

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Activity Pool

A small, shallow pool with slides and spray features for water play and learning to swim.

Athletic Fields

The combination of ball fields and multi-use fields.

Ball Fields

Baseball or softball fields of all size. Ball fields include a backstop and can include foul line fencing, spectator/player seating, skinned or grass infields, lights, scoreboards and supporting amenities.

Capital (costs)

The construction of new park sites and recreation facilities;

Competitive

Recreation facilities supporting league, sanctioned or otherwise organized sports and activities. Usually includes formal requirements for the size, condition or type of playing environment.

Maintenance

The regular tasks that keep parks and recreation facilities clean and safe to use. For example, trash collection, safety inspections, replacement of broken parts on equipment.

Multi-Use Fields

All 50'x70' or larger flat rectangular fields for soccer, football and other sports and activities. These fields can include goals, spectator/player seating, scoreboards, lights and supporting amenities.

On Street Bicycle Transportation Routes

This includes the following classifications from the City's bike map: Bike Lanes, Bike Route, Road with Wide Shoulders, and Wide Sidewalk Connections. The bike map can be referenced for the specific type of route.

Operations and Maintenance (costs)

The day-to-day costs to keep the system open, clean, and safe; and

Operations

The staffing and services provided to provide recreation opportunities at a recreation facility. This includes management, planning, front desk support, supervision and basic programming.

Parks

The land portion of the system, including all categories of park land. Other park like lands, such as school yards and private parks will be differentiated and parks will refer to public park lands owned by the City of Longmont.

Parks, recreation, and trails system

The combined total of City-owned park lands, the features and facilities that support recreation opportunities, protects natural and historic resources and beautify Longmont. Recognizing that other public and private entities provide additional land and recreation facilities in Longmont, this plan refers to the system as including the City-owned, public parks, recreation facilities and trails.

Recreation Connection

Part of a system of high quality on-street and greenway (off-street) trails creating links and loops focused on enhanced recreation value rather than just transportation. This system does not include all of either the on-street routes (such as bike routes and basic sidewalks) or the greenway trail network.

Renewal

The reinvestment in existing sites as major systems and recreation facilities reach the end of their useful life or are no longer serving public needs.

Recreation facilities

The built features within parks that create opportunities to engage in specific games and activities. These can range from single courts or small play areas up to the Longmont Recreation Center which supports a wide variety of self-directed and programmed recreation.

Recreation programming

The classes, activities, sports and special events that are provided by Longmont's Recreation Services and other providers within and around Longmont. There is a close connection between these services and the parks, recreation facilities and trails in the system and detailed in this plan. A parallel planning effort will result in a Recreation Master Plan to guide the City's role in this range of services.

Splash Pad

An aquatic feature that provides water play (splashing, spraying, dumping) with no standing water, eliminating the need for supervisory and lifeguard staffing. Splash pads are typically un-programmed and free to access. Also known as a water playground or interactive water feature.

Trails

This system includes pathways within parks, off-street greenways, and on-street connections (sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.) that provide both a transportation route and opportunities for walking, running, bicycling and other highly desired activities.

Wheel Park

A skate plaza or skate park, Longmont facilities allow scooters, bikes and roller blades in addition to skate boards.

