westminster	Westfield Village Park	3	107602
Westminster	Highlands Ranch	3	99686
Westminster	Highlands Ranch High School	3	99686
Westminster	Highlands Ranch Thunder Ridge High School	3	99686
Westminster	Highlands Ranch Redstone Park	4	99686
Westminster	Highlands Ranch Northridge Park	3	99686
Boulder	Kennedy Park	3	99369
Boulder	Gerald Savoia Softball Fields	7	99369
Boulder	Napleton Ballfields	3	99369
Boulder	Iris Field	4	99369
Boulder	Wain Watson Park	4	99369
Greenley	Greenley Youth Sports Complex	12	95313
Greenley	Twin Rivers Park	4	95313
Longmont	Silver Creek High School	3	88003
Longmont	Jamboree Ranch Park	4	88003
Longmont	Clark Centennial Park	4	88003
Longmont	Garden Acres Bunting Capes	4	88003
Lowland	Barnes Park	10	69314
Lowland	Centennial Park	6	69314
Broomfield	Broomfield Industrial Park	4	60262
Broomfield	Broomfield Community Park Ball Fields	4	60262
Castle Rock	Douglas County Fairgrounds	3	50758
Castle Rock	Founders Park	3	50758
Castle Rock	Metzler Ranch Community Park	4	50758
Commerce City	Pioneer Park	4	47150
Commerce City	Fairfax Park	3	47150
Commerce City	Salisbury Equestrian Park	4	46677
Northglenn	Northwest Open Space	4	36073
Brighton	Brighton City Sports Complex	4	34354
Brighton	Brighton Youth Sports Complex	4	34354
Dakota Ridge	Robert A. Lawson Regional Park	3	32482
Lafayette	Centennial Park	3	30814
Lafayette	Lafayette City Park	4	23464
Columbine	Columbine Hills Park	5	24410
Columbine	Marker Park	5	24410
Columbine	Clement Park	4	24410
Windsor	Diamond Valley Sports Complex	4	19775
Windsor	Chimney Park Fields	3	19775
Golden	Ulysses Park	5	19273
Evans	Riverside Park	4	19140
Evans	Ever Community Park	4	18767
Louisville	Louisville Sports Complex	4	18660
Sherrwood	Waddell Park	4	18516
Greenwood Village	Greenwood Village	6	14206
Federal Heights	Federal Heights	3	12036
Berkeley	Hidden Lake Park	3	11481
Jeffersonton	Nelson Farm Park	4	10613
Firestone	Firestone Regional Sports Complex	3	10555
Frederick	Frederick High School	4	9124
Fort Lupton	Pearson Park	4	7311
Twin Lakes	Softball Country	4	6280
Niwot	Monarch Park	6	4080
Niwot	Niwot	3	4080
Holly Hills	Lutz Field	3	2600
Total:		377	

Legend

- Commerce City
- Diamond Field Complex
- Within 20 miles
- Between 20 and 50 miles
- Service Area
- 20 miles
- 50 miles

0 5 10 20 30 40 Miles

Feedback

- Does City Council believe any or all of the three City community park sites meet the need for a future competitive field complex?
- Would City Council like for staff to pursue field development opportunities with partners such as 27J, Brighton, etc.
- Does City Council believe there is a need to purchase additional property?

