



# EDGEWATER PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will serve as a guiding document for the City of Edgewater's parks and recreation planning over the next ten years. Through the creation of the Master Plan, the City and planning team have identified community priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department. The community-led vision guided the creation of master plan designs for each of Edgewater's parks, which will provide the foundation for future improvements to the parks system.



The community gathers for games and music at Citizen's Park

### Current Resources

The City of Edgewater maintains and operates four parks, two facilities with attached open space, and a fitness center. The parks and facilities included in this master plan are Memorial Park, Heritage Park, Orum House and Community Garden, Citizen's Park, and the Edgewater Civic Center. There are additional parks that are mentioned in this Master Plan but not part of the in-depth planning process. Those parks include Walker-Branch Park (undergoing a separate master planning process in 2021), the pocket park at 25th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard, and Sloan's Lake Park.

### Public Process



The second community meeting begins at Citizen's Park

The City of Edgewater and the planning team sought the community's input on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in multiple capacities. A series of community meetings were held throughout the planning process to discuss Edgewater's parks and recreation programming and to gather feedback and answer questions. The planning team also provided project updates to City Council and met with Boards, including the History, Arts, Parks and Recreation (HARP) Board and the Sustainability Board. In addition to the meetings, two community surveys were conducted. The first survey was posted online and consisted of 40 questions. The second statistically valid survey consisted of 10 questions and was mailed to about twenty percent of Edgewater's population. The feedback gathered from the community and board meetings as well as the data obtained from the surveys was used to determine the community's priorities for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. These priorities include:

- Additional amenities in existing parks
- Increased trail and pathway connectivity
- Improved park maintenance
- Additional parks programs and events
- Increased communication of park-related information

## Recommendations

The Master Plan recommendations are largely focused on improving and enhancing Edgewater's existing parks, by incorporating additional amenities and improving connections between neighborhood destinations. Other recommendations include offering additional programming, such as outdoor fitness classes as well as reintroducing special events to strengthen the sense of community within Edgewater.

The goals for Memorial and Heritage Parks are to create a connection between the two parks with a painted street intersection, entry plazas and signage, and to increase programming with an educational pollinator garden and natural play space. The goals for Orum House are to increase visibility, enhance the historical character of the property with educational signage, create space for community events and classes, and maximize the community garden space. The goals for Citizen's Park are to enhance the park entrances with plazas, signage and lighting, expand recreational opportunities through additional amenities, and to consider implementing a temporary dog park while the master plan for Walker-Branch Park is underway.

Goals for the Edgewater Civic Center include creating a clear connection to Walker-Branch Park to facilitate outdoor fitness classes, extend the hours for the Fitness Center and to consider a permanent dog park and splash pad during the Walker-Branch Master Plan process. On the citywide scale, there are recommendations to expand the existing recreational trail to provide a walking loop that will connect the parks, schools, and historical landmarks within Edgewater. Additionally, it will be important to consider creating stronger, safer and more convenient pedestrian access to Sloan's Lake, a heavily used open space located immediately east of Edgewater.

## Implementation

Phasing alternatives are proposed to allow Edgewater to improve their parks efficiently and cost-effectively. By phasing the improvements park by park, starting with Memorial and Heritage Parks, followed by Orum House and lastly Citizen's Park, the City and community will be able to see progress as each park is updated, which will promote a sense of excitement and investment in the parks system in Edgewater. Additionally, the planning team provided a list of resources and potential partnerships which will be key to the success and implementation of the recommendations of this Master Plan.

This Master Plan should be used as a guiding document for the future planning of Edgewater parks and recreation for the next ten years. The team formed for the Walker-Branch Master Plan should refer to this document throughout the planning process, as there are many program elements, requested by the community, that could be incorporated into the future designs for Walker-Branch Park. It is recommended that a survey be conducted in approximately three years to assess the changing community and ensure that the recommendations of this Master Plan continue to meet the goals and priorities of the City of Edgewater and its residents.



Citizen's Park Pavilion

## INTRODUCTION

Parks have long served as an important gathering place for a community. Whether a playground teeming with children or an urban plaza filled with vendors and families, parks offer social spaces for people to connect and create community. The contemporary park has the potential to perform numerous roles both in its neighborhood and in the surrounding region. For example, parks provide space for exercise and play, they offer facilities for neighborhood and regional events, they manage and clean stormwater, and they create opportunities for visitors to appreciate the beauty of nature.

Given the diverse roles played by contemporary parks, today's parks and recreation department is tasked with effectively managing numerous physical and cultural assets. In Edgewater, the physical assets include pocket parks, athletic fields, playgrounds, natural areas, landscaped gardens, community gardens, fitness facilities, and public trails; the cultural assets include athletic programming and special events. Managing these critical assets is a complex task and requires involvement from many stakeholders.

At the core of this balancing act is the stabilizing force of a community invested in its parkland. Whether that be people attending an event at a neighborhood park or participating in recreational programming, volunteers picking up litter while walking their dog, or citizens providing feedback about a park-related topic, community members that engage in their parkland ensure its lasting

success. This Master Plan is the result of such community involvement. Edgewater embraces its history, culture, ecology, and community and is committed to improving its existing parks and recreational programming, through meaningful engagement.

*Note: The Covid-19 pandemic reached Colorado in March 2020, leading to “stay-at-home” and “safer-at-home” orders through the remainder of the year. The long-term effects of this pandemic on our culture are unpredictable, however the increased use of parks as a safe place to come together during the Covid-19 pandemic has made one thing increasingly clear: parks will remain an important part of every community.*

### Edgewater History

According to Judith Allison's book [Edgewater: Four Score](#), Edgewater was first settled in the 1860's following the creation of Sloan's Lake. Much of the area now known as Edgewater was flooded when Thomas Sloan initially dug the well that became Sloan's Lake sometime between 1861 and 1865. It was not long before Denverites discovered the entertainment potential of the lake, leading to the creation of Manhattan Beach in 1889, which was one of the nation's largest amusement parks at the time. Many businesses soon popped up west of Sloan's Lake and the City of Edgewater was incorporated in August 1901. The City quickly installed boardwalks to provide relief from the muddy conditions on Sheridan Boulevard, sparking over 100 years of development in the City.



The audience gathers for a concert at Citizen's Park



Edgewater looking towards Sloan's Lake ~1900. Photo courtesy of Denver Public Library

Rose Acres Estates, covering 37 acres west of Lamar Street, occupied much of western Edgewater in the first half of the 20th century. The estate was owned by Denver businessman Louis Leibhart. His love for gardening and, specifically, roses, gave name to the estate and led him to create a magnificent garden recognized throughout the country. The garden was styled after Japanese hanging gardens, with waterlily laden ponds, pagodas, and acres of rose gardens. The public was periodically invited to visit the gardens before the estate was sold in 1951 for \$100,000. Subsequently, the estate was subdivided with a portion of the land dedicated to Jefferson High School. The original estate house is now occupied by the Vietnamese Central Baptist Church and one of the last remaining undeveloped areas in Edgewater.

In 1946, Edgewater acquired land from 20th to 24th Avenues between Sheridan Boulevard and Depew Street, including the area where Citizen’s Park is located. Prior to this acquisition, the Work Projects Administration had planned to build tennis courts, a pool, bowling alleys, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, and a playground at the then unnamed park near 23rd Avenue and Benton Street, though no plans were ever completed.

The Edgewater Parks Department was founded in 1955, prior to the existence of any parks in the city. The Historical Commission, now the History, Arts, Recreation and Parks (HARP) Advisory Board, was



Rose Acre gardens in northwestern Edgewater, courtesy of the Denver Post

founded in 1977 under the leadership of Mayor Bonnie Allison. Citizen’s and Memorial Parks were first dedicated in 1977-8. Around this same time, the City acquired land at 18th Avenue and Harlan Street where the Edgewater Civic Center and Walker-Branch Park are located. The Heritage Center and Park, acquired in 2001, was originally built as the First Christian Church of Edgewater in 1923. It was later occupied by a successful advertising company before being sold to the city. According to Edgewater, Colorado: a Centennial Celebration 1901-2001, written by Celora Jean Jones, Orum House was built in 1889 by early settler A.C. Pattee, before being purchased by Elsie Schmidt, one of Edgewater’s earliest residents, in 1909. The Schmidt family remained in the home until 1980, when Elsie’s daughter Emma passed away and the City acquired the property. Mayor Allison was instrumental in this acquisition, as well.

### Edgewater Demographics

According to the most recent US Census Bureau estimates (July 2019), Edgewater’s population is 5,335 people, a 3.2% increase since 2010. The median age of Edgewater residents is 32 years old. The median home price is \$490,386 according to Zillow.com, a greater than 300% increase since 2010. This increase in home values is consistent with regional trends throughout the Denver Metropolitan area.

| Edgewater Demographics (July 2019)               |          |
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| Households:                                      | 2,497    |
| 18 or younger:                                   | 14.8%    |
| 65 or older:                                     | 6.9%     |
| Median age:                                      | 32       |
| Median household income:                         | \$56,665 |
| Per capita income:                               | \$33,529 |
| Poverty rate:                                    | 9.6%     |
| Foreign born:                                    | 8.4%     |
| Speak a language other than English in the home: | 19.1%    |

Source: US Census Bureau

With 20 acres of parkland in the city, Edgewater has 3.7 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents or approximately 1 park for every 1,335 residents. According to a 2019 survey by the National Recreation and Park Association, the national average is 10.1 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents or 1 park for every 2,181 residents. While Edgewater falls short of the first metric, it is well above average on the number of parks per resident.

This demographic data provides a snapshot of the people of the Edgewater community and helps guide the interpretation of the community's priorities. In addition, the data provides a point of comparison for how much parkland is ideal for a city of Edgewater's size. The need for parks in Edgewater is clear, however the City's ability to acquire and develop new parkland is constrained by the real estate market and Edgewater's landlocked status. Therefore, Edgewater must focus on ensuring its existing parks are maximizing their potential to meet the needs of the community. Additionally, Edgewater must also create stronger connections to regional open spaces, such as Sloan's Lake Park and Crown Hill Park.

### Master Plan Purpose

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will serve as a guiding document for the City of Edgewater's parks and recreation planning over the next ten years. Through the creation of the Master Plan, the City and planning team have identified community priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department (see Chapter 3: Methodology). The community-led vision guided the creation of master plan designs for each of Edgewater's parks. The master plan designs will provide the foundation for detailed park designs which will need further community input. Periodic reviews of this document will ensure the recommendations continue to meet the goals of the city and the community.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is one component of a suite of planning documents developed by the City of Edgewater and their consultants. Priorities set forth in the other plans

helped guide the development of this Master Plan. For example, the City's 2013 Comprehensive Plan encouraged active living by design and actively pursuing new opportunities to expand parks and public areas to "create vibrant public spaces... with children's play areas [and] community gathering areas." It also sought to celebrate the city's cultural and historical resources and recommended exploring pocket parks, plazas, and public art as economic development tools.

Edgewater's Sustainability Plan and Traffic Calming and Mobility Plan, both completed in 2019, laid out priorities that impact parks in the city. The Sustainability Plan envisioned creating a robust natural ecosystem within Edgewater with public rain gardens and an expanded food forest and edible gardening network. Parks will play a crucial role in this natural ecosystem. The Traffic Calming and Mobility Plan encouraged these natural systems as well, emphasizing the planting of trees and native vegetation. Additionally, the plan recommended a more complete pedestrian network, serving to further encourage the active living advocated by the Comprehensive Plan. Edgewater's recreational trail (described in the following chapter) is an important connection within this network.



Vegetables at the Orum House community garden

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## CURRENT RESOURCES

The City of Edgewater maintains and operates four parks, two facilities with attached open space, and a fitness center at the Edgewater Civic Center. The parks and facilities included in this master plan are Memorial Park, Heritage Park, Orum House, Citizen's Park and Edgewater Civic Center. Those not included are Walker-Branch Park, Sloan's Lake Park, and the pocket park near 25th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard. These parks, ranging in size from the 1,500 square foot pocket park near the corner of 25th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard to 13-acre Walker-Branch Park, cover nearly 20 acres in total. The Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks and Recreation) also offers a variety of recreational programs and events for youth, adults, and seniors. This chapter describes the parks, facilities, programs, and events that were investigated for this Master Plan, as well as three parks not fully managed by Parks and Recreation and therefore outside the scope of the master plan study.

In addition to the parks described below, school playgrounds are open to the public outside of school hours at all three public schools in Edgewater. Adjacent to Citizen's Park, Edgewater Elementary School has two full basketball courts, playground equipment for children ages 5-10, and several four-square courts. In the southwest area of the city, Lumberg Elementary School has additional playground equipment, three full basketball courts, a baseball diamond, and four tennis courts. Across Pierce Street, Jefferson High School has a baseball diamond, football field, and a gravel running track. The amenities provided by the schools offer additional recreational opportunities for the community.

### Memorial Park

Memorial Park is located at the southeast corner of W 25th Avenue and Chase Street. The park anchors the west end of W 25th Avenue's main street which includes many of Edgewater's businesses, restaurants, and shops. Memorial Park is under a quarter of an acre and contains a memorial rose garden, a gazebo,

2 picnic tables, a bench, a doggie waste station, and a small turf open space. Additionally, ceramic tiles that map the solar system are embedded in the concrete sidewalk along the northern side of the park. A small plaque notes that the project, created by the Edgewater Elementary School 6th grade class of 2002, is dedicated to the victims of the September 11th attacks, and lists the businesses that donated to make the project possible.



Memorial Park gazebo



Memorial Park rose garden

Though Memorial Park captures the small town feel Edgewater is celebrated for, maintenance is an issue at the park. The rose bushes in the rose garden are in poor condition and lack memorial signage and identification. The gazebo, which dominates the park visually, needs roof repairs and repainting. The doggie waste station is well-used by neighborhood dog

walkers, enough to warrant more frequent trash pick-up than the biweekly emptying it currently receives. Memorial Park formerly hosted the Edgewater Farmers Market and a summer concert series; the Farmers Market has been relocated closer to Sheridan Boulevard due to low attendance and the concert series has been discontinued.

The 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan proposed significant changes to Memorial Park, with the understanding that the improvements would only be possible with the purchase of two properties south of the park. The Master Plan proposed purchasing two residential lots to create space for a plaza and pop-up fountain. A large picnic shelter and port-a-john enclosure were also proposed in the park expansion. No purchase has been made since 2010 and the proposed expansion and improvements have not been installed.

## Heritage Center and Park

The Heritage Center is located at the northwest corner of W 25th Avenue and Chase Street. The Heritage Center reopened in January 2018 as the Gold Crown Foundation's Clubhouse at Edgewater, which is a nonprofit organization that offers youth sports and educational programming to more than 18,000 young people throughout Colorado and the surrounding states. The Clubhouse at Edgewater offers free afterschool programming Monday through Friday for youth ages 12 to 18. Focused on

“interest-based learning,” students work with adult mentors on creative projects of their choosing, using a variety of technology available in the Clubhouse, including 3D printers, a music studio, graphic design and animation software, sewing machines, and more. As an organization already well-established in the community and with a broad regional foundation, the Gold Crown Foundation is a strong candidate for potential future partnerships, particularly given the Heritage Center's proximity to both Heritage Center Park and Memorial Park.



Heritage Center - Gold Crown Clubhouse

On the north side of the Heritage Center building is a 5,000 square foot pocket park known as Heritage Park. The park contains a landscaped garden with shrubs, perennials, and additional memorial roses, benches, a trash can, and a flagpole. This park is underused, even by participants of the Gold Crown Foundation. Though small, the convenient location and semiformal appearance could make an attractive event space, though landscape maintenance is needed to spruce up declining shrubs and trees throughout the park. Additionally, there is an opportunity to connect Memorial and Heritage Parks given their proximity to one another. Heritage Park was not included in the 2010 Master Plan.



Heritage Center Park

## Orum House and Community Gardens



Orum House and community gardens

Orum House is located at 2444 Depew Street and was built around 1889. The house is believed to be the second built in Edgewater and is maintained in period condition as a museum. With only a small sign on the street describing the history, the house blends almost seamlessly into the residential character of the block and is somewhat difficult to identify as a public space. The museum is open by appointment only and is staffed by volunteers, primarily from the HARP Board. The yard behind the house contains 16 community garden plots available for lease each summer by community members for a nominal fee. The gardens are maintained by Parks and Recreation and were created in partnership with Denver Urban Gardens (DUG). Water and compost facilities are provided on site. DUG also provides additional compost.



Orum House viewed from Depew Street

The 2010 Master Plan made limited proposals for Orum House, including additional volunteer support from the Edgewater Historical Commission and new interpretive signage along Depew Street and in the garden. An interpretive sign was installed along Depew Street describing the history of the house, but no additional signage in the garden has been installed.

## Citizen's Park



Citizen's Park entrance sign

Citizen's Park is located immediately east of Edgewater Elementary School between 22nd and 24th Avenues and is Edgewater's most visited park. The park is approximately six acres in size and contains a lighted softball/baseball field with dugouts and bleacher seating, 12 lighted horseshoe pits with bleacher seating, a playground for five- to twelve-year-old children, and a pavilion with picnic table seating. Benches and trash cans are available throughout the park. A building with restrooms and a drinking fountain is located adjacent to the pavilion; however, for safety reasons, the restrooms are only unlocked for park/pavilion rentals. Three information kiosks offer Parks and Recreation information at the pavilion and on the north and south ends of the park. A service building located at the north end of the park provides storage space and additional restrooms for events. The park is visited twice weekly for maintenance; during the growing season, the softball field is mowed twice weekly.



Large stormwater culvert grate at Citizen's Park

A concrete path surrounds the perimeter of the baseball field, connecting the north and south sides of the park. Along the northwestern edge of the park, the path defines the boundary between the park and the neighboring schoolyard at Edgewater Elementary School. The east side of Citizen's Park contains unprogrammed open space which provides flexible areas that are used for a range of activities such as soccer, football, and event space. During much of the year, off-leash dogs make ample use of this area, despite rules prohibiting off-leash play. Without fencing, these dogs travel throughout much of the park and make use of the baseball outfield, as well. Many dog owners and other community members feel strongly that a designated off-leash dog park would benefit the community greatly.

In seasons with heavy precipitation, the open areas of the park become saturated and marshy. Sometimes, there is standing water that encroaches onto the paved pathway between the pavilion and the baseball field. The open space collects stormwater from a large watershed in Edgewater. A detention facility is located in the southeast corner of the park. The detention facility is gently sloped towards a storm culvert visible



Open space at Citizen's Park

on the slope of the berm. This area is turf grass which allows the detention space to be used for other activities. However, this also creates conflicts with other uses during times of high water.

The 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan suggested several improvements for Citizen's Park, including new community garden plots in the southwest corner and additional parking on the south side of the park. Additional crosswalks and improved signage were also recommended. Subsequently, crosswalks have been installed at Benton Street and W 22nd Avenue on the east and west sides of the intersection and at Benton Street and W 24th Avenue on the west side. No other major improvements to Citizen's Park have been implemented from the 2010 Master Plan.

### **Walker-Branch Park\***

*\*This park was outside the scope of the master plan study and is provided for reference only. A separate master planning process will be undertaken for this park in the future.*

Walker-Branch Park stretches roughly from W 18th Avenue and the Edgewater Civic Center to W 16th Avenue in Lakewood between Harlan and Fenton Streets. The park is about 13 acres, making it Edgewater's largest park. The southern half of the park is located in the City of Lakewood. Maintenance responsibilities are shared with the City



Walker-Branch skate park

Part of *Stegoskel* by PUNCH along the ArtLine in Walker-Branch Park

of Lakewood. Today, Edgewater's principal maintenance responsibilities are limited to the skate park. Expenses are split between the two cities.

Walker-Branch Park has a variety of recreational amenities, including a popular skate park, two half-basketball courts, two sand volleyball courts, a baseball field, three playgrounds designed for children two to five years old and five to twelve years old, and two horseshoe pits. Three pavilions furnished with picnic tables, trash cans, and an information kiosk provide shelter and seating near both playgrounds and the baseball field. Apart from the picnic tables, only three benches are found throughout the park, including two located in an art installation that highlights

dramatic views of the downtown Denver skyline. Two parking lots offer spaces for almost 40 vehicles; one lot is located on the south side of the park and the other on the west side. The remainder of the park is unprogrammed open space.

Edgewater's recreational trail (discussed below) begins near the north end of Walker-Branch Park, connecting to paved walking trails in the park. The recreational trail follows a drainage ditch to Sloan's Lake, which forms the northern boundary of the park. In addition, Lakewood's 40 West ArtLine, a four-mile walking and biking path connecting three major parks in the City of Lakewood runs through Walker-Branch Park. The ArtLine, launched in 2018 by Lakewood's 40 West Arts Creative District, is populated by more than 70 public art installations, including four within Walker-Branch Park. Installation of additional artworks is planned for the future.

The 2010 Master Plan made several recommendations for improvements to Walker-Branch Park. Major recommendations included a fenced dog park at the north end of the park, relocated volleyball courts, and improved police/emergency access near 17th Avenue to increase safety. Two pedestrian bridges were also proposed to connect the park and the recreational trail to the neighborhoods north of the drainage ditch. Few of these recommendations have been implemented, and the Edgewater Civic Center (discussed below) was built in the location of the proposed dog park. The 2010 Master Plan also reported that safety was a concern because the park was not heavily used and there was sometimes transient use of the facilities. Since the construction of the Edgewater Civic Center and the relocation of the Edgewater Police Department, safety concerns have significantly declined; however, the proximity to Colfax Avenue still draws some people experiencing homelessness to the park overnight.

### Sloan's Lake Park\*

*\*This park was outside the scope of the master plan study and is provided for reference only.*

Sloan's Lake Park, managed by Denver Parks and Recreation, is Denver's second largest park and is located immediately east of Edgewater across Sheridan Boulevard. In addition to large open spaces, the park contains a recreational path around the lake used by walkers, runners, and bicyclists. There is a baseball field, as well as tennis and basketball courts that offer recreational opportunities. Boating and fishing are also permitted on the lake. Each summer the park hosts the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, which brings in numerous visitors.

Sloan's Lake is a significant regional open space and is well-located to receive visitors from Edgewater. There are two parking lots within the park that are close to Edgewater: one located in the southwestern corner of the park near Sheridan Boulevard and W 17th Avenue and the other located in the northwestern corner near Sheridan Boulevard and Byron Place/W 25th Avenue. Although the parking lots are well-located, the pedestrian connections between Edgewater and Sloan's Lake are lacking. Crosswalks exist at W 17th, W 20th, and W 25th Avenues; however, they provide little security for pedestrians crossing a busy six-lane road. No connections exist at W 22nd or W 24th Avenues, nor does the recreational trail in Walker-Branch Park connect to Sloan's Lake. The ditch that the recreational trail follows empties into Sloan's Lake through a large culvert under Sheridan Boulevard.

### 25th and Sheridan Pocket Park\*

*\*This park was outside the scope of the master plan study and is provided for reference only.*

A small pocket park is tucked away in the municipal parking lot at the southwest corner of W 25th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard. The pocket park has picnic tables, a trash can, and a kiosk with information about Parks and Recreation and other Edgewater programs. A dense grove of trees provides shade. Though this pocket

park is simple in its design, it provides a green space for visitors to get outside, connect socially, and experience the bustle of urban life.

### Edgewater Civic Center



Edgewater Civic Center viewed from the recreational trail

The Edgewater Civic Center is located at the northern edge of Walker-Branch Park and is the most recent addition to Edgewater's facilities. The 55,000 square foot facility opened in November 2018 and includes the Edgewater Police Department, the Edgewater Library, the City's administrative offices, a public meeting space, as well as a 6,000 square foot fitness center and an 8,000 square foot gymnasium managed by Parks and Recreation. A parking lot provides more than 100 parking spaces and could be used by visitors to Walker-Branch Park and the recreational trail. Paved paths provide indirect connection to Walker-Branch Park via the skate park. The area immediately south of the Civic Center is planned to be incorporated into Walker-Branch Park following a master planning process in 2021.

Usage of the fitness center and gymnasium requires a membership, which is available for \$200 annually for Jefferson County residents and \$240 for non-Jefferson County residents. The memberships are far less expensive than a typical private gym. Many classes (detailed further below) are held at the center, and open gym hours are provided nearly every day. Equipment in the Fitness Center includes cardio machines such as treadmills and elliptical trainers, free weights, and cable weight machines. Equipment for basketball, volleyball,

and pickleball is also available. Since opening, the Fitness Center has been well-used and clearly fills a need within the community. Clearer connections with Walker-Branch Park and the surrounding community, particularly via the recreational trail, could increase usership even further.

**Recreation Programs**

Edgewater Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of fitness and other recreational programs, primarily held at the Edgewater Civic Center. Adult classes include yoga, spin classes, and circuit training classes. A personal trainer is also available for adults and seniors. An adult softball league plays at the Citizen’s Park softball field. For seniors, offerings include field trips to local cultural attractions like the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and Blackhawk Casino, in addition to fitness classes.

Youth programs are more diverse, including dance classes (both ballet and hip-hop) and fitness and sport offerings. Smart Start Soccer and T-ball classes are available for children 3-5 to develop the motor skills and sport fundamentals needed for organized sports. Youth sports leagues include soccer, baseball, volleyball, and basketball.

The current recreation programs are listed on Edgewater’s recreation website: [www.playedgewater.com](http://www.playedgewater.com). Online registration can also be completed on the website and sports league participants can view game results and season standings. Classes are mostly well-attended, though the city does not maintain specific registration and attendance numbers. A list of Parks and Recreation programs appears below:

**Youth Programs**

- Basketball
- Soccer (Spring and Fall)
- Baseball
- Volleyball

**Adult Programs**

- Softball
- Volleyball
- Spin Classes
- Yoga classes

**Senior Programs**

- Bunco
- Stitch and Chatter
- Field trips (1-2 per month)

**Recreational Trails**

Edgewater’s recreational trail runs adjacent to a drainage ditch located on the north side of Walker-Branch Park. The trail spans from near the intersection of Ingalls Street and W 20th Avenue to Sheridan Boulevard between W 17th and W 20th Avenues. The trail provides connections to the Edgewater Civic Center, Walker-Branch Park, and businesses along Sheridan Boulevard. There are only a few pedestrian street crossings along the route that are marked with painted crosswalks. A pedestrian bridge connects the trail to Gray Street at the Civic Center. Few furnishings are provided along the route and there is no connection to Sloan’s Lake.



Edgewater’s recreational trail enters Walker-Branch Park



Edgewater’s recreational trail looking toward Sloan’s Lake

The 2010 Master Plan proposed formalizing three walking loops through Edgewater via signage and amenities, largely using existing sidewalks. The three loops linked existing parks and schools as well as other municipal buildings and commercial areas. No major improvements have been made along the recreational trail and none of the three walking loops have been formalized since the 2010 Master Plan.

## Special Events

Edgewater Parks and Recreation hosts a number of special events throughout the year. Long-standing traditions include the Egg and Dog Treat Hunts held each Easter at Citizen's Park, the Community Picnic held in Citizen's Park each summer, the Halloween Festival at Edgewater Civic Center, and a Holiday Lighting Festival each December, also held at the Edgewater Civic Center. These events are free for the public. Edgewater Market and Music brings together area farmers and local musicians on W 25th Avenue throughout the summer on Thursday evenings. Other organizations also rent park facilities in Edgewater for public events such as the Celtic Festival and community concerts. No such events are scheduled for 2020 at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attendance figures for most special events are not tracked by the city. Typical attendance for special events is estimated to be between 200 and 300 visitors, but exact figures are not available. In 2018, the city's largest event, the St. Andrew Society of Colorado's Colorado Scottish Festival, hosted 10,000 visitors at Citizen's Park over two days.



The community gathers for games and music at Citizen's Park

## Special Events

- Youth Egg Hunt
- Farmers Market
- Bike Rodeo
- Community Picnic
- Blues and BBQ
- Harvest Festival
- Scottish Festival
- Irish Festival
- Halloween Festival
- Holiday Lighting Festival

## Communications and Staff

The Parks and Recreation Department's primary method of public communication is the Edgewater city website, [edgewaterco.com](http://edgewaterco.com). The website lists information about the individual parks, other Parks and Recreation managed facilities, recreation programs, special events, and facility rentals. The City of Edgewater also has several electronic newsletters used to distribute information about Parks and Recreation activities. The City Weekly is emailed each Friday, replacing the Town Cryer, Edgewater's former weekly electronic newsletter. The Edgewater Bulletin, Edgewater's hardcopy newsletter, is published quarterly and distributed at sites throughout the city and online. The Edgewater Echo maintains a community calendar which includes Parks and Recreation events.

The Parks and Recreation management team, including the Community Services Director, Recreation Manager, and Parks Manager, is assisted by two facility supervisors, primarily responsible for facility maintenance, four recreation aides and two front desk administrators at the fitness center. Three additional positions, including two recreational aides and a full-time recreation coordinator, are unfilled at this time. The History, Arts, Parks, and Recreation (HARP) Advisory Board provides feedback to City Council on historic, artistic and cultural resource management, parks and recreation budgeting and programming, as well as this master plan.

## Methodology

A Parks and Recreation Master Plan at the city scale is an undertaking worthy of time and diligence. The plan must be informed by a diversity of experiences and opinions representative of the stakeholders invested in the system. These stakeholders include city officials, the Parks and Recreation Department, advisory boards, and the community. The process of developing this plan was completed over a yearlong time frame and started with research to understand the needs of stakeholders and the capabilities of the parks they love. The following chapter describes the research and development methodologies used to create this master plan from initial community meetings to final park designs.

*Note: The Covid-19 pandemic reached Colorado in March 2020, leading to “stay-at-home” and “safer-at-home” orders through the remainder of the year, which resulted in shifting the project approach in many ways, including using online platforms for city, board and community meetings, conducting site visits while practicing social-distancing and adjusting the project timeline with the evolving challenges faced by the City, planning team and Edgewater community.*

### Community Meeting #1

The research phase of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan began with a community meeting in November 2019. The meeting started with a walking tour which departed from the Edgewater Civic Center, visiting Walker-Branch Park and Edgewater’s multi-use trail. Following the walking tour, the group reconvened to discuss participants’ needs and aspirations for Edgewater Parks and Recreation. The discussion also included a mapping activity in which participants identified assets and landmarks as well as opportunities and challenges for Edgewater parks.

Participants emphasized their enjoyment of Edgewater’s walkability and tight-knit community and expressed a desire to build Edgewater pride and make parks into vibrant spaces that bring the community together across generations. Specific improvements to the parks

were discussed; however, the overall goal expressed was to enhance the parks in order to create spaces to be used in multiple ways by different audiences. Additionally, participants suggested improving awareness about parks-related events and programs.



Edgewater citizens brainstorm at the first community meeting

### Community Surveys

Following the first community meeting, the planning team conducted two community surveys to further assess the community’s needs in relation to parks and recreation. The first survey was conducted online via SurveyMonkey and consisted of 40 questions available in both English and Spanish. The survey was posted on Edgewater’s city website. Notifications about the survey were distributed via Edgewater’s weekly electronic newsletter and email reminders were sent to Edgewater residents. Additionally, bilingual flyers with a QR code that linked to the online survey were posted around town in businesses and public areas of apartment buildings in an effort to ensure a diverse audience of respondents. Approximately 179 survey responses were collected over fourteen weeks from February 21 to June 1. (The number varies slightly from question to question as some respondents skipped some survey questions.) A full list of survey questions and responses is included in Appendix A.

The 40 survey questions covered a variety of topics related to the Edgewater Parks and Recreation system, including:

- Current park usage
- Barriers to participation
- Ideal park amenities
- Ideal park programs and events
- Parks funding source preference
- Respondent demographics
- Open comments

A statistically valid survey was also conducted. The survey consisted of 10 questions selected from the 40 questions included in the online survey to best cover a range of subjects with the minimum number of questions. The planning team used the responses from the online survey to inform the questions for the statistically valid mailed survey. This survey was mailed in English and Spanish to 1,000 randomly selected Edgewater residents from the City’s mailing list, which is about 20% of the total population of Edgewater. Respondents were asked to complete the survey by hand and mail it back to the planners. A total of 242 surveys were returned, resulting in a margin of error of 6.0% at the 95% confidence level. This is a strong response rate and the results can be interpreted as representative of the larger population. A full list of questions and open-ended responses is included in Appendix B. Key findings of these surveys are described below.

## Survey Findings

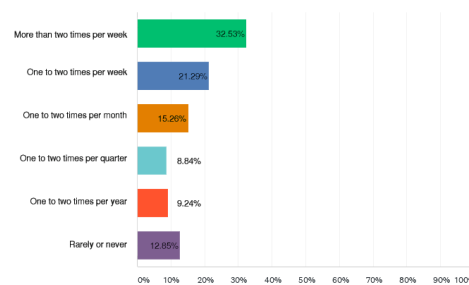
Results of the statistically valid survey broadly aligned with the results of the online community survey, indicating that the results of both surveys can be taken as likely indicators of overall community opinion. Below is a summary of the results of the ten questions include in the statistically valid survey. The detailed results are included in Appendix B.

### Statistically Valid Survey Results

*Question 1: How often do you or your family visit a park facility or fitness center or take part in a Parks Department program/special event in Edgewater?*

The median visit rate was approximately once per week. Approximately one in three respondents reported visiting a park or participating in a Parks and Recreation Department program or special event two or more times per week. A third of respondents reported visiting less than once per month, with nearly 13% visiting rarely or never. This indicates a significant pool of Edgewater residents from which to draw additional future users.

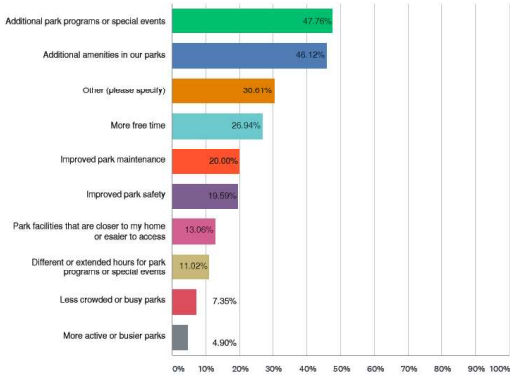
Q1 How often do you or your family visit a park facility or take part in a Parks Department program/ special event in Edgewater?



**Question 2:** What would encourage you or your family to utilize an Edgewater park facility, program, or special event more often?

When asked what would encourage respondents or their families to utilize an Edgewater park facility, program, or special event more often, two options received far greater responses than the others: “Additional park programs or special events” (selected by 47.76% of respondents) and “Additional amenities in our parks” (46.12% of respondents). 11.8% of respondents wrote in a dog park or additional dog facilities.

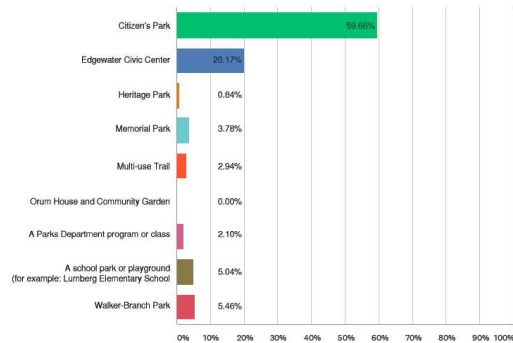
Q2 What would encourage you or your family to utilize an Edgewater park facility, program, or special event more often? (Please select all that apply)



**Question 3:** The Edgewater park facility my family or I use/visit most often is:

Nearly 60% of respondents reported that the Edgewater park facility they use/visit most often is Citizen’s Park. Edgewater Civic Center came in a distant second with 20.17% of the responses. Walker-Branch Park was the third most visited park with 5.46% of responses. No one reported that Orum House and Community Garden was the park facility they visit most frequently, which shows that this facility needs more marketing and awareness.

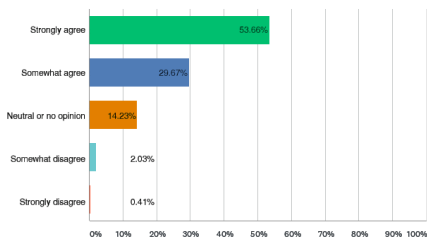
Q3 The Edgewater park facility my family or I use/visit most often is:



**Question 4:** How strongly do you agree with the following statement? “The services, amenities and opportunities provided by the Edgewater Parks Department are important to me and my family.”

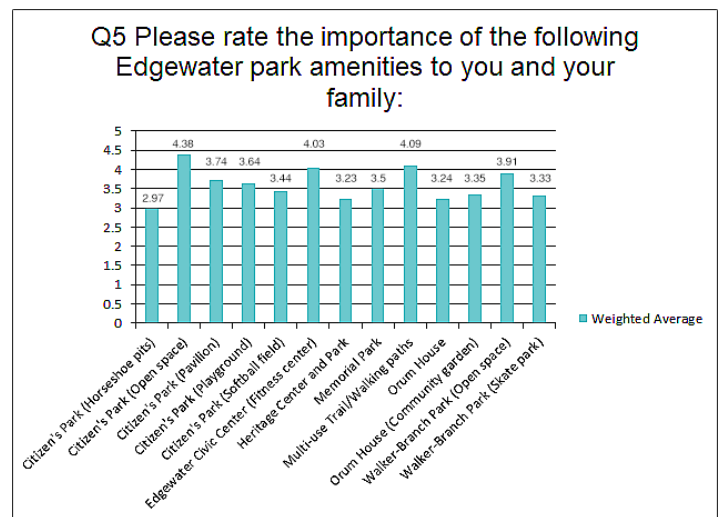
Greater than 83% of respondents agreed with the statement, which shows that the majority of residents in Edgewater are invested in the future of their community and the vitality of their parks and parks programs.

Q4 How strongly do you agree with the following statement? “The services, amenities and opportunities provided by the Edgewater Parks Department are important to me and my family.”



**Question 5:** Please rate the importance of the following Edgewater park amenities to you and your family:

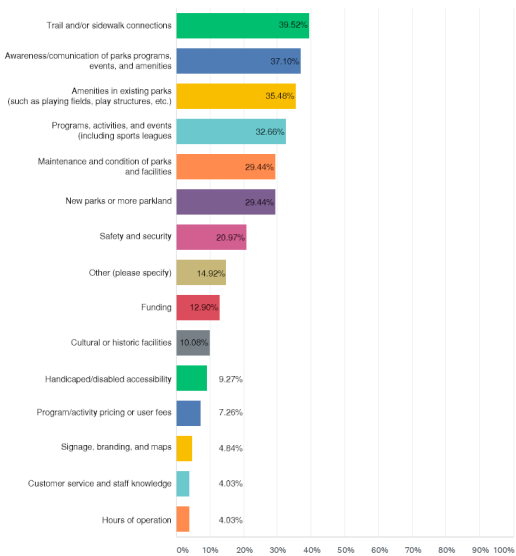
Respondents were asked to rate the importance of thirteen Edgewater park amenities on a scale of one (very unimportant) to five (very important). Three park amenities received an average rating over 4.0 (somewhat important): Citizen’s Park open space (4.38), multi-use trail/walking paths (4.09), and the Edgewater Civic Center Fitness Center (4.08). Only one amenity received an unimportant average rating (below 3.0): the Citizen’s Park horseshoe pits, with an average rating of 2.97.



**Question 6: Please select the top three items that, if addressed, would most improve Edgewater’s Parks and Recreation amenities and services.**

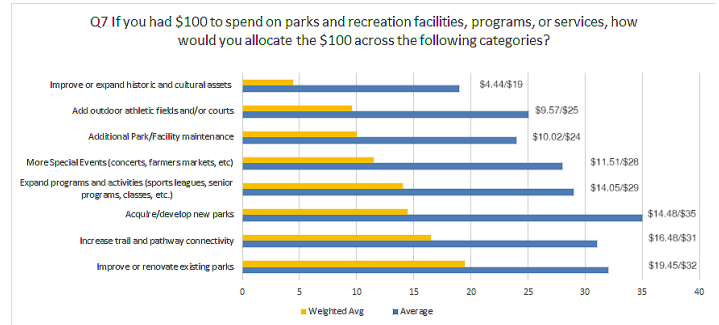
When asked to select the top three items that would most improve Edgewater’s Parks and Recreation amenities and services, four items garnered greater than 30% support from respondents. Those four items were: trail and/or sidewalk connections (39.52% of responses); awareness/communication of parks programs, events, and amenities (37.1% of responses); amenities in existing parks (such as playing fields, play structures, etc.) (35.48% of responses); and programs, activities, and events (including sports leagues) (32.6% of responses). The “Other” category, which made up almost 13% of total responses, had a significant number of responses regarding the addition of a dog park.

Q6 Please select the top three items that, if addressed, would most improve Edgewater’s Parks and Recreation amenities and services. (Please select up to three options)



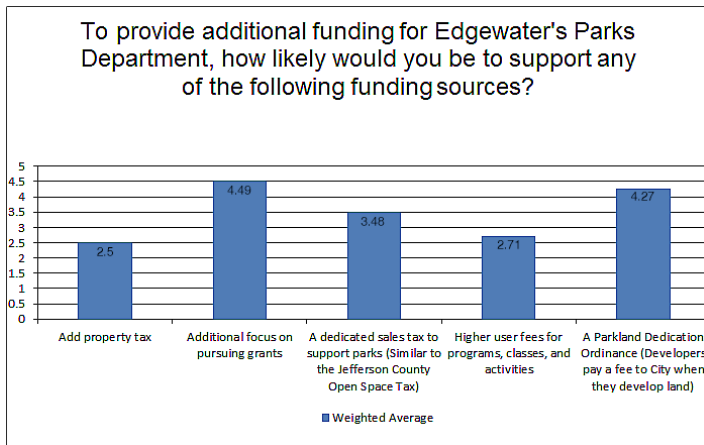
**Question 7: If you had \$100 to spend on parks and recreation facilities, programs, or services, how would you allocate the \$100 across the following categories?**

Respondents were given a hypothetical \$100 and asked to allocate that funding across eight spending categories; if divided evenly across all eight categories, each would receive \$12.50. The four categories with a weighted average (the weighted average is the mean of all responses, including those that allocated \$0 for the given category) below \$12.50 are: improve or expand historic and cultural assets (\$4.44); add outdoor athletic fields and/or courts (\$9.57); additional park/facility maintenance (\$10.02); and more special events (concerts, farmers markets, etc.) (\$11.51). Four categories received more than the \$12.50 funding average: expand programs and activities (sports leagues, senior programs, classes, etc.) (\$14.05); acquire/develop new parks (\$14.48); increase trail and pathway connectivity (\$16.48); and improve or renovate existing parks (\$19.45). This data provided a clear set of priorities for moving into the design phase of this master plan.



**Question 8:** To provide additional funding for Edgewater’s Parks Department, how likely would you be to support any of the following funding sources?

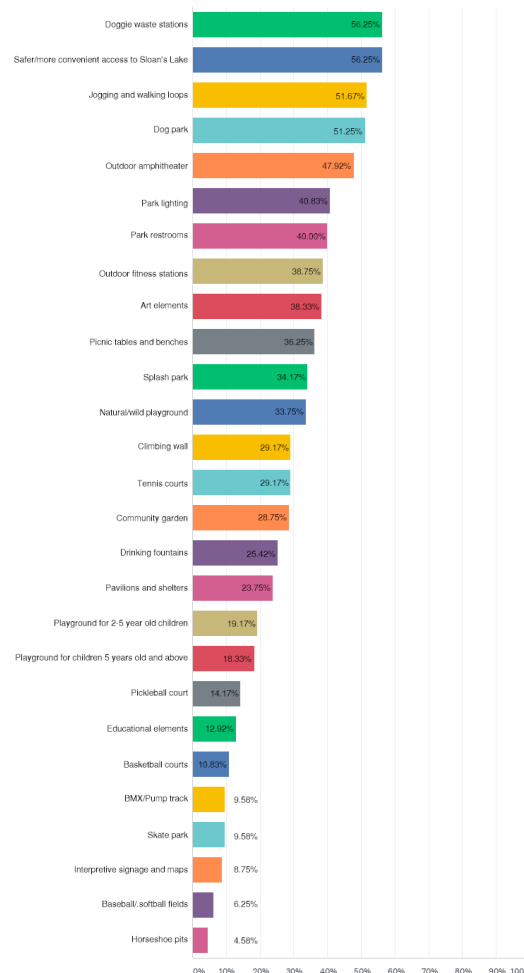
Respondents showed a strong preference for an additional focus on pursuing grants or a parkland dedication ordinance requiring developers to pay a fee to the city when developing land. On a scale of one to five, park grants received a rating of 4.49 and a parkland dedication ordinance received a rating of 4.27. Adding property tax or increasing user fees for programs, classes, and activities were the least popular options, receiving ratings of 2.5 and 2.71, respectively, well below “neutral” (a rating of 3.0). A dedicated sales tax to support parks, similar to the Jefferson County Open Space tax received at average rating of 3.48.



**Question 9:** If it is possible, which new or additional park element would most improve your experience in Edgewater’s Parks?

Respondents were provided a list of 27 park program elements and asked to select which would most improve their experience of Edgewater’s parks. Four elements appeared in more than 50% of responses: doggie waste stations (56.25%), safer/more convenient access to Sloan’s Lake (56.25%), jogging and walking loops (51.67%), and a dog park (51.25%). This shows clear demand for greater pedestrian connectivity and better dog amenities in Edgewater. Eight other park elements appeared in more than 33% of responses: outdoor amphitheater (47.92%), park lighting (40.83%), park restrooms (40%), outdoor fitness stations (38.75%), art elements (38.33%), picnic tables and benches (36.25%), splash park (34.17%), and natural/wild playground (33.75%).

Q9 If it is possible, which new or additional park elements would most improve your experience in Edgewater’s Parks? (Please select all that apply)





There were 21 responses regarding the Heritage Center and Park. The vast majority of responses (76.19%) requested better communication about the facilities; many respondents did not know where the Heritage Center is located. Maintenance or improvement of the plantings in Heritage Park was mentioned in 19.05% of responses.

Survey takers were also asked what could be done to improve Edgewater's recreational trails; there were 79 responses. Improvements to connectivity were the most mentioned (40.51% of responses). The suggested improvements included expanding the trail network, creating a safe pedestrian connection to Sloan's Lake, and linking regional trail and bike path systems. Improved communication and greater awareness of the trails was the second most mentioned subject (36.71% of responses). Additional subjects mentioned frequently included improved maintenance (18.99% of responses) and signage (16.46% of responses), both of which would greatly increase awareness of the recreational trails.

Survey takers were asked what could be done to improve Parks Department programs, classes, and special events; there were 66 responses. A total of 54.55% of respondents mentioned increasing programming and a greater diversity of classes and events; 18.18% of respondents requested a greater variety and greater availability of fitness-related programming; 31.82% of respondents mentioned improving communication about the classes and events available and about class/league schedules.

Survey takers were also asked to describe in their own words what should be done to improve the overall Edgewater park system; there were 97 responses. The most frequent response was the addition of a dog park, mentioned by 37.11% of respondents. Improved and additional amenities and improved maintenance (particularly improving the drainage issue at Citizen's Park) were mentioned by 19.59% of respondents. Other subjects mentioned by more than 10% of respondents included improved communication (14.43%), improved connectivity (12.37%), and events/programming (10.31%).

Finally, respondents were asked what would make the Edgewater Parks and Recreation Master Plan a success; there were 87 responses. The most frequent theme was greater community involvement (28.74% of responses) in the master planning process and in the parks themselves. The addition of a dog park was mentioned by 28.74% of respondents. 13.79% of respondents mentioned a wish to see more citizens and/or more diverse individuals using Edgewater's parks. Increased connectivity between the parks and to Sloan's Lake was the only additional subject mentioned by more than 10% of respondents, (12.64% of responses). 91 out of 179 respondents, or approximately 50%, provided an email address for project updates.

### Site visits

The planning team completed multiple site visits to each park throughout the planning process. The site visits provided an opportunity to observe the parks in action, seeing where and how visitors interact with the parks in real time. Observed behavior revealed additional information about each park, such as the frequent use of Memorial Park by dog walkers and the location and extent of flooding at Citizen's Park. As much as possible, visits were planned at different times of day and different days of the week to cultivate the broadest possible understanding of how Edgewater's parks are used. Reports from site visits are included in Appendix C.



Memorial Park in winter, with the Heritage Center in the background

It should be noted that site visits were conducted prior to and throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Prior to the pandemic reaching Colorado, the planning team had multiple conversations with park-users while conducting the site visits which provided insightful information for this master plan. However, when site visits were conducted during the pandemic, park-users were observing social-distancing practices and most were walking their dogs, not using park amenities such as the pavilion or playground in Citizen's Park. Future park usage will undoubtedly be impacted by the ongoing effects of the pandemic in both predictable and unpredictable ways. For example, today, it seems that people rely heavily on their neighborhood parks as a respite from working from home or as a way to safely meet friends in an outdoor environment. Neighborhood parks may become even more important as a community amenity than ever before.

### Community Meetings #2 and #3

Following the community surveys, the planning team held two additional public meetings to review conceptual designs for Edgewater parks and gather feedback. The second community meeting was held in August 2020 at the pavilion in Citizen's Park. Members of the public were invited to join in person or via an online platform. The meetings were advertised online and via the Town Cryer, as well as through Parks and Recreation emails. This meeting was held to discuss the results of the survey and present preliminary designs for Citizen's Park, Heritage and Memorial Parks, Orum House, and expanded walking trails. A separate review of the conceptual designs was also held with the full HARP Board.

The third public meeting was held in October 2020 at the pavilion in Citizen's Park. Again, in-person or online attendance options were offered. At this meeting, the final designs for the parks were presented and feedback was gathered to be incorporated into the Master Plan document. Summaries of the feedback from both of these meetings are included in Appendix C.



The second community meeting begins at Citizen's Park



Community members participate in the final community meeting at Citizen's Park

### City Involvement

The planning team also participated in a number of City Council and City Board meetings to provide projects status updates, discuss the designs, and gather input. While working closely with the Parks and Recreation Department throughout the process, the planning team met with City Council, the HARP Board, and the Sustainability Board. See Appendix C for summaries of each meeting.

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# Master Plan Recommendations

## Overall Recommendations

Land within Edgewater is almost entirely developed, therefore acquisition of new parkland may be challenging. A focus on enhancing existing parks and resources will be most cost-effective and allow Edgewater to address the community's needs more quickly. As reflected in this chapter, the Master Plan recommendations include additional park amenities, improved maintenance of existing facilities, additional programming and events, and stronger pedestrian connections throughout the city. These recommendations will be key to building an even better Parks and Recreation Department in the future.

It will also be important to continue increasing communication about parks programs, events, and policies. Parks and Recreation earned praise from many community members about their communications strategy, which is in part due to the addition of the Communications and Events Director to city staff. The efforts to improve communication should continue with the goal of diversifying outreach methods to reach everyone in the Edgewater community. Potential improvements could include an updated Edgewater Parks and Recreation website, multi-lingual mailings, and flyers posed in information kiosks around the city.

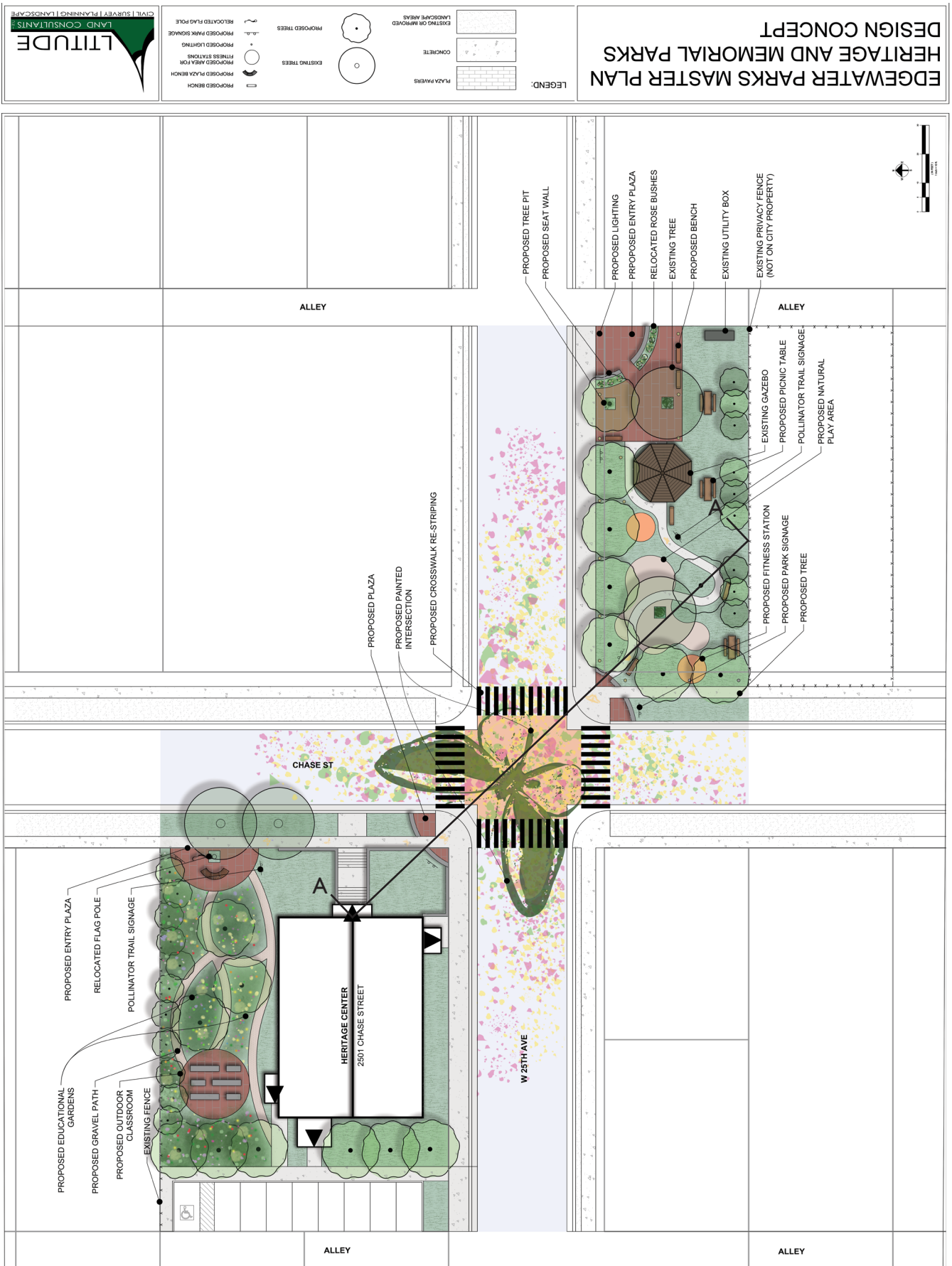
Adding programming will be key to creating a stronger sense of community. Many Edgewater residents expressed nostalgia for past events that have not been held in recent years such as concerts at Memorial Park and the 3rd of July Fireworks. When possible, reintroducing these favorite events from the past could help lay the foundation for greater future programming and encourage citizens to re-engage with their public spaces. These outdoor events can be modified to accommodate greater social distancing which will likely be necessary while Covid-19 is active. Additional programming at the Edgewater Fitness Center is also desirable (see Edgewater Civic Center below). As programming picks up again, it will be

important to track attendance as much as possible. Attendance numbers will be helpful when applying for grant funding from both public and private sources.

## Memorial and Heritage Parks

Memorial Park is one of the first parks created in Edgewater and it continues to function well. Heritage Park, in contrast, is largely unknown and rarely visited; many community members are unaware it is open to the public. The parks are located catty-corner to one another at the intersection of W 25th Avenue and Chase Street. Goals for these parks include creating a connection between the two parks to encourage additional use, enhancing entrances with plazas and signage, and increasing programming in both spaces with natural play space and an educational pollinator garden.

To create a connection between Memorial and Heritage Parks, the proposed design includes a painted intersection at W 25th Avenue and Chase Street which could extend as far east as the edge of Memorial Park and as far west as the alley behind the Heritage Center. This painted intersection will serve to slow vehicular traffic, particularly along W 25th Avenue where there is no stop sign. Crosswalks should also be added for pedestrian safety. As final plans are created, additional traffic study may be needed to determine the extent of pedestrian safety measures needed. These measures may include flashing crosswalk lights and crosswalk signage. It should be noted that a raised intersection was explored; however, it is not possible due to stormwater flow along W 25th Avenue. The painted intersection could take on many forms that celebrate both Edgewater's cultural history and natural history. One idea is to paint or use decals themed for a pollinator garden, such as butterflies or bees. Working with a local artist to design the painted intersection could add another dimension to the celebration of Edgewater. Small, roughly semi-circular plaza areas invite visitors into the parks at the northwest and southeast corners of the intersection, further enhancing the connection between the parks.



In Memorial Park, a larger plaza space located in the northeastern corner of the park connects the park to visitors from “downtown” farther east on W 25th Avenue. The proposed plaza occupies the area currently being used as the memorial rose garden; there should be new park signage, seating, and relocated memorial rose bushes. The City should work with the community to ensure that the memorial plaques in both Memorial and Heritage Parks are restored and preserved when the shrubs are relocated.

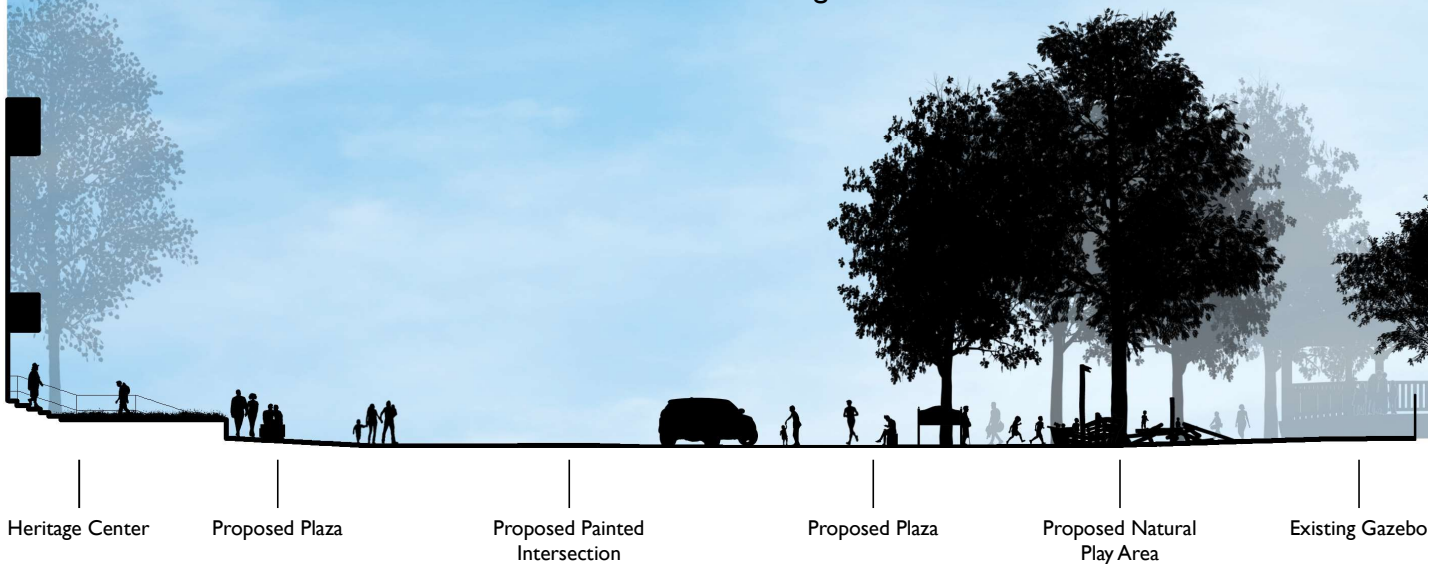
The gazebo in Memorial Park should remain and should be updated and repaired. The gazebo serves as an anchor for a proposed pollinator/history trail connecting to the proposed pollinator garden in Heritage Park. This trail could include a few key plantings, as well as interpretive signage to familiarize visitors with the cultural and natural history of their city and provide instructions on how to transfer the gardening techniques displayed along the trail to their home gardens. The trail passes through a natural play space for children which, with the addition of several trees for shade, would evoke a forested landscape. The natural playground will include elements such as wood logs, boulders, and other nature-related themes. This play space provides opportunities for open play and exploration, allowing children to develop motor skills and use their imagination while connecting to nature close to home.

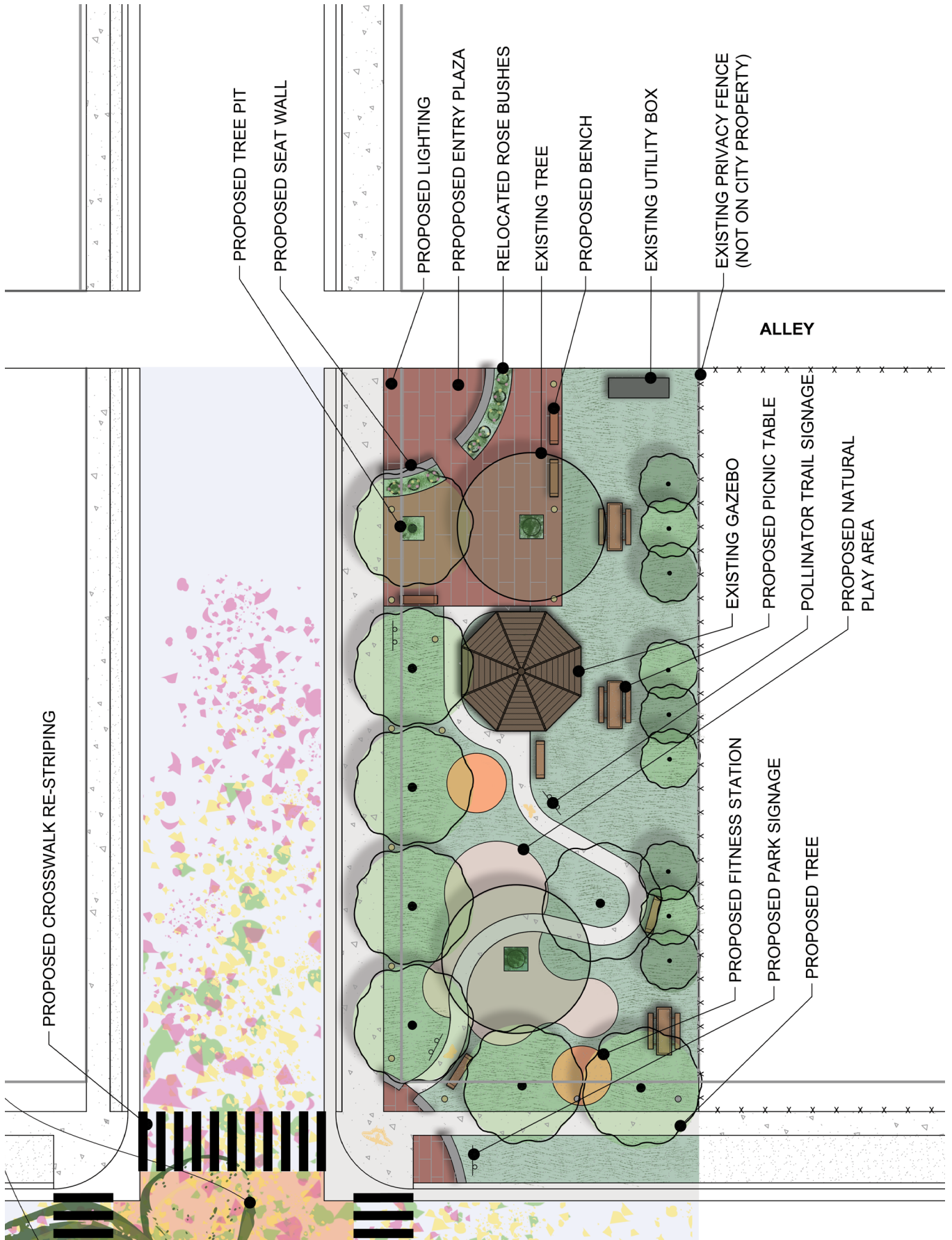
Beyond the natural play area, the pollinator/history trail continues across the intersection to Heritage Park. These crossings are a creative opportunity and could echo the themes of the trail in their design (i.e., pollinators and local history), as described above. The theme used in the crosswalks could also be extended along sidewalks to provide wayfinding for the trail.

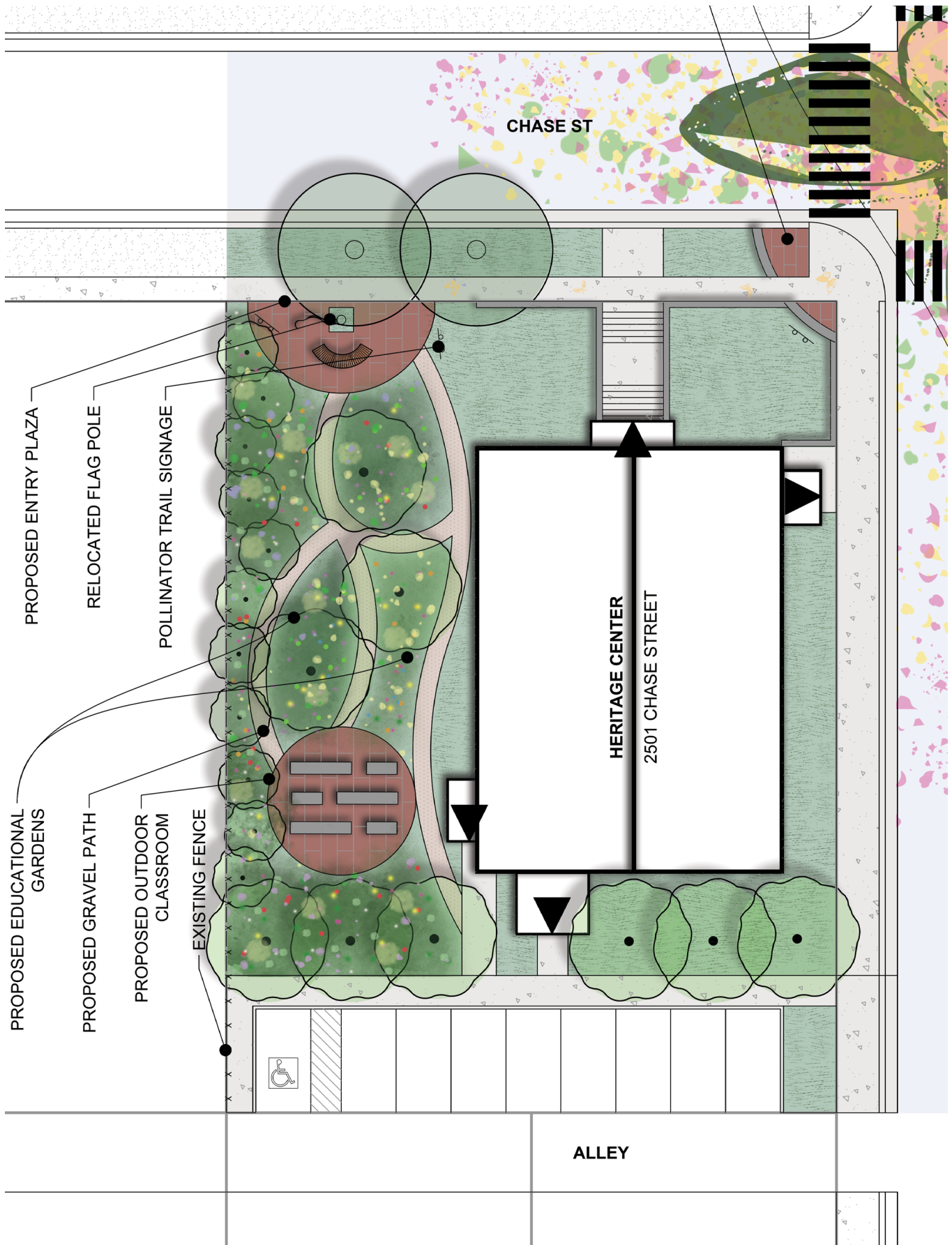
A large entrance plaza located adjacent to the sidewalk along Chase Street welcomes visitors to Heritage Park. Seating and signage will indicate that this is a public space open to the community, not just a resource for the Heritage Center next door. The pollinator/history trail then continues into the park. The proposed design replaces much of the existing landscaping (that is currently not in great condition) with a less formal pollinator garden. The garden will serve as a demonstration garden for citizens interested in creating a home garden that supports pollinators and also for schools interested in taking educational field trips. Signage should be placed throughout the garden, providing information on the plants, pollinators, and history of Edgewater. Additional memorial roses have been planted in Heritage Park and, again, care should be taken to restore and preserves both the shrubs themselves and their associated plaques.

At the end of the pollinator garden, on the west side of the park, an outdoor classroom is proposed.

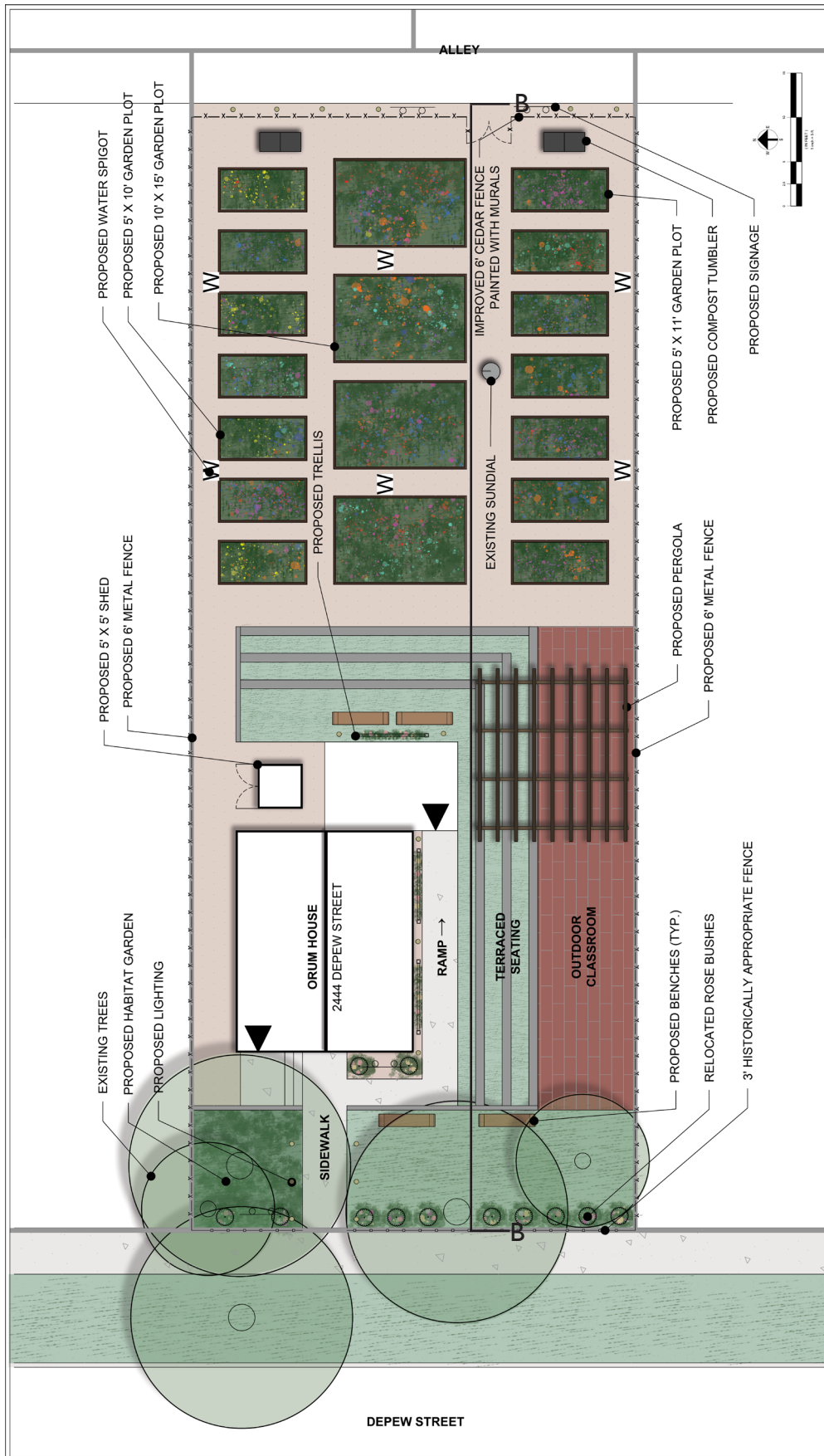
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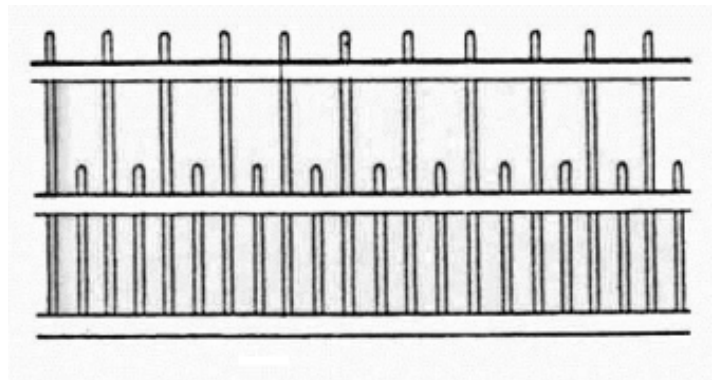
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|  | EXISTING AND IMPROVED LAWN AREAS |

**EDGEWATER PARKS MASTER PLAN  
ORUM HOUSE  
DESIGN CONCEPT**

An outdoor classroom and terraced seating area is proposed on the south side of Orum House. A pergola is proposed for shelter; the structure could be planted with flowering vines to enhance the historical character of the property. The space could be used for gardening classes, social gatherings, and other educational events to increase visitors to the House. Replacing the retaining walls currently south of the House with simple terraced seating creates more usable space on the property and greatly expands the potential of the outdoor classroom.

Orum House also provides an opportunity for a wildlife habitat demonstration garden at the residential scale. The National Wildlife Foundation sponsors a program called the Garden for Wildlife wildlife habitat certification program, which encourages both organizations and individual gardeners to provide bird and insect habitats in their gardens. In order to become certified, a garden must contain five elements: food, water, cover, places to raise young, and sustainable practices. Food can be seeds, fruits, foliage on plantings, or feeders including bird, squirrel, and hummingbird feeders. Water can be natural, such as a lake or stream, or provided via a birdbath or butterfly puddling area (a shallow moist sand-filled container where butterflies can hydrate safely). Cover can be provided by ground cover, evergreen plantings, or a roosting box. Places to raise young include mature trees and host plants that provide food and shelter. Sustainable practices will maintain the garden “ecosystem” and include soil and water conservation practices such as xeriscaping and organic practices such as composting and eliminating chemical pesticides and fertilizers. A checklist of elements necessary for wildlife habitat certification can be found in Appendix D.

Fencing is another key consideration of this design. Along Depew Street a low, historically appropriate fence is proposed to enhance the historical character of the site and to increase visibility (see image, above right). Along the south and north boundaries of the property, a 6’ metal fence is proposed. This type of fencing should not impact the sunlight levels for the southernmost row of garden plots. Along the rear of



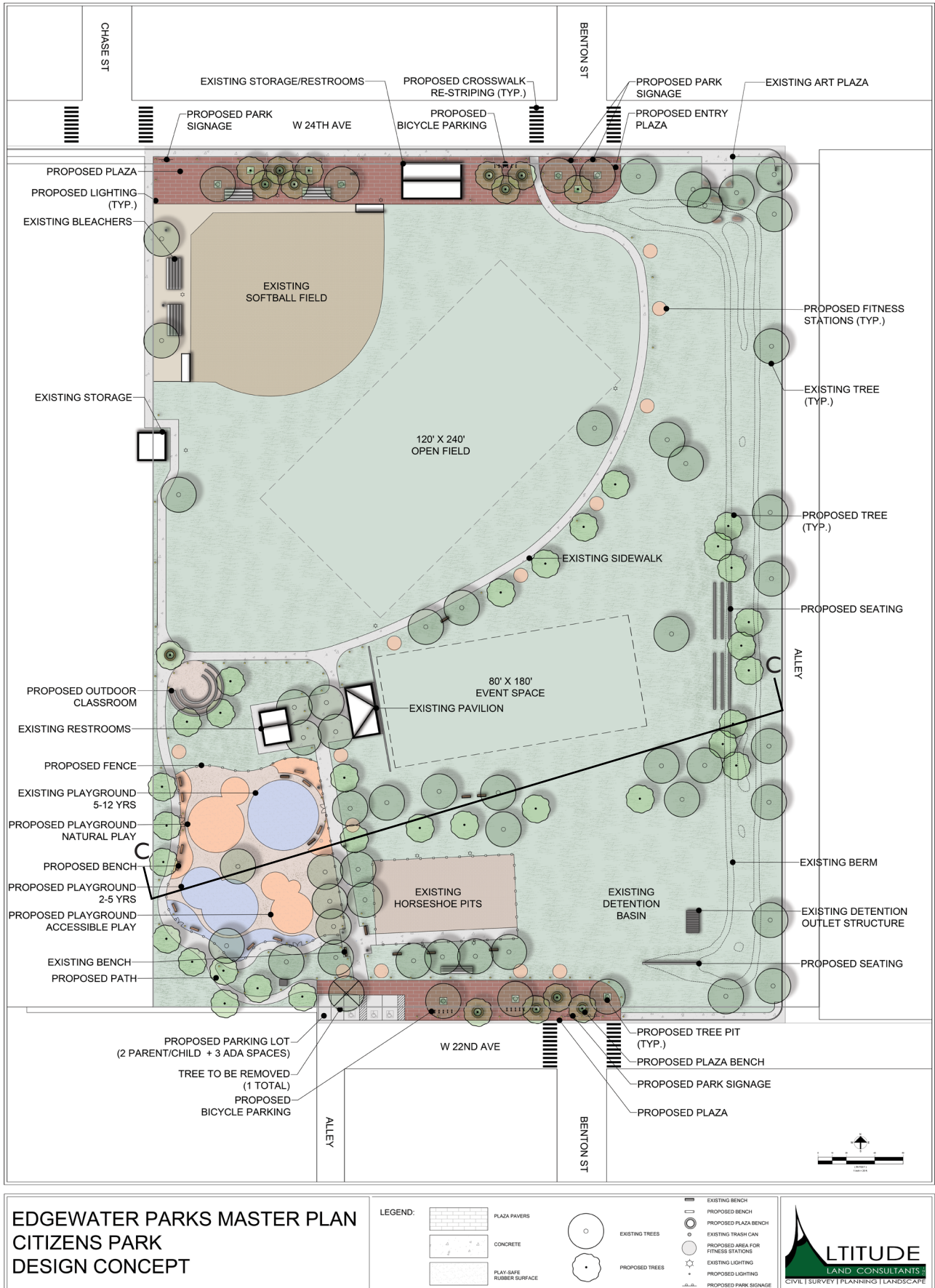
A timber dowel fence typical of the late 19th century

the property a 6’ cedar fence is proposed to increase security on the site. This fence could be painted with a mural, creating opportunities to increase community investment in the site and adding to the connection between the historical value of Orum House and its contemporary function as a community garden.

### Citizen’s Park

Citizen’s Park is the largest and most well-used park within Edgewater. As such, the community relies on Citizen’s Park for many different and, at times, conflicting uses. The proposed design for the park seeks to enhance park entrances with plazas and signage, expand active recreational opportunities, and provide better access to the park for diverse users with both vehicular and bicycle parking.

As previously discussed, a fenced dog park located at Citizen’s Park was a highly-requested amenity among the community survey respondents. Because this amenity proved controversial and no other suitable location fell within the scope of this master plan, two concept designs for Citizen’s Park were presented throughout most of the master planning process; one concept included a fenced dog park and one did not (see Appendix E). Concerns were expressed by both the City and Jefferson County Public Schools about the potential proximity of a dog park to Edgewater Elementary School and to the stormwater detention facility in Citizen’s Park (see Appendix F, Edgewater Zoning and Flood Map). In early December 2020, the Recreation Manager heard from City of Lakewood staff that Walker-Branch could be considered as a potential dog park location. Subsequently, the team



determined a single plan for Citizen’s Park would be preferable, with the understanding that should a dog park not be feasible at Walker-Branch Park, it would again be considered at Citizen’s Park. In the interim, a temporary off-leash dog park will be created at Citizen’s Park, to be established by the Department of Parks and Recreation and representatives of the Edgewater dog owner community. By monitoring the usage of the temporary dog park, the City will be able to gain valuable insights into the demand and future design of the permanent dog park, regardless of its final location.

On the north side of the park, a proposed entry plaza extends from the Edgewater Elementary School parking lot east to Benton Street. This plaza will include signage and lighting to create a welcoming entrance and a strong sense of identity. Painted crosswalks are included at both Chase and Benton Streets to improve pedestrian access to the park. Nine new trees are proposed in the plaza, many with circular benches around the tree trunks that will provide seating for visitors while also protecting the trees from the rigors of urban life. Bicycle parking is provided to the east of the existing storage/ restroom building.

A series of fitness stations are proposed along the existing path around the softball field and along the existing path south of the pavilion. The fitness stations are located throughout the park to create a fitness loop and encourage outdoor physical activity.

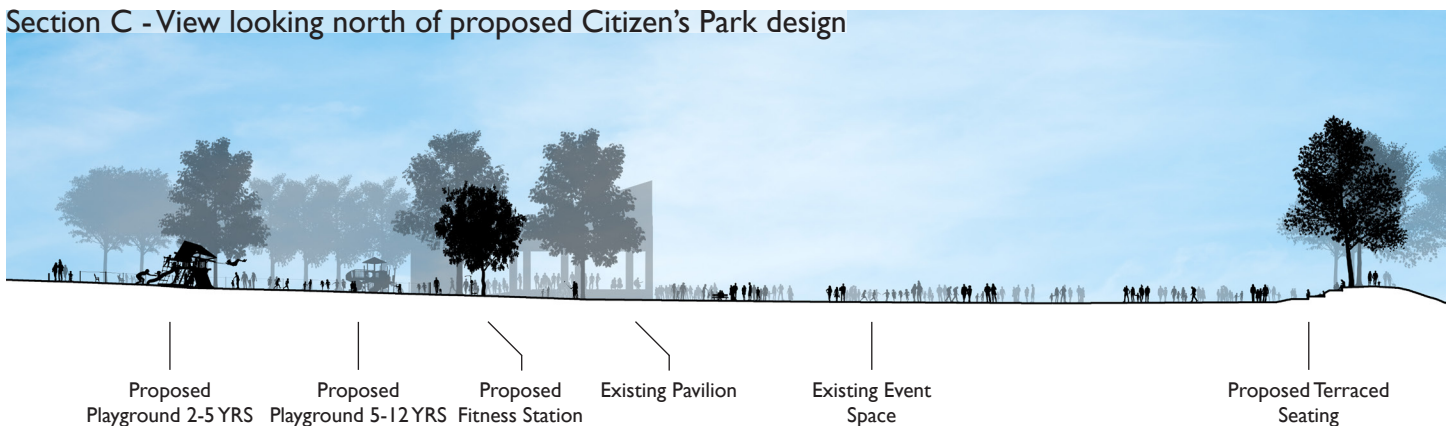
An outdoor classroom is proposed adjacent to Edgewater Elementary School located to the west of the existing restroom building. The classroom

is a circular area enclosed by a low seat wall, with additional trees for shade. This area is known to have drainage issues, which will need to be resolved with the design of the classroom. Edgewater Elementary School students could be encouraged to participate in the design and construction of this space, reinforcing the connection between the school and the park.

An expanded playground area is proposed to the southwest of the existing pavilion and restrooms. The playground area, fenced for added security, includes the existing playground for children five- to twelve-years-old, as well as three additional playground spaces: one for children two- to five-years-old, a natural play space (see Memorial Park above for additional information about natural play), and an accessible playground for children with physical disabilities. These playgrounds could be integrated into one another to provide a complete play experience for children of all ages and abilities. Benches are strategically placed around the perimeter of the playground area to provide seating for parents. Additional trees are placed to define the edge between the park and Edgewater Elementary School and to provide shade within the playground area. The four horseshoe pits west of the main park path will be removed to allow space for the expanded playground area; however, the eight horseshoe pits to the east will remain.

On the east side of the park, there are proposed terraced seat walls to be incorporated into the existing berm. The seat walls can be used on a daily basis by park users and can also be used as seating during events that are taking place at the pavilion. The seat walls are located to create a backdrop to the pavilion and could be constructed out of natural materials, such as boulders.

Section C -View looking north of proposed Citizen’s Park design



On the south side of the park, a second plaza formalizes the park entrance at Benton Street. Similar to the plaza on the north side of the park, this plaza includes several trees with circular benches for seating, new park signage, and lighting. There is a small, proposed parking lot that contains five parking spaces: three ADA spaces and two parent/child spaces, indicated with signage. The expanded playgrounds and other improved amenities are likely to attract additional visitors; therefore, providing safe, off-street spaces is important.

An additional consideration for the proposed design is increasing the tree canopy within the park. A total of 45 new trees are proposed and one tree is to be removed for the parking lot on the south side, for a net gain of 44 trees in the park. These trees will provide additional shade in heavily used areas of the park and better define the edge of the park adjacent to the school. It will be important to consider succession planting as the mature trees in the park reach the end of their life cycle. Planting additional trees now will ensure the park has a healthy tree canopy for years to come.

### **Edgewater Civic Center**

The Fitness Center at the Edgewater Civic Center, opened in 2018, is a well-liked addition to Edgewater Parks and Recreation's offerings. The community is generally satisfied with the facility and with the programs and classes offered at the Fitness Center. A few recommendations include adding more fitness equipment and adding classes later in the evening to accommodate commuter schedules. Additionally, outdoor fitness classes are a popular idea and with the proximity to Walker-Branch Park, could easily be incorporated into the Fitness Center's offerings.

As the master planning process begins in Walker-Branch Park, establishing a clear connection between the park and the Edgewater Civic Center should be a priority. The addition of a splash pad or pool should also be considered, as this highly desirable amenity could not be accommodated in other existing parks in Edgewater.

As previously mentioned, a dog park should also be considered for Walker-Branch Park during the upcoming master planning process. In Edgewater's 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the area now occupied by the Edgewater Civic Center was identified as the location for a fenced dog park. Although this location is no longer available, a fenced dog park may fit well within the recreational programming at Walker-Branch Park. If this location is chosen, Edgewater should work with the passionate dog-owner community currently using Citizen's Park to ensure the facilities at Walker-Branch Park meet their needs sufficiently to draw them to the new dog park.

### **Community Connections**

The proposed Edgewater Trail aims to expand the existing recreational trail near Walker-Branch Park to provide a citywide walking loop. This loop will create pedestrian routes between all of Edgewater's parks and schools, as well as connect to nearby parks outside of the city.

The existing Edgewater recreational trail runs from near Sheridan Boulevard and what would be 18th Avenue to Ingalls Street and W 20th Avenue, passing by Walker-Branch Park and the Edgewater Civic Center. The proposed Edgewater Trail continues on existing sidewalks, connecting to Lumberg Elementary School and Jefferson High School. The trail turns east on W 26th Avenue, offering connection to the west to Crown Hill Park located between Lakewood and Wheat Ridge. The trail then continues southeast, connecting to Terra Village apartments and other developments to the north of W 26th Avenue via a spur on Jay Street. The proposed trail also passes Heritage and Memorial Parks, turning south to pass through Citizen's Park before connecting with the east end of the existing trail. Potential connections to Sloan's Lake could be made at 25th, 20th or 18th Avenues. The existing multi-use trail connects to the 40 W ArtLine at the Edgewater Civic Center; this trail extends for four miles through Lakewood's 40 West Arts District featuring more than 70 artworks along the route.

An additional one-mile historical loop is proposed to connect Edgewater's historical areas, including Memorial, Heritage, and Citizen's Parks, Orum House and main street businesses. Interpretive signage will provide information for visitors on Edgewater history at key locations (such as Orum House) along the trail.

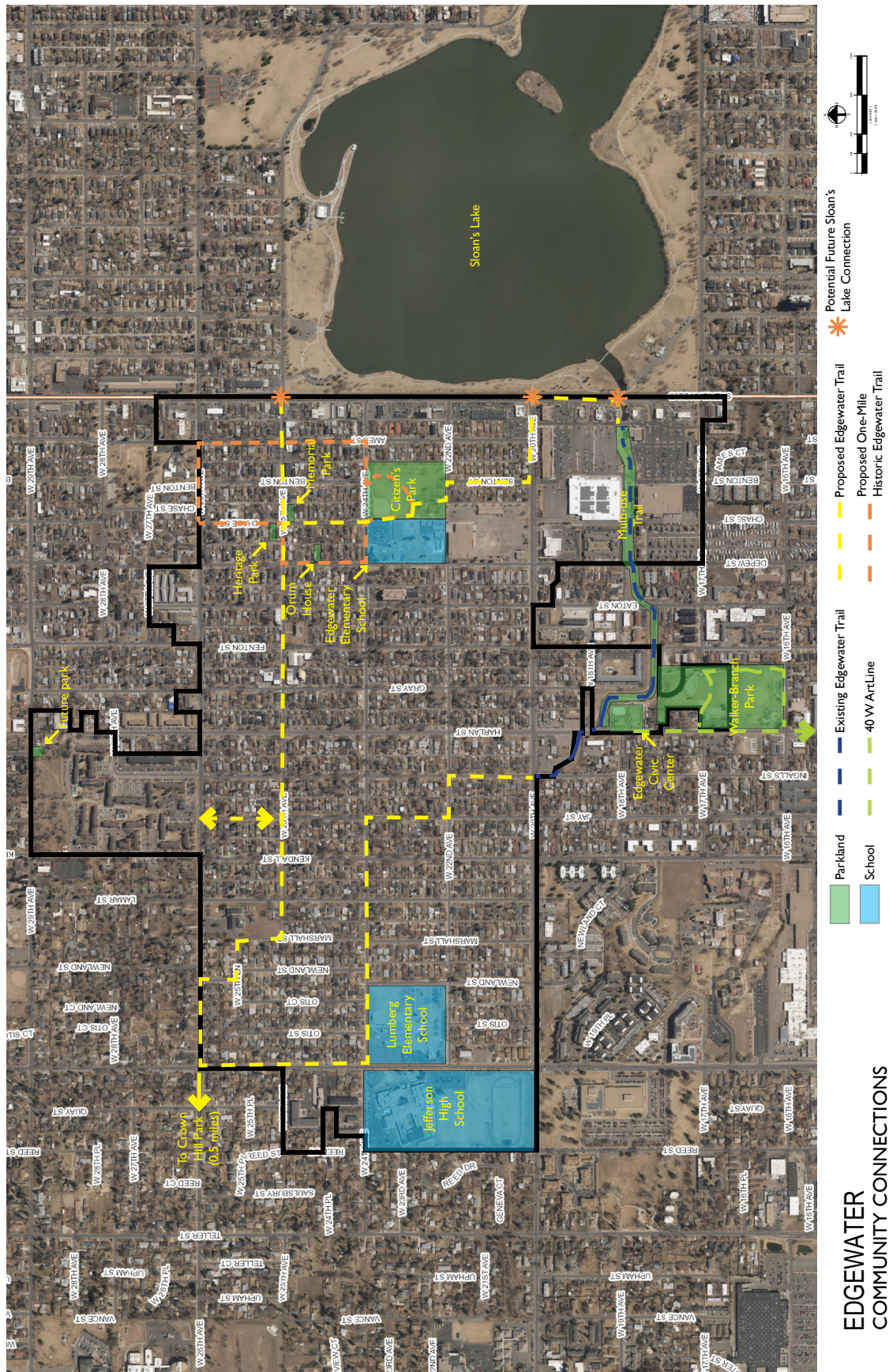
The Edgewater Trail could take many forms depending on budget considerations and community involvement. It could be a simple painted line on the sidewalk, similar to the 40 W ArtLine. The color of the line should reflect the Edgewater experience, such as orange or blue taken from the Edgewater logo. Signage could also be included indicating overall distance covered and distance to points of interest. Alternatively, sidewalks could be reconstructed using a colored concrete specific to the Edgewater Trail. Budget allowing, sidewalks could be widened and improved for increased pedestrian safety. Detached sidewalks should be constructed when possible to provide the best pedestrian experience along the route.

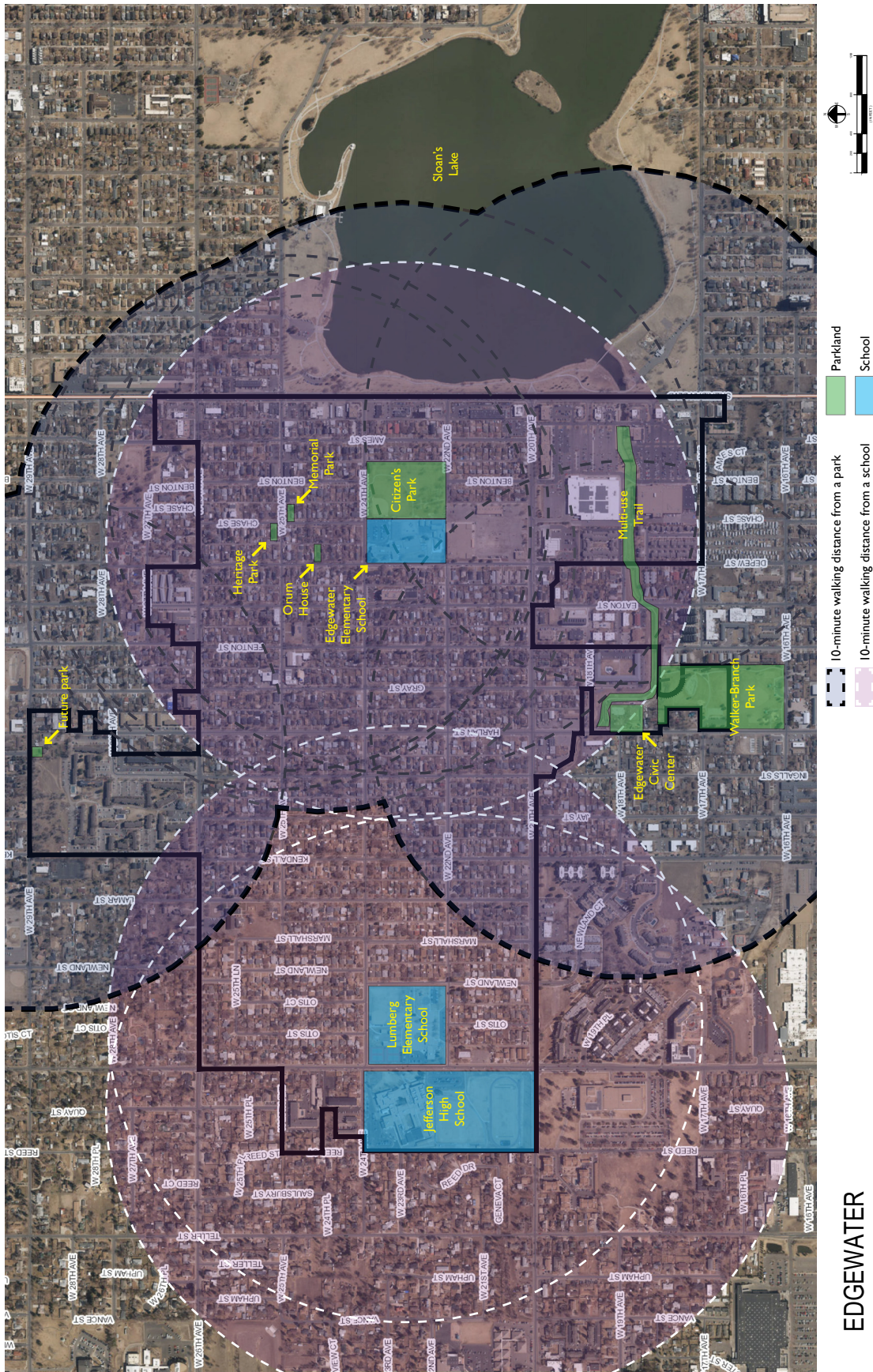
### **Other Opportunities**

Sloan's Lake, though outside of the city's boundaries, provides an important open space amenity for Edgewater. Today, the five lanes of Sheridan Boulevard present challenges for connectivity and safety. Existing crosswalks provide limited protection for pedestrians at W 20th and W 25th Avenues. Working to establish safer pedestrian access to Sloan's Lake Park from the west should be a priority for the City. Improved access will require collaboration with the City of Denver, Denver Parks and Recreation, and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to be effective.

Although the main focus for the Edgewater Parks and Recreation Department should be on improving its existing parks, additional parkland would also benefit Edgewater residents. A ten-minute walk, which is roughly half of a mile, is widely considered to be the ideal maximum commute to a park. Residents on the west side of Edgewater have access to open space via Jefferson High School and Lumberg Elementary School but are otherwise outside of this ten-minute radius.

Given that Edgewater is almost completely developed, limited opportunities exist to create new parkland. Nonetheless, Edgewater should consider park development on the west side of town, as real estate availability and budget allow. Even a small pocket park with space for passive recreation would be a welcome addition. For example, the property currently owned by the Vietnamese Church, historically known as Rose Acres Estates (mentioned in Chapter 1), presents an opportunity for future park acquisition as it is one of the few remaining undeveloped spaces in the City and offers a rich historical past that could influence the design of a park.





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# Implementation

## Phasing

The recommendations of this master plan are intended to guide the City's parks and recreation planning over the next ten years. The main considerations for the approach to phasing are identifying the city's priorities and weighing them against cost implications and highest impact. The city can either phase the recommendations park by park, in order of highest priority, or identify key amenities to be implemented in all of the parks at one time, such as new signage or lighting. It is recommended that Edgewater pursue the former option and phase park by park, which will likely be more efficient, reduce construction costs, and eliminate the need to re-install or repair hardscape or landscape areas. Additionally, by completing the construction one park at a time, the City will see progress quickly, promoting greater excitement about the park improvements from the community.

Due to the uncertainty about the inclusion of a dog park at Citizen's Park or Walker-Branch Park, Citizen's Park should be the final park to be updated with the recommendations of this master plan. It is recommended to start with Memorial Park because it is highly visible and the proposed design will take a significant step towards implementing the community's vision. Heritage Park should follow, given the connection to Memorial Park and its location near the well-traveled W 25th Avenue corridor. Next should be Orum House because the property presents a great opportunity for more community involvement and participation. Finally, once the master planning process for Walker-Branch Park has been completed and a final location for Edgewater's off-leash dog park has been selected, updates to Citizen's Park should proceed.

As previously discussed, a temporary dog park will be installed at Citizen's Park to provide an interim off-leash option for dog owners. The temporary dog park should inform the design of the permanent dog park, therefore information such as number of users, time

of day, cleanliness, and any issues should be recorded while the temporary dog park is in operation.

Should Edgewater decide to implement smaller interventions across the park system, rather than proceeding park by park, the planning team recommends starting with updated signage and lighting. Crosswalk restriping should follow, then installation of amenities such as fitness stations, playgrounds, gardens, etc. This phasing of individual elements should be reconsidered once designs are finalized to minimize conflicts during future construction phases.

Preliminary cost estimates for each park can be found in Appendix G. The estimates are Master Plan level and should not be used for project budgeting purposes. Detailed designs, including material and product selection, will be necessary in order to complete accurate cost estimates for the purposes of budgeting and construction.

### Park Priority Ranking

- Memorial Park
- Heritage Park
- Orum House
- Citizen's Park

### Park Features Ranking

- New signage
- Lighting
- Crosswalks
- Amenities:
  - Fitness Stations
  - Playgrounds
  - Gardens

### Partnerships and Resources

Partnerships are vital to the success of a Parks and Recreation Department, particularly for smaller cities such as Edgewater. By collaborating with outside groups, Edgewater will gain access to additional resources and to a diversity of knowledge and experience needed to create and sustain an outstanding park system.

It will be necessary for the City to coordinate with several groups when implementing the temporary and permanent dog parks. Edgewater Elementary School and Jefferson County Public Schools as well as the active community of dog owners that gather at Citizen's Park should be consulted on plans for the future dog park. The dog owning community could be formalized into a Friends of the Dog Park group to consult on plans for a permanent dog park and to provide on-going fundraising and maintenance assistance. In addition, the Lakewood Department of Community Resources will be a necessary partner in the upcoming master planning process at Walker-Branch Park.

A multitude of organizations could partner with Edgewater to plan and implement the Pollinator Garden and pathway in Heritage and Memorial Parks. These organizations include the Butterfly Pavilion in Westminster, CO, the Jefferson County CSU Extension, and Generation Wild, a program of Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). GOCO and Generation Wild could also be good partners for the natural playground proposed at Memorial Park. The habitat garden at Orum House will require consultation with the National Wildlife Federation to receive certification (see the Orum House section of the Master Plan Recommendations and Appendix D); other organizations listed above may also be able to provide advice and resources for this garden.

Work at Heritage Park should include representatives from the Gold Crown Foundation when possible. Working with Gold Crown will allow Edgewater to maximize its use of Heritage Park and may provide access to a strong volunteer base to support construction and on-going maintenance of the Park. Edgewater should also consult the Traffic Calming and Mobility Study regarding traffic calming measures on W 25th Avenue. This study may also link well with plans to improve sidewalks for the proposed Edgewater Trail.

At the time of this master plan, work has already begun on an intergovernmental agreement to improve pedestrian access from Edgewater to Sloan's Lake

Park. This agreement between the City of Edgewater, Denver Parks and Recreation, and the Colorado Department of Transportation is a potential model for the kind of partnerships Edgewater could create with other surrounding communities to maximize access to larger parks in the region.

### **Revisiting the Master Plan**

At the time of completion of the Edgewater Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the planning process for Walker-Branch Park in collaboration with the City of Lakewood has just begun. Throughout the planning process for Walker-Branch Park, it will be important to refer to this master plan as a reference guide to ensure that the community's vision is still being met. This master plan assumes that a permanent dog park is being considered in Walker-Branch Park, which was one of the most highly requested amenities from the Edgewater community. If for any reason a dog park is not implemented in Walker-Branch Park, Edgewater should revisit the plan for Citizen's Park and consider a long-term temporary dog park that moves to different locations or a permanent dog park in Citizen's Park.

An additional community survey is also recommended in three years. A new community survey will allow the City of Edgewater to be certain that the Parks and Recreation Department continues to meet the needs of its citizens and ensure that, as detailed designs are developed for Edgewater's parks, those designs reflect the community's priorities. Frequent surveying will also show the community that the Parks and Recreation Department prioritizes the needs of the changing Edgewater population, thereby further encouraging citizen engagement,

As previously discussed, this Master Plan is designed to serve as a guide for Parks and Recreation planning over the next ten years. A full master plan revision is therefore recommended in 2030. Revisiting and updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every ten years allows Edgewater to confirm the park system as a whole is working to meet the needs of the community.

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# **Appendix A**

## **Online Community Survey**

## City of Edgewater Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Survey

**The answers you provide on this survey will help to shape the future of Edgewater's Park System. Thank you for your time and input.**

**Esta encuesta proveerá al equipo de planificación con información que ayudará a la ciudad de Edgewater a crear una visión para el futuro de parques y recreación en nuestra comunidad. Le agradecemos por su tiempo y aporte.**

1. What language would you prefer to use for this survey?

¿Que idioma prefiere usar para esta encuesta?

- English  
 Espanol

## City of Edgewater Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Survey

**The answers you provide on this survey will help to shape the future of Edgewater's Park System. Thank you for your time and input.**

2. How familiar are you with the Edgewater Parks and Recreation facilities, programs and services?

- Extremely familiar  
 Very familiar  
 Somewhat familiar  
 Not very familiar  
 Not at all familiar

3. How often do you or your family visit a park facility or take part in a Parks Department program/special event in Edgewater?

- More than 2 times per week  
 1 to 2 times per week  
 1 to 2 times per month  
 1 to 2 times per quarter  
 1 to 2 times per year  
 Rarely or never



9. How strongly do you agree with the following statement? *"Parks are a public amenity that is an important part of a well-rounded community."*

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neutral or no opinion
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

10. Please rate the importance of the following Edgewater **park amenities** to you and your family:

|  | Very Important        | Somewhat Important    | Neutral               | Somewhat Unimportant  | Very Unimportant      | No Opinion            |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Edgewater Civic Center (Fitness center)</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Softball field)</b>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Pavilion)</b>               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Playground)</b>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Open space)</b>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Horseshoe pits)</b>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Memorial Park</b>                           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Walker-Branch Park (Open space)</b>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Walker-Branch Park (Skate park)</b>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Orum House</b>                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Orum House (Community garden)</b>           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Heritage Center and Park</b>                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Multi-use Trail/Walking Paths</b>           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

11. Please rate the importance of the following Edgewater **park programs** to you and your family:

|   | Very Important        | Somewhat Important    | Neutral               | Somewhat Unimportant  | Very Unimportant      | No Opinion            |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Parks Department special events</b>        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Youth programs, activities and leagues</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Adult programs, activities and leagues</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Senior programs and activities</b>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

12. Please rate how well the following Edgewater park amenities **meet the needs** of you and your family:

|                                     | Fully meets my needs  | Mostly meets my needs | Neutral               | Mostly does not meet my needs | Does not meet my needs | No Opinion            |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Edgewater Civic Center</b>       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park</b>               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Memorial Park</b>                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Walker-Branch Park</b>           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Orum House</b>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Orum House Community Garden</b>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Heritage Center and Park</b>     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Multi-use Trail/Walking Path</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |

13. Please rate how well the following Edgewater park programs **meet the needs** of you and your family:

|   | Fully meets my needs  | Mostly meets my needs | Neutral               | Mostly does not meet my needs | Does not meet my needs | No Opinion            |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Parks Department special events</b>        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Youth programs, activities and leagues</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Adult programs, activities and leagues</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Senior programs and activities</b>         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |

\* 14. Please select the top three items that, if addressed, would most improve Edgewater's Parks and Recreation amenities and services. (Please select up to three options)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs, activities and events (including sports leagues)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail and/or sidewalk connections    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness/communication of parks programs, events and amenities             | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer service and staff knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and condition of parks and facilities                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped/disabled accessibility   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program/activity pricing or user fees                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Funding                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hours of operation  | <input type="checkbox"/> New parks or more parkland           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amenities in existing parks (such as playing fields, play structures, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural or historic facilities      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety and security   | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage, branding, and maps          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)  |   |

15. What do you think could be done to improve Citizen's Park?

- I have no opinion
- Please share your thoughts:

16. What do you think could be done to improve Memorial Park?

- I have no opinion
- Please share your thoughts:

17. What do you think could be done to improve the Edgewater Civic Center?

- I have no opinion
- Please share your thoughts:

18. What do you think could be done to improve the Orum House and the Community Garden?

- I have no opinion
- Please share your thoughts:

19. What do you think could be done to improve the Heritage Center and Park?

I have no opinion

Please share your thoughts:

20. What do you think could be done to improve Edgewater's recreational trails?

I have no opinion

Please share your thoughts:

21. What do you think could be done to improve the Parks Department programs, classes, and special events?

I have no opinion

Please share your thoughts:

22. If you had \$100 to spend on parks and recreation facilities, programs, or services, how would you allocate the \$100 across the following categories?

Improve or renovate existing parks

Increase trail and pathway connectivity

Acquire/develop new parks

Expand programs and activities (sports leagues, senior programs, classes, etc.)

Additional Park/Facility maintenance or staffing

More Special Events (concerts, farmers markets, etc)

Improve or expand historic and cultural assets (Orum House, Heritage Center, Art Walk, etc)

Add outdoor athletic fields and/or courts

23. Do you believe the current level of funding for the Parks Department is:

- Too low
- About right
- Too high
- No opinion

24. To provide additional funding for Edgewater's Parks Department, how likely would you be to support any of the following funding sources?

|   | Strongly Opposed      | Slightly Opposed      | Neutral               | Slightly Supportive   | Strongly Supportive   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Increase in property taxes</b>   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>A dedicated sales tax to support parks</b><br>(Similar to the Jefferson County Open Space Tax) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>A Parkland Dedication Ordinance</b> (Developers pay a fee to City when they develop land)      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Higher user fees for programs, classes, and activities</b>                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Additional focus on pursuing grants</b>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

25. If it is possible, which new or additional park elements would most improve your experience in Edgewater's Parks? (Please select all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive signage and maps                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community garden         | <input type="checkbox"/> Art elements                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural/wild playground  | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground for 2-5 year old children          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing wall            | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground for children 5 years old and above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Splash park              | <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging and walking loops                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball court         | <input type="checkbox"/> Park restrooms                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pavilions and shelters                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball courts        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic tables and benches                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/softball fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking fountains                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe pits           | <input type="checkbox"/> Doggie waste stations                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Park lighting            | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor amphitheater                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor fitness stations | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BMX/Pump track           | <input type="checkbox"/> Safer/more convenient access to Sloan's Lake  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational elements     |  |

26. Do you think a successful parks department should: (Please select all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support recreation, play, and provide opportunities to be outdoors        | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as an attraction that helps supports the local economy                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support or enhance quality of life  | <input type="checkbox"/> Help to attract or retain families to Edgewater  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promote health and wellness   | <input type="checkbox"/> Support outdoor education, understanding of nature, or support cultural and historic awareness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help people meet one another and feel like they are part of the community |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)  |   |

27. In your own words, what do you think should be done to improve the overall Edgewater Park system?

- I have no opinion
- Other (please specify)

28. In your opinion, the Edgewater Parks Master Plan will be a success if it accomplishes:

- I have no opinion
- Other (please specify)

\* 29. Do you currently live in the City of Edgewater?

- Yes
- No (If you select this answer, please skip to question 32)

30. How long have you lived in Edgewater?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 to 3 years
- 4 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- 21 years or more

31. Generally speaking, what area of Edgewater do you live in?

- Northeast of 24th Ave. and Harlan St.
- Northwest of 24th Ave. and Harlan St.
- Southeast of 24th Ave. and Harlan St.
- Southwest of 24th Ave. and Harlan St.

32. If you **do not** live in Edgewater, please let us know where you live.

- Denver- Sloan Lake/West Colfax Neighborhoods (Near Edgewater)
- Denver Metro Area
- Lakewood
- Other (please specify)
- Wheatridge
- Arvada

33. What is your preferred communication method to receive information from the City of Edgewater?

- Person to Person
- Email
- City Website
- Social Media

34. Do you currently rent or own your residence?

- Rent
- Own
- Other living situation
- I prefer not to answer

35. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- I prefer not to answer

36. How old are you?

- |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 45-54                  |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-24    | <input type="radio"/> 55-64                  |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-34    | <input type="radio"/> 65+                    |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-44    | <input type="radio"/> I prefer not to answer |

37. What is your annual household income (before taxes)?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Between \$0 and \$14,999      | <input type="radio"/> Between \$75,000 and \$99,999   |
| <input type="radio"/> Between \$15,000 and \$29,999 | <input type="radio"/> Between \$100,000 and \$150,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> Between \$30,000 and \$49,999 | <input type="radio"/> Over \$150,000                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Between \$50,000 and \$74,999 | <input type="radio"/> I prefer not to answer          |

38. Please describe your household status.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Single with no children                | <input type="radio"/> Couple with children at home           |
| <input type="radio"/> Single with children at home           | <input type="radio"/> Couple with children no longer at home |
| <input type="radio"/> Single with children no longer at home | <input type="radio"/> I prefer not to answer                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Couple with no children                |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)                 |  |

39. If you have children living at home, which age group(s) do they fall into? (Select all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have no children | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 to 13 years old  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 4 years old   | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 to 18 years old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 8 years old   | <input type="checkbox"/> over 18 years old  |

40. If you would like to receive project updates, please provide your email address below

- No thank you
- Email Address

41. Do you have any final thoughts, ideas, or feedback you would like to share?

### City of Edgewater Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Survey

**Esta encuesta proveerá al equipo de planificación con información anónima que ayudará a la ciudad de Edgewater a crear una visión para el futuro de parques y recreación en nuestra comunidad. Le agradecemos por su tiempo y aporte.**

42. ¿Cuál es su nivel de familiarización con las instalaciones, los programas y servicios del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Muy familiarizado/a        | <input type="radio"/> No muy familiar         |
| <input type="radio"/> Familiarizado/a            | <input type="radio"/> Ninguna familiarización |
| <input type="radio"/> Un poco de familiarización |   |

43. ¿Con que frecuencia visita usted o su familia un parque o participa en un programa o evento especial del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Más de 2 veces por semana | <input type="radio"/> 1 a 2 veces por cuarto de año |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 a 2 veces por semana    | <input type="radio"/> 1 a 2 veces por año           |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 a 2 veces por mes       | <input type="radio"/> Pocas veces o nunca           |

44. ¿Qué lo/a incentivaría a utilizar las instalaciones o participar en los programas o eventos especiales del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater con más frecuencia? (Por favor escoger todas las opciones que aplican)

- Más tiempo libre
- Instalaciones más cercanas a casa o con mejor acceso
- Programas o eventos especiales adicionales
- Mejorar la seguridad de los parques
- Mejorar mantenimiento de los parques
- Otro (especificar por favor)
- Comodidades adicionales en los parques
- Parques menos ocupados
- Parques más activos o llenos
- Horas diferentes o extendidas para los programas o eventos especiales de los parques

45. ¿Con que frecuencia participa usted o su familia en programas del Departamento de Parques (por ejemplo: liga de deportes, clases, etc.) o eventos especiales?

- Más de 2 veces por semana
- 1 a 2 veces por semana
- 1 a 2 veces por mes
- 1 a 2 veces por cuarto de año
- 1 a 2 veces por año
- Pocas veces o nunca

46. El parque o instalación del Departamento de Parques de la ciudad de Edgewater que yo o mi familia utilizo/amos con más frecuencia es

- Citizen's Park
- Memorial Park
- Walker-Branch Park
- Orum House y Jardín Comunitario
- Edgewater Civic Center
- Heritage Center and Park
- Un programa, clase, o evento especial del Departamento de Parques
- Un parque o patio de recreo escolar (por ejemplo - Lumberg Elementary School)
- Camino multifuncional

47. ¿En escala de 1 a 100, como contribuye el sistema de parques en cuanto usted disfruta vivir en la ciudad de Edgewater?

1 (De ninguna manera)
Neutral
100 (Contribuye mucho)

48. ¿Qué tan de acuerdo está con la siguiente declaración? "Los servicios, las comodidades, y las oportunidades que el Departamento de Parques de Edgewater provee son importantes para mí y mi familia."

- Totalmente de acuerdo
- Parcialmente de acuerdo
- Neutral o sin opinión
- Un poco en desacuerdo
- Muy en desacuerdo

49. ¿Qué tan de acuerdo está con la siguiente declaración? "Los parques son un servicio público que forman parte importante de una comunidad saludable."

- Totalmente de acuerdo
- Un poco en desacuerdo
- Parcialmente de acuerdo
- Muy en desacuerdo
- Neutral o sin opinión

50. Por favor, califique la importancia de las siguientes **comodidades del Departamento de Parques** de Edgewater para usted y su familia:

|   | Muy importante        | Un poco importante    | Neutral               | No muy importante     | No importante         | Sin opinión           |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Edgewater Civic Center (Gimnasio)</b>              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Campo de softball)</b>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Pabellón)</b>                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Patio de recreo)</b>               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Espacio abierto)</b>               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park (Pistas para lanzar herraduras)</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Memorial Park</b>                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Walker-Branch Park (Espacio abierto)</b>           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Walker-Branch Park (Parque de patinaje)</b>        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Orum House</b>                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Orum House (Jardín comunitario)</b>                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Heritage Center and Park</b>                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Camino multifuncional</b>                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

51. Por favor califique la importancia de los siguientes **programas del Departamento de Parques** de Edgewater para usted y su familia:

|   | Muy importante        | Un poco importante    | Neutral               | No muy importante     | No importante         | Sin opinión           |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Eventos especiales del Departamento de Parques</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Programas, actividades, y ligas juveniles</b>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Programas, actividades, y ligas de adultos</b>     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Programas y actividades para personas mayores</b>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

52. Por favor califique como las siguientes comodidades de la ciudad de Edgewater **satisfacen las necesidades** de usted y su familia:

|   | Satisfacen totalmente mis necesidades | Generalmente satisfacen mis necesidades | Neutral               | Generalmente no satisface mis necesidades | No satisface mis necesidades | Sin opinión           |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Edgewater Civic Center</b>           | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Citizen's Park</b>                   | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Memorial Park</b>                    | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Walker-Branch Park</b>               | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Orum House</b>                       | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Jardín Comunitario de Orum House</b> | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Heritage Center and Park</b>         | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Camino multifuncional</b>            | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |

53. Por favor califique como los siguientes programas del departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater **satisfacen las necesidades** de usted y su familia:

|   | Satisfacen totalmente mis necesidades | Generalmente satisfacen mis necesidades | Neutral               | Generalmente no satisface mis necesidades | No satisface mis necesidades | Sin opinión           |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Eventos especiales del Departamento de Parques</b> | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Programas, actividades, y ligas juveniles</b>      | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Programas, actividades, y ligas de adultos</b>     | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Programas y actividades para personas mayores</b>  | <input type="radio"/>                 | <input type="radio"/>                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/> |

\* 54. Por favor seleccione tres temas que si tratados mejorarían los servicios y comodidades del Departamento de Parques de la Ciudad de Edgewater. (Por favor escoger hasta tres opciones)

- Programas, actividades, y eventos (incluyendo ligas deportivas)
  - Conocimiento/comunicación acerca de programas, actividades y eventos del Departamento de Parques
  - Mantenimiento y condiciones de parques e instalaciones
  - Precios o cuotas de usuario de programas y actividades
  - Horas de operación
  - Comodidades en parques actuales (como campos de juego, estructuras de juego, etc.)
  - Seguridad
  - Otro (Por favor especificar)
- Conexiones de sendero y/o caminos multifuncionales
  - Servicio al cliente y el conocimiento de los empleados
  - Accesibilidad para personas discapacitadas
  - Financiamiento
  - Parques nuevos o más espacio designado para parques
  - Instalaciones culturales o históricas
  - Señalización, marcas y mapas

55. ¿En su opinión, qué se podría hacer para mejorar Citizen's Park?

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor comparta su opinión:

56. ¿En su opinión, qué se podría hacer para mejorar Memorial Park?

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor comparta su opinión:

57. ¿En su opinión, qué se podría hacer para mejorar Edgewater Civic Center?

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor comparta su opinión:

58. ¿En su opinión, qué se podría hacer para mejorar Orum House y el Jardín Comunitario?

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor comparta su opinión:

59. ¿En su opinión, qué se podría hacer para mejorar Heritage Center and Park?

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor, comparta su opinión:

60. ¿Qué cree que se podría hacer para mejorar los senderos recreativos de Edgewater?

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor comparta su opinión:

61. ¿Qué cree que se podría hacer para mejorar programas, clases y eventos especiales del Departamento de Parques?

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor comparta su opinión:

62. ¿Si tuviera \$100 para gastar en instalaciones de parques y recreación, programas, o servicios como asignaría los \$100 en las siguientes categorías?

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Mejorar o renovar parques  | <input type="text"/> |
| Conexiones adicionales de senderos y caminos   | <input type="text"/> |
| Adquirir/desarrollar parques nuevos  | <input type="text"/> |
| Expandir programas y actividades (ligas deportivas, programas para personas mayores, clases, etc.) | <input type="text"/> |
| Mantenimiento o personal adicional para parques/instalaciones                                      | <input type="text"/> |
| Más eventos especiales (conciertos, mercado de agricultores, etc.)                                 | <input type="text"/> |
| Mejorar o expandir lugares históricos y culturales (Orum House, Heritage Center, Art Walk, etc.)   | <input type="text"/> |
| Añadir campos deportivos al aire libre   | <input type="text"/> |

63. En su opinión, el nivel de financiamiento del Departamento de Parques es:

- Demasiado bajo
- Más o menos correcto
- Demasiado alto
- Prefiero no responder

64. ¿Para proveer fondos adicionales para el Departamento de Parques de Edgewater, qué tan probable sería su apoyo de las siguientes fuentes de financiamiento?

|  | Fuertemente opuesto   | Un poco opuesto       | Neutral               | Un poco de acuerdo    | Fuertemente de acuerdo |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Aumento de impuestos de propiedad</b>   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| <b>Impuesto sobre ventas dedicado a apoyar parques</b> (similar al impuesto para Espacios Abiertos del condado de Jefferson) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| <b>Una ordenanza dedicada a parques</b> (Desarrolladores pagan una cuota a la Ciudad cuando desarrollan terreno)             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| <b>Cuotas de usuario más altas para programas, clases y actividades</b>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |
| <b>Enfoco adicional para búsqueda de subvenciones</b>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  |

65. ¿Si es posible, que elementos nuevos o adicionales mejorarían su experiencia en los parques de Edgewater? (Por favor, selecciona todas las opciones que correspondan)

- Parque para perros
- Jardín comunitario
- Patio de recreo natural/salvaje
- Muro de escalada
- Parque acuático
- Campo de pickleball
- Canchas de tenis
- Canchas de baloncesto
- Campos de béisbol/softbol
- Pistas para lanzar herraduras
- Iluminación en los parques
- Estaciones de ejercicio al aire libre
- Pista de BMX/Pump Track
- Elementos educativos
- Señalización interpretativa y mapas
- Elementos de arte
- Patio de recreo para niños de 2 a 5 años
- Patio de recreo para niños mayores de 5 años
- Caminos para trotar y caminar
- Baños en los parques
- Pabellones y refugios
- Mesas y bancos de picnic
- Fuentes de agua potable
- Estaciones para desechos de perros
- Anfiteatro al aire libre
- Parque de patinaje
- Acceso más conveniente/seguro a Sloan's Lake

66. En su opinión, un departamento de parques exitoso debe: (Por favor seleccione todas las opciones que correspondan)

- Apoyar la recreación, el juego, y brindar oportunidades para estar al aire libre
- Apoyar o mejorar la calidad de vida
- Promover la salud y el bienestar
- Ayudar a los residentes a conocerse y sentirse parte de la comunidad
- Otro (Por favor especificar)
- Servir como una atracción que apoya la economía local
- Ayudar a atraer o retener familias en Edgewater
- Apoyar la educación al aire libre, comprensión de la naturaleza, o apoyar al conocimiento cultural e histórico

67. ¿En sus propias palabras, qué se podría hacer para mejorar el sistema de Parques de Edgewater en general?

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor comparta su opinión:

68. En su opinión, el Plan Maestro de Parques de Edgewater será un éxito si logra:

- No tengo opinión.
- Por favor comparta su opinión

69. ¿Vive en la Ciudad de Edgewater?

- Sí
- No (si selecciona esta respuesta, pase a la pregunta 72)

70. ¿Hace cuánto tiempo vive en Edgewater?

- Menos de un año
- 1 a 2 años
- 2 a 3 años
- 4 a 10 años
- 11 a 20 años
- 21 años o más

71. ¿En general, en cual parte de Edgewater vive?

- Al nordeste de 24th Ave y Harlan St
- Al noroeste de 24th Ave y Harlan St
- Al sudeste de 24th Ave y Harlan St
- Al sudoeste de 24th Ave y Harlan St

72. Si **no** vive en Edgewater, por favor indique donde vive.

- Denver- los barrios de Sloan Lake/West Colfax (cercano a Edgewater)  Wheatridge
- El área metropolitana de Denver  Arvada
- Lakewood
- Otro (especifique por favor)

73. ¿Cuál es su método de comunicación preferido para recibir información de la Ciudad de Edgewater?

- En persona
- Correo electrónico
- Sitio web de la Ciudad
- Redes sociales

74. ¿Usted renta o es dueño/a de su casa?

- Renta
- Casa propia
- Otra situación de vivienda
- Prefiero no responder

75. ¿Cuál es su género?

- Femenino
- Masculino
- Otro
- Prefiero no responder

76. ¿Cuántos años tiene?

- Menos de 18  45 a 54
- 18 a 24  55 a 64
- 25 a 34  Más de 65
- 35 a 44  Prefiero no responder

77. ¿Cuál es el ingreso anual en su hogar antes de impuestos?

- De \$0 a \$14,999
- De \$15,000 a \$29,999
- De \$30,000 a \$49,999
- De \$50,000 a \$74,999
- De \$75,000 a \$99,999
- De \$100,000 a \$150,000
- Más de \$150,000
- Prefiero no responder

78. Por favor describa la situación de su hogar

- Soltero/a sin hijos
- Soltero/a con hijos en casa
- Soltero/a con hijos fuera de casa
- Pareja sin hijos
- Otra situación (explique por favor)
- Pareja con hijos en casa
- Pareja con hijos fuera de casa
- Prefiero no responder

79. ¿Si hay menores de edad en su hogar, cuántos años tiene(n)? (Por favor escoger todas las opciones que aplican)

- No hay menores de edad
- 0 a 4 años
- 5 a 8 años
- 9 a 13 años
- 14 a 18 años
- Más de 18 años

80. Si quiere recibir actualizaciones del proyecto, por favor escriba su dirección de correo electrónico abajo

- No gracias
- Dirección de correo electrónico

81. ¿Tiene ideas, comentarios u opiniones finales que le gustaría compartir?

## **Appendix B**

# **Mailed Community Survey and Responses to Open-Ended Questions**



## Parks and Recreation

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Dear Edgewater Resident,

The Edgewater Parks & Recreation Department strives to provide a strong sense of Community through diverse programs, events and citizen involvement. Whether it's walking in the park, hitting a baseball or enjoying a summer concert, Edgewater's Parks and Recreation Department is your link to quality of life.

You have been randomly selected to receive the enclosed **Edgewater Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Survey**. Your input will help us shape the future of Edgewater's Park System for all who visit, play, and live in Edgewater. The Master Plan is focused on Citizen's Park, Memorial Park, and Heritage Park, as well as Orum House and Community Garden, the Edgewater Civic Center, and Edgewater's multiuse trail; please find a map enclosed for your reference.

Even if you have already completed the online Community Survey, please do complete the enclosed survey. Your opinions are a crucial part of the planning process!

Please return your completed survey by mail in the enclosed envelope by Friday, May 1. The City of Edgewater and Altitude Land Consultants are grateful for your time and input.

Estimado Residente de la ciudad de Edgewater,

El departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater se esfuerza en proveer un fuerte sentido de comunidad a través de diversos programas, eventos y participación de residentes. A si sea caminar por el parque, jugar béisbol o disfrutar un concierto en el verano, el Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater es su vínculo a la calidad de vida.

Usted ha sido seleccionado de forma aleatoria para recibir la **encuesta comunitaria del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater**. Su aporte nos ayudará a formar el futuro sistema de parques de la ciudad de Edgewater para todos los que visitan, juegan, y viven en la ciudad de Edgewater. El plan maestro se enfoca en Citizen's Park, Memorial Park, Heritage Park, Orum House y el Jardín Comunitario, Edgewater Civic Center, y el camino multifuncional de la ciudad de Edgewater. Se adjunta un mapa para su referencia.

Incluso si usted ya ha llenado la encuesta electrónica, por favor llene la encuesta adjunta. Sus opiniones son una parte decisiva del proceso de planificación.

Por favor devuelva la encuesta por correo en el sobre adjunto antes del viernes, 1 de mayo. La ciudad de Edgewater y Altitude Land Consultants le agradecen su tiempo y aporte.

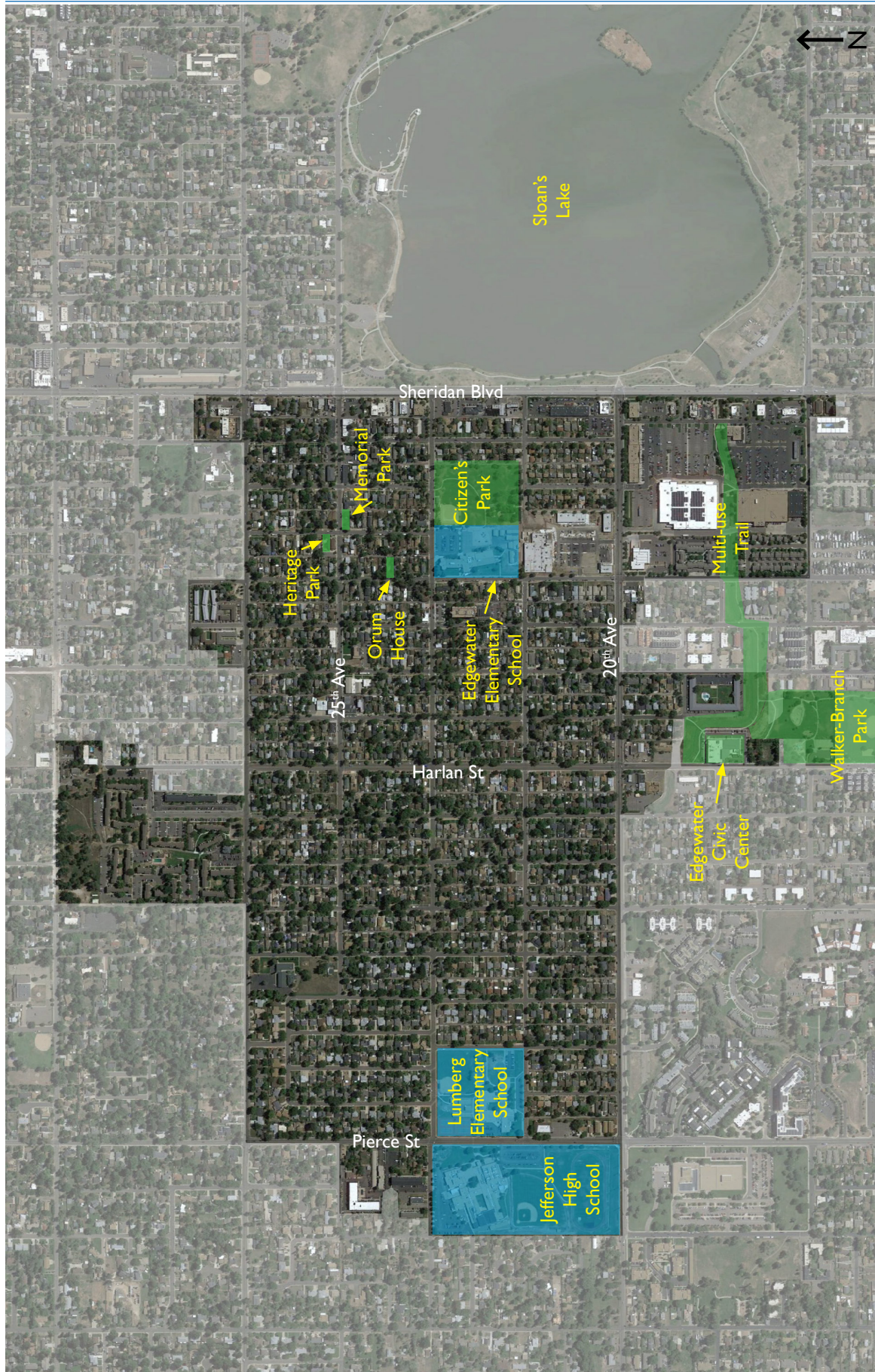
Sincerely/Sinceramente,

*Patrick Martinez*

Recreation Manager  
City of Edgewater

*Katie Whitford*

Director of Planning & Landscape Architecture  
Altitude Land Consultants, Inc



# Edgewater Parks and Recreation Map




**PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY**

The answers you provide on this survey will help to shape the future of Edgewater's Park System. This survey consists of 10 questions. If you would prefer to answer this survey in Spanish, please skip to page 6. Thank you for your time and input.

Esta encuesta proveerá al equipo de planificación con información que ayudará a la ciudad de Edgewater a crear una visión para el futuro de parques y recreación en nuestra comunidad. Esta encuesta consiste de 10 preguntas. Si prefiere responder a esta encuesta en español, pase a la página 6. Le agradecemos por su tiempo y aporte.

1. How often do you or your family visit a park facility or fitness center or take part in a Parks Department program/special event in Edgewater?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than 2 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 2 times per quarter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 2 times per week      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 2 times per year    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 2 times per month     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely or never          |

2. What would encourage you or your family to utilize an Edgewater park facility, program, or special event more often? **(Please select all that apply)**

- Additional amenities in our parks
- Additional park programs or special events
- Different or extended hours for park programs or special events
- Improved park safety
- Improved park maintenance
- Less crowded or busy parks
- More active or busier parks
- More free time
- Park facilities that are closer to my home or easier to access
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_



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3. The Edgewater facility my family or I use/visit most often is:

- Citizen’s Park
- Edgewater Civic Center
- Heritage Park
- Memorial Park
- Multi-Use Trail
- Orum House and Community Garden
- A Parks Department program or class
- A Parks Department special event
- A school park or playground (for example, Lumberg Elementary School)
- Walker-Branch Park

4. How strongly do you agree with the following statement?

“The services, amenities and opportunities provided by the Edgewater Parks and Recreation Department are important to me and my family.”

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neutral or no opinion
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

5. Please rate the importance of the following Edgewater park amenities to you and your family:

|   | Very important | Somewhat important | Neutral | Somewhat unimportant | Very unimportant | No opinion |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Citizen’s Park (Horseshoe pits)         |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Citizen’s Park (Open space)             |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Citizen’s Park (Pavilion)               |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Citizen’s Park (Playground)             |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Citizen’s Park (Softball field)         |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Edgewater Civic Center (Fitness center) |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Heritage Center and Park                |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Memorial Park                           |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Multi-use Trail/Walking Paths           |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Orum House                              |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Orum House (Community garden)           |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Walker-Branch Park (Open space)         |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |
| Walker-Branch Park (Skate park)         |                |                    |         |                      |                  |            |



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6. Please select the top three items that, if addressed, would most improve Edgewater’s Parks and Recreation amenities and services. **(Please select up to three options)**

- Amenities in existing parks (such as playing fields, play structures, etc.)
- Awareness/communication of parks programs, events and amenities
- Cultural or historic facilities
- Customer service and staff knowledge
- Funding
- Handicapped/disabled accessibility
- Hours of operation
- Maintenance and condition of parks and facilities
- New parks or more parkland
- Program/activity pricing or user fees
- Programs, activities and events (including sports leagues)
- Safety and security
- Signage, branding, and maps
- Trail and/or sidewalk connections
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you had \$100 to spend on parks and recreation facilities, programs, or services, how would you allocate the \$100 across the following categories?

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Acquire/develop new parks   | <input type="text"/> |
| Add outdoor athletic fields and/or courts                                       | <input type="text"/> |
| Additional Park/Facility maintenance  | <input type="text"/> |
| Expand programs and activities (sports leagues, senior programs, classes, etc.) | <input type="text"/> |
| Improve or expand historic and cultural assets                                  | <input type="text"/> |
| Improve or renovate existing parks  | <input type="text"/> |
| Increase trail and pathway connectivity   | <input type="text"/> |
| More Special Events   | <input type="text"/> |
| Total (Should equal \$100)  | <input type="text"/> |



8. To provide additional funding for Edgewater’s Parks and Recreation Department, how likely would you be to support any of the following funding sources?

|   | Strongly opposed | Slightly opposed | Neutral | Slightly supportive | Strongly supportive |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Add property tax  |                  |                  |         |                     |                     |
| Additional focus on pursuing grants   |                  |                  |         |                     |                     |
| A dedicated sales tax to support parks (Similar to the Jefferson County Open Space Tax) |                  |                  |         |                     |                     |
| Higher user fees for programs, classes, and activities                                  |                  |                  |         |                     |                     |
| A Parkland Dedication Ordinance (Developers pay a fee to City when they develop land)   |                  |                  |         |                     |                     |

9. If it is possible, which new or additional park elements would most improve your experience in Edgewater’s Parks? **(Please select all that apply)**

- Art elements
- Basketball courts
- Climbing wall
- Dog park
- Drinking fountains
- Horseshoe pits
- Jogging and walking loops
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Park lighting
- Pavilions and shelters
- Picnic tables and benches
- Playground for children 5 years old and above
- Skate park
- Tennis courts
- Baseball/softball fields
- BMX/Pump track
- Community garden
- Doggie waste stations
- Educational elements
- Interpretive signage and maps
- Natural/wild playground
- Outdoor fitness stations
- Park restrooms
- Pickleball court
- Playground for 2-5 year old children
- Safer/more convenient access to Sloan’s Lake
- Splash park



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10. What do you think should be done to improve Edgewater’s parks and recreation programs? Please include any final thoughts, ideas, or feedback you would like to share.


**PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY**

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1. ¿Con que frecuencia visita usted o su familia un parque o participa en un programa o evento especial del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Más de 2 veces por semana | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 a 2 veces por cuarto de año |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 a 2 veces por semana    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 a 2 veces por año           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 a 2 veces por mes       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocas veces o nunca           |

2. ¿Qué lo/a incentivaría a utilizar las instalaciones o participar en los programas o eventos especiales del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad de Edgewater con más frecuencia? **(Por favor escoger todas las opciones que aplican)**

- Comodidades adicionales en los parques
- Horas diferentes o extendidas para los programas o eventos especiales de los parques
- Instalaciones más cercanas a casa o con mejor acceso
- Más tiempo libre
- Mejorar mantenimiento de los parques
- Mejorar la seguridad de los parques
- Parques menos ocupados
- Parques más activos o llenos
- Programas o eventos especiales adicionales
- Otro (especificar por favor) \_\_\_\_\_

3. El parque o instalación de la ciudad de Edgewater que yo o mi familia utilizo/amos con más frecuencia es:

- Camino multifuncional
- Citizen's Park
- Edgewater Civic Center
- Heritage Center and Park
- Memorial Park
- Orum House y Jardín Comunitario
- Un parque o patio de recreo escolar (por ejemplo - Lumberg Elementary School)
- Un programa, clase, o evento especial del Departamento de Parques
- Walker-Branch Park



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4. ¿Qué tan de acuerdo está con la siguiente declaración?

“Los servicios, las comodidades, y las oportunidades que el Departamento de Parques de Edgewater provee son importantes para mí y mi familia.”

- Totalmente de acuerdo
- Un poco en desacuerdo
- Parcialmente de acuerdo
- Muy en desacuerdo
- Neutral o sin opinión

5. Por favor, califique la importancia de las siguientes comodidades del Departamento de Parques de Edgewater para usted y su familia:

|  | Muy importante | Un poco importante | Neutral | No muy importante | No importante | Sin opinión |
|--|----------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Camino multifuncional                          |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Citizen's Park (Campo de softball)             |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Citizen's Park (Pabellón)                      |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Citizen's Park (Patio de recreo)               |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Citizen's Park (Espacio abierto)               |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Citizen's Park (Pistas para lanzar herraduras) |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Edgewater Civic Center (Gimnasio)              |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Heritage Center and Park                       |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Memorial Park                                  |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Orum House                                     |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Orum House (Jardín comunitario)                |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Walker-Branch Park (Espacio abierto)           |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |
| Walker-Branch Park (Parque de patinaje)        |                |                    |         |                   |               |             |



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6. Por favor seleccione tres temas que si tratados mejorarían los servicios y comodidades del Departamento de Parques de la Ciudad de Edgewater. **(Por favor escoger hasta tres opciones)**

- Accesibilidad para personas discapacitadas
- Comodidades en parques actuales (como campos de juego, estructuras de juego, etc.)
- Conexiones de sendero y/o caminos multifuncionales
- Conocimiento/comunicación acerca de programas, actividades y eventos del Departamento de Parques
- Financiamiento
- Horas de operación
- Instalaciones culturales o históricas
- Mantenimiento y condiciones de parques e instalaciones
- Parques nuevos o más espacio designado para parques
- Precios o cuotas de usuario de programas y actividades
- Programas, actividades, y eventos (incluyendo ligas deportivas)
- Seguridad
- Señalización, marcas y mapas
- Servicio al cliente y el conocimiento de los empleados
- Otro (Por favor especificar) \_\_\_\_\_

7. ¿Si tuviera \$100 para gastar en instalaciones de parques y recreación, programas, o servicios como asignaría los \$100 en las siguientes categorías?

- Adquirir/desarrollar parques nuevos
- Añadir campos deportivos al aire libre
- Conexiones adicionales de senderos y caminos
- Expandir programas y actividades (ligas deportivas, programas para personas mayores, clases, etc.)
- Mantenimiento o personal adicional para parques/instalaciones
- Más eventos especiales (conciertos, mercado de agricultores, etc.)
- Mejorar o expandir lugares históricos y culturales (Orum House, Heritage Center, Art Walk, etc.)
- Mejorar o renovar parques
- Total (Debería ser igual a \$ 100)



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8. ¿Para proveer fondos adicionales para el Departamento de Parques de Edgewater, qué tan probable sería su apoyo de las siguientes fuentes de financiamiento?

|   | Fuertemente opuesto | Un poco opuesto | Neutral | Un poco de acuerdo | Fuertemente de acuerdo |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Aumento de impuestos de propiedad   |                     |                 |         |                    |                        |
| Cuotas de usuario más altas para programas, clases y actividades  |                     |                 |         |                    |                        |
| Enfoco adicional para búsqueda de subvenciones  |                     |                 |         |                    |                        |
| Impuesto sobre ventas dedicado a apoyar parques (similar al impuesto para Espacios Abiertos del condado de Jefferson) |                     |                 |         |                    |                        |
| Una ordenanza dedicada a parques (Desarrolladores pagan una cuota a la Ciudad cuando desarrollan terreno)             |                     |                 |         |                    |                        |

9. ¿Si es posible, que elementos nuevos o adicionales mejorarían su experiencia en los parques de Edgewater? **(Por favor, selecciona todas las opciones que correspondan)**

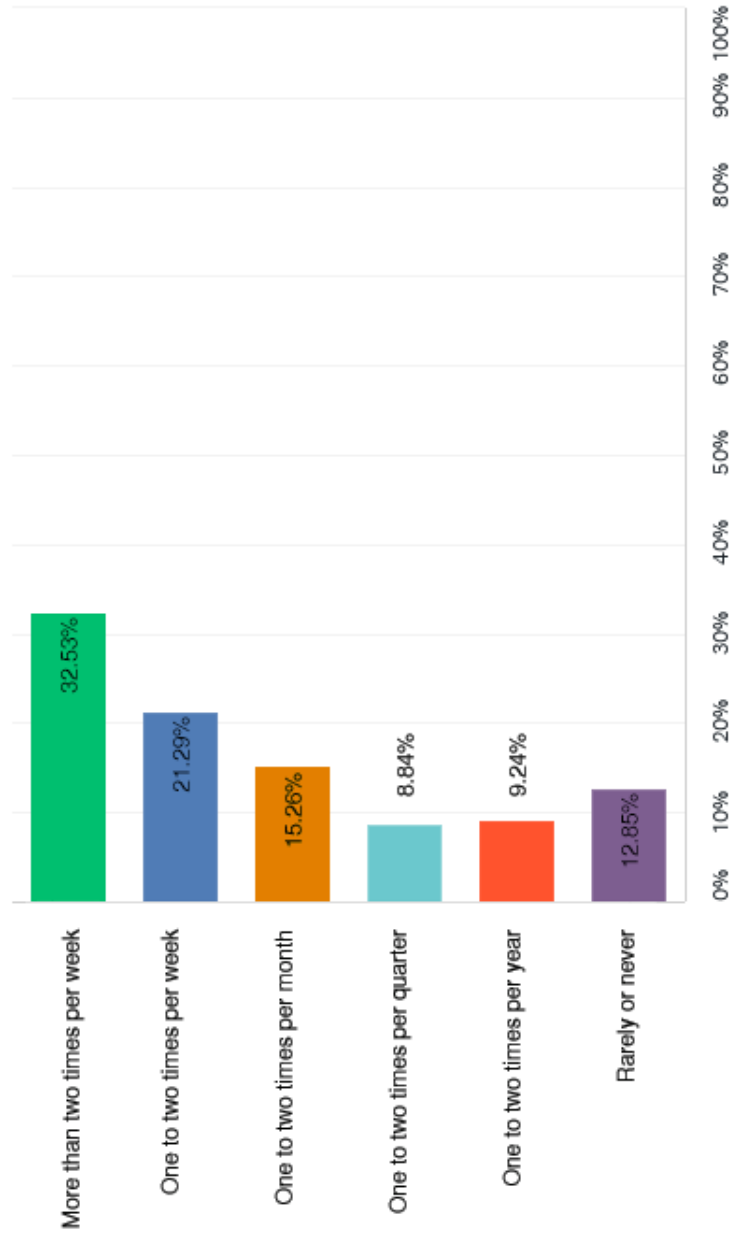
- Acceso más conveniente/seguro a Sloan's Lake
- Anfiteatro al aire libre
- Baños en los parques
- Caminos para trotar y caminar
- Campo de pickleball
- Campos de béisbol/sofbol
- Canchas de baloncesto
- Canchas de tenis
- Elementos de arte
- Elementos educativos
- Estaciones de ejercicio al aire libre
- Estaciones para desechos de perros
- Fuentes de agua potable
- Iluminación en los parques
- Jardín comunitario
- Mesas y bancos de picnic
- Muro de escalada
- Pabellones y refugios
- Parque acuático
- Parque de patinaje
- Parque para perros
- Patio de recreo natural/salvaje
- Patio de recreo para niños de 2 a 5 años
- Patio de recreo para niños mayores de 5 años
- Pista de BMX/Pump Track
- Pistas para lanzar herraduras
- Señalización interpretativa y mapas



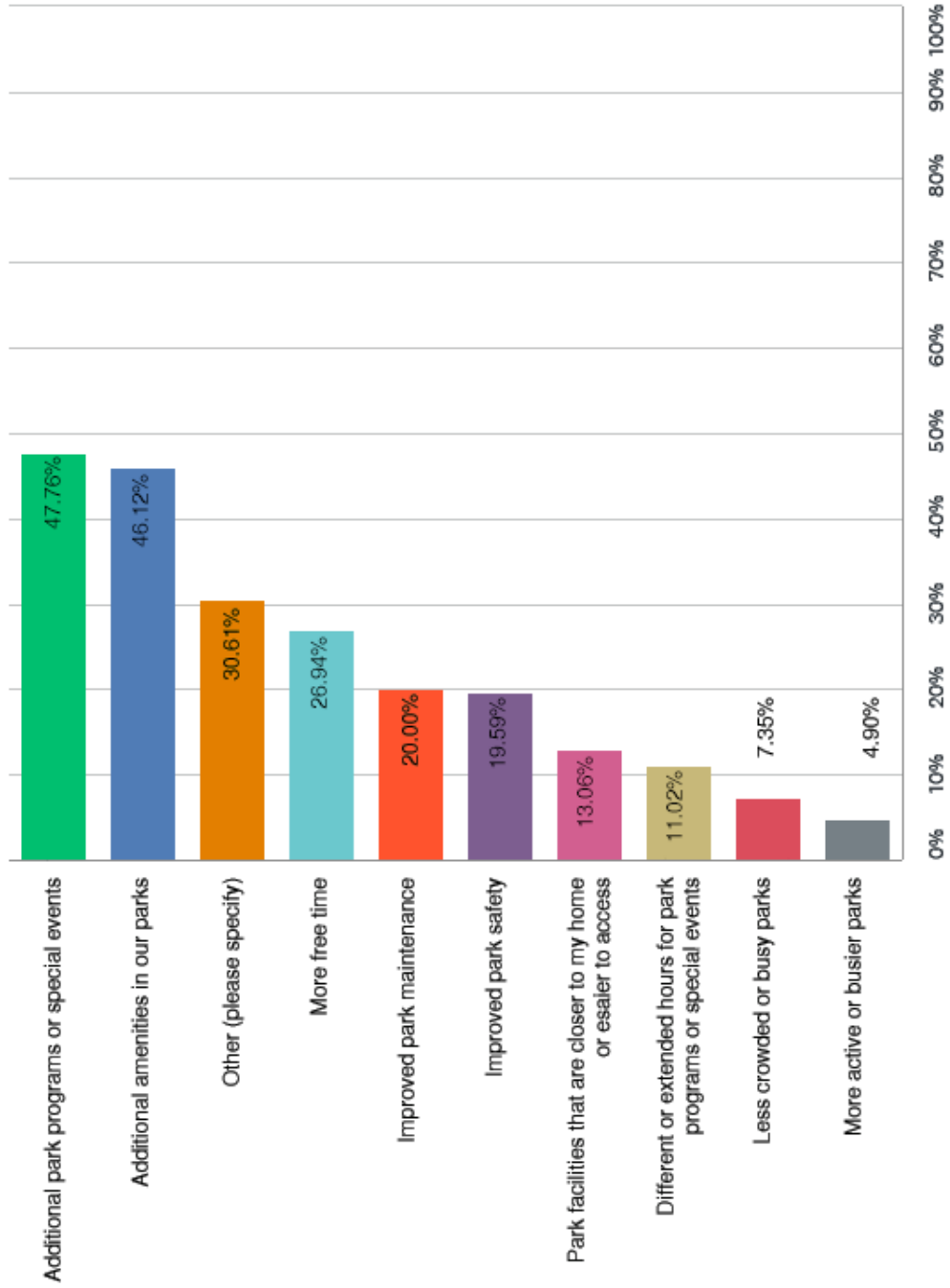
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10. ¿Qué cree que se debe hacer para mejorar los parques y programas recreativos de Edgewater? Por favor, incluya cualquier pensamiento final, ideas o comentarios que le gustaría compartir.

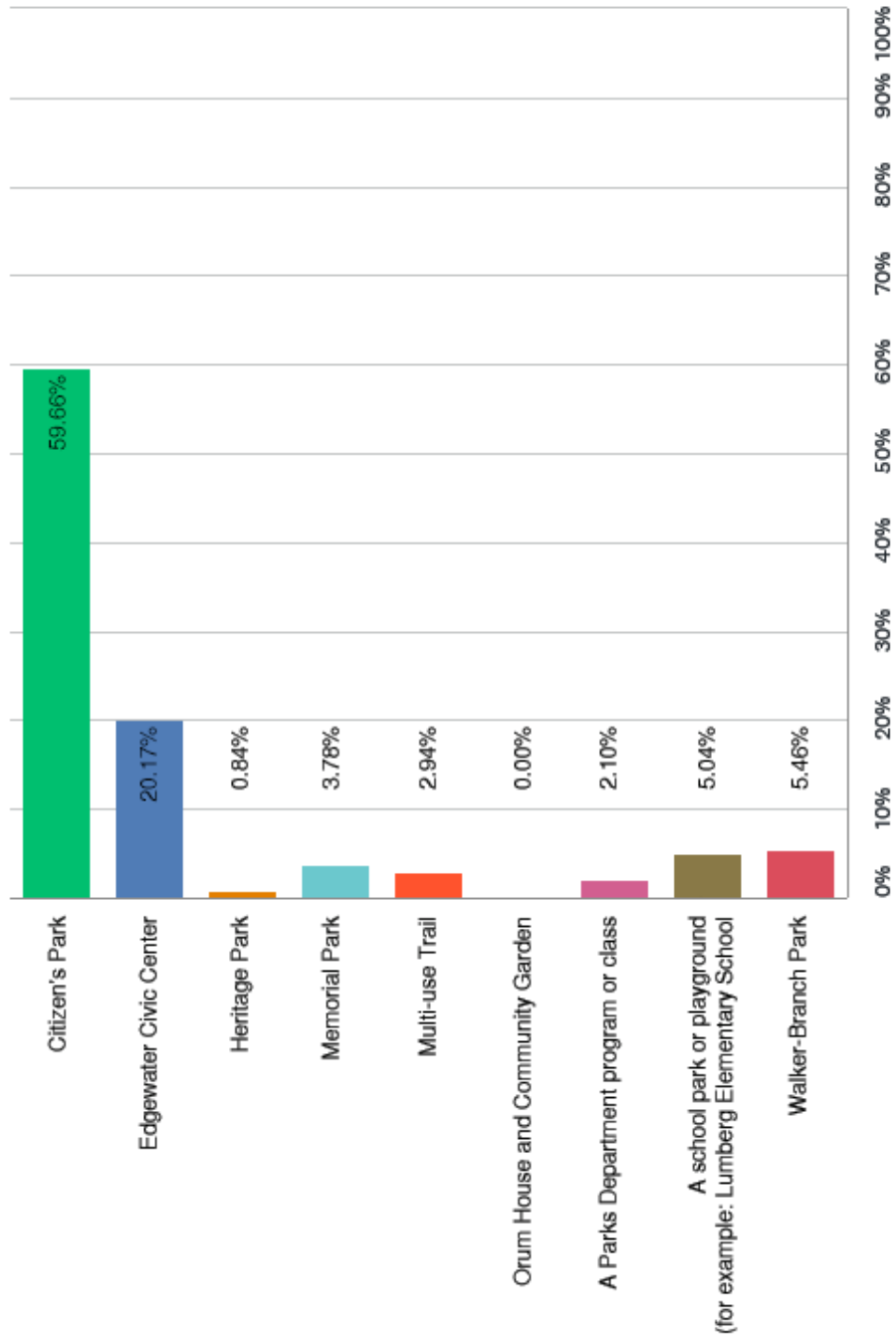
### Q1 How often do you or your family visit a park facility or take part in a Parks Department program/ special event in Edgewater?



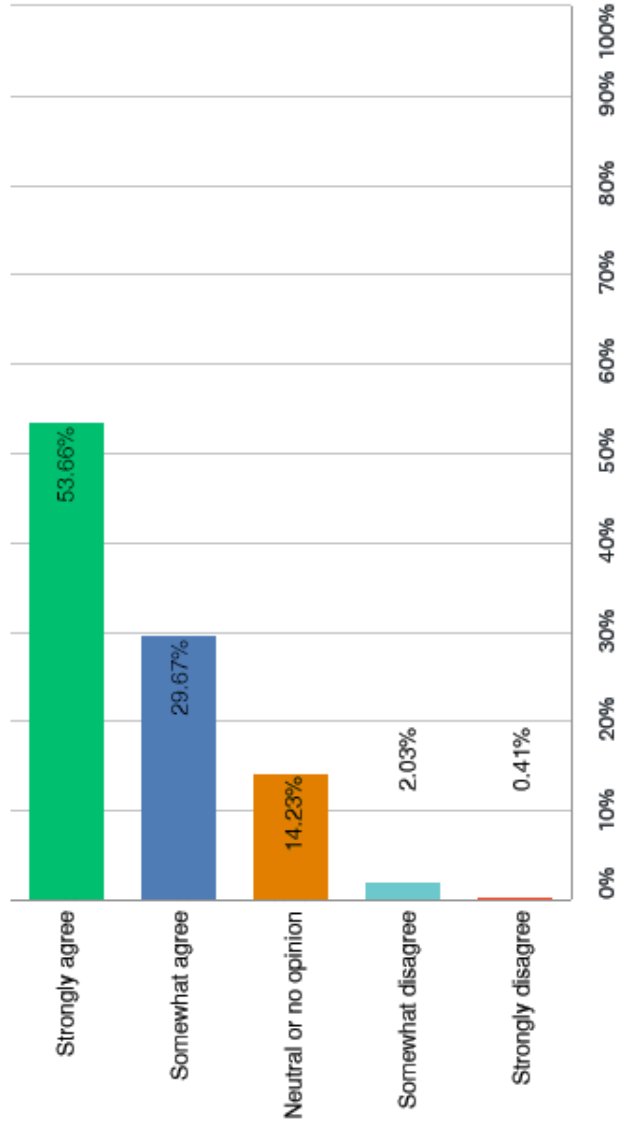
### Q2 What would encourage you or your family to utilize an Edgewater park facility, program, or special event more often? (Please select all that apply)



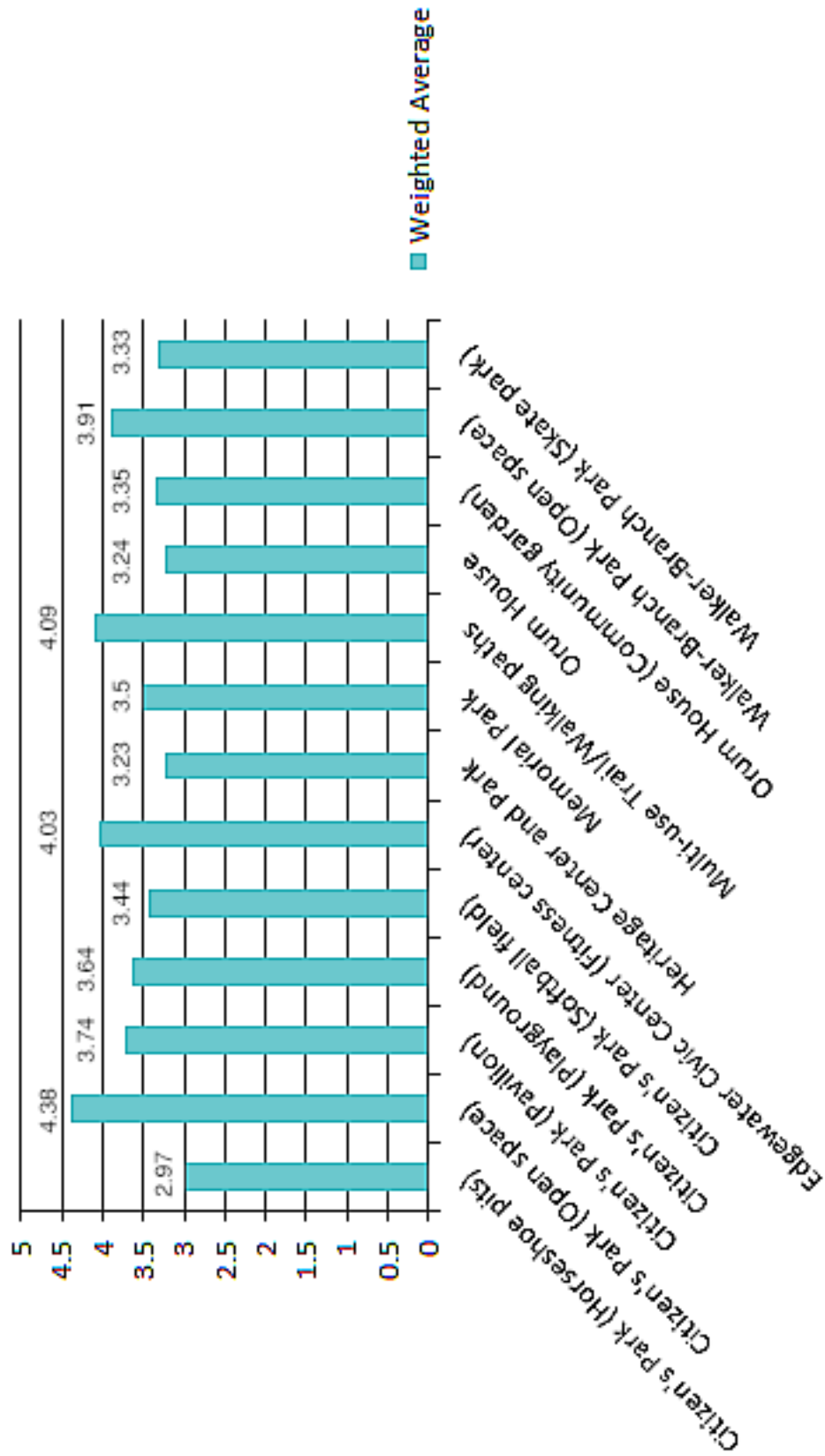
Q3 The Edgewater park facility my family or I use/visit most often is:



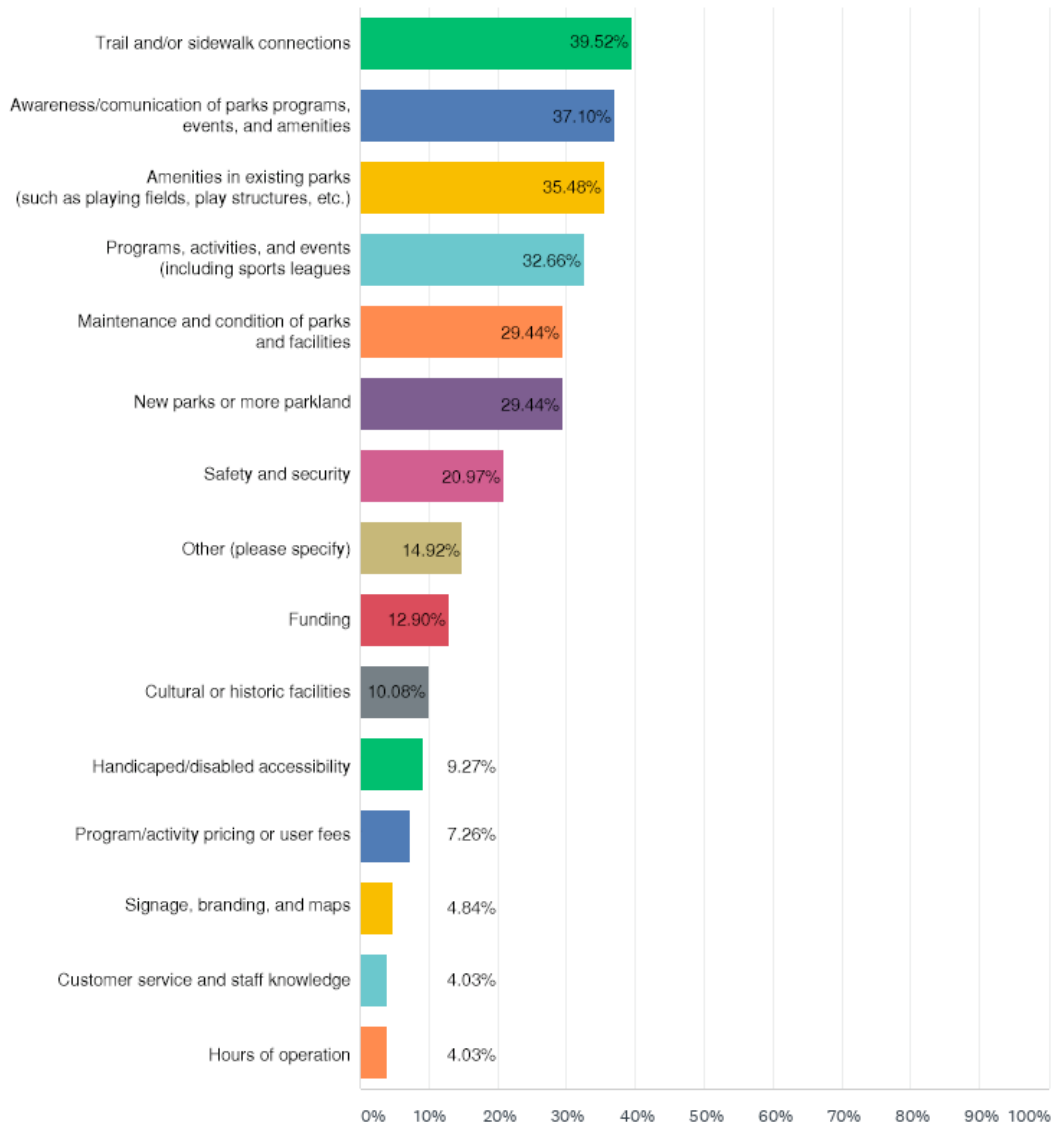
**Q4 How strongly do you agree with the following statement? “The services, amenities and opportunities provided by the Edgewater Parks Department are important to me and my family.”**



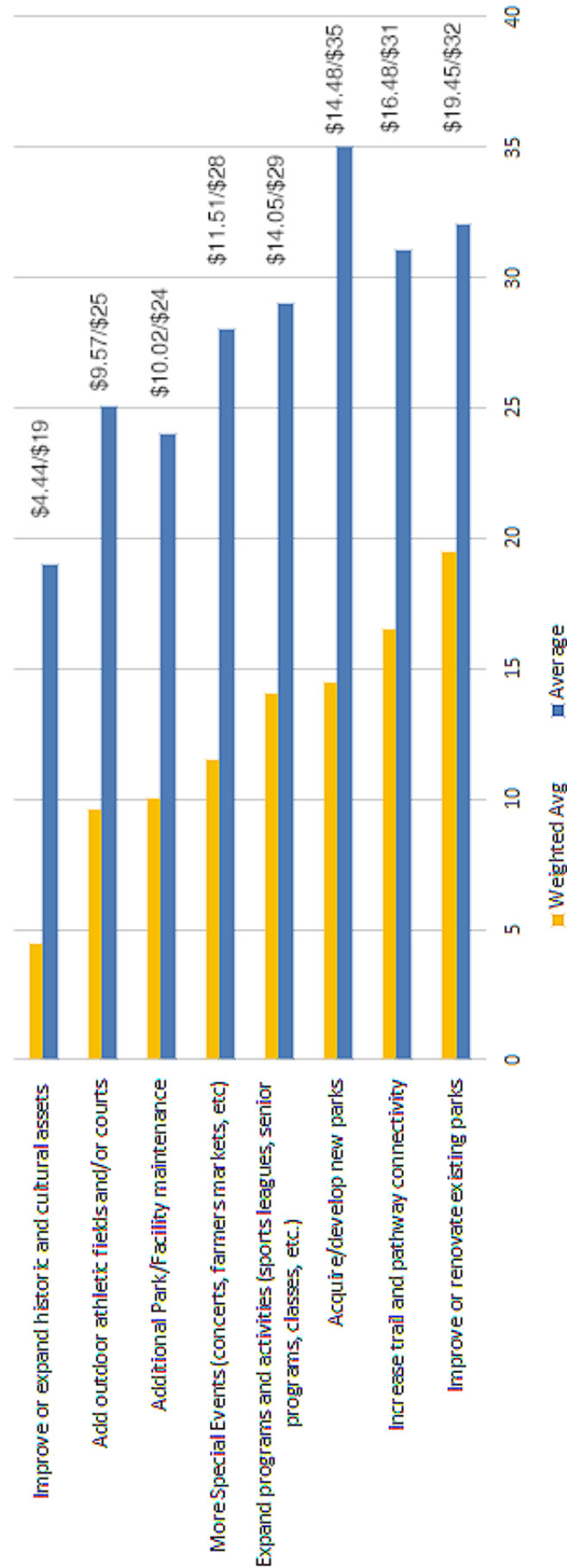
### Q5 Please rate the importance of the following Edgewater park amenities to you and your family:



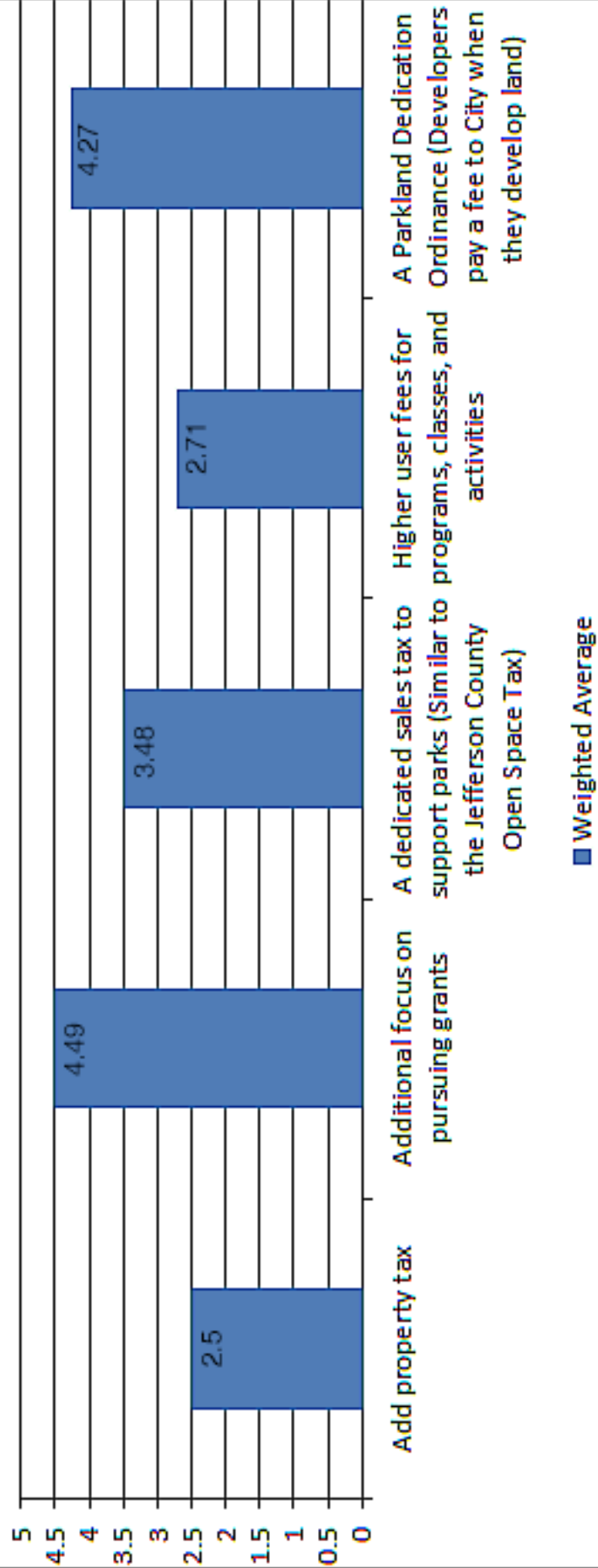
**Q6 Please select the top three items that, if addressed, would most improve Edgewater’s Parks and Recreation amenities and services. (Please select up to three options)**



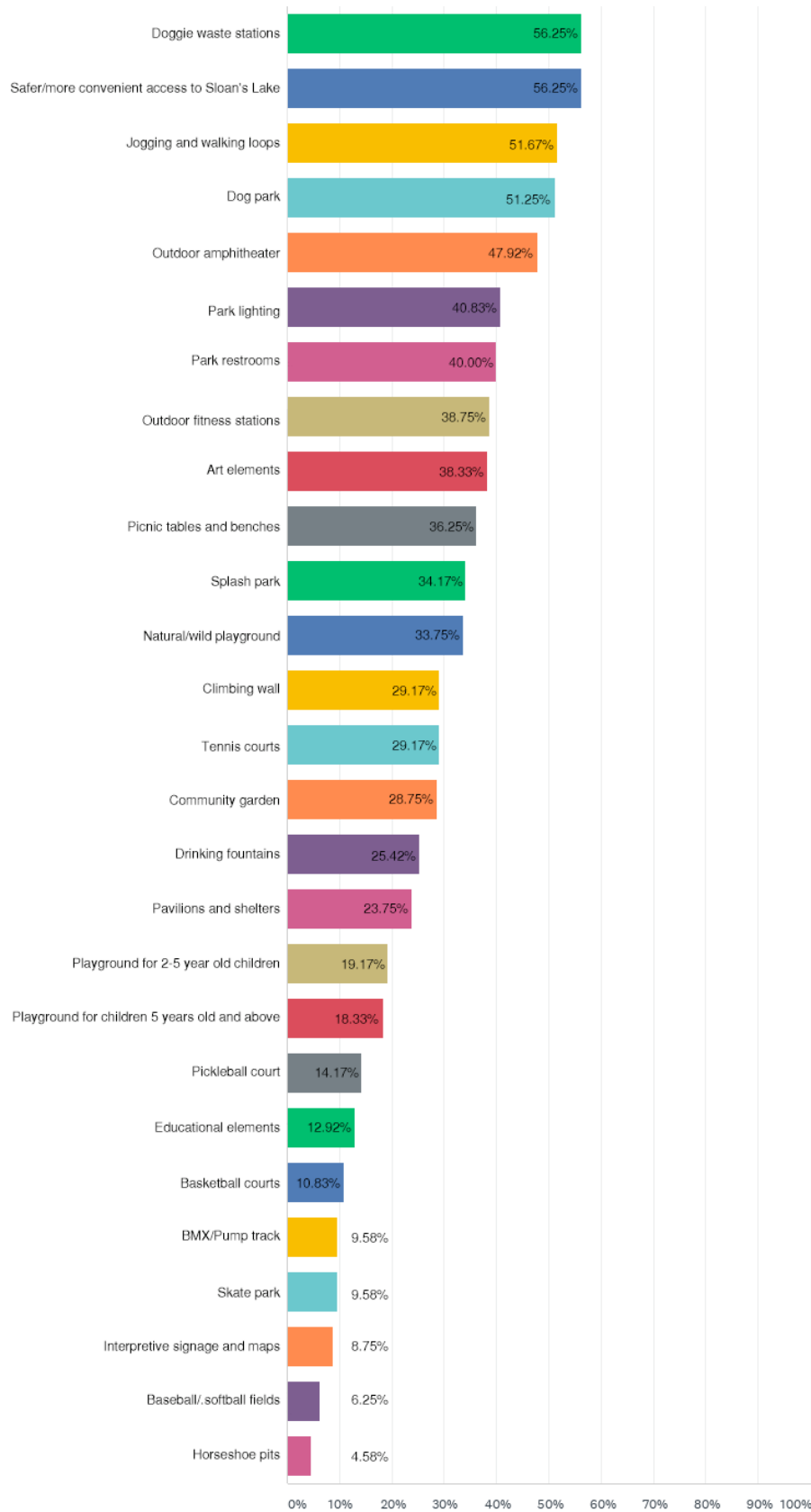
**Q7** If you had \$100 to spend on parks and recreation facilities, programs, or services, how would you allocate the \$100 across the following categories?



To provide additional funding for Edgewater's Parks Department, how likely would you be to support any of the following funding sources?



Q9 If it is possible, which new or additional park elements would most improve your experience in Edgewater's Parks? (Please select all that apply)





## Answers to Survey Question 10: What do you think should be done to improve Edgewater's parks and recreation programs?

I think community safety is crucial to an enjoyable park experience. We should have clear, enforceable guidelines posted. Security/officers would ideally do regular sweeps to keep crime at bay. I'd visit park and paths more regularly if I knew I was safe there. I'd be more willing to a property tax increase if the funds are allocated to parks, maintenance, development & safety. Thanks!

Gated dog park - people have unleashed dogs @ Lumberg Field and Citizen's Park -Playground- 2-5 yrs old - a lot of young families are moving to area & we don't have access to designated toddler area. -Signage for using walking trails, & parks

I think the rec center is great (I would be able to use it more if childcare was offered, however, I understand that this might not be feasible.) We like the community events at Citizen's Park, especially the Community Picnic and the Celtic Harvest Highlands Festivals. I would love to see a natural playground be added to our city's park system.

I think better communication about events is important before additional time is invested. I live by the Orum House and have seen several under-attended events there, like Santa photos and Halloween, that would be so fun and such a great use of the space, but did not see any communication or advertisements leading up to the events. I think everyone living in Edgewater really enjoys the small-town sense of community it has, and having established events that make use of the parks would be great. I also think having more playgrounds and spaces to hang out at the parks is important. Lastly, having better lighting both in the parks and in surrounding areas will encourage people to hang out in the parks and create a welcoming safe environment.

The addition of communications staff person has really helped with residents knowing about events, programs, updates. -Would like to see consistent dog station bag filling, and more control of dog poop pickup enforcement. -Memorial rose garden could use some love: trimming, water, food? -Let's talk about Walker-Branch Park? Lots of potential but not anything programmed there or used much. -Thanks for efforts. Hope to see some positive results.

I have a 5-year-old, so expanding junior sports leagues. If I want my child to have swim lessons (a vital skill for safety), I have to pay additional fees to Wheat Ridge Rec Center to purchase them. A splash pad would be amazing. Better parks for a 5-year-old. I have 2 dogs so a dog park would be nice, however they cause risk, so I am not wedded to that. Any art installation that can be interactive such as the music park in Evergreen or art installations at Arvada Center for Performing Arts would be lovely. Natural playgrounds are also very nice.

Solo mas seguridad... Rondas de los policias... en tiempos diferentes [Only more security... police rounds... at different times]

Tai chi classes

More fitness classes. A local pool! Indoor & outdoor. That would be AWESOME!

#1 priority would be a designated dog park.

I think the Parks & Rec Dept. in our town (Edgewater) is doing a great job w/ resources available. I feel the expanded effort to communicate w/ citizens is working well. Keep it up, but don't forget that not all people are spending free time on a computer/phone so may not be receiving some info.

I don't think it's a big deal to allow dogs off-leash (if well-behaved) at Citizen's Park, when the park is otherwise not in use.

It would be great to have more marketing/hype to provide more awareness about recreation programs. It would be awesome to have outdoor music - "Jazz in the Park," family games & activities etc. Can Edgewater do a farmer's market - to support locally especially now w/ the pandemic. Dog waste stations or pick up. There is a gross amount of dog waste all around Edgewater - especially by the Citizen's Park and the Edgewater Public Market. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to voice our opinions in a well constructive & proactive manner :)!

Maps, interactive walking, biking, jogging paths signage, outdoor family activities - plays, movies, splash park, yoga + other fitness classes held outdoors. Sledding areas in winter, kite flying Star gazing nights - lots of interesting & unique outdoor venues.

Develop a plan on proposed improvements then work on funding. I will not vote for any tax increases without a plan. Encourage development in the Edgewater community. That will increase property tax and help pay for these items.

I think what you have put forward would be a great benefit to us.

More league activities -Outdoor summer concert series

More programs; longer advance notice of programs. We usually received info late after some programs are over or have already begun - email info more! We did NOT know there is a trail until this survey. Thanks for the map! I look forward to checking out the trail.

All additional park space and walking/jogging trails would be wonderful.

Would love the addition of tennis courts to our neighborhood. An immediate need is a dog park or designated time for off-leash in existing parks. Walking trails, social events like summer concerts and improved facilities (restrooms, water fountains, etc.) would also be really great for our community.

Tennis courts or pickleball. Dogs are huge in Edgewater and it would be nice to have an off-leash area for dogs/ people to socialize. Outside amphitheater would be nice as well. Walking path system.

Dog parks are strongly preferred but I would suggest looking @ the city of Boulder programs. Residents with dog training certifications for their pets should be able to continue the community dog group that is already happening at Citizen's Park.

Overall, the parks are nice and we get a lot of use out of them. People use Citizen's Park as a dog park, I think adding an actual dog park would help reduce that. We walk and jog Sloan's Lake a lot also. Adding a better safer walking route to Sloan's Lake would be nice. The sidewalk on 20th is very narrow. Also, there is way too much garbage blowing around in Edgewater. A better program for city cleaning and maintenance would be nice. Thanks!

More fitness classes -More dog friendly areas -More outdoor music events -More artwalks with local art

I would like to see upgrade Edgewater Elementary playground.

Better lighting to visit parks + open spaces in evening or night especially in Winter. More covered spaces to protect from the elements while at parks, especially in winter.

off-leash areas for dogs with waste receptacles and emphasis on cleaning up after dogs - better lighting in existing parks

Strongly support dog facilities - I have yet to find many, if any, at existing parks. Coloradans love their dogs!

We have lived here for over five years + have explored the area. We were not aware of walking trails in Edgewater, other than sidewalks. We need a safe off-leash dog park in the city as there is a huge issue of people walking their dogs off-leash here. I walk my Doberman on a leash through the neighborhood often + I cannot walk him near Citizen's Park (we live 1/2 block away) because there are so many dogs off-leash. It is never monitored. We have been ambushed by dogs off-leash several times + while my Doberman is friendly with other dogs, he can be protective + aggressive if he feels I am being threatened. This happens everywhere in Edgewater + an off-leash dog park could be a solution – or monitor + enforce leash laws please. We did attend a couple of the farmer's markets when we first moved here but we were disappointed in the small amount of vendors. We would love to see expanded farmer's markets with more food vendors, as well as vendors that produce art, crafts, produce, pastries, etc. Thank you for listening!

Heritage Park and Memorial Park don't serve the community. I would like to see efforts/funds channeled into making Citizen's Park and Walker-Branch Park more dynamic - horseshoe and bocce ball for adults, a splash park for younger kiddos. Focusing on maintaining fewer stellar parks rather than 4+ pretty unimpressive ones feels worthwhile. Thank you for giving us this opportunity!

Fix the flooding issue near the Citizen's Park pavilion. Install a fenced dog area for off-leash dog exercise. Install and maintain high quality tennis courts.

An outdoor pool or splash park would be a great addition to Edgewater Parks. It's one thing the Rec center doesn't have but could be added to Walker-Branch Park or Citizen's Park. Possibly even charge \$1.00 to enter so make money & have way to turn off, provide security. Being on the northwest side of Edgewater, we don't often get down to park on east or south side except by car. It's too bad there's not an off-road trail or safer bike lanes, a designated lane on 20th & Harlan would be great. I mean a cement barrier one. 20th has too many speeders + people go thru lights all the time.

I think trimming branches that hang over residents' fences (should be trimmed every year!) as well as removing dead trees. This is especially pertinent to Memorial Park. Maybe planting new aspen trees to replace dead ones would improve park's appearance. Thank you!

Parks and Rec are doing a great job for a city our size! All parks are located on the east side of town; is there any possibility of adding on the west side? Increased restroom locations/lowering distance between public restrooms.

I love the fall + spring pickups + the senior day of service. Last year we planted trees + I noticed the other day that they are gone. Kind of disappointing. I would love outdoor yoga at 6am at the rec center. I miss the free concerts + movies in the park that Edgewater used to have. The farmer's market is great! But it could use more produce vendors

To respond to recent complaints by 1 or 2 unfortunate, disgruntled individuals who call 911 on unleashed dogs at Citizen's ark: please keep park as is- there are dozens or more of us that do not harm anyone and are mindful, responsible dog owners. If a dog park is the desired solution, please consider what we already have in its design. That is, it must be grassed/maintained with shade and water options. No one will use a gravel pit or backyard-sized fenced in dog park. Tearing down the modulars for such a design is a wasteful response to these 1-2 people that need dogs or a better life altogether. Thank you for this survey!!

Anything to promote walking bike paths. Music events - pavilion would be great! Civic center should have many more arts programs! Why didn't you guys put a pool in there anyways?...

More community groups and events Community social media page More items for adults - leagues + teams, pub crawl BLOCK PARTIES! Community tool-share program' More community pantries + little libraries

-Better/easier connection to Sloan's Lake is huge. -Better connection to Walker-Branch Park (walking, biking for kids) -Easier access to Citizen's Park from west. Walking downstairs past barracks/ elem. school ugly buildings feels like I'm walking through industrial park across rocks and wet ground

I feel that Edgewater has a wide variety of places to play-exercise! Having used the Children programs, there needs to be a better way to promote the programs that are there! It would be nice to have more knowledge in the sports they have. There is also a gap that we are dealing with now, there is not very many or any sports for kids that are 13 + above. I know most kids are involved in school sports, but not all are able to make team or have money to play club sports.

Dog park paint colored lines to link the several small parks on east side of town. Like 40W (the Arts group) has done in Lakewood. Make a trail crossing the drainage from Walker-Branch Park to Citizen's Park (sidewalk w/ paint) connect the 3 smaller parks. Install or paint mileage markers. Post a map/sign in each small park, 2,3 in larger parks. Put scale on your nice photo map. Feet + miles Restore Historic Harlan Blvd. signage between 20th + 26th in Edgewater Dog Park. Thanks for including Spanish. Are there any other non-English languages used in Edgewater? Thanks for doing 100 questionnaires. That should have covered all residents. Half are owner? half tenants? Please include the tenants by their name + address.

Maintaining the grass - treating fungus, re-seeding, re-sodding, attention to trees, fixing the swampy areas, fixing/solving the dog park request. More bright lighting. Pay attention to the flood ditch near the Civic Center. It's an eyesore. Please attend to the grass on the Edgewater side of Walker-Branch Park. TRASH CANS please!

Plant more trees for future generations. Look at how city of Thornton manages their parks.

Protect any current open space in City of Edgewater

Edgewater has beautiful parks and good maintenance (thank you!) I've lived here 20 years and am raising a family and the parks have been such a valuable contributor to my experience in this community. Like everything about Edgewater - it is growing and changing and the parks will need to adapt too. There is definitely more usage. Younger people with dogs value a dog park and space to recreate, picnic. Families value playgrounds, picnic areas and programs. They are all important. The thing I'd love to see as a long-term plan is connectivity/paths/trails. With the Civic Center still new, it would be wonderful for more of a connection from there to Citizen's Park. Families will keep using programs + attending events so those seem necessary to grow/expand as well.

Strongly enforce "dogs on leash" law and "picking up" after dogs. -More "free" musical events - i.e. weekly concert in the park

More visibility at multi-use trail & road crossings – raised crossing - pedestrian lights/signs Clean up horseshoe pit. Maybe make half into bocce ball courts.

More awareness

Softball or volleyball league

Dog park please!

Would love to visit parks however too far to walk & no parking available- all areas of Edgewater need more parking for VISITORS for parks & restaurants- streets are too overcrowded

Cannot go to parks because there is nowhere to park - neighborhood streets are lined with cars & it is too dangerous to walk with cars speeding down streets.

-safe (overpass bridge walkway) to Sloan's Lake is a huge safety issue and should be prioritized -there are no tennis courts in Edgewater, so that should be prioritized -live music at Memorial Park again - we loved those family friendly events! -children's festival again - we loved that event!

Handicapped access and safety Fund more city personnel to oversee parks, park maintenance, safety Consider - development + funding of a program where Edgewater citizens could defer part of their city costs/fees by volunteering to work activities at our parks

First of all, cover that grate/sewer spot better for the safety of the children on the s/w corner of the park/elementary field at 22nd + Benton! Really dangerous spot. I have lived in Edgewater my entire life (60 years) I love it and I love that it has become such a wonderfully improved city! Thank you!

An amphitheater would be lovely for our community. A dog park is much needed and maybe relatively inexpensive. Thank you

Citizen's Park has basically become a dog park. Everyone lets their dog off-leash and it's extremely annoying. I can't walk through there w/ my dog (who is on a leash) because all the off-leash dogs run toward us. Something needs to be done about this. Maybe turn one of the smaller parks into a dog park. Citizen's Park could also use more lighting @ night. It's a main walk-way to the Public Market.

-Better access to Sloan's Lake -More events –

-More festivals, concerts, markets, etc. -More walk + bike-ability on sidewalks + bike lanes to get around safely  
-Edgewater resident perks (show your ID with an Edgewater address and get discounts or access) -Open container permission -Classes on gardening, composting, etc.

More walking paths or trails throughout Edgewater.

-Usable public bathrooms @ Citizen's Park - why are these always locked? -Swings added at both Walker-Branch Park (kids) + Citizen's Park (baby) -Make the unofficial dog park @ Citizen's Park official + fence it off -Get rid of the balance beam playground area in Walker-Branch Park that no one uses + replace it w/ something kids will use. -Childcare @ the Fitness Center.

Additional community garden. Beach volleyball courts.

Cleaner bathrooms and more accessible bathrooms @ Citizen's Park. Also, people are using Citizen's Park as an off-leash dog park. You need to either build a fenced off-leash dog park or enforce the leash law at Citizen's Park. I own dogs and get why people want to have dogs off leash, but it is very unsafe for the well-being of the dogs. You can't always control your dog, so put them on a leash.

The SW corner of Citizen's Park needs drainage issues resolved. The swamp or water on sidewalk ices over in winter which is very dangerous and creates big liability for city. Opening/creating a dog park would create a safe area for dog owners to allow dogs to exercise off-leash instead of @ Citizen's Park.

-Make less of a divide to Sloan's Lake. I hate walking along Sheridan. -Before this survey I considered Citizen's Park as part of the school. -Would love concerts and events. -Farmer's market! I want fresh bread and flowers. Great way to support local business too. -Can we do something about all the tree stumps in our town? Feels like every other house has a dead tree. -Make Harlan a parkway. Add flower beds to the center w/ small trees. Encourage bees and make street more welcoming.

Increased lighting + safety features + safer access to Sloan's Lake are my top priorities

Vender's access, wider sidewalks

Although we rarely use the parks, we believe the parks + the park amenities that are already in place (see #5) are very important to the city of Edgewater + the community.

I would like to see more parks/open spaces and more trail connectivity between existing + new parks. More fitness programs with expanded hours at the recreation center. And more community gathering opportunities that would help unite the neighborhoods, gaining a sense of shared values through dog parks, pavilions, art installations, gardens, and multi-use trails. An off-leash dog park or an off-leash area with special hours would help my family specifically.

-Lap pool @ rec center -Pedestrian over/underpass to get to Sloan's Lake without crossing Sheridan. -Bike path between EPM and Edgewater Elementary so bikes can ride all the way through 22nd. -More trees in floodplain along multi-use trail. -Orum House does not even pop up on Google Maps. Nobody knows where it is, if not for this survey I wouldn't have known it exists and I have lived here for 10 years.

Overall I like our parks here in Edgewater. For such a small township, we have nice and well-maintained parks/public outdoor areas. The events at Citizen's Park are entertaining and reasonably priced for Edgewater residents. I would rather see the parks stay as opposed to seeing any new housing developments. I really like the "secret" fireworks display midsummer! I grew up here and it brings me back to my childhood.

More senior activities

The timing of fitness center classes (e.g. yoga) does not suit for people who commute. They need to begin at 6pm+ to accommodate these residents. I simply believe community space is vital to a community.

A dog park is definitely needed. I walk my dog on a leash, but there are always 2-6 dogs off-leash at Citizen's Park. The parks are very clean & I love the improvement to Walker-Branch.

I've read & heard a lot of comments that people don't like to walk their dogs in Edgewater, maybe a dog park would be beneficial. Dog waste stations at Walker-Branch Park would be nice, I noticed that there are no available doggie bags.

1. More age specific fitness/sports programs, e.g. softball for 45+ age group 2. Outdoor yoga programs/classes 3. Add a fitness walking loop thru Edgewater 4. Most importantly- Please, please improve crosswalk safety from Edgewater to Sloan's Lake - currently it is horribly dangerous. I've seen too many close calls with people, dogs and baby strollers - This should be a priority between Denver + Jeff Co! especially turning cars - they do not yield to pedestrians Thank you!

Addition of more open space/walking paths. Maintenance improvements to existing parks. Addition of a dog park and more outdoor fitness areas. Park space closer to where I live (Lamar St.)

1) Add a swimming pool! w/ swimming lessons! 2) More kids' sports leagues 3) Open fitness center an hour earlier & hour later 4) Splash park! 5) Yoga classes w/ lot of teacher @ all times of day (and not as much during regular business hours) More consistent/regular 6) Same as above but w/ spin class

I'm really happy with the parks thus far, and my dog loves them as well. The idea of more dog-friendly options and outdoor fitness areas could be really cool to include.

We'd love a pool!!! Additionally, path connectivity, protected bike lanes, would be a great addition.

I'm unfamiliar with a lot of the programs. I think Edgewater does a good job.

A dog park at Walker-Branch Park since some people bring their dogs there to play or walk off-leash.

Putting in a dog park at Citizen's Park and outdoor workout stations.

Addition of amenities like pool, climbing wall, tennis courts, BMX pump track. And please, for the love of god, spend the money to fix the drainage issue at Citizen's Park!

\*Community events with notification and signs/flyers/etc. \*Designated dog park instead of park open space being used.

While I like the idea of a dog park, as a dog owner it worries me that people will be even more inconsiderate with off-leash dogs and picking up after their dog. Also, for funds, please keep user costs low or increase them as last resort so that all families can be more likely to access. Thank you for asking!

Community events that cater to families and single young adults alike. I also think more amenities like volleyball areas would be nice. Also, clearer trails, linking parks and Edgewater to Sloan's Lake.

As before - adding a splash pad -linking the parks and trails -more trashcans in the parks - repave the bike lanes on 26th -zebra stripes on 20th & Benton, leading into the Target parking lot as lots of people use this route to walk. -Would love an elevated crosswalk to Sloan's Lake, over Sheridan -Can we add tennis courts? -Better yoga class variety -Outdoor fitness stations! I love the programs the library has been hosting in conjunction with the city- they are great programs. Thank you Edgewater! We love being part of this community.

Looks like you are headed in the right direction.

I do not use the items mentioned here. I can't think of anything that would change that. However, I whole-heartedly support having vibrant usable parks etc. for other members of our community, especially young families. Good luck.

1. More police enforcement of shady people loitering 2. Better sidewalks leading to parks. Too bumpy to push baby stroller to parks. 3. Maintain parks better. i.e.: plant trees, nice new playground, dog park (if done nicely) 4. Don't be Edgewater. Try to act like the Highlands or Wash. Park. i.e.: volleyball leagues as part of VOTR. i.e.: Jammin' at the Jetty. i.e.: Arbor walk. i.e.: Jogging trails/biking trails. i.e. nicely maintained.

Our family moved to Edgewater last year because of the community feel & tight-knit neighborhood. There are a TON of us 30-40 somethings moving in and having children right now & I would LOVE to use the parks and park system to get to know my neighbors better. Without environments that are safe & fun for young children to explore the outdoors I am at a loss. The idea to build natural playgrounds around open space would meet all of our family needs - for the humans that are 0-36 years old :) Thank you for innovating our park system in Edgewater and for providing us with beautiful green space to enjoy. We hope to see new development of park space closer to us @ 22nd & Marshall near Lumberg Elementary so we don't have to use the school grounds so much. We love our parks! (and all the people who make them possible) Thank you!

-Dog park -Park west of Harlan St. -Multiple parks & rec guides sent out (Not sure if we get one in fall) -Better communication efforts: - how to sign-up -qualify for low income support

I walk my daughter (3 months) every day in Walker-Branch Park + would appreciate a bit more security. Overall, it's fine, but there are some individuals that make me a little uneasy sometimes. There are cars that park in the lots with music blaring + they just sit there. What are they doing? Just makes me uneasy. I walk in the middle of the day + there are plenty of people out, but I would not walk at dusk. Also, I would love to bring my little one to any educational programming you all plan. She would love it, + it would make me feel more like part of a community. Thanks!

Bring back 4th of July events

-New signs would look good. They're tired at the moment. -Trash pickup & dog bags are much appreciated -Make Edgewater Bike/Pedestrian friendly! -Climbing wall would be sweet! Thank you.

Outdoor workout equipment or an adult playground would be the single item that would provide us the most value. I enjoy running on the multi-use trail and through Walker-Branch Park. I also really enjoy running along the W40th Artline. It would be fantastic if the Artline could be extended further into Edgewater.

Thank you

Programming/events to appeal to young couples (30-40) to create community & get to know your neighbors. Current programming is for kids & elderly. would love to see something in between.

Maybe we can all learn to care a little more for one another, after we get through this current COVID-19 crisis.

I have a 10-yr-old + almost 3-yr-old. We enjoy being able to bike to nearby parks + play + have lunch. We also enjoy going to open space for dogs and amphitheater

There are many dog owners who meet every evening at Citizen's Park to let their dogs exercise. A dedicated dog park would be welcomed by dog owners and non-dog owners alike. This should not come at the expense of the large general-purpose areas that make Citizen's Park so unique to Edgewater.

#I is communication/spread the word! We didn't know what was available in our neighborhood!

-Confined dog parks. People are using the parks in Edgewater as dog parks, so fence in areas that are designated dog parks. -Fix the water issues at Citizen's Park. It is annoying when water floods the sidewalks. -Fix the sprinkler systems. -Enforce no smoking, drinking, and cursing. The smoking/vaping at Citizen's Park is horrible during the softball season. The cursing is worse. Enforce the rules.

A natural playground or community garden would be so lovely!

Areas for exercise and a dog park are most important to us. We don't participate in programs and now with everything going on, probably won't.

Thank you for asking for our input. I'm not sure we're the best people to ask. My husband is 66 and I'm 63. Much of our time is spent helping our elderly parents. We enjoy walking, but generally walk in our west Edgewater neighborhood and into Wheat Ridge through some neighborhoods there. I'd like to see better trails in Edgewater. Some of our sidewalks are not safe to walk - lots of debris and uneven surfaces. I guess we'd use the parks more if they were closer! I do like walking through Citizen's Park when I walk that direction. It's clean and the sidewalks are good. Edgewater maint. does a great job in keeping all the parks clean! And attractive! If our taxes are raised for improvements, I would want to see the plans.

I grew up here and we had none. I guess now it's not that important to me.

I am very happy with services provided! Mainly the fitness center and library, Thanks

As a senior or soon to be senior, would like more trails for walking. would like more or improved play equip. for my grandchildren

Bikers to obey traffic like if they were in a car. People to be more courteous of other people. Dogs to be on leashes at all times in park. Picnic tables to be more sturdy and sanitary. Playground for kids to be more safer.

Dog park or green tag law. Tennis or basketball courts. \*controlled dog park access

Focus on things you do well and improve what you already offer.

Didn't realize that Orum house was considered an Edgewater park. Advertisement/awareness would be helpful in what was available & how to reserve/use.

I would like to see the sidewalks around Edgewater included in the parks programs. Many sidewalks need repair. There are obstacles just walking on the sidewalks, like bushes, uneven or broken sidewalks, hanging trees. I walk my dog and use the sidewalks to be exercise. I also would like to see a safe pathway to Sloan's Lake. I go to Sloan's Lake to walk because it is a large park. It is an essential park for me. I'm not going to the fitness center and paying a fee to use the walking track.

Although we have lived in Edgewater for 56 years, we have not been a user of parks and recreation facilities throughout the years: therefore I have no particular idea on how the park and recreation features would best be improved.

Access to Sloan's Lake needs to be improved. specifically, the pedestrian crossing at 20th is terrible. the light change takes forever and traffic turning left on Sheridan goes first, which is confusing and dangerous during rush hour or other busy times. Pedestrian access from this direction should be a high priority.

You're doing pretty good.

I'm a widow who would rarely if ever use park facilities. Need to gear them toward families and children. I might use walking trails or specials events but that would be about it. I don't have young children or grandchildren so rarely if ever go to any park.

More concerts, bathrooms, free beer for senior citizen's

Is there any way to add a pool? indoor or outdoor?

Keep dogs on leash.

Communication surrounding athletic leagues - we've lived here for three years and haven't received information on adult sports.

Open space should be just that.

Off leash dog park Encourage community involvement (incentives) Flexible monthly fitness center membership

Overall, I believe Edgewater Parks & Rec add a lot of addt'l value to our community. I believe we would use them more often if they were renovated/nicer/maintained.

Please build a public pool in Edgewater, next to rec center

- improved/safer access to Sloan's Lake. example: more road crossings, bike paths, better timed lights like at Sheridan/20th

My wife and I absolutely love the park system in Edgewater, and by and large it is exceptional! The vast number of events held annually at Citizen's Park make living here a true pleasure! We do have some thoughts on park funding and expansion and we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to weigh in. Memorial Park is underutilized. In the last 5 years of living here I cannot think of one time anyone has used that gazebo. Although it looks sort of quaint, it's not something that gets used. I suggest that the parks department remove the gazebo and replace it with stationary ping pong tables like the ones found in Denver's Cesar Chavez Park in Berkley. My wife and I will ride our bikes up there to Berkley just for those tables and we often find other people playing on them. They're a popular addition to a park and once they're in place they don't require maintenance. We would love to have some in Edgewater, either there in Memorial Park or possibly somewhere in Citizen's Park (though space is pretty tapped out in Citizen's). Memorial Park (although tiny) has a huge impact on our city. When people drive 25th Street, they see businesses and then they see Memorial Park. If we could make that park user friendly and more fun, so that when we drive by, we see happy people having fun, I think it would make our city all the more vibrant. Alternatively, if the parks dept is considering putting in outdoor fitness stations somewhere, I think that would also be a fantastic re-use of that space. Heritage Park is unknown as a park. I didn't think it was public till I got this mailer in fact. I thought it was part of the community center next door. Perhaps some better signage there would help, but like Memorial Park I don't think this park is going to get much use without a complete redesign. If you could fit a climbing wall on that property and make it a tiny climbing destination then I think all of the climbing nerds would seek it out and would fully utilize it. I would love love love to see some good tennis courts in Edgewater. The ones at Sloan's Lake are abysmal. The courts in Morse Park are exceptionally nice so something like those near the new rec center would be fantastic and would tie in really nicely with the fitness facilities. Lastly, I think a Saturday morning Kickball League would be amazing at Citizen's Park. I also think we should advertise these leagues in the businesses (like Joyride or the Marketplace) which bring people into our city. I think having an online portal where teams can communicate would be awesome too. I know softball gets most of the evenings there at Citizen's Park, but I bet a Saturday morning kickball league in the summer would be pretty popular. Thanks again for your consideration of my thoughts! I really love living here and am excited to see what changes you have in store! If you would like to talk with me directly please feel free to call me at xxx-xxx-xxxx or reach out via email.

Additional green space with natural surface trails. I support the work to improve the drainage swale through Walker-Branch Park. That work will bring a lot of value to that park. We are currently satisfied with the facilities & programs in place, but it would be nice to see updates and new additions as our community changes. More recreational and family focused facilities would go a long way.

-more park near 26th & Kendall -keeping things clean and sano is always appreciated. Cheers! Stay safe Be well.

Me and my wife are older adults, so we don't go to parks too much because there is no place to sit or have a lunch, because picnic area is always full and you have to rent the picnic area in order to have a place to sit and relax for a short time. Parks need to change some way. The park is beautiful, but they need to change for everyone to be able to enjoy the parks.

I would love to see more public art. The idea of an outdoor amphitheater with different kinds of programming/ events is very cool. Any developments should focus on keeping the history & culture of the neighborhood unique. I would hate to see this are turn into another overdeveloped, over-priced place like RiNo or Tennyson St.

We live on the west side of Edgewater (26th & Pierce) and there are no parks close to us! It would be really nice to have a park within a relatively close walking distance. Also- although we haven't used any of Edgewater's current parks, I think they are so important to have and to keep them for free to all residents! Thank you!

I do miss the fireworks on July 3rd. I'm a senior now so I don't use the parks. When the kids were younger we used them all the time.

I love living in Edgewater!

Community communication has recently improved. This should continue.

Beyond what's already covered in this survey, I think the use of Edgewater's parks depends a lot on local businesses and the quality of Sloan's Lake. It would be nice to use the parks for picnics in the summer (can we ease up on open container laws to support joyride and the market?) A designated dog park would be amazing. Partnering with Lakewood to clean up Sloan's Lake (especially the water!) would bring a lot more people to our area, businesses and parks. Thanks

-Enforced leash law -Awareness/communication has largely improved over the last year! Keep up the good work. -Directional signs & new park/larger signs. -New Edgewater entry signs, including on the west end of 25th. Ours should be the best on the corner at Pierce and 26th.

Our boys were more active w/ parks & rec when they were young. I can see my husband & I taking advantage more of programming once they leave for college, but life is busy now. We do like being close to Citizen's Park to run around, throw a frisbee, etc. Love that we have a rec center/gym in town.

Better advertising of events More lighting Dog friendly space Restrooms

I'd love to see more concerts of movies in the parks - similar to City Park's jazz nights in the summer. I'd love to see more sports leagues + fitness programs offered @ civic center. Designated dog park.

Maintain existing parks with property owner taxes!

Empty the trash containers

We would like better access to Sloan's Lake, including, if possible, a "beach" along part of the lake. A large dog park would also be an amazing addition to the park system - though ideally with mulch instead of sand that always smells so badly. A dedicated park on the west side of Edgewater (that isn't connected to a school) with open space would also be greatly appreciated!

Here Edgewater is worried about parks. Parks look fine. What needs to be done is have people clean up their property, some places already have weeds and grass knee high. Some people have trash in front of their homes. But the city will do nothing about it. Last year there was weeds five foot tall.

We participate in story times, pictures w/ Santa, and we would've done Easter egg hunt – so more family friendly programming. Also pickleball courts or other amenities @ Citizen's Park (baby bucket swings, volleyball nets). Also making Memorial Park a usable space – community vegetable garden or small swingset or play space. The gazebo is not in very good shape and isn't really used for anything. Could be a great space for a sandbox + picnic tables. Thank you!

1. Fix the swamp area north side of Citizen's Park Pavilion. 2. Better park maintenance and trash clean up. 3. A dog park My final thought is it would be nice to have sport teams on county leagues. I know participation is the key to having a sports organization.

Hackers Golf again Hot pool

Focus on new park space on the west side of town. Even a dog park so residents don't continue to break the rules and let their dogs run off-leash on school property. Also, housing costs are already too high in Edgewater and including a property tax would make it even more unaffordable.

-Access to potable water (human & pet) -Wider sidewalks on 20th to crossing to Sloan's Lake

Fix drainage issues at Citizen's Park

-Hmm. I'm not too familiar with the programs offered. I was bummed that the fitness center is so small, and the times of the classes aren't the best (for me). However, the space is beautiful. -More community gardens would be great. - I really like the parks I most use- Memorial Park & Citizen's Park- however Memorial Park frequently has trash/dog poop everywhere. -Citizen's Park – the pavilion area definitely needs sprucing up. -Concern about dogs off-leash... They are ALWAYS off-leash @ Citizen's Park 2x per day in large groups. I am a dog owner and I HATE this! It's also frustrating that it is "against the rules" but not enforced... so ppl continue feeling entitled and that "my dog can be off-leash" UGHHH!!! It's my BIGGEST issue in town.

Informational neighborhood pamphlets that you mail out door to door

-Safer access to Sloan's Lake, i.e. walking bridge over Sheridan (maybe in the 24th & Sheridan area) -Instead of the push buttons on the stop light intersections for the crosswalk, we should install foot pedal buttons so we don't have to touch the gross corona-y buttons. Eew gross!

- Improved safety - Give homeless a shelter instead of at the lake or parks - well lighted at night - enough trash bins to eliminate litter

The parks are very nice here but would love to see more. Love the art at Walker-Branch Park

I would like to see several tennis courts with lights so they could be utilized at night. This is probably a stretch... but a public swimming pool would be another item I would like to see. I know we can use the Morse Park swimming facility, but they don't have good hours to use the pool to the maximum during the summer! This would generate income to Edgewater while also providing a family activity.

1. No off-leash dog areas. There are plenty of nearby JCOS funded locations. 2. Keep it simple, keep it inexpensive. 3. Maintain what we have. 4. Assume that people can figure out how to recreate w/o the City having additional staff to "educate" us on how it's done.

There are parks on the east, south, and west sides of Edgewater. We live on Gray St. on the north side, so there are no parks our 3-year-old can walk to near our house. If you can make sure everyone is 3-4 blocks from a park with a playground that would be amazing! It sucks having to drive to a playground.

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## **Appendix C**

# **Site Visit and Meeting Reports**

## Edgewater Parks Site Visit Summary

**February 18, 2020**

Present: Katie Whitford, Amanda Taylor, Toby Levin

Time: ~5:00pm

Sites: Citizen's Park, Memorial Park, Heritage Center and Park, Orum House and Community Gardens

Despite significant snow on the ground and cold temperatures, many people were in and near the parks walking dogs. Some dogs in Citizen's Park were off leash in the area between the baseball field and the eastern berm. The doggie waste station in Memorial Park was overflowing with bags of waste, indicative of heavy use.

Though Memorial Park was only visited by dogwalkers during the visit, ample footprints in the snow in the park indicated relatively heavy use. Benches and the gazebo may offer sponsorship/partnership opportunities in the future. The question of what the park memorializes was not readily answered in the park.

Heritage Park was empty and the lack of footprints in the snow likely indicates the park is little used. Galen Shoe, Enrichment Clubhouse Coordinator for the Gold Crown Edgewater Clubhouse at the Heritage Center gave a brief tour of the facility which was full of students. He reported that the Clubhouse makes limited use of Heritage Park, primarily for the end of school year block party, but at few other times. He also indicated that the Clubhouse makes no use of Memorial Park but would be open to contributing to assisting with parks improvements/maintenance.

Citizen's Park was the busiest park observed, with at least 7 people and 5 dogs active in the park around 5:30. Encountered from the northeast, the park is attractive, particularly due to the landscaping, signage and art, but lacks a crosswalk to access the park, or a clear path from the attractions into the park. Entrances on the south and east sides of the park

were similarly difficult to find. The field between the baseball field and the eastern berm held around an inch of standing water. Despite this, the path around the baseball field and the flooded area of the park were well used by both people and dogs. The division between the school property and parkland was difficult to discern, despite the relative formality of the park in the southwest corner. The Target sign, about a block and a half south of the park, dominated the view south from the park.

Orum House was unlit after dark and blended seamlessly into the residential character of the neighborhood. It did not appear to be a public building at first glance.

## Edgewater Parks Site Visit Summary

**March 3, 2020**

Present: Toby Levin

Time: ~2:00pm-4pm

Sites: Citizen's Park

Conditions: Sunny and warm, around 60°, breezy, construction around pavilion and NW entrance to the park. Many children were playing in the school playground from prior to arrival until school release at 3:15.

The playground had limited use during this time, approximately 5 children in two groups for less than 15 minutes each. One of these children was with a parent waiting for school to let out. Basketballs from the school strayed into the park periodically while students were using the school basketball courts.

In the first 75 minutes of observation, 10 off-leash dogs made use of the park, all accompanied by owners. Though the primarily used the open space and baseball diamond, they also sometimes strayed into the playground and pavilion areas. Multiple owners commented on the swampiness of the open space. Many of the dogs entered the park leashed and then were released, though some entered off-leash with owners. These dogs primarily entered from the south side of the park. The dogs most frequently strayed from the open space when following owners who were looking for a trash can to dispose of dog waste. Owners were social and clearly were accustomed to encountering each other at the park. Only one dog was observed staying on leash for its entire visit to the park. Importantly, 8 walkers crossed the park during this time as well. The majority crossed between 20th Ave and 24th Ave, with only one crossing the park from west to east. These walkers struggled to navigate the construction around the pavilion and the wetness of the fields.

At the time school got out at 3:15, 2 dogs were off

leash in the park: one playing in the baseball diamond, one playing in the open space. Both were large, as was the case for the majority of the dogs observed. One person biked across the baseball diamond, entering from the NW entrance and cutting across the outfield. The vast majority of parents entering the park cut across from 20th Ave south of the horseshoe pits and onto school grounds. One set of parents cut across from the NW entrance, across the baseball outfield with a stroller and then entered school grounds. Neither dog remained in the park more than 10 minutes after school was dismissed.

Following school let out, two parties crossed through the park from the school, entering at the turn of the path around the baseball diamond. Two additional parties used the path to get from the school to the school parking lot. 3 children remained on the school playground supervised by one parent. By 3:30, no parents or children remained in the park.

After school, four off-leash dogs used the park, primarily the open space and baseball diamond, though they did stray again into the playground. One dog and owner entered the park (on-leash) but left after encountering the construction around the pavilion. 6 walkers crossed through the park, primarily along its northern and southern edges. One person did walk the entire path around the baseball diamond.

Several questions emerged from these observations:

- 1) What prevents students from using the park after school hours? Is the park too wet, too many dogs present?
- 2) Do dog owners use the baseball diamond because it is drier than the open space?
- 3) Why do walkers and bicyclists not use the path to cross the park?
- 4) What defines the boundary between the park and the school yard? Can that be removed to strengthen the connection between school and park? Can it be strengthened to more clearly define these spaces?


5) How can the passthrough experience be improved?  
Should it be more direct?

6) Can circulation within the park be made ADA  
accessible?

Other observations:

A northern flicker spent time in the trees around the  
horseshoe pits.

A pair of mallards appeared to be roosting in the  
puddle behind the pavilion. This likely indicates the  
puddle's durability.



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**Agenda**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, March 8, 2021

**Time:** 7:30 am

**Project Name:** Edgewater Parks Master Plan

**Re:** Kick-Off Meeting

**Attendees:** ALC: John Olson (Director of Landscape Architecture), Jeff Webb (PM), John Glover (Civil Engineering PM)

## 1. Team Introduction

- a. ALC Team and project roles
- b. Contact Information
  - John Olson: [john@altitudelandco.com](mailto:john@altitudelandco.com) (719-231-3959)
  - Jeff Webb (Primary Contact): [jeff@altitudelandco.com](mailto:jeff@altitudelandco.com) (719.339.5358)
  - John Glover: [johng@altitudelandco.com](mailto:johng@altitudelandco.com) (720.840.2696)

## 2. Project Objectives

*"The primary purpose of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to create clear direction with a set of goals and objectives for City Staff, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the City Council for the improvement and design development, phasing plan, and cost estimates for the City's four (4) park facilities, open space, trails, recreation facilities, and recreation programs in a comprehensive, timely, and efficient manner." – Edgewater RFP*

- a. Discussion of Objectives and Goals. Any new thoughts we need to be aware of?
- b. Initial thoughts on challenges, opportunities, and background of the above project objectives (For example, what are the implementation and operating budget constraints Edgewater is currently operating under?)
- c. Our Project Approach
  - Actionable Recommendations
  - Collaborative Planning Process



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- Honor Edgewater's History and continue to help Catalyze a Vibrant Community

### 3. Community Engagement

- a. Anticipated Role of Public in Master Plan
- b. Anticipated Community Engagement:
  - Community Walking Tour (Staff and Public)
  - Community Survey (Statistically valid?)
  - Community Meeting 1 (Public Kick-off, listening session, define public vision for project)
  - Community Meeting 2 (Concept Presentation)
  - Community Meeting 3 (Presentation of Draft Master Plan)
- c. Board Presentations:
  - City Council
  - HARP
  - Lakewood?
  - Other Boards or Committees?

### 4. Team (ALC/Edgewater) Meetings

- a. Date and Frequency of Meetings
- b. Desire for Steering Committee?
- c. Primary point of contact

### 5. Timeline and Milestones

- a. Review of proposed timeline
- b. Significant dates we need to be aware of (grant due dates, community events, etc.)
- c. Lead time on City Council approval/adoption process

### 6. Requested Project Information

- a. CAD files (Park Amenities, Surfaces/Elevations, Utility and Drainage)
- b. GIS Information
- c. Park Use Numbers (programs, rentals, visitation, etc.)
- d. Budgets (CIP, Programs, Staff, etc.)
- e. Existing programs, sports leagues, etc.
- f. Photos
- g. Files Sharing: Drop Box?

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## Edgewater Community Meeting

**August 6, 2020**

### Attendees:

Laura Keegan, Mayor (online)  
 Patrick Martinez, Recreation Manager  
 Kit Lammers, Community Services Director (online)  
 Edgewater residents (online and in-person)  
 Katie Whitford  
 Amanda Taylor  
 Toby Levin

- New parkland in eastern Edgewater should read “Western”

### Sloan’s Lake Connection

- What will connections to Sloan’s Lake look like?
- Will Edgewater need to coordinate with CDOT and/or City of Denver to connect across Sheridan (yes)
- What is the timeline for these connections?

### Citizen’s Park

- How will amphitheater work with the existing berm? Top of berm is used as an informal path across the park
- How will the amphitheater relate to the existing detention basin?
- Will electricity be easy to get there?
- Overall excited about the prospect of the amphitheater
- Expanding detention area will decrease usable event space
- Edgewater Elementary School is planning a renovation of playground, Parks and Rec should coordinate with them to avoid redundancy of equipment
- Moving the Citizen’s Park playground could disconnect it from the school playground
- Concerns about moving horseshoe pits closer to school as most users are middle-aged men. How will parents feel about having these men so close to the school?
- Patrick - horseshoe pits are typically popular on weekends and late afternoons after school hours

- Will reducing the number of horseshoe pits impact current users?
- How will the amphitheater work so close to the softball field?
- What will vegetated buffers look like?
- Will increasing the size of the detention basin eliminate standing water in the park?
- Passive recreation space is important to keep
- Is the dog park really a popular idea? How likely is it to be implemented in Citizen’s Park?

### Memorial Park

- Can fitness stations be included at Memorial Park as well? Would like to see them spread out
- Rose bushes are important to maintain
- Like the idea of a bee or other pollinator painted at the intersection of 25th Ave and Chase St
- Can Heritage Park pollinator garden include an entry plaza as well?
- Pollinator garden is well-liked, could include rose bushes and interpretation of Edgewater history

### Orum House

- Is the fence at the rear of the property going to be replaced? Do not want to see the property become a cut thru to alley
- Could murals be added to the new fence?

### Edgewater Civic Center

- Splash pad is an exciting idea
- Do not want to see parking lost to accommodate splash pad
- Have the extended hours at the fitness center led to more use?
- Patrick - not clear how popular extended hours are due to COVID-19
- Vacant lot near the Vietnamese Baptist Church would be a great spot for a new park, currently used as “unofficial dog park.”

## HARP Concept feedback

**August 26, 2020**

Hannah Beltrone, Chair

Dominique Skeehan, Vice Chair

Janka Flaska, Secretary

Jamie Shapiro

Jennifer Thomas

Joie Iten

Kalah Hardt, Communications & Events Director

Patrick Martinez, Recreation Director

Caleb Rountree, City Council Member

Additional attendees online

Citizen's Park:

- What are the vegetated buffers, just trees or trees and shrubs?
- Will existing trees remain? Important to plan for trees to age.
- Could the detention area be used productively? There is conflict between detention and events. Could a dog park be there? (No.) Important to maintain event space
- Dog park – What happens to the waste? What will the dog park look like? Will there be trees?
- Does the dog park create conflict with events? Too much programming already, more so with added dog park. Generally prefer the idea of a dog park at Walker-Branch Park. Maintenance will be an issue regardless of location.
- Who wants the dog park? Median age of Edgewater residents is 32. Millennials think of dogs as part of the family.
- Is there an in-between option between no change and creating a berm around the detention basin? (City engineer reports that the outflow pipe is 6" too high currently.)
- Could the pavilion move east? At what cost?
- Could do an amphitheater deck/pad east of pavilion to provide greater event space
- Want to maximize space for the playground because there are many families with young children moving to Edgewater.
- Soccer players currently use the detention basin

area as a practice field.

- When will the elementary school playground be renovated?
- Expanded playground space is popular.
- Move forward with two concepts: one with dog park, one without.

Memorial and Heritage Parks concept will be commented on via email.

Orum House:

- Liked the larger garden plots better than smaller garden plots, more 5'x10' rather than 5'x5'
- Like the idea of historical fence, but prefer at the street to allow gathering space within the yard

## Edgewater Community Meeting

**October 8, 2020**

Notes:

Approximately 12 participants online and 12 participants in person

Orum House:

- Current community garden users don't want to lose their soil that they've already incorporated into their plots
- Harvest hops before any changes to the property
- What is the timeline for construction?
- Want larger plot (currently have 10 x 20 and don't want to lose space with changes)
- Suggest more garden space and less pathway space
- Front fence should be replaced in the current location, not set back from the sidewalk
- How many people currently use the garden space?
- How much demand is there?
- Will any of these changes impact the historic designation of Orum House?
- 6' cedar fence may impact sun/shade patterns, may want to consider metal fence instead

Citizen's Park:

- Proposed outdoor classroom area is a swamp
- Be careful of proposed tree locations- don't break up open space (particularly trees between the event space and the detention pond)
- Issue with removing trees for parking
- Consider adding wider sidewalks- like the one on 24th
- Is there a need for off-street parking spaces? Trees are more valuable
- Off-street parking increases safety and is good for event parking
- Will dog park have a negative sound impact on the school?
- Disagree with dog park- like off leash aspect of park (it brings community together); park should be for whole community (additional playground space instead)
- Consider off-leash hours instead of a dog park (or tags/license for dogs); Boulder-dog laws
- Consult with Sustainability Committee on dog park (environmental impact)
- There is a dog poop issue already- don't need a dog park for a small community
- Residents have been fighting for a dog park for so long- something needs to happen
- Must be a solution for dog owners before the City Council hearing
- Dog park- too close to school and to pavilion
- Could consider dog park elsewhere, but where?
- Land by high school? Too small...
- Behind Walker-Branch (separate planning process)
- Want dog park in Citizen's Park because that is where dog owners go
- Add stop signs on 24th (will be happening as part of Traffic redesign project)
- Put parking on north side of park
- Trees between dog park and school- create good barrier and good to separate the park from the school
- Dog Park and School- not in conflict because the time of use is different (children-day; dog owners-morning/night)
- Like idea of dog park in Citizen's as opposed to Walker-Branch because it keeps users to Edgewater instead of opening it up to other communities; also Citizen's has better shade
- Surfacing of the dog park is a concern

## Sustainability Board Meeting

**October 27, 2020**

### Attendees:

Kit Lammers, Community Services Director  
 Patrick Martinez, Recreation Manager  
 Lilly Steirer, Chair  
 Bill Cassel  
 Shawn Doolen  
 Sarah Martinez  
 Hannah Keao  
 Matt Pagano  
 Dominique Skeeahan, HARP Board Vice Chair  
 Amanda Taylor  
 Toby Levin  
 Katie Whitford

Additional attendees via phone

### Memorial and Heritage Park

- Appreciate additional trees and educational space
- Rose shrubs and plaques – need to meet with Connie Fox prior to removing

### Orum House

- Create a space for a habitat garden (birds etc.)
- Along Depew Street?

### Citizens Park

- Patrick had conversation with Jeff Co schools and they have concerns about dog park proximity to school
- Is there a need for parking?
- Losing green space and mature trees
- Patrick- need parking for events and youth sports
- Vehicular parking encourages driving
- Suggestion to make street one-way and add angled parking
- Add bike parking instead
- Could parking be in the last phase of development to determine if it is really needed?
- 2 proposed trees to be removed are Honeylocust which are valuable
- Appreciate natural play
- Would like to see more natural materials and

plantings incorporated

### Dog Park

- Time for a dog park! (Xerxes Steirer- community member)
- Need signage for the dog park
- The idea of a half-fenced dog park is not a good idea next to the school (Boulder)
- Even if there is a dog park in Walker-Branch, dog owners will go to Citizen's Park
- Consider implementing hours of operation/ use for the dog park- offset from school hours to avoid conflict
- Need waste receptacles and signage in dog park
- Need enforcement and staffing for dog park
- A lot of complaints have come in about off-leash dogs- PD has started ticketing
- Suggest dog park board to help with the management
- Trees in dog park will die from urine and contamination

### Community Connections:

- What are those connections physically?
- Widening sidewalks?
- Art walk?
- Want crosswalk at Civic Center (Xerxes Steirer- community member)

### General:

- How will the City let the public know about these changes? (Patrick- website, social media)
- Don't remove trees for parking
- Public recycling and compost bins – not a great idea in parks?
- Arborist (Bill Cassel) interested in tree species selection
- Patrick- November Planning and Zoning Meeting, December City Council

## HARP Board Meeting

**October 28, 2020**

Attendees:

Dan Maples, City Manager

Patrick Martinez, Recreation Manager

Hannah Beltrone, Chair

Dominique Skeeahan, Vice Chair

Jenny Thomas

Janka Flaska

Marla Doughty

Joie Iten

Jamie Shapiro

Lilly Steirer, Sustainability Board Chair

Toby Levin

Amanda Taylor

How long is this master plan anticipated to be in effect? Will updates be needed (survey information, etc.)?

### Heritage and Memorial Parks

- Traffic is very high at this intersection. A traffic study will help determine what is needed to make intersection more pedestrian friendly (e.g. flashing lights, etc.)
- How will new trees be watered? (irrigation)
- Memorial roses will need to be preserved.
- Is signage included to make more clear that Heritage Park is public space?
- Appreciate increased connectivity and colorful intersection
- Drainage pan on west side of intersection may prevent crosswalk.

### Orum House

- Changes to fencing and garden plot layout are appreciated.
- Like the idea of a habitat garden on the west side
- Remember that gardens, particularly on south side, need light through fencing

### Citizen's Park

- Do not like removing mature trees. Also concerned about removing green space to

- encourage cars/driving via parking lot.
- 22nd must remain two-way for deliveries to the Edgewater Marketplace.
- More bike parking is desired.
- Parking should be about accessibility for residents, not about accommodating out of town residents. Could be fewer total spots with more ADA spots.
- Could ADA spots be accommodated through parallel parking spots and signage?
- Edgewater Elementary does not like the dog park so close to the school. Could it have specific hours of use?
- Board remains concerned about dog waste from both dog park and off-leash dogs.
- Surfacing is a concern in the dog park. Do not want to contribute to urban heat island.
- Could some form of donation box be included to support maintenance of dog park?
- Off-leash hours will increase city's liability
- What will the amphitheater be used for?
- Like "interesting spaces" like the wave-style amphitheater in concept A but would also like a better sense of what that will look like.
- Love the fitness stations, especially during the pandemic!
- Connection between Citizen's Park and the Civic Center needs work particularly from Depew south to the multi-use trail in order to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

## Edgewater City Council Presentation

**December 15, 2020**

Laura Keegan, Mayor  
 Steve Conklin, Councilor  
 John Beltrone, Councilor  
 Casey Earp, Councilor  
 Cory Reid-Vanas, Councilor  
 Micha Rosenoer, Councilor  
 Caleb Rountree, Councilor  
 Janet Spangenburg, Councilor

Dominique Skeehan, Vice Chair HARP Board  
 Lilly Steirer, Chair Sustainability Board  
 Members of the public

Katie Whitford  
 Amanda Taylor  
 Toby Levin

### City Boards:

HARP – Dominique Skeehan:

- Appreciate looking at Walker-Branch for dog park
- Questions re: necessity of parent/child parking at Citizen's Park

Sustainability Board – Lilly Steirer:

- Loves the painted butterfly intersection
- Materials will be important consideration during implementation

### Public Comments:

- Concerned about size of garden plots at Orum House
- Wants to see a crosswalk from Target parking lot at Benton St.
- Supportive of a dog park at Walker-Branch
- Wants to emphasize “distinct and definite need” for an off-leash dog area
- Supportive of a temporary solution (working with Patrick already)
- Supportive of continuing efforts to find an off-leash solution, including an interim solution while Walker-Branch is explored

- Likes the phasing plan to leave Citizen's Park undecided until WB is considered

City Council feedback:

Councilor Steve Conklin:

- What is the deal with the roses? Why are they important?
- Understands “urban feel” at Citizen's Park
- Curious about what an outdoor classroom looks like

Councilor Caleb Rountree:

- Thinks Walker-Branch will be a better fit for a dog park
- Supportive of a temporary solution, needs to be activated soon

Councilor Micha Rosenoer:

- Wants to move forward with an interim option in the next 1-2 months
- Supportive of both a short- and long-term off-leash dog option
- What is the timeline for action?
- Will approval of the currently proposed design for Citizen's Park prevent the potential of a dog park there if Walker-Branch does not work?

Councilor John Beltrone:

- Supports the temporary dog park
- What is the actual potential for the dog park to happen at Walker-Branch?
- Both Lakewood city council members whose district includes WB are supportive, simple public support as well
- Would like to see Edgewater Trail connect to Terra Village and northern apartment complexes to include them in Edgewater community

Councilor Casey Earp:

- Would like to see detention area activated, with material other than turf if possible
- What will a temporary solution to the dog park issue look like?
- Likes the off-leash registration model used in Boulder
- Would love to see the Edgewater Trail improve sidewalks citywide

**Councilor Janet Spangenburg:**

- Glad to have a clear path to an off-leash dog park

**Mayor Laura Keegan:**

- Very pleased with the evolution of the designs over the course of the Master Planning process
- Would love to see a splash pad near the Edgewater Civic Center/ at Walker-Branch if possible

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**Appendix D**  
**National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife**  
**Garden Certification Walk-through Checklist**

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# National Wildlife Federation's GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE™



## Garden Certification Walk-through Checklist

It's easier than you think to create your own wildlife garden! Use this walk-through checklist to confirm you have all the elements necessary to be certified:

**\*Note:** this checklist is only a tool to prepare your garden, please certify online at [www.nwf.org/certifiedwildlifehabitat](http://www.nwf.org/certifiedwildlifehabitat)

**FOOD:** Your habitat needs three of the following types of plants or supplemental feeders:

- |   |                                 |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seeds from a plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Feeder        | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Feeder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berries            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sap    | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel Feeder    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nectar             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollen | <input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbird Feeder |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foliage/Twigs      | <input type="checkbox"/> Suet   |   |   |

**WATER:** Your habitat needs one of the following sources to provide clean water for wildlife to drink and bathe:

- |                                   |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdbath | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> River                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Garden       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean         | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Puddling Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream   | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring        |  |  |

**COVER:** Wildlife needs at least two places to find shelter from the weather and predators:

- |  |                                       |  |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded Area       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cave         | <input type="checkbox"/> Brush or Log Pile | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bramble Patch     | <input type="checkbox"/> Roosting Box | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow            | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden or Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cover      | <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreens   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow or Prairie |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pile or Wall |                                       |  |   |

**PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG:** You need at least two places for wildlife to engage in courtship behavior, mate and then bear and raise their young:

- |  |                                  |   |   |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mature Trees      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland | <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Trees or Snags  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow or Prairie | <input type="checkbox"/> Cave    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket | <input type="checkbox"/> Host Plants for Caterpillars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting Box       | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow  |   |   |

**SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES:** You need to employ practices from at least two of the three categories below to help manage your habitat in a sustainable way- *to better help wildlife, we advocate employing one or more practices from each category:*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Soil and Water Conservation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Riparian Buffer</i></li> <li>• <i>Capture Rain Water from Roof</i></li> <li>• <i>Xeriscape (water-wise landscaping)</i></li> <li>• <i>Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation</i></li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Limit Water Use</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reduce Erosion</i></li> <li>• <i>Use Mulch</i></li> <li>• <i>Rain Garden</i></li> </ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Controlling Exotic Species:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Practice Integrated Pest Management</i></li> <li>• <i>Remove Non-Native Plants and Animals</i></li> </ul>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Use Native Plants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reduce Lawn Areas</i></li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Organic Practices:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Eliminate Chemical Pesticides</i></li> <li>• <i>Eliminate Chemical Fertilizers</i></li> </ul>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Compost</b>   |

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## **Appendix E**

# **Park Concept Designs and Alternatives**



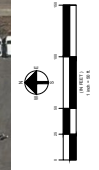
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- Connect Memorial and Heritage Parks
- Increase park programming with educational pollinator garden, natural play space
- Enhance entrances to parks with plazas and signage

Pedestrian circulation



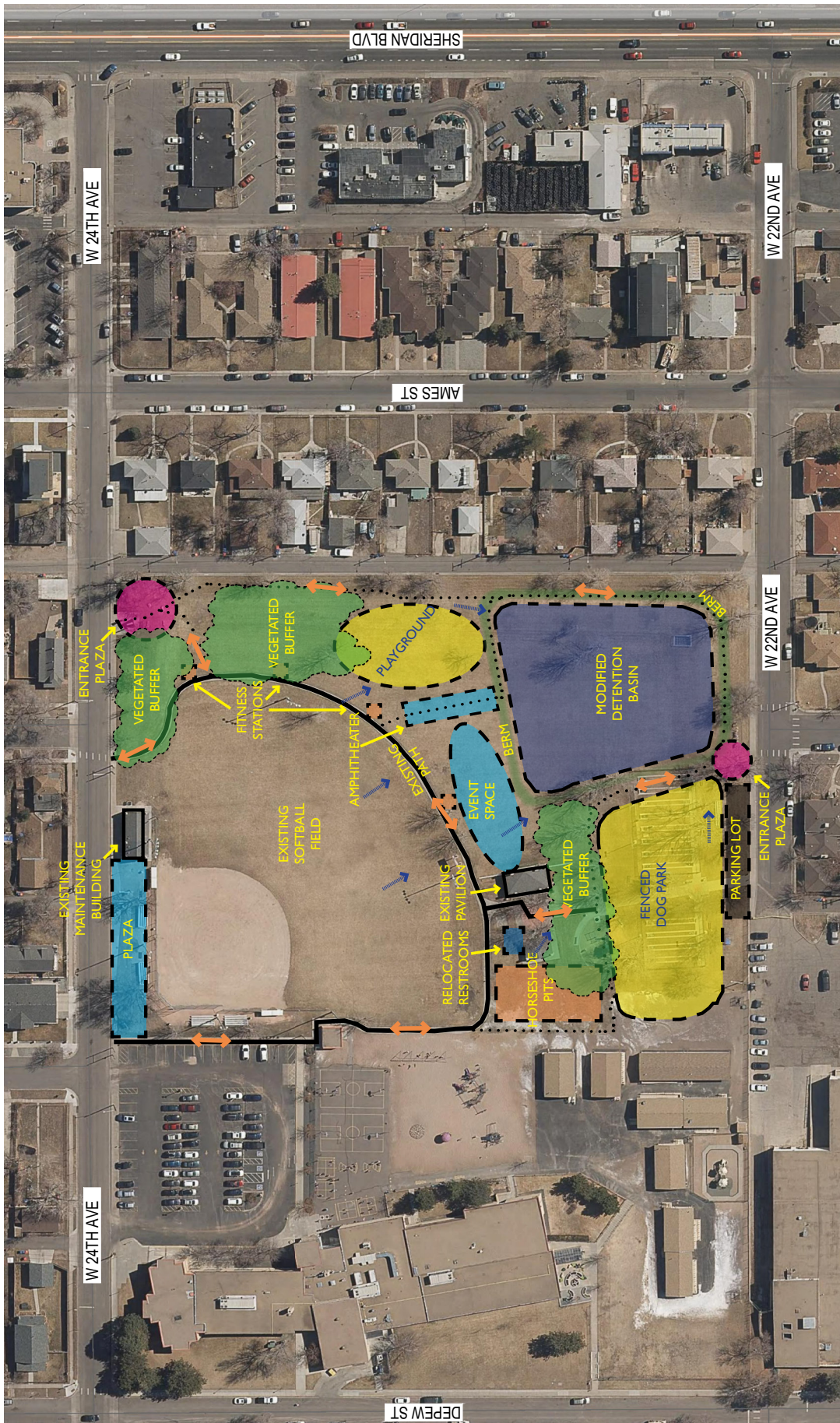
**EDGEWATER - MEMORIAL AND HERITAGE PARKS  
DESIGN CONCEPT B**



- GOALS**
- Increase park programming with additional playground space, fitness stations, and amphitheater
  - Enhance entrances to parks with plazas and signage

- Pedestrian circulation
- Surface drainage
- Fitness station

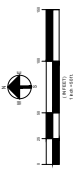
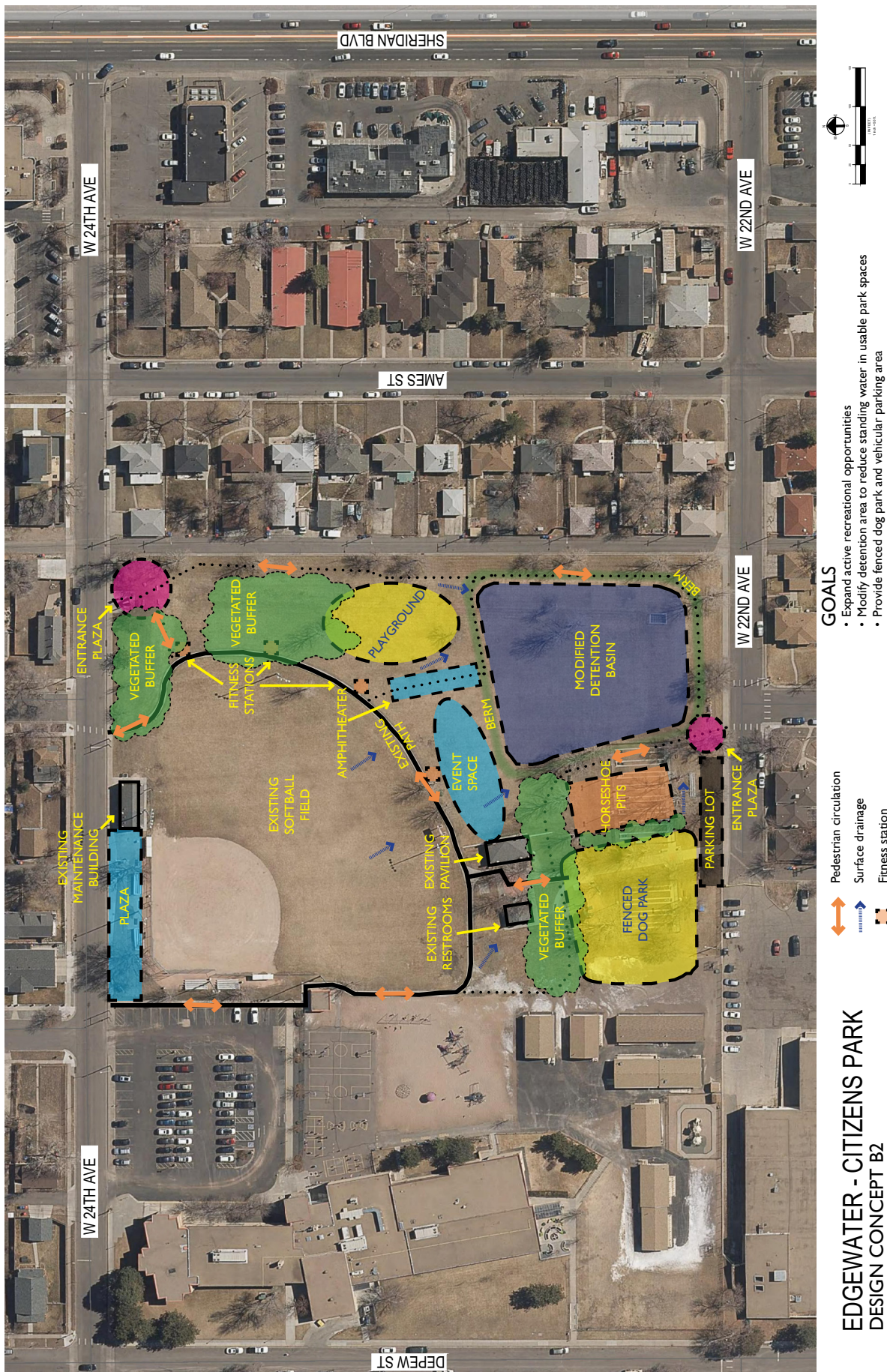
**EDGEWATER - CITIZENS PARK  
DESIGN CONCEPT A**



- GOALS**
- Expand active recreational opportunities
  - Modify detention area to reduce standing water in usable park spaces
  - Provide fenced dog park and vehicular parking area

- Legend:**
- Orange double-headed arrow: Pedestrian circulation
  - Blue dashed line: Surface drainage
  - Black square with white dot: Fitness station

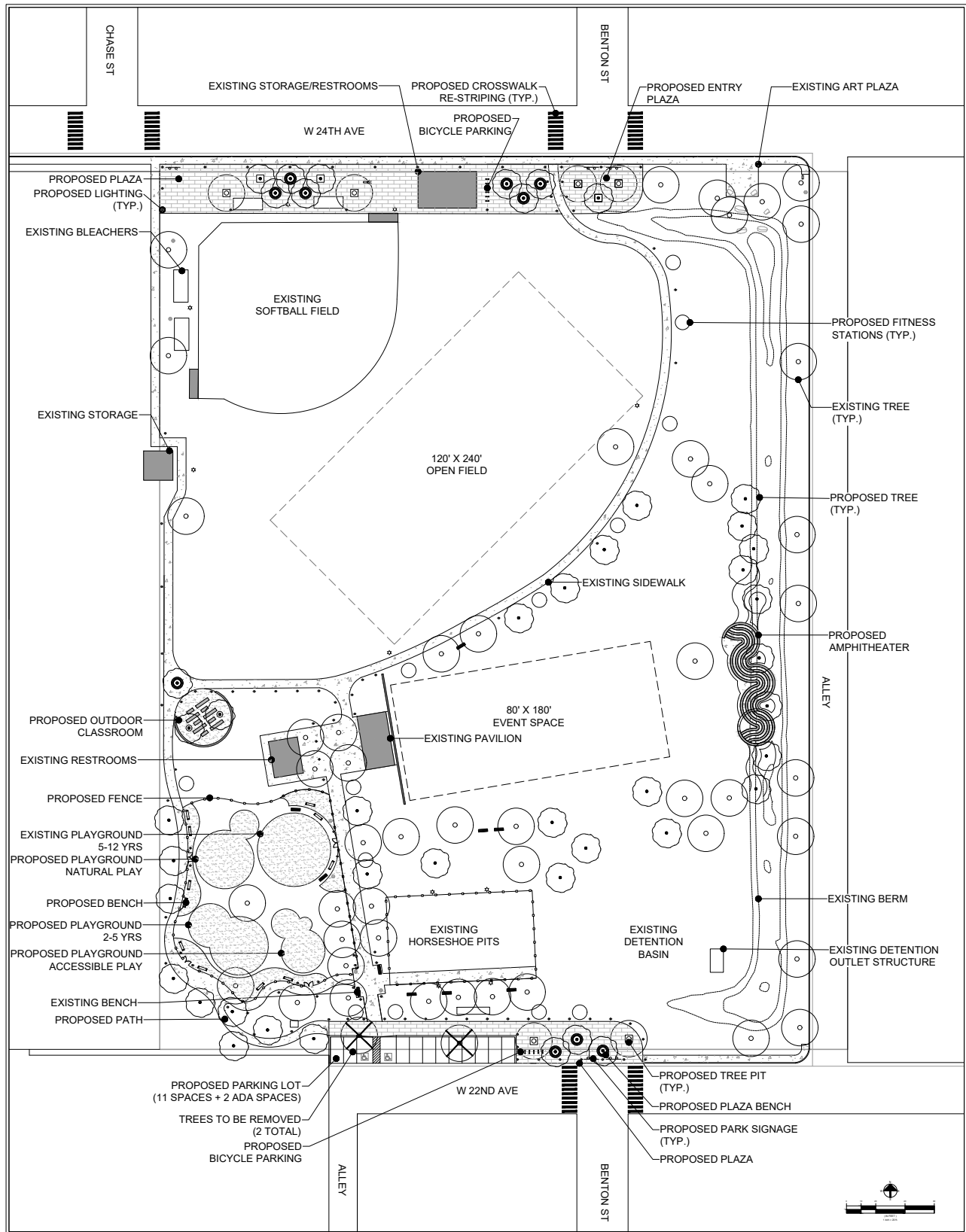
**EDGEWATER - CITIZENS PARK  
DESIGN CONCEPT B1**



- GOALS**
- Expand active recreational opportunities
  - Modify detention area to reduce standing water in usable park spaces
  - Provide fenced dog park and vehicular parking area

- Pedestrian circulation
- Surface drainage
- Fitness station

**EDGEWATER - CITIZENS PARK  
DESIGN CONCEPT B2**

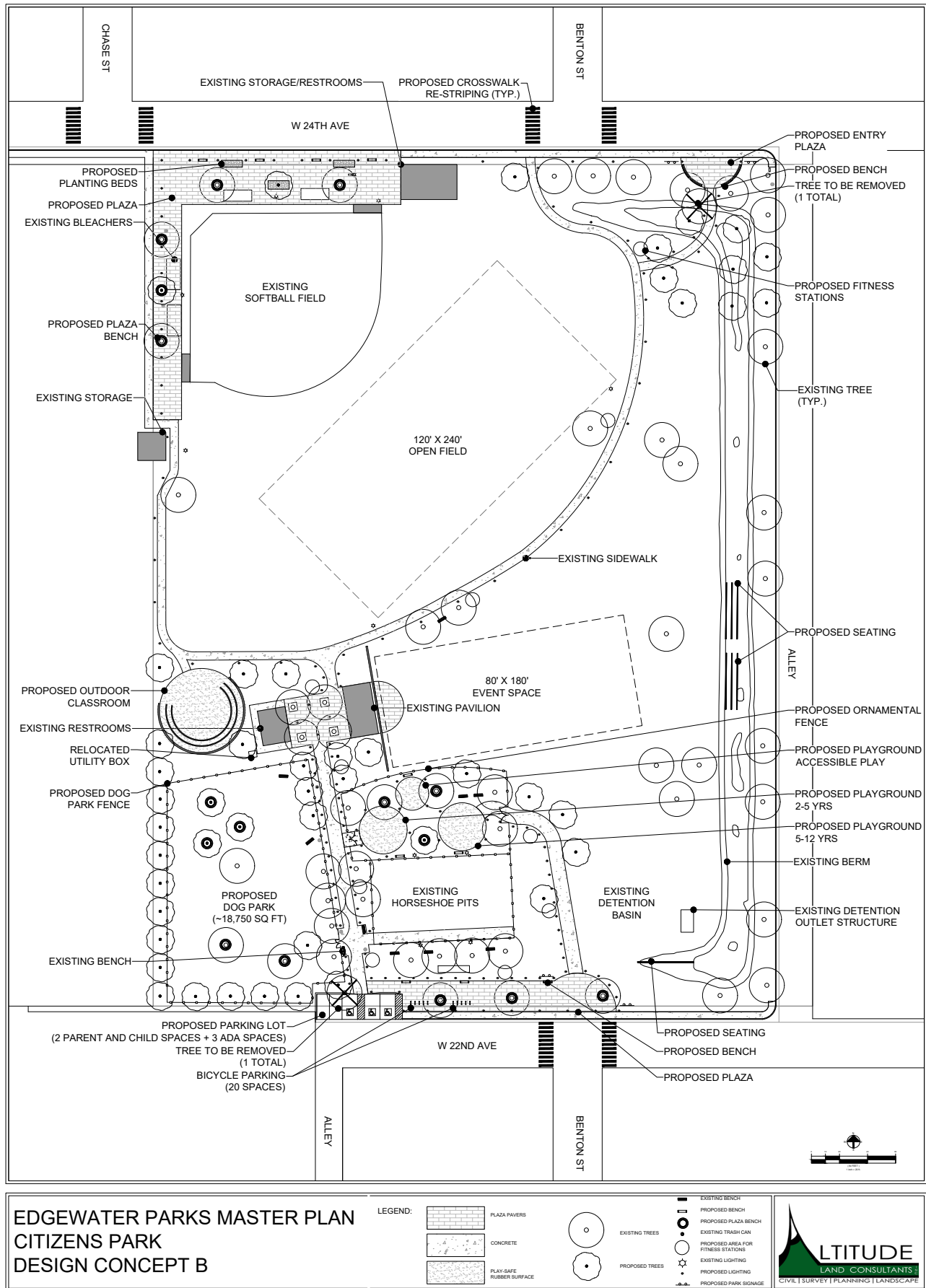


**EDGEWATER PARKS MASTER PLAN  
CITIZENS PARK  
DESIGN CONCEPT A**

**LEGEND:**

|  |                          |  |                |  |                                    |
|--|--------------------------|--|----------------|--|------------------------------------|
|  | PLAZA PAVERS             |  | EXISTING TREES |  | EXISTING BENCH                     |
|  | CONCRETE                 |  | PROPOSED TREES |  | PROPOSED BENCH                     |
|  | PLAY SAFE RUBBER SURFACE |  |                |  | PROPOSED PLAZA BENCH               |
|  |                          |  |                |  | EXISTING TRASH CAN                 |
|  |                          |  |                |  | PROPOSED AREA FOR FITNESS STATIONS |
|  |                          |  |                |  | EXISTING LIGHTING                  |
|  |                          |  |                |  | PROPOSED LIGHTING                  |
|  |                          |  |                |  | PROPOSED PARK SIGNAGE              |



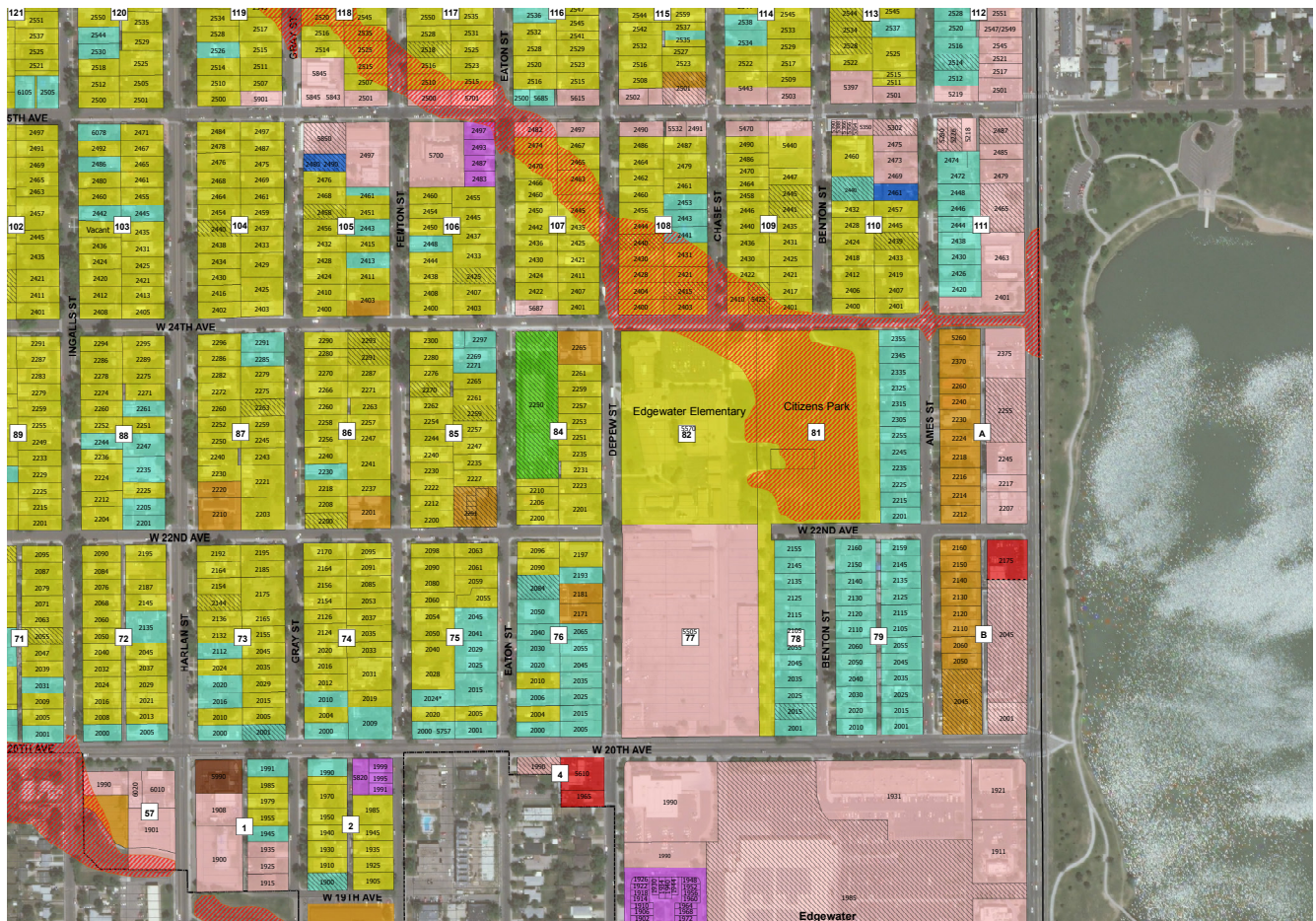


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## **Appendix F**

# **Edgewater Zoning and Flood Map**





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## **Appendix G**

# **Preliminary Cost Estimates**

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**Project Name: EDGEWATER MEMORIAL PARK****Date: 01/18/2021****Prepared By: Altitude Land Consultants**

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| Category                  | Unit | Quantity | Unit Price | Total Price        |
|---------------------------|------|----------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>Hardscape</b>          |      |          |            |                    |
| Concrete Sidewalks        | SF   | 405      | \$5.00     | \$2,025.00         |
| Specialty Paving (Plazas) | SF   | 1100     | \$8.00     | \$8,800.00         |
|                           |      |          |            | <b>\$10,825.00</b> |

|                                |    |      |          |                    |
|--------------------------------|----|------|----------|--------------------|
| <b>Landscape</b>               |    |      |          |                    |
| Trees                          | EA | 17   | \$700.00 | \$11,900.00        |
| Sod                            | SF | 4000 | \$1.00   | \$4,000.00         |
| Rose Shrubs (Relocated or New) | EA | 8    | \$50.00  | \$400.00           |
| Gravel/Crusher Fines           | SF | 570  | \$2.00   | \$1,140.00         |
| Tree Grates                    | EA | 3    | \$500.00 | \$1,500.00         |
| Tree Removal                   | EA | 4    | \$500.00 | \$2,000.00         |
|                                |    |      |          | <b>\$20,940.00</b> |

|                                     |    |      |            |                   |
|-------------------------------------|----|------|------------|-------------------|
| <b>Irrigation</b>                   |    |      |            |                   |
| Spray                               | SF | 4000 | \$1.25     | \$5,000.00        |
| Drip Zone (To Trees in Tree Grates) | EA | 1    | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00        |
|                                     |    |      |            | <b>\$6,000.00</b> |

|                     |    |    |             |                    |
|---------------------|----|----|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Amenities</b>    |    |    |             |                    |
| Park Signage        | EA | 1  | \$5,000.00  | \$5,000.00         |
| Educational Signage | EA | 3  | \$500.00    | \$1,500.00         |
| Pedestrian Lights   | EA | 15 | \$1,000.00  | \$15,000.00        |
| Fitness Stations    | EA | 2  | \$5,000.00  | \$10,000.00        |
| Benches             | EA | 6  | \$750.00    | \$4,500.00         |
| Picnic Tables       | EA | 3  | \$950.00    | \$2,850.00         |
| Seat Wall           | LF | 75 | \$15.00     | \$1,125.00         |
| Natural Playground  | EA | 1  | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00        |
|                     |    |    |             | <b>\$54,975.00</b> |

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Category Total</b>  | <b>\$92,740.00</b>  |
| <b>20% Contingency</b> | <b>\$18,548.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$111,288.00</b> |

**Project Name: EDGEWATER HERITAGE PARK****Date: 01/18/2021****Prepared By: Altitude Land Consultants**

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| Category                     | Unit | Quantity | Unit Price | Total Price        |
|------------------------------|------|----------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>Hardscape</b>             |      |          |            |                    |
| Concrete Sidewalks           | SF   | 575      | \$5.00     | \$2,875.00         |
| Specialty Paving (Plazas)    | SF   | 800      | \$8.00     | \$6,400.00         |
| Crosswalk Striping/ Painting | SF   | 17000    | \$1.00     | \$17,000.00        |
|                              |      |          |            | <b>\$26,275.00</b> |

|                     |    |      |          |                    |
|---------------------|----|------|----------|--------------------|
| <b>Landscape</b>    |    |      |          |                    |
| Trees               | EA | 20   | \$700.00 | \$14,000.00        |
| Sod                 | SF | 4800 | \$1.00   | \$4,800.00         |
| Gravel Paths        | SF | 637  | \$2.00   | \$1,274.00         |
| Educational Gardens | SF | 2589 | \$10.00  | \$25,890.00        |
| Tree Removal        | EA | 4    | \$500.00 | \$2,000.00         |
|                     |    |      |          | <b>\$47,964.00</b> |

|                   |    |      |        |                   |
|-------------------|----|------|--------|-------------------|
| <b>Irrigation</b> |    |      |        |                   |
| Spray             | SF | 4800 | \$1.25 | \$6,000.00        |
| Drip              | SF | 2600 | \$1.50 | \$3,900.00        |
|                   |    |      |        | <b>\$9,900.00</b> |

|                              |    |    |            |                    |
|------------------------------|----|----|------------|--------------------|
| <b>Amenities</b>             |    |    |            |                    |
| Park Signage                 | EA | 1  | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00         |
| Educational Signage          | EA | 20 | \$500.00   | \$10,000.00        |
| Pedestrian Lights            | EA | 0  | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00             |
| Benches                      | EA | 1  | \$750.00   | \$750.00           |
| Classroom Seating (Boulders) | EA | 9  | \$300.00   | \$2,700.00         |
|                              |    |    |            | <b>\$18,450.00</b> |

|                        |  |  |  |                     |
|------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |  |  |  | <b>\$102,589.00</b> |
| <b>20% Contingency</b> |  |  |  | <b>\$20,517.80</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |  |  |  | <b>\$123,106.80</b> |

**Project Name: EDGEWATER ORUM HOUSE****Date: 01/18/2021****Prepared By: Altitude Land Consultants**

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| Category                             | Unit | Quantity | Unit Price  | Total Price        |
|--------------------------------------|------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Hardscape</b>                     |      |          |             |                    |
| Concrete Sidewalks                   | SF   | 250      | \$5.00      | \$1,250.00         |
| Specialty Paving (Outdoor Classroom) | SF   | 600      | \$8.00      | \$4,800.00         |
|                                      |      |          |             | <b>\$6,050.00</b>  |
| <b>Landscape</b>                     |      |          |             |                    |
| Habitat Garden                       | SF   | 138      | \$6.00      | \$828.00           |
| Rose Shrubs (Relocate or New)        | EA   | 12       | \$50.00     | \$600.00           |
| Sod                                  | SF   | 900      | \$1.00      | \$900.00           |
| Gravel/Crusher Fines                 | SF   | 2500     | \$2.00      | \$5,000.00         |
|                                      |      |          |             | <b>\$7,328.00</b>  |
| <b>Irrigation</b>                    |      |          |             |                    |
| Water Spigots                        | EA   | 6        | \$150.00    | \$900.00           |
| Drip                                 | LF   | 75       | \$1.50      | \$112.50           |
|                                      |      |          |             | <b>\$1,012.50</b>  |
| <b>Fencing</b>                       |      |          |             |                    |
| 3' Historical Fence                  | LF   | 45       | \$40.00     | \$1,800.00         |
| 6' Metal Fence                       | LF   | 255      | \$20.00     | \$5,100.00         |
| 6' Cedar Fence                       | LF   | 45       | \$15.00     | \$675.00           |
| Gates                                | EA   | 2        | \$500.00    | \$1,000.00         |
|                                      |      |          |             | <b>\$8,575.00</b>  |
| <b>Amenities</b>                     |      |          |             |                    |
| Signage                              | EA   | 4        | \$500.00    | \$2,000.00         |
| Pedestrian Lights                    | EA   | 17       | \$1,000.00  | \$17,000.00        |
| Benches                              | EA   | 4        | \$750.00    | \$3,000.00         |
| Terraced Seating                     | LF   | 245      | \$10.00     | \$2,450.00         |
| Pergola                              | EA   | 1        | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00        |
| Shed                                 | EA   | 1        | \$1,500.00  | \$1,500.00         |
| Compost Tumblers                     | EA   | 2        | \$150.00    | \$300.00           |
| Trellis                              | EA   | 3        | \$250.00    | \$750.00           |
| Garden Beds 5' x 10' (Lumber)        | EA   | 14       | \$150.00    | \$2,100.00         |
| Garden Beds 10' x 15'                | EA   | 4        | \$300.00    | \$1,200.00         |
|                                      |      |          |             | <b>\$42,300.00</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         |      |          |             | <b>\$65,265.50</b> |
| <b>20% Contingency</b>               |      |          |             | <b>\$13,053.10</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         |      |          |             | <b>\$78,318.60</b> |

**Project Name: EDGEWATER CITIZEN'S PARK****Date: 01/18/2021****Prepared By: Altitude Land Consultants**

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| Category                      | Unit | Quantity | Unit Price | Total Price         |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>Hardscape</b>              |      |          |            |                     |
| Curb and Gutter (Parking Lot) | LF   | 50       | \$20.00    | \$1,000.00          |
| Asphalt (Parking Lot)         | SF   | 1100     | \$3.00     | \$3,300.00          |
| Concrete Sidewalks            | SF   | 17765    | \$5.00     | \$88,825.00         |
| Handicap Ramps                | EA   | 1        | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00          |
| Specialty Paving (Plazas)     | SF   | 13700    | \$8.00     | \$109,600.00        |
| Crosswalk Striping            | LF   | 195      | \$1.00     | \$195.00            |
|                               |      |          |            | <b>\$204,220.00</b> |

|                      |    |        |          |                     |
|----------------------|----|--------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>Landscape</b>     |    |        |          |                     |
| Trees                | EA | 45     | \$700.00 | \$31,500.00         |
| Sod                  | SF | 137675 | \$1.00   | \$137,675.00        |
| Gravel/Crusher Fines | SF | 975    | \$2.00   | \$1,950.00          |
| Tree Grates          | EA | 21     | \$500.00 | \$10,500.00         |
| Tree Removal         | EA | 1      | \$500.00 | \$500.00            |
|                      |    |        |          | <b>\$182,125.00</b> |

|                                      |    |        |            |                     |
|--------------------------------------|----|--------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>Irrigation</b>                    |    |        |            |                     |
| Spray                                | SF | 137675 | \$1.25     | \$172,093.75        |
| Drip Zones (To Trees in Tree Grates) | EA | 2      | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00          |
|                                      |    |        |            | <b>\$174,093.75</b> |

|                |    |     |          |                    |
|----------------|----|-----|----------|--------------------|
| <b>Fencing</b> |    |     |          |                    |
| Fencing        | LF | 470 | \$20.00  | \$9,400.00         |
| Gates          | EA | 4   | \$500.00 | \$2,000.00         |
|                |    |     |          | <b>\$11,400.00</b> |

|                           |    |      |             |                     |
|---------------------------|----|------|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>Amenities</b>          |    |      |             |                     |
| Signage                   | EA | 5    | \$5,000.00  | \$25,000.00         |
| Pedestrian Lights         | EA | 106  | \$1,000.00  | \$106,000.00        |
| Bicycle Racks             | EA | 16   | \$500.00    | \$8,000.00          |
| Fitness Stations          | EA | 13   | \$5,000.00  | \$65,000.00         |
| Benches                   | EA | 11   | \$750.00    | \$8,250.00          |
| Tree Ring Benches         | EA | 11   | \$750.00    | \$8,250.00          |
| Amphitheater Seating      | LF | 280  | \$10.00     | \$2,800.00          |
| Outdoor Classroom Seating | LF | 175  | \$8.00      | \$1,400.00          |
| Natural Playground        | EA | 1    | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00         |
| 2-5 Year Playground       | EA | 1    | \$40,000.00 | \$40,000.00         |
| Accessible Playground     | EA | 1    | \$40,000.00 | \$40,000.00         |
| Playground Surfacing      | SF | 6350 | \$10.00     | \$63,500.00         |
|                           |    |      |             | <b>\$383,200.00</b> |

|                        |  |  |  |                       |
|------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Category Total</b>  |  |  |  | <b>\$955,038.75</b>   |
| <b>20% Contingency</b> |  |  |  | <b>\$191,007.75</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |  |  |  | <b>\$1,146,046.50</b> |



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