



Trails Update

Parks, Recreation and Golf Advisory Committee
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Trails

- Regional multi-use
- Multi-use roadside pathways
 - Part of road sections built by PW
- Greenway links and local service trails
- In-park/loop trails
- Primitive/natural trails



Major City Trails

- Sand Creek Regional Greenway
 - Approximately 4 miles in Commerce City (concrete surface)
 - 13 miles total from Commerce City through Denver to Aurora
 - Trailheads at 52nd and Ivy and 56th and Dahlia
- Fernald Trail
 - Approximately 1 mile in length (concrete surface)
 - Connects to the South Platte River Trail
 - Trailhead at the commuter rail station at 70th and Colorado
- Perimeter Trail
 - Approximately 13 miles from Prairie Gateway Open Space to city limits east of the Refuge (soft surface)

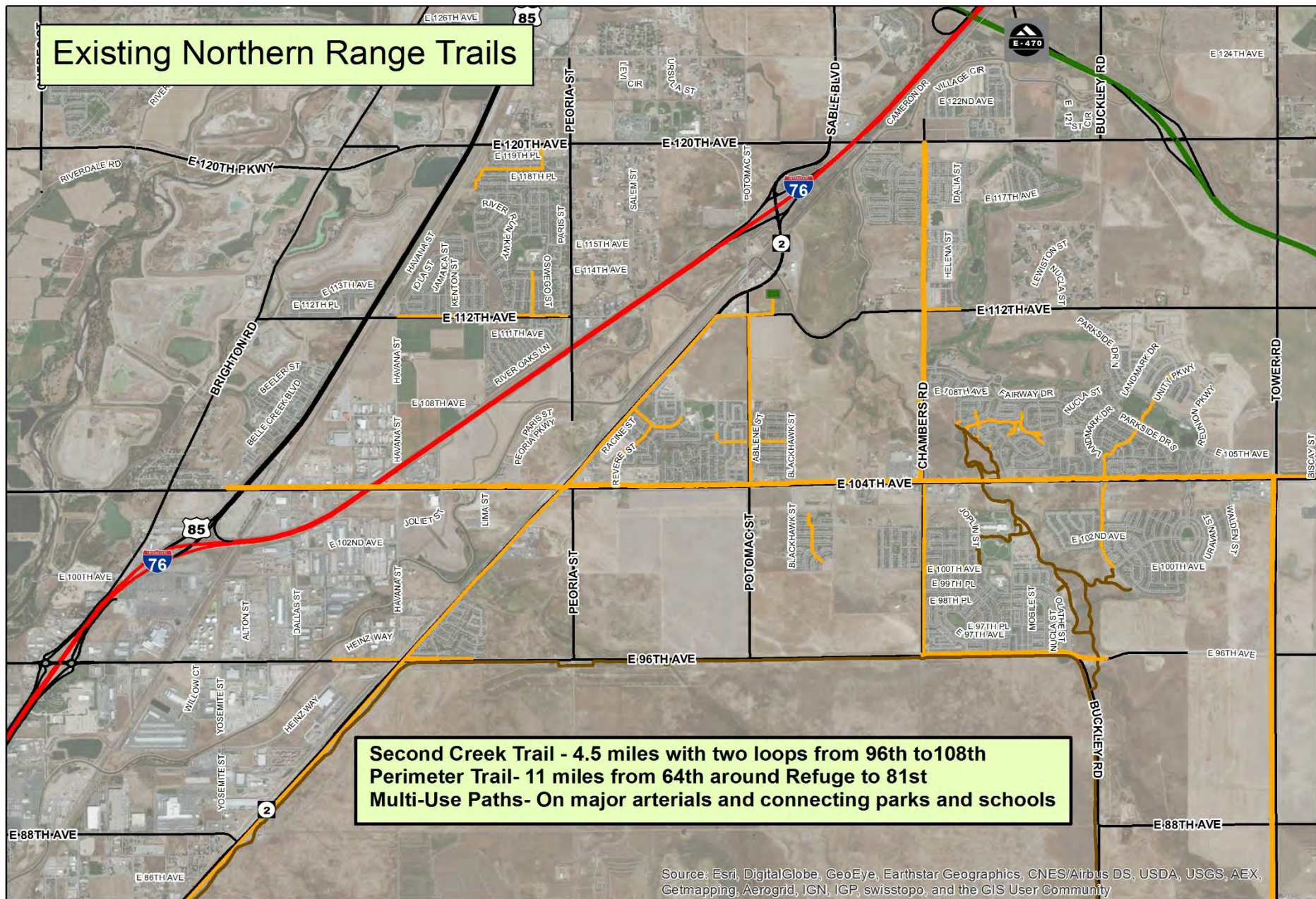


Major City Trails

- Second Creek Trail
 - 4.5 miles total length with a loop north of 104th and a loop south of 104th (soft surface)
 - Extends from 96th to approximately 108th
- South Platte River Greenway
 - Over 30 miles; west of CCC managed by Adams County
 - South Platte Visioning and Implementation Plan for additional 17 miles of trail
- Multi-use paths along major arterial roadways
 - 10- to 12-foot-wide sidewalks to connect east to west and north to south.
 - Part of the road section, so they are included in the Transportation Plan



Existing Northern Range Trails



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Multi-Use Path Existing Trail



Prairieways Action Plan

- The Prairieways Action Plan was adopted by City Council in 1999 and still has relevant guidelines for parks, trails and open space.
- Much of the land needed for amenities identified in the PWAP has been acquired through the development process and subdivision regulations.
- An update to this plan is scheduled for approximately 2030, when the PRG Master Plan is updated.





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Future Trails

- Second Creek Trail is the current priority
 - Regional trail that will eventually connect to the South Platte Trail and the High Line Canal Trail as well as the E-470 Trail
 - Developing portions of the city are near this corridor
 - *Challenges*: areas of flood plain that have not been dedicated to the city (under private ownership), the 112th Ave. buildout, and the Chambers subgrade crossing



Future Trails

- Second Creek Trail
 - *Opportunities:* Metro Water Recovery service road sections, Adams County Open Space grant
 - Scope being developed to contract with designer to complete construction drawings from Bison Ridge Recreation Center to Tower Road; initial construction focus is on CALU to Tower Road
 - Plans will include wayfinding signage and additional amenities such as shade structures, benches, trash receptacles, dog waste stations, etc.



Future Trails

- Other Creek Corridors
 - Development near Third Creek is coming soon (Third Creek East)
 - First Creek
 - Major drainage infrastructure needed to connect flows
 - Minimal residential development near First Creek
 - Small section of trail complete in Belle Creek
- O'Brian Canal Trail
 - Improvements to existing maintenance road to create trail
 - Challenges exist including ownership, right-of-way, and drainage infrastructure not yet constructed
 - Necessitates working with FRICO, CDOT, UPRR, and private landowners



Funding

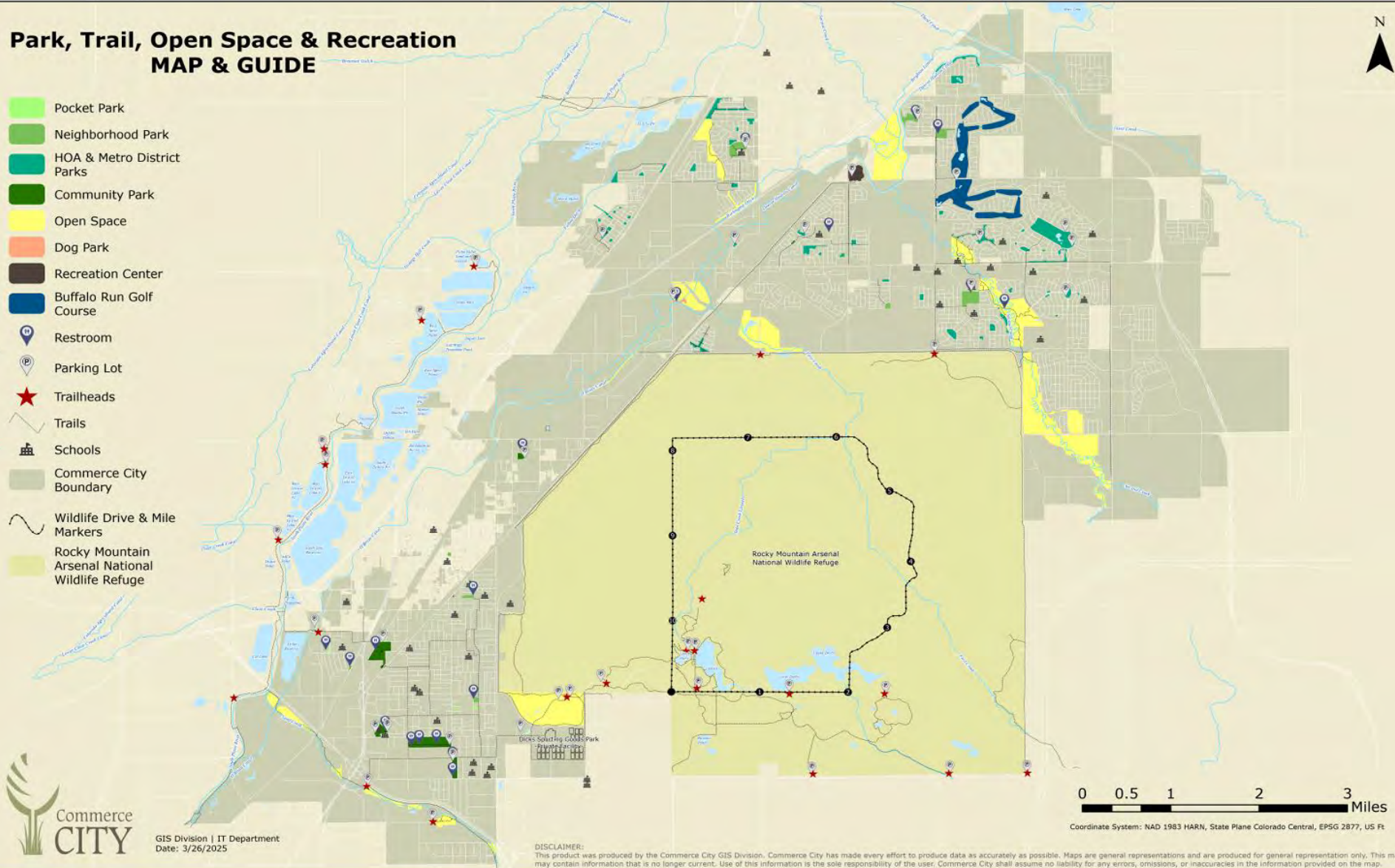
- CIP acct for Northern Range Trail Connections created in 2015 with park impact fees
 - Second Creek pedestrian bridge connecting Buckley Ranch to Second Creek Elementary/ Stuart Middle School completed in 2018.
 - Connection from Buffalo Highlands to the Second Creek Trail south of 96th Ave. completed in 2020
 - Match for Adams County Open Space grant for Second Creek Trail design awarded in 2026
 - Match funding left for a grant application for Second Creek Trail construction



Current Map

Park, Trail, Open Space & Recreation MAP & GUIDE

- Pocket Park
- Neighborhood Park
- HOA & Metro District Parks
- Community Park
- Open Space
- Dog Park
- Recreation Center
- Buffalo Run Golf Course
- Restroom
- Parking Lot
- Trailheads
- Trails
- Schools
- Commerce City Boundary
- Wildlife Drive & Mile Markers
- Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge



Questions?

