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Parks and Recreation Master Plan





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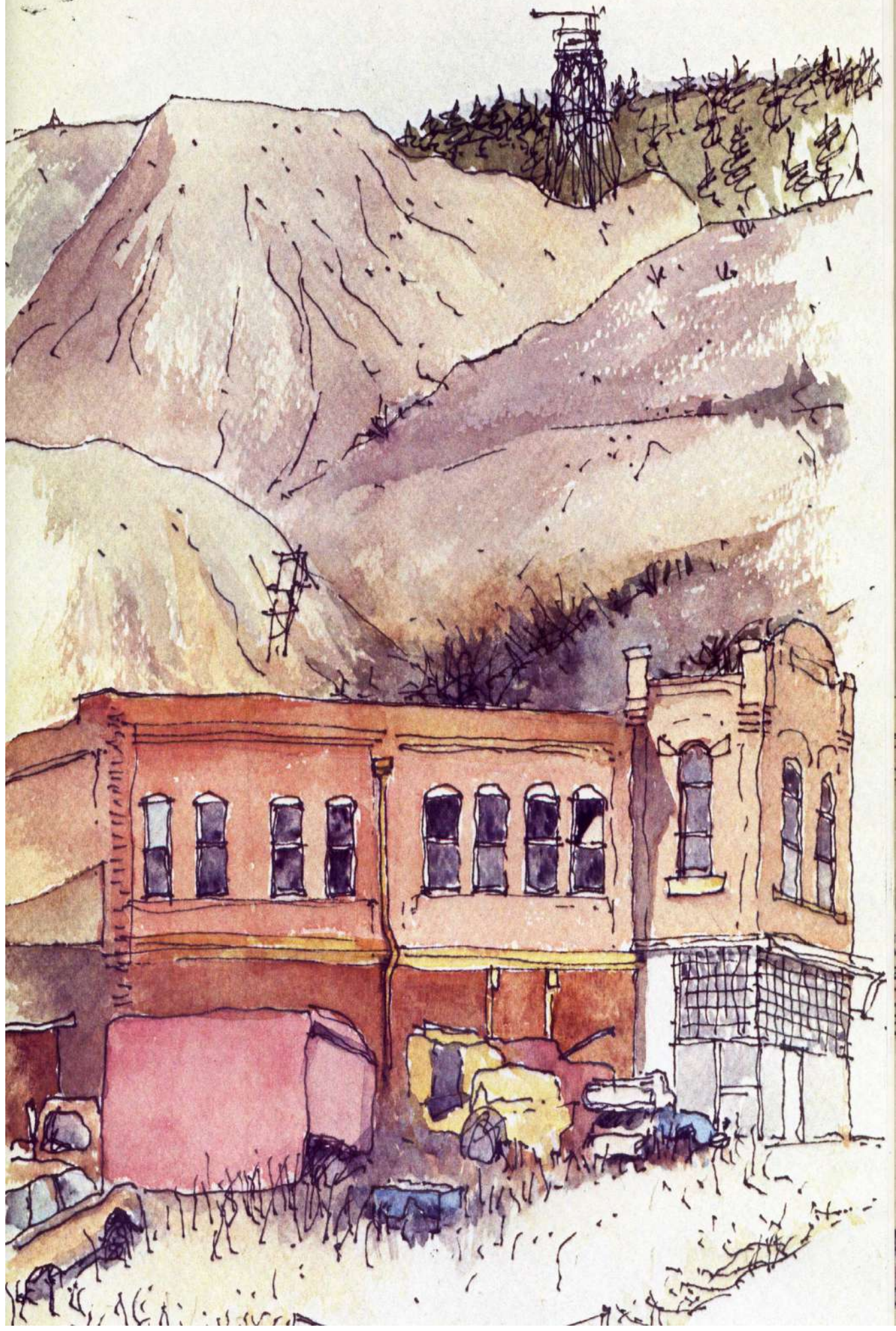
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Community Vision

Community Vision and Needs Assessment



Introduction

The City of Victor is a National Historic District with a unique amount of mining history that is accessible throughout downtown and the surroundings. The City has about 400 residents and a number of second homes that increase activity in the summer. The park system has character that is on par with the rest of the City and includes historic structures. There are five parks all with their own distinct uses. Wallace Park is the central gathering place for community events and picnicking. The Gold Bowl is used for baseball, soccer, and other athletic events. Brian's Park is a free public ice rink that continues to grow in popularity. Washington Park has the City's only public playground and is the kid's park. The Community Garden is a new addition and is becoming established quickly. There is also a Community Center that is used for meetings and senior activities. The trail system in Victor is truly amazing. There is a walking tour through historic downtown but the majority of the trails take users through the mining relics adjacent to town. The main trail system is on land owned by the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine. The Mine allows controlled access to the public to explore miles and miles of trails. The Southern Teller County Focus Group has been key to constructing and maintaining trails in partnership with the Mine. These kinds of community partnerships are what have afforded Victor an incredible trail system that is treasured by residents and visitors. The parks and trails are maintained solely by volunteers. Victor cares a lot about its parks and trails and has created great community benefit with limited resources. The residents have made it clear that making improvements to and restoring the public spaces that exist is the priority of this master planning process. This document aims to summarize and consolidate the public input and guide development of parks and recreation in Victor for decades to come.

The direction and tone for the project were established early in the process by the Advisory Committee, City Staff, and the Public. The following are the guiding principles and goals that were created:

Guiding Principles

- Improvements to the parks, recreation and trails systems will be high quality, attractive, and will reflect our unique, small town character and history.
- The parks and recreation master plan will prioritize improvements that can be accomplished in the short-term with available resources while also setting the stage for longer-term more ambitious projects.

Goals

- Establish Victor as an accessible and well known outdoor recreation destination for visitors.
- Establish unique parks and recreation niches in Victor for residents of the Cripple Creek-Victor region. (Current example: the ice rink)
- Enhance Victor's livability and attractiveness for families and children with parks and recreation improvements and trail connections.
- Trail connections and in-town trails should provide opportunities for all ages and abilities ranging from challenging, adventurous routes to shorter, easier routes close to town.
- Establish downtown Victor as the starting point for trails providing connections to historic amenities and nearby natural areas.



Photo courtesy of the Victor Penguins Hockey Club

Summary of Public Process/Community Meetings

The public process included the establishment of a citizen's advisory committee and multiple meetings with the community, stakeholders, focus groups, and city staff. See Appendix B for complete meeting notes.

Advisory Committee Meeting #1 - January 10, 2012
Community Meeting/Workshop #1 - January 10, 2012

Advisory Committee Meeting #2 - February 21, 2012

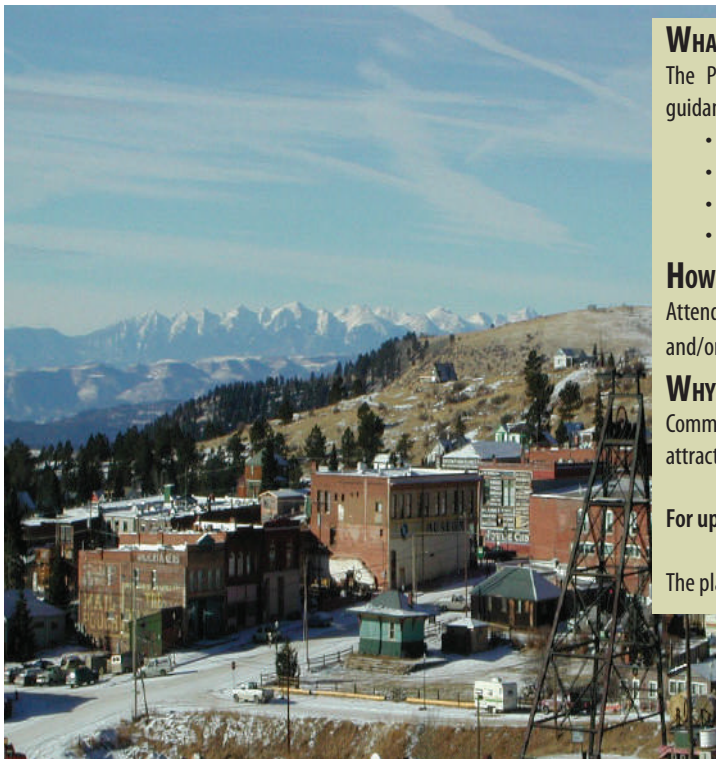
Focus Group Meeting #1 - Southern Teller County Focus Group - February 21, 2012
Focus Group Meeting #2 - Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine - April 2, 2012
Focus Group Meeting #3 - At Fortune Club - April 3rd, 2012

Advisory Committee Meeting #3 - April 3, 2012
Community Meeting #2 - April 3, 2012
Presentation of Draft Master Plan for community input.

Advisory Committee Meeting #4 - May 15, 2012
Community Meeting #3 - May 15, 2012
Presentation of Final Master Plan to City Council and Public.

ENVISION THE FUTURE OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The City of Victor has initiated a Parks and Recreation Master Plan process and your participation is essential.



WHAT IS THE VICTOR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN?

The Plan will document community needs and priorities and provide guidance on the following topics:

- improvements to existing parks
- trail connections
- development of future parks and recreation facilities
- community partnerships

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Attend community workshops, complete survey, post input on website, and/or provide input on the back of this card.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Community involvement is paramount for developing a master plan to attract funding and make it happen.

For upcoming workshop dates visit www.victorparksmasterplan.com

The plan is funded in part with a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado

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Summary of Survey Results

A parks and recreation master plan survey was incorporated into the February 2012 City Newsletter and was sent out with all of the water bills. A website (www.victorparksmasterplan.com) was created for the project to provide information on meetings as well as another outlet for public comment. An interactive, on-line survey was also posted on the website to increase the success of gathering responses. There were a good number of responses with detailed recommendations and commentary. The percentage of responses based on the surveys that were distributed was 14%. The following is a summary of the responses to each question along with input from community meetings and focus groups.



1. What do you treasure and want to preserve in Victor's existing parks and recreation facilities?

There were many responses that stated that all of the parks are treasured but they are all in need of maintenance and upgrades. The character of the mining history and being able to see and touch the artifacts are important. The Trails of Gold are a highly valued community amenity. The ice rink (Brian's Park) and the Gold Bowl were the most common response.

Specific comments:

"Their unique qualities each individually."

"Treasure walking trails. A good walk in beautiful Victor is healthy for mind and body."

"Historical artifacts/headframes, working or not but ability to touch, feel, examine and imagine."

"The high quality of ice at Brian's Ice Rink and the "Mystery Alaska" feel of the rink. The old time baseball

look of the Gold Bowl. The Alta Vista Station in Wallace Park."

"The free of charge hockey rink and trails."

"Gold Bowl baseball park, Wallace Park hiking trails, Guided walking tours of downtown Victor."

"Mostly treasure the sense of community. To promote health and well being by encouraging the use of recreational facilities, and activities that keep the community in tune with nature and their health as a whole."

"The existing parks are fine, they just need to be upgraded and improved."



2. What parks and recreation facilities do you use and for what activities?

Listed in order of responses:

- Trails - (50%) walking dogs, exercise, bikes, horses.
- Brian's Park - (27%) hockey, free skating, and soccer (summer).
- Wallace Park (25%) - picnicking and community events.
- Gold Bowl (12%) - soccer camp and old timer's baseball.
- Washington Park (9%) - playground.
- Community Center (6%) - meetings and senior activities.
- Community Garden (3%) - gardening.



Specific comments:

"I use the children's park when my grandchildren come to visit and attend community things in Wallace Park or the Gold Bowl. I walk the trails closest to town in the summer when I have a friend to walk with. I would appreciate more signage telling which trails lead to what so I could actually explore with a destination instead of just walking aimlessly over the same trails that I feel are safe and I can find my way back."

"Trails--Battle Mountain, Independence Mill Site, Vindicator Valley, Historic Walking Tour in City. Wallace Park--VCTA and Gold Rush Days events. Skating Rink Community Center--community events and meetings."

"Brian's Park ice rink - ice skating and ice hockey; watching kids play soccer in the rink in the summer. Mountain bike riding on the trails."

"Our family had the pleasure of hiking the Vindicator Valley trail one perfect fall day. It is done beautifully--we learned so much history, a real delight!"

3. What improvements would you like to see made to the existing parks?

The most common responses included requests for shade, more trees and more seating. Additional maintenance and upkeep resources are needed. Better connectivity and accessibility to parks.

Wallace Park - more flowers and a gazebo. Rejuvenate lawn, clean up flower beds.

Brian's Park - new boards, improve circulation.

Washington Park - upgraded play equipment and improved safety. Mining themed playground. Safety surfacing. Rebuild retaining wall, improve accessibility, organize parking.

Gold Bowl - expand to accommodate full-size soccer field. Restore grandstands/dugouts.

Specific comments on improvements:

"Clear the sidewalk from parking on Victor Avenue so people do not have to walk on the street. It's a safety issue. Put the picnic table and trash can and the boulder in one of the parks."

"Wallace Park could really use a picnic pavilion. The sun is so intense in the summer as well as the frequent rain storms. A small covered shelter over the picnic tables would be so nice. I'd like to see improvements made at the skating rink. The rink desperately needs new fiberglass boards. It would cut down on the maintenance at the rink. A cover for the rink is a good goal, as well. We need more hiking/biking trails!!! The little Washington Park needs improvements, as well."

"Trees, paint, grass, landscaping, flowers and bushes, seating and more picnic tables with shade and rain protection."

"All parks and recreational facilities should be preserved and updated with better landscaping, signage and more trees for shaded picnic and play areas. Parks need more picnic tables and seating with backs for adults. If play equipment or signage is provided by some individual or organization signage with that information should be prominent in the park. Should have large signage in downtown area with directions to all parks and play facilities."

"Improving the infrastructure in each park so that they all look nice and are relatively easy to maintain and to keep clean and neat."

"Wallace Park: Remove the dilapidated trolley & metal guard rail from second street side of park; treat the split rail fence, 'til the soil, add peat moss, fertilize and replant grass; add picnic tables restore grills. Washington Park: Rebuild the foundation wall on second street side; improve the stairs; fence the alley side; add soft sand to make playing safer and more fun for small children: add seating and a picnic table. Aspen trees would be nice to provide shade. Gold Bowl: Gate the entrance, remove the chain link fence, clean up the entire field, repair bleachers and finish dugouts. Do not allow it to be a dog run, enforce the leash law, enforce owner clean up of dog droppings."

4. Would you like more parks, trails or recreation facilities within the City?

Yes - 68%

No - 32%

A small pocket park for the north side of town was requested at the community workshop and in the survey.

5. What are your priorities for improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities (rank 1 to 5, with 1 being most important and 5 being least important).

The following are the results of the parks ranked as most important for improvement.

Brian's Park (Ice Rink)	32%
The Gold Bowl	24%
Wallace Park	22%
Washington Park	16%
Victor Community Center	5%

6. Have you or your family and friends used the Victor Community Center in the last year? If so, for what purpose?

Yes - 50%

No - 44%

Other - 6% (did not know there was a community center)

Uses included: family gatherings, meetings, senior activities, special events.

7. Are there other parks and recreation facilities or programs that are not offered locally that you would like to see offered by the City?

The main themes that emerged were:

- Some community space for indoor physical fitness and general recreation is needed, even if it is on a small scale.
- Provide more organized activities for kids in Victor.
- It is more of a priority to improve the facilities that exist than to build new ones.

Suggestions include: more sports at the Gold Bowl in the summer, more benches along trails, volleyball, croquet, miniature golf, ping pong, golf, snowshoeing, more picnic tables, fitness center, fitness course, softball/baseball league, indoor staffed rec room for kids, frisbee golf, horseback trails, more activities at the Independence Mill site, indoor athletics facility, mileage markers along trails, more senior programs and general assistance for seniors, archery range, sledding hill, a gym or access to exercise equipment, and a way to organize volunteer staffing.

"I would like for money to be used on existing facilities and signage on how to get there and better landscaping and seating with shade for adults and something in each area that also appeals to kids."

"...the city could facilitate and promote private recreational business opportunities. Examples: A miniature golf course with a Gold Camp theme, Zip lining... bike rentals...and the trolley car project."

8. Have you or your family used the existing trails close to Victor?

Yes - 90%

No - 10%

9. Do you have any suggestions for better connections from Downtown Victor to these trails?

There were very detailed responses to this question that will help guide the master plan.

Specific comments:

"Need easier trails in town. If sidewalk or well-marked trails were completed along the historic walking tour it would get attract more users."

"The trails surrounding Victor are one of the greatest assets for the City. Way-finding signage linking access to these trails from some central point in the City of Victor (perhaps Wallace Park) would be very useful. The trails should be linked to each other whenever possible. Again, way-finding markers for these links would be useful. A trail linking the cities of Victor and Cripple Creek is needed--preferably through a complete loop or some partial loops so those making the roundtrip have options to return by a different route. For example, a partial loop might connect the City of Victor and the Grouse Mtn trail via 7th Street and the Cemetery Road as well as via 2nd Street and the road that leads past the waste water processing plant. From Grouse Mtn, connect with the Shelf Road that leads to Cripple Creek. From Cripple Creek, connect through the Poverty Gulch Trail, to Grassy, to Victor Pass, to the Vindicator Trail, and back to Victor. Unofficially (to locals) the Battle Mtn Trail is a loop with access via the old railroad bed that extends from Diamond Ave, as well as access from the official trail head off Old Range View Road. This makes the trail much more accessible to locals. It would be very desirable to make the access from Diamond Ave part of the official trail so those not familiar with the area could also benefit from easier linkages to this trail from the City of Victor. It would also be useful to have an access linkage to the middle part of the Battle Mtn Trail--perhaps from North 7th Street or from North 4th Street? Way-finding signage for the Victor Historic Walking Tour/Trail is needed. The brochure and map for this walking tour needs to be enhanced--bigger fonts and a bigger map tied in with way-finding signs."

"More trails could be built north on 4th Street to the Midland Terminal Depot and west on Granite Avenue; repair that street to accommodate easier and safer walking connecting the trail on the old midland terminal railroad bed on to the Independence trail. Clear the sidewalk area on Victor Avenue to accommodate foot traffic for the existing walking tour. People now walk in the street because the sidewalk is a parking lot."

"Would like to see better use of what we have. Below the cemetery a trail with picnic area would be awesome."

"Would like to see a mileage marker throughout the City. At least a marker for one mile. Keep it within the City. Use the sidewalks and side roads. Take the walking trail to Historical marks within the city. You may already have this. But the mileage would be nice to know. It encourages people to walk. Woodland has bear prints painted on the sidewalks with the mileage beside the print. It's fun to walk through town, window shop and know you're getting your exercise in..."

"More advertising for parking and location of trails. Central start in Town Plaza will be nice."

"Signage, maps, parking."

"There already exists a R. R. bed on the north side of Victor that would be a perfect hookup to the trail system that has been established."

"Some sort of cobblestone trail off of one of the mainstreets up through town and to the trails. A type of yellow brick road."

"Signs, well marked paths that are easy to walk on for older folks, parking areas close to trail heads with bathrooms and water or other hydration available before they start the hike. Some trails that are accessible for handicapped folks in wheel chairs or other devices."

10. Would you support the City adding money in the annual budget for a full-time or part-time maintenance employee dedicated to parks and recreation facilities?

Yes -	81%
No -	16%
Maybe -	3%

Specific Comments:

"Volunteers can only do so much. It is essential for Victor to establish such a position."

"Current staffing is sufficient to take care of the parks with the numerous volunteers."

"Maybe, only if grants are applied for (lottery funds, El Pomar, etc.)"

11. Are you a full-time or part-time resident of Victor?

Full-time	= 40%
Part-time	= 26%
Did not respond	= 33%

12. How many people in your household?

Total = 80

How many under 18?

Under 18 = 12

13. Anything else you would like to tell us?

"Victor is a great place. We don't want to be like other places. We should keep this in mind as we move forward and develop our parks and recreation facilities."

"I would like to see the city plan start with an accurate and detailed inventory of what we already have for parks, trails etc. and then build needs from there. There seems to be some lack of understanding about what trails already exist. The STCFG would be happy to provide information on their projects to the city and consultant. The STCFG would also appreciate any assistance possible with maintenance of trails, wayfinding, insurance costs and installation/construction of future trails."

"The beautiful views of the Sangre de Cristos and the surrounding mountains are in my opinion, Victor's best asset. I've long been concerned... Straub mountain will be in jeopardy of residential and/or commercial development. I think it may be in Victor's best interest, to engage the Granger's about parcels of property in which the City or county could at least have the first right to purchase for community trails and open space..."

"While we live 6 miles outside Victor boundaries, we have a vested interest in making sure Victor succeeds; I would support a special recreation district mill levy."

"So many of us love the outdoors. We need camping for people with horses."





Facility Inventory

Park Name: Gold Bowl		
Location	Size	Existing Program
Victor Ave and 2nd St.	3.5 Acres	Sports Field and Community Events
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Grandstand	1	Fair (on-going renovations)
Dugouts	2	Fair
Basketball Court	1	Fair
Informal Gravel Parking	22 cars	Fair
Historic Headframe	1	Good
Baseball Field	1	Fair
Irrigation System	baseball field	Fair (some recent improvements)
Shed	1	Fair
Field Lighting	2	Poor (informal/outdated)
Small Cabin	150 sf	Poor

Existing Strengths of the Park

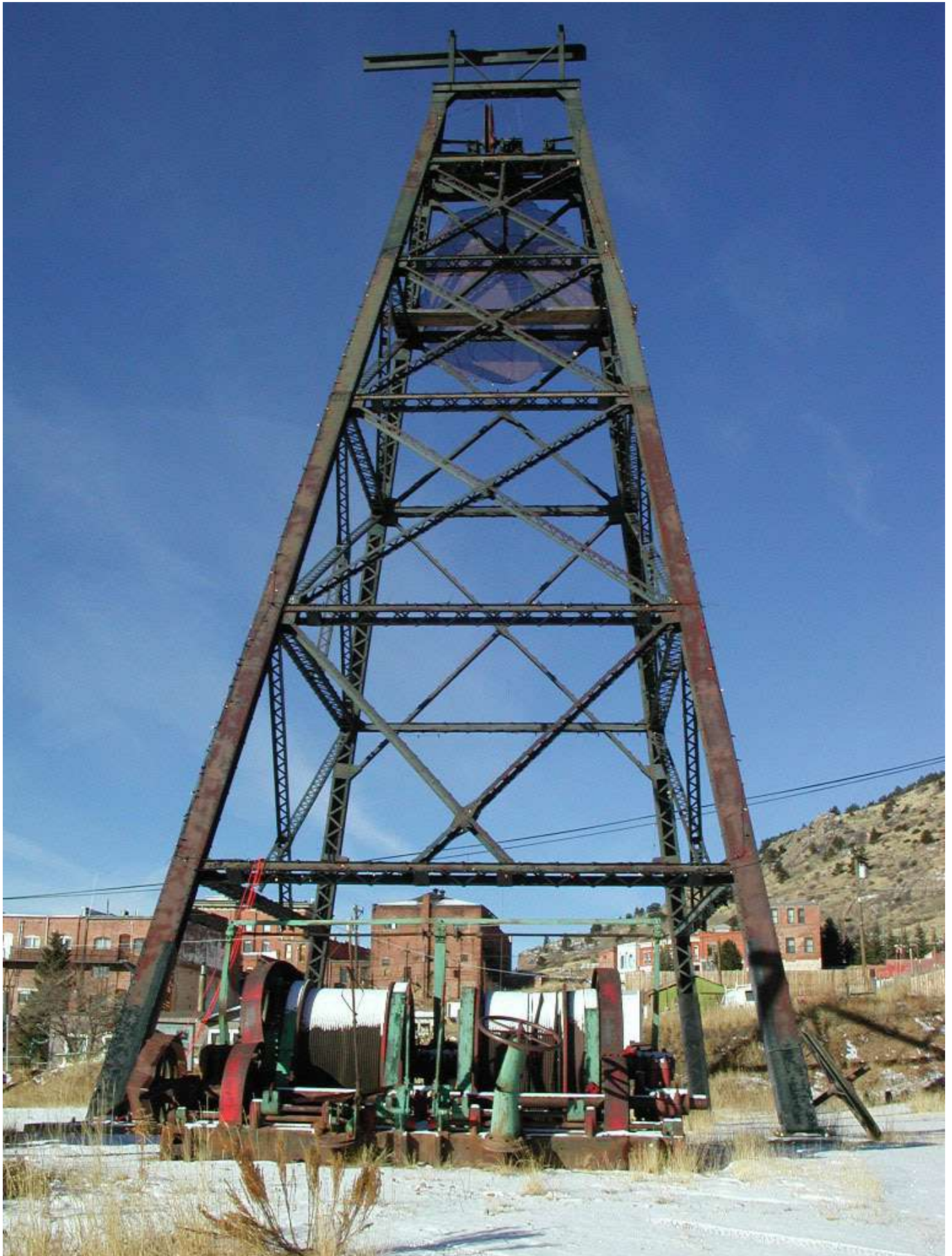
- Overall historic character.
- Views from site to town and mountains.
- Grandstands are a treasured landmark in community.
- Headframe is predominant landmark in City and major attraction.
- Provides City with large open green space.

Constraints of the Park

- Topography limits regulation size athletic fields and accessibility.
- There is a mining claim that cuts through the park. The City may want to acquire this property in the future.
- The two lots owned by Black Hills Energy

Opportunities of the Park

- Potential to expand soccer/softball field to attract more use.
- Take advantage of landmarks that attract people to park to promote wayfinding and orienting new visitor's to other City attractions.
- Provide ADA accessible trail to headframe and into the park.



The iconic headframe attracts visitors to explore the Gold Bowl. (January 2002)



View of the Gold Bowl from the High School (circa 2001). The grandstands were unpainted and falling into disrepair.



This monument near the backstop shows that the Gold Bowl was part of the economic recovery 70+ years ago.



Third base dugout - 2012.



Existing small cabin within the park is tucked into the aspen trees.



The Gold Bowl grandstands are a key piece to the character of the park and should be preserved and restored.



This historic photo of the Gold Bowl (undated) shows the field being used for baseball and football. Photo from Pikes Peak Library digital collection.



This photo taken from a similar vantage point shows that very little has changed. The grandstands are still in place. The field is currently used for baseball/softball, soccer, and special events. Photo courtesy of Mark Perdew.

Park Name: Brian's Park Ice Rink		
Location	Size	Existing Program
4th St. between Portland Ave and Spicer Ave	0.85 Acres	Ice hockey and skating
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Ice Rink (75' x 160')	1	Ice (excellent)
Boards (plywood)	rink perimeter	Fair/Poor
Shade Screen w/Posts	wraps rink (20' ht.) + baffles	Fair/Poor
Zamboni Shed	1	Good
Warming Hut/Storage	1	Fair
Shed	1	Fair
Informal Gravel Parking	10+ cars	Poor
Street Light	1	Fair
Sports Lighting		Fair

Existing Strengths of the Park

The rink is the City's main attraction for parks and recreation.

The ice sheet is kept in great condition.

Volunteers take care of maintenance.

Constraints of the Park

The parking is unorganized and blocks the alley.

Drainage causes problems in alley and at warming hut.

Pedestrian conflicts with vehicles.

Safety, new boards needed that include safety screen for spectators.

Zamboni shed does not have pavement in front of garage door.

No easy access from Portland Ave.

Need storage for tools, ladders, equipment, etc.

Opportunities of the Park

Organize circulation for pedestrians and vehicles.

Organize parking.

Upgrades for safety.

Improve spectator experience.



The existing shade screening system helps maintain the ice, which is not refrigerated. Victor is known for the high quality ice the rink provides.



Brian Hayes (the park's namesake) gives a tour of the warming hut. The rink and supporting facilities were built and are maintained by volunteers.



The west side of the rink is currently the primary use area. The area is a narrow strip between the alley and the rink. There are drainage and congestion problems with the current use pattern. The boards need replaced and a safety screen added to meet regulation height so that spectators are better protected.



The existing warming hut between the alley and the rink. The fireplace needs to be improved for safety.



Looking down on the rink from Portland Ave. The rink is surrounded by residential lots to the south and west. There is a small parking area north of the rink. The image further illustrates the narrow use area between the alley and the rink.



A substantial drainage comes from the west and continues north of the rink. The drainage needs to be improved and incorporated into future design.



A boy scout troop and their families, from Colorado Springs, came up to Victor to use the rink on a cold February day. (2012)



Brian's Park is used in the summer for soccer. This is a group from the Rocky Mountain Soccer Camp in the summer of 2011. Photo courtesy of Mark Perdeu.

Park Name: Wallace Park		
Location	Size	Existing Program
Victor Ave and 2nd St.	0.42 Acres	Community Events Visitor's Information
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Visitor's Info Center	1	Good
Public Restrooms	1	Good
Benches	2	Poor
Picnic Tables (concrete)	2	Good
Horseshoe Pits	2	Good
Fence	around perimeter	Fair
Flower Beds	1	Fair
Flexible Lawn Area	1	Fair
Steel Parking Stops	east side	Fair
BBQ Grills	3	Fair

Existing Strengths of the Park

Great community gathering place in highly visible area.

Historic depot building.

Flower beds.

Trolley on display.

Constraints of the Park

No shade or protection from the elements.

Close to Gold Bowl but no easy pedestrian connection.

Opportunities of the Park

Add a gazebo that can accommodate groups of people.

Potential for small picnic shelters.

More flower beds.

New benches/additional seating.

Restoration and permanent display of trolley. Could be moved to 3rd St. Plaza.

One of the main pedestrian routes in the summer is between the soccer camp at the old high school and the Gold Bowl/Wallace Park/Downtown. A sidewalk or trail would be a great improvement to pedestrian safety along this route. Photo courtesy of Mark Perdew.



Existing bristlecone pine at the southeast corner of Wallace Park should be preserved. All other trees and shrubs within the park should be retained to the extent possible.





The historic Alta Vista Station has been restored in Wallace Park as the Visitor's Information Center. The Victorian architecture of this structure sets the tone for future park improvements such as picnic shelters.



A view from Wallace Park to the headframe across the street at the Gold Bowl. (2011)

Park Name: Washington Park (Children's Park)		
Location	Size	Existing Program
2nd St. between Victor Ave and Portland Ave	0.21 Acres	Playground
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Swings	2 sets big, 1 set little	Fair
Basketball Court	1	Concrete-Fair, Hoops-Poor
Slide	1	Fair, too close to concrete
Retaining Wall/Fence	1	Poor
Play Structure	1	Fair
Chain-Link Fence	around perimeter	Fair
Monkey/Chin-up Bars	1	Fair

Existing Strengths of the Park

Mini-park nestled into residential area.

Provides play equipment for kids.

Constraints of the Park

Play structures are outdated.

Little to no safety surface provided (some pea gravel/crusher fines).

Grade falls off at east end of basketball court.

Retaining wall is failing.

Parking is unorganized.

No protection from elements or places for parents to sit.

Slide is too close to basketball court. Hard surface presents a hazard.

Opportunities of the Park

Provide challenging/interactive playground equipment upgrades.

Mining theme.

Fix grading problems.

Provide ADA access.

Provide shade and a comfortable place for parents.



There is chain link fence around the perimeter of the park.



The retaining wall on 2nd St is failing and needs to be replaced. The aspens should be preserved if possible.



The only public play structure in Victor. There is some loose gravel around the structures but in general, safety surfacing needs to be added to meet current standards.



There are some safety concerns with the existing equipment configuration. The metal slide gets very hot in the summertime. There is not an adequate fall zone/clear zone between the slide, the basketball court and the swings. The basketball court at the park is meant for younger children.

Park Name: Community Garden		
Location	Size	Existing Program
2nd St. between Spicer Ave and Portland Ave	0.14 Acres	Community Garden
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Raised Beds	10+/-	Good
Stone Steps	1	Good
Watering System/Spigot	1	Good
Split Rail Fence	north and east side	Good

Existing Strengths of the Park

Volunteer effort with momentum.

Constraints of the Park

Short growing season.

Opportunities of the Park

Room for expansion.
Benches, shade, storage.
Greenhouse in future.
Adjacent to single lot.



The center of the community garden with a raised bed and hoop structure. The garden is new and everything is in good condition. There is a split rail fence an the north and east side.



Individual planter boxes line the perimeter of the garden.

Facility Name: Community Center		
Location	Size	Existing Program
2nd St. and Portland Ave	0.09 Acres	Community Meetings Senior Activities
Park Asset/Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Building Interior	1,965 sf	Good
Building Exterior		Fair

Existing Strengths of the Facility

Accommodates community meetings and senior activities.
Very nice renovation.
Beautiful murals by Michael Noel Wallace.

Constraints of the Facility

Sound is an issue.

Opportunities of the Facility

Could host more indoor activities for youth if there were volunteers to supervise.



The Community Center kitchen.



A portion of the murals covering the ceiling at the Community Center.



The Community Center is located at the corner of Portland Ave and 2nd St.



Inside the Community Center, showing the updated finishes and recently painted ceiling by a local artist.





Site Master Plans

The Gold Bowl

The Gold Bowl is the park that most visitors first discover in Victor. The park has two distinctive landmarks - the Cresson Headframe and the grandstands. The park and the landmarks are historically significant. The Gold Bowl was built in 1939 with funds from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works. The headframe was moved to this location to honor miners past and present. The park has a nostalgic presence that is represented by the baseball field. Many residents expressed that they want to preserve the baseball field and hope that it can be improved so that it gets more use in the future. Currently the main athletic use is for soccer. The field has been used for multiple sports in the past, so it is reasonable that these uses can coexist today.

Recommendations

1. The grandstands should be preserved and restored. This can be accomplished by ongoing maintenance, painting, replacing boards, etc. Funding to replace the roof could be sought as a capital or maintenance project.
2. The athletic field should be expanded to the west to accommodate a full-size soccer field and a deeper left field. The outfield fence should be removed. The fence along the south side should remain to keep balls from going out of the park and into the drainage or the street. The field should remain flexible so that it can change between baseball, softball, soccer, and other field sports.
3. The basketball court and parking should be moved to the City owned parcel south of Victor Ave. This area could also accommodate pavement for skate park equipment that has been donated by Woodland Park.
4. Establish a better pedestrian connection between The Gold Bowl and Wallace Park. This could include a ramp, stairs, or terraced seating at the west edge of the park. A crusher fines trail should be added to provide ADA access to the headframe and the grandstands. This trail could also provide an easy 1/4 mile loop around the park.
5. Provide a play area for younger children and families. This area could include a slide, tot lot, climbing wall, small picnic shelter, etc.
6. Add a parking area/trailhead at the northwest corner of the park. This can provide easy access to the play area as well as a place for visitors to get oriented when they first come in to town.
7. Renovate small cabin in aspen trees. The cabin needs a new roof and shoring. The cabin should be evaluated for safety.
8. A retaining wall will be needed to provide space to get the expanded field and ramp into the park. The material of the wall shall be stone or crib wall so that it fits into the historic context. The wall should be designed by a structural engineer.
9. Acquire property or get a permanent easement for use of the parcels that are not owned by the City within the Gold Bowl.



This image shows an example of a stone retaining wall with stairs in Jerome, Arizona, that provides access between two public spaces. The materials reinforce the character of the historic mining town.



A play area should be incorporated into the Gold Bowl. The design should take advantage of the site's topography and incorporate elements such as embankment slides and climbing walls. This photo shows a rustic play area tucked into a slope.





Brian's Park - Ice Rink

The ice rink is Victor's main sports attraction and gets heavy usage during the winter months. The rink started out as a low spot where water collected and froze. Locals started skating on the natural sheet of ice and use has increased ever since. Brian Hayes and a group of volunteers built the original boards with scraps they got from an old barn. A zamboni was acquired from Breckenridge in the 1990's. The location and volunteers have made this one of the highest quality natural sheets of ice in Colorado. The rink attracts visitors and hockey camps from other cities. Ice skates are available at the warming hut and skating is free to locals and visitors when the ice is available. Many in the community stated that the free skating is a highly valued asset. The main issues that need to be addressed are circulation, functionality, maintainability, and aesthetics. The current use pattern has all of the activity pinched into a narrow space between the alley and the rink on the west side. The rink is situated in the middle of a residential area and neighbors have requested that a shade system more compatible with the area be considered. Residents also expressed the desire to be able to view the rink as more "open air" and wanted to consider a shade system that is retractable. The quality of the ice needs to be preserved while improving the experience for users, spectators and neighbors.



This photo shows a premanufactured structure built by a local Colorado company out of beetle-kill lumber. This product illustrated the rustic style of building that would fit in with the character of the new dasher boards. The new elements constructed at the ice rink should all be within a single family of materials and fit in with the character of Victor and the residential neighborhood. Photo from www.microstructurescolorado.com

Recommendations

1. Move the warming hut, bleachers, and main user activities to the east side of the rink. Replace the warming hut with a larger structure (400-500 sf). Include solar panels and banks of windows to take advantage of the solar orientation of the site. The new warming hut should include more storage space for skates and athletic equipment. The fireplace should include safety features to protect young kids from getting too close. Use the existing warming hut for storage and maintenance equipment.
2. Replace the existing boards and add safety glass to protect spectator areas. A good resource for used hockey rink equipment is Rinkequipmentresource.com ; it is recommended that this site be explored and compared to the cost of new dasher boards, etc.
3. Organize parking to be separated from pedestrian areas. Parking should be double loaded, with the larger lot near the Spicer entrance and the secondary lot at the north. No parking will be allowed in the alley: install a barrier if needed.
4. Provide a pedestrian connection (steel grate stairs) from Portland Ave to the rink.
5. Install more energy efficient lighting. Minimize light spill into the neighborhood.
6. Revegetate areas around the rink to help with dust control on the ice. Add trees around the perimeter to provide shade and help block wind.



This real wood dasher board system would reinforce the style of the nostalgic small-town ice rink.

7. Replace the shade system with a post and cable system that can retract from side to side, designed by a structural engineer. The shade system should include a permanent wire mesh framework on the south side. Shade fabric can be secured to the structure as needed. All posts shall be a consistent material, corten or other weathering steel.



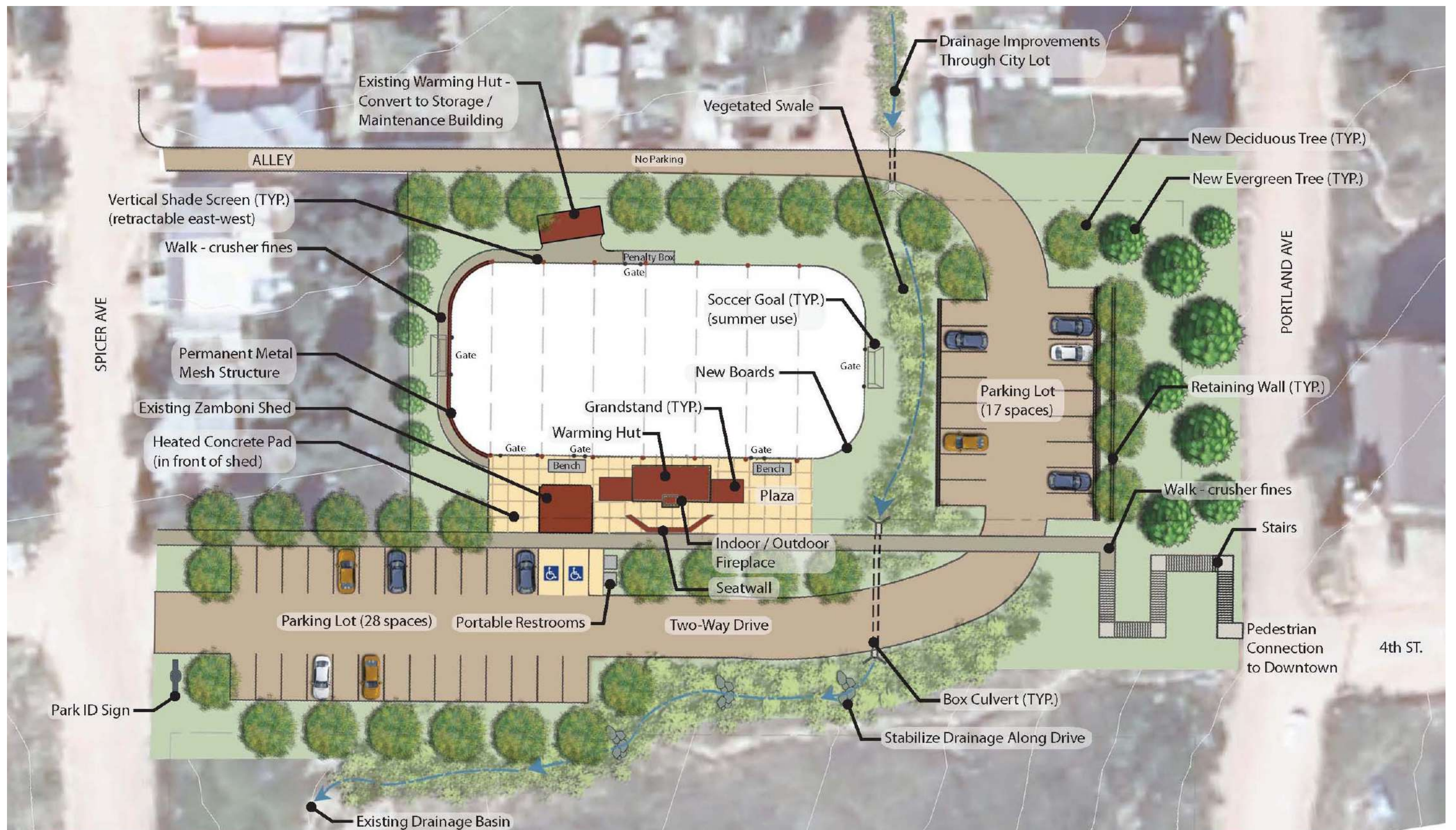
The outdoor rink in Salmon, Idaho has a retractable shade screen system that is a good example for what could be done at Brian's Park. The rink in Victor will probably need more shades that have a tighter spacing. Photo from Salmon Hockey website.



An example of an outdoor ice rink, in Swift Current, Sk, Canada, that incorporates weathering steel posts, wood boards, and a wire mesh framework on the south side.

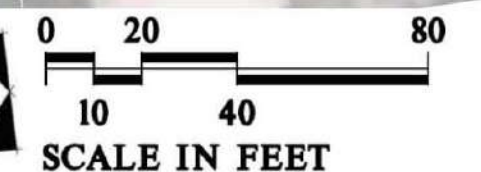


Having a permanent framework for the shade screen can increase longevity of the material and improve the appearance.



Notes:

1. Install safety screen at all spectator areas.
2. New lights on shade screen poles.
3. Install 3 vehicular gates / 3 player gates
4. No parking in alley
5. Plaza material to be rubber mats on compacted gravel.



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Wallace Park

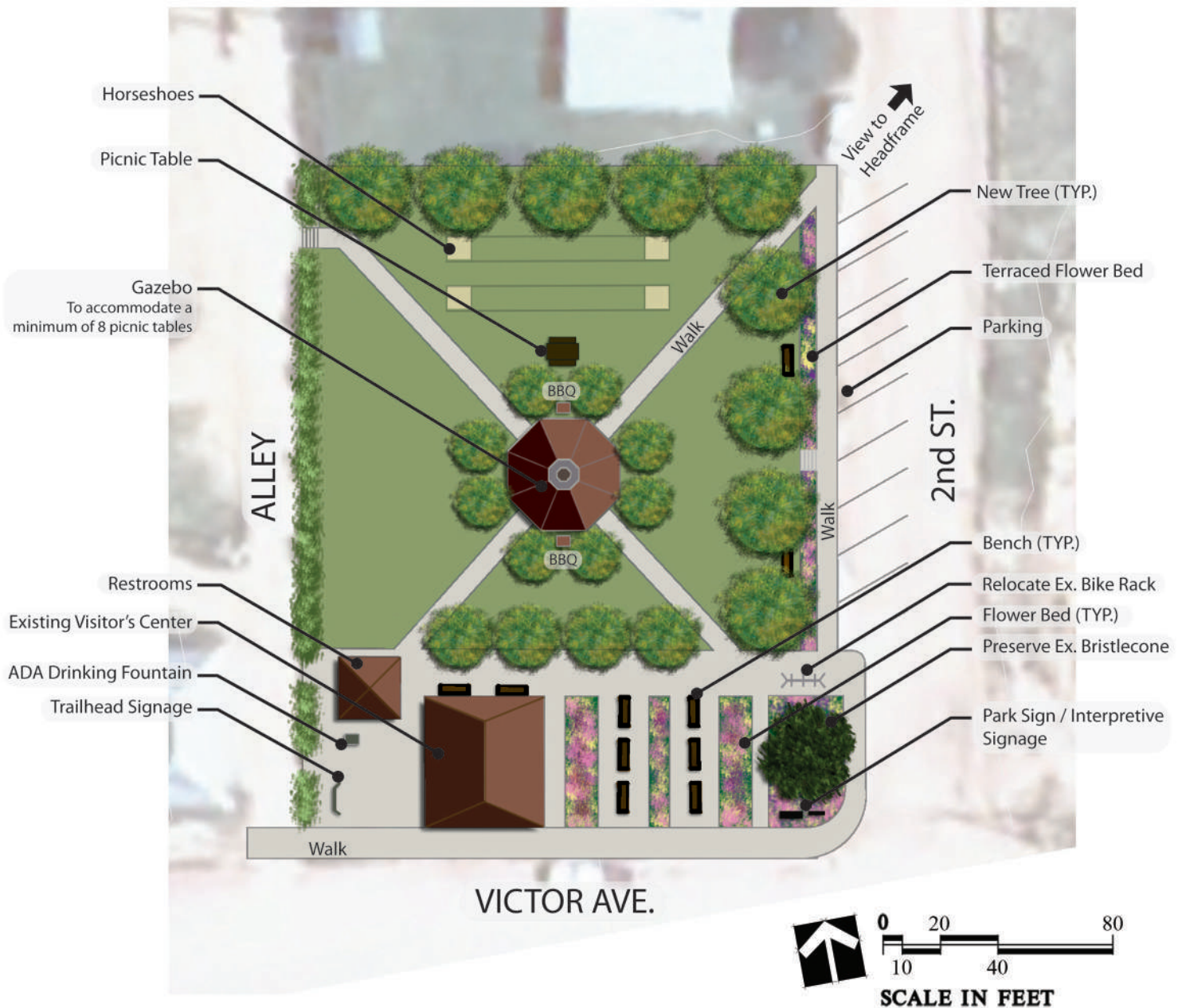
Wallace Park is the City's central gathering space. Activities and events begin or end at the park. It is more of a traditional picnic park. It does have some flexible lawn space but it is mostly used for passive activities. Wallace Park should be enhanced based on its historic uses to provide a beautiful public outdoor space. This will be a place where visitors get oriented so they can explore the rest of Victor. There need to be amenities added that provide shade, shelter, and other comforts so that people will stay outside longer.

Recommendations

1. Add a large gazebo that can accommodate at least eight picnic tables. This will be a center piece of the park and should fit with the Victorian architecture of Alta Vista station (visitor's info center).
2. The flower beds are important and should be preserved and enhanced.
3. Add new benches and seating wherever possible.
4. Maintain the horseshoe pits within the park.
5. Organize parking along 2nd St. Create a terraced flower bed between the lawn and parking on 2nd St.
6. Improve existing lawn spaces for picnicking.
7. Add trees for additional shade.
8. Move trolley to 3rd St. Plaza.
9. Preserve existing trees.
10. Create a space for wayfinding/trailhead signage in the park, close to the visitor's info center.
11. Add a drinking fountain in the park.
12. Provide a better pedestrian connection between Wallace Park and the Gold Bowl.
13. Relocate existing bike rack.
14. Use red sandstone slabs as accent paving within the park.
15. Provide a croquet set at Visitor's Info Center that could be borrowed for use in the park.



The gazebos above illustrate the style of structure that could become the centerpiece of Wallace Park. The custom gazebo on the left is in Silverton, CO, another small mining town with Victorian style architecture. The gazebo on the right is a catalog structure that would be assembled on site.



Washington Park

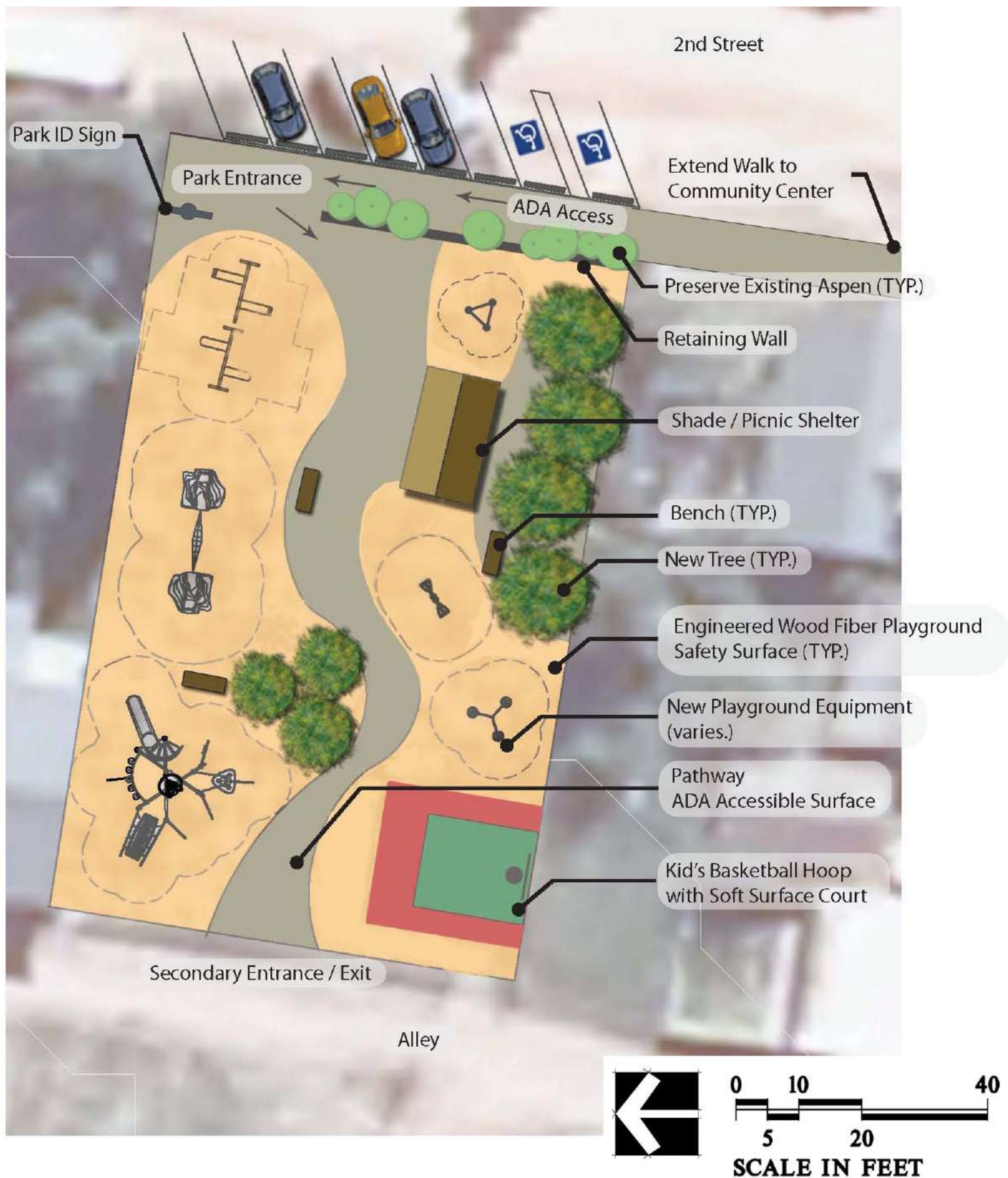
Washington Park is the City's only public playground. The park has some of the original equipment from the school before the students went to Cripple Creek. Other equipment has been added over the years. Some of the equipment is outdated and unsafe. There is not adequate safety surface at the playground. Some of the placement of the equipment has unsafe overlap with hard surfaces such as the basketball court and swings. There are a nice group of aspens growing on the east side of the park. The trees provide some separation from the street. There is a chain link fence around the park that feels a little unfriendly for a playground.

Recommendations

1. Redesign the playground with updated equipment. Public comments have suggested a mining theme.
2. Replace the retaining wall at the east side. Preserve the aspen trees. Add an ornamental fence on the 2nd St side.
3. Provide for ADA accessibility from the parking lot to the playground and throughout the park.
4. Provide an adequate safety surface that meets current standards and is accessible. Implement safety improvements as maintenance items in near future.
5. Organize parking along 2nd St.
6. Provide shade and seating within the park for parents and other users.
7. Add trees and a small picnic shelter for additional shade.
8. Provide a small sports court area for children that is safely outside of playground fall zones.



These images show more natural and mining themed play structures received positive feedback from the community when reviewing potential playground styles.



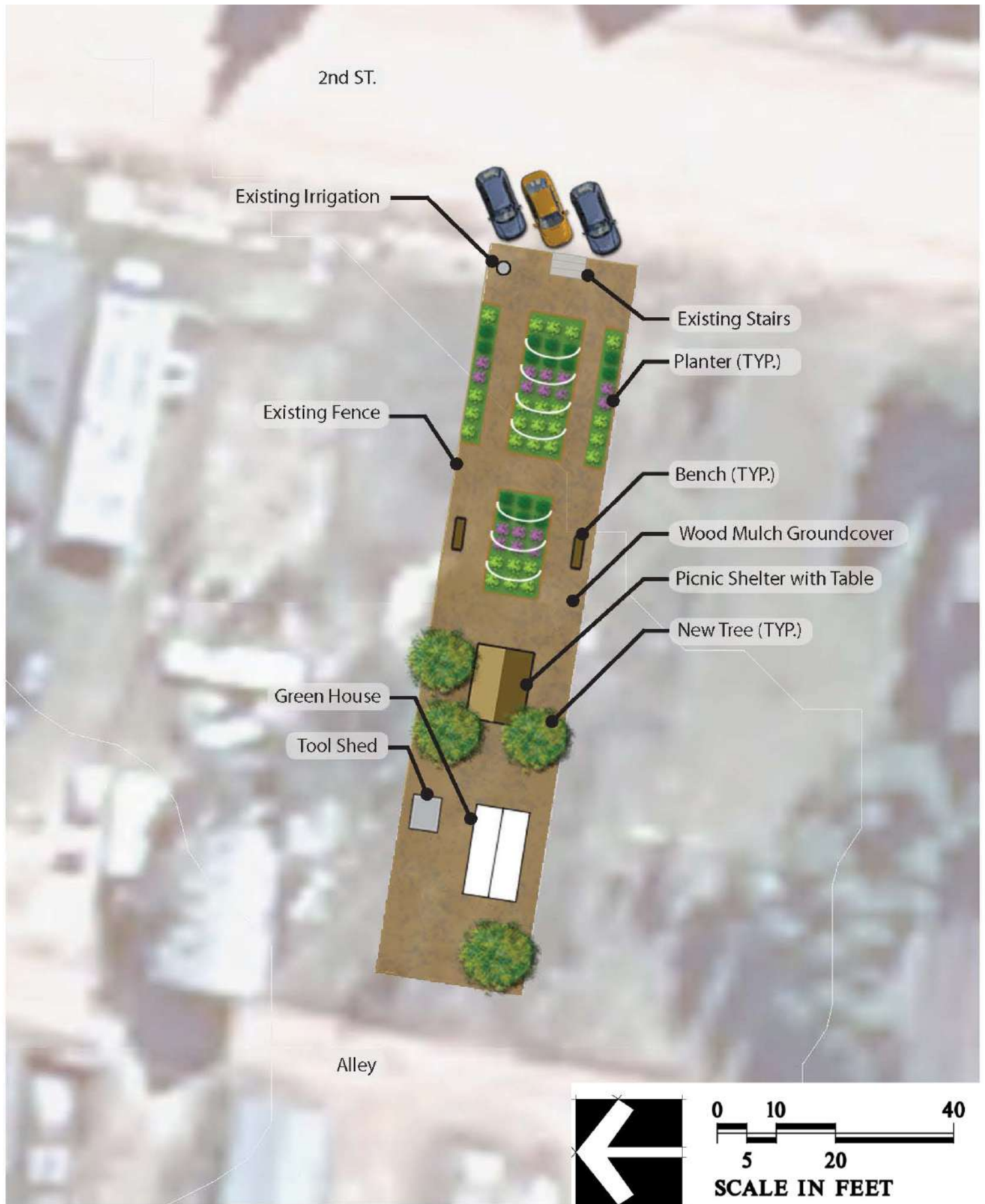
Community Garden

The Community Garden has recently been completed and is located on 2nd St between Portland and Spicer. What has been done so far is a great start; below is a list of recommendations for the garden as improvements are made in the future.

Recommendations

1. Shade and shelter are needed. Add a small picnic shelter and trees.
2. A lockable tool shed would be a good addition.
3. Add a small greenhouse.
4. Continue to expand the community garden system onto vacant lots with owners' permission. This could help establish a diverse farmer's market and be a great community resource that would be shared.





Old Landfill Site

The original landfill site has been capped with soil and revegetated. This area provides a 7+ acre site that could be used by the City in the future. This may be a place for needs that currently are not met within the existing parks. During the public process some of the main activities brought up for this area were camping and disc golf. There is currently no camping close to downtown and this could be a great amenity for Gold Rush Days and other events. If work is done in this area, care should be taken to clean up glass from the site, and earthwork should only be accomplished by placing fill.

Recommendations

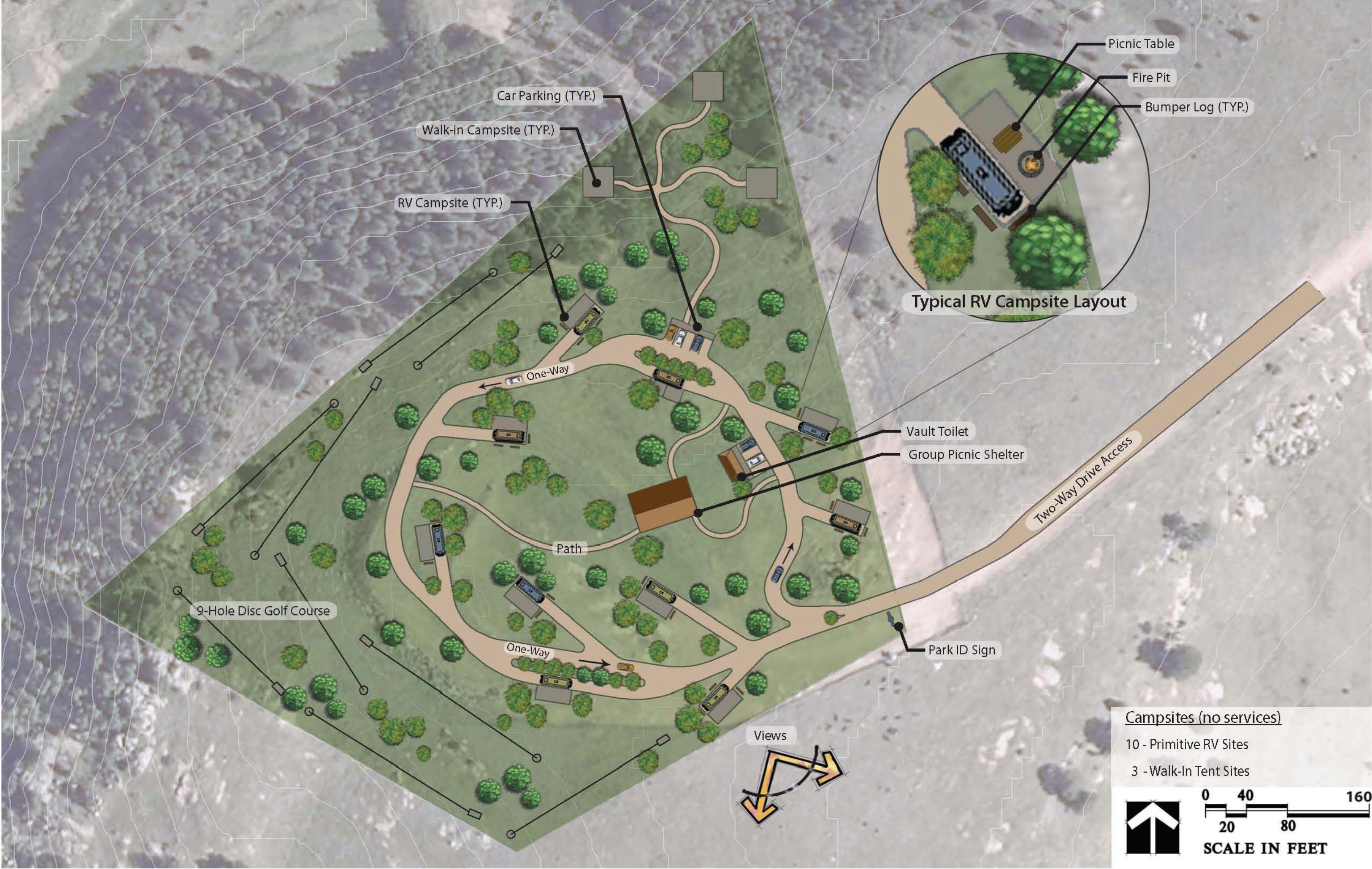
1. Provide a gravel loop campground with 8-16 pull-in campsites. The sites should be fairly primitive and not include utilities. Each site would have a level gravel pad, a fire ring, and a picnic table. Further study is needed to determine if there is any venting on the restored landfill area. If there is venting of gas into this area, it will need to be determined what activities can safely take place in this area (i.e. eliminate fire pits).
2. Provide a vault toilet.
3. Provide a central shade shelter.
4. Provide some walk-in tent camping.
5. Provide a trail connection to downtown and to Little Grouse Mountain.
6. Provide a 9-hole disc golf course on the areas of the site with steeper topography. Disc golf is an activity that could be added relatively inexpensively and in the near future. The disc golf activity should remain physically separated from the campground.
7. Preserve the views to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.
8. Add a layer of fill and topsoil to help cap glass that migrated to the surface. The slope to the NW will also need some fill and clean-up.



View from the entrance to the old landfill site, looking north towards the City.



The old landfill has been capped with soil and revegetated. This is a view of current conditions, looking south east across the site. There is broken glass that needs to be cleaned up at the surface.

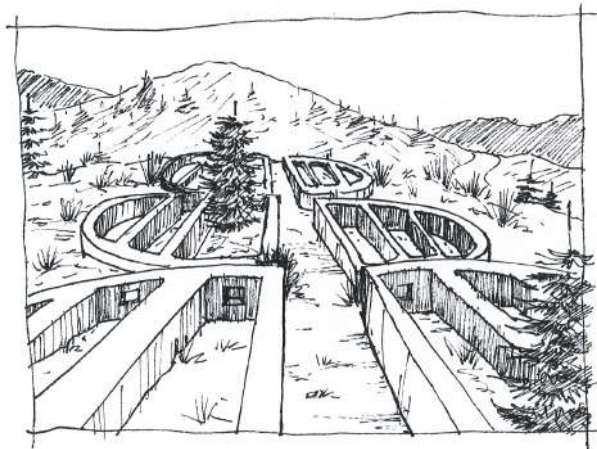


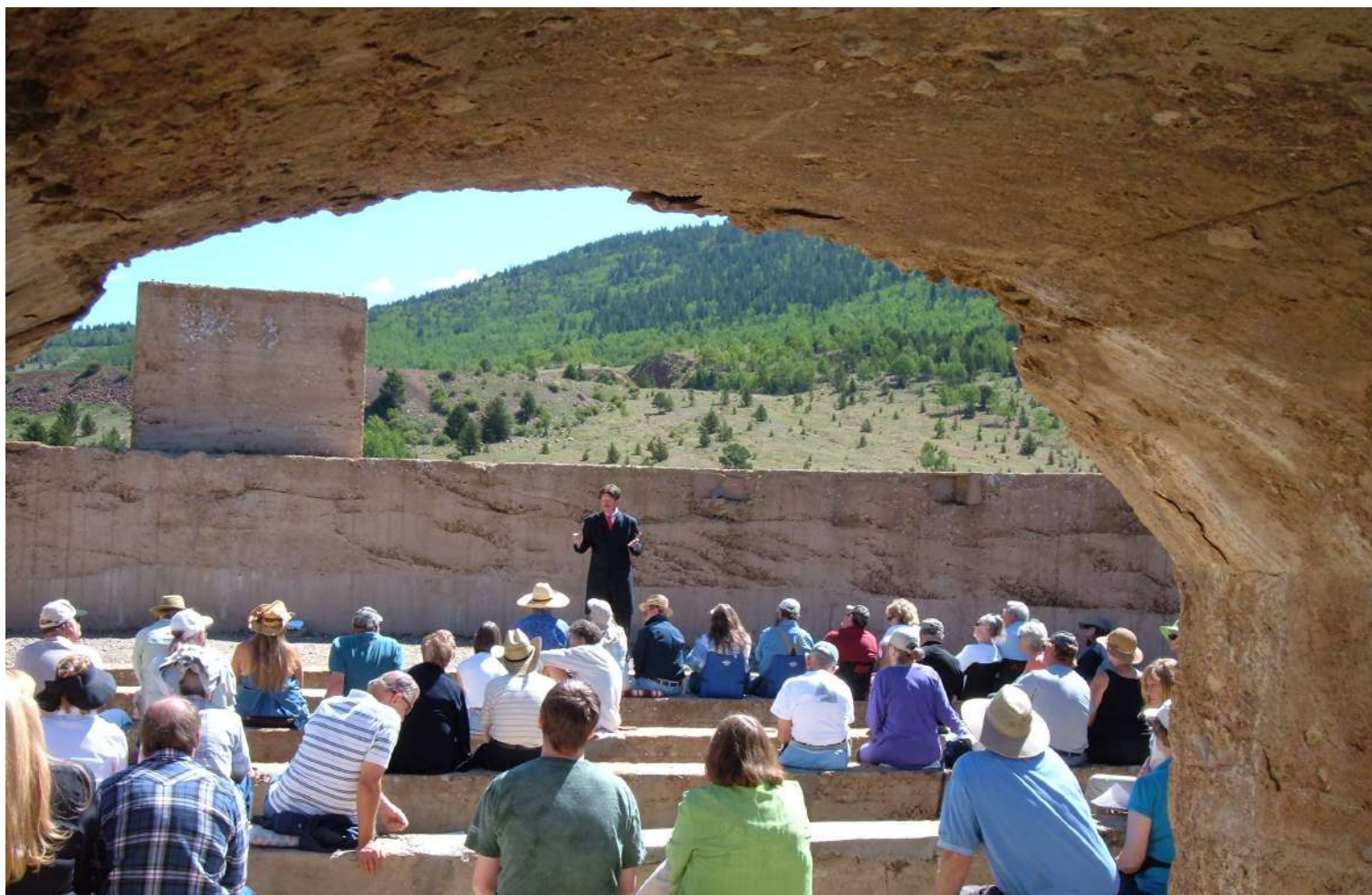
Mill Site

The Mill Site owned by the CC&V Gold Mine is a one of kind resource that could be improved to be more “park-like”. The site is already open to the public and includes an amphitheatre, trail, and many interpretive signs. The entrances to the site need to be clear; currently there is some old signage that may discourage new visitors. The concrete work that has survived at this site was done by a true craftsman. The shapes of the structures are very photogenic and should become iconic to Victor as more people find this site. Another very interesting aspect of the site is how nature is moving back in. There are native trees and shrubs growing right up through the geometric concrete chambers. This creates a remarkable visual juxtaposition between man and nature. This site is a metaphor for Victor’s mining history in this beautiful natural setting.

Recommendations

1. Add trail markers at both entrances to the site. Wayfinding and directional signage should be added to assist people in finding the amphitheatre and exploring the site. Create well-defined trails through the site.
2. Improve/organize parking at helipad to maintain a safe distance from vehicles to helipad. Paint a crosswalk from parking lot to Mill Site entrance.
3. Add park amenities in the aspen grove, such as a single-track trail, benches, picnic tables, and a shade shelter. There are concrete blocks and timbers within this area that could be incorporated and repositioned as benches.
4. Create a well-defined, well-signed trail from downtown to the Mill Site. The amphitheatre is an outstanding amenity and creative adaptive reuse project. This whole area is a unique treasure to Victor and should be marketed as a place for visitors to explore and enjoy.
5. Fill some structures with crusher fines (soft surface trail material) so that 18”-30” of the structures are exposed. This will increase the accessibility and safety of these elements. An example of an area where this could be implemented is the three chambers on the south side of the site. The trail could safely bisect the structures so that visitors can get a more intimate look. Encourage people to move through the safest areas of the site.

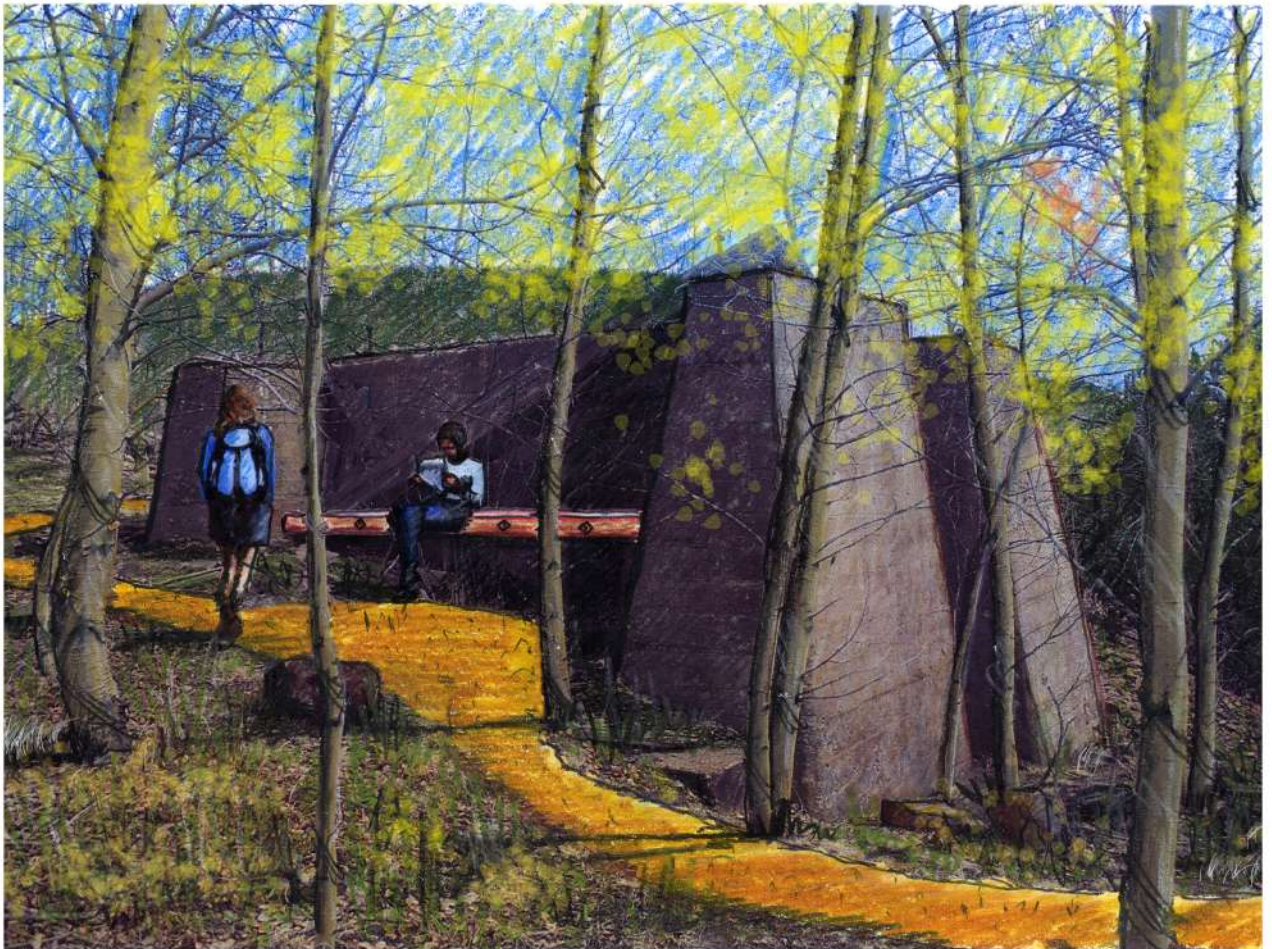




The Stratton Outdoor Amphitheatre is an adaptive reuse project that turned the foundation of a historic water tower into a multi-use amphitheatre. There are many events that currently take place at the site. The amphitheatre is the anchor of the Mill Site and should become a more popular attraction via marketing and wayfinding. Photo by Veldean Petri.

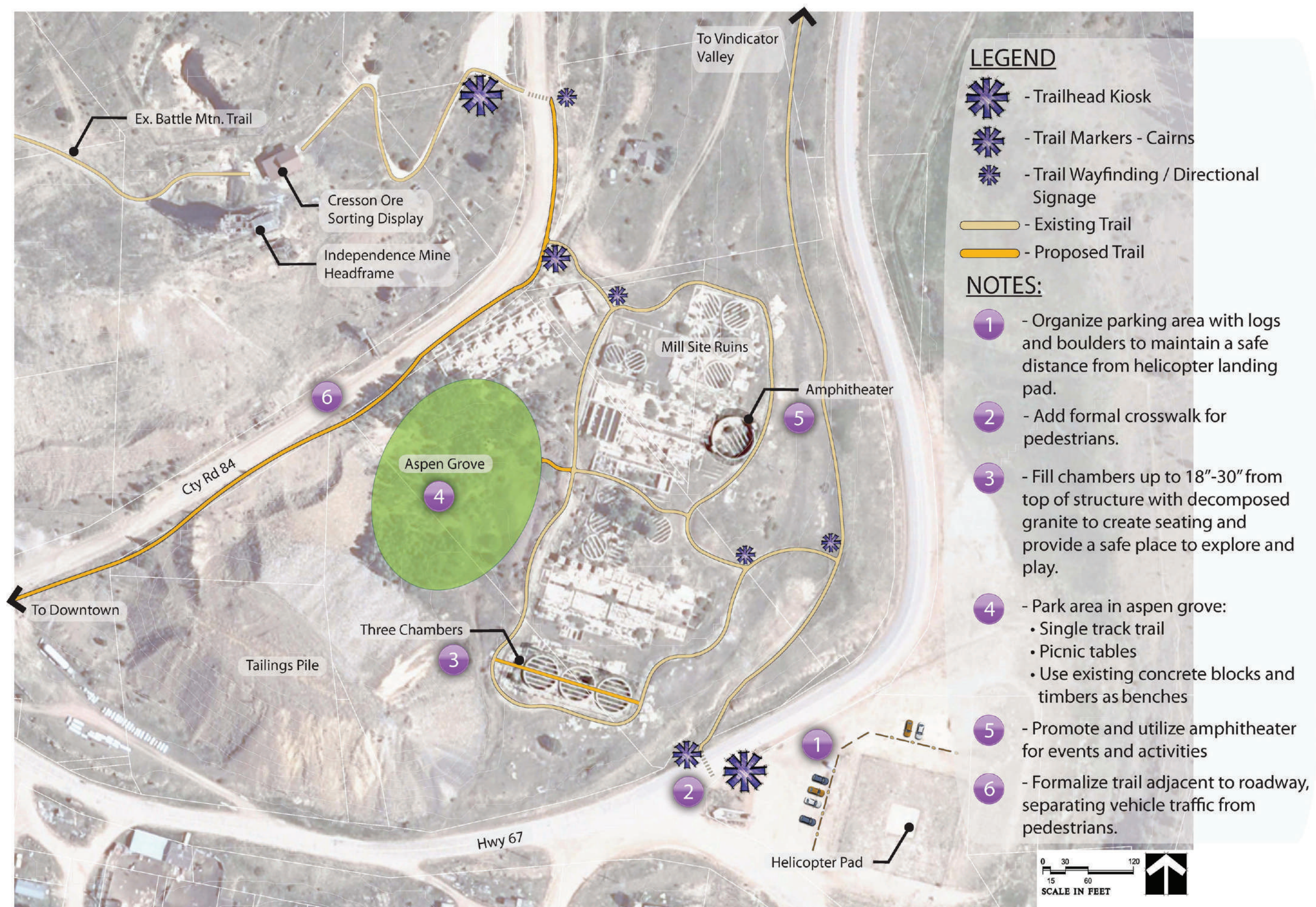


An overview of the amphitheatre from the Mill Site looking southeast.



The top image is one of the interesting remnant structures within the Mill Site and specifically in the aspen grove. The sketch on the bottom illustrates the addition of a trail through the aspens and incorporating the large timber as a bench.



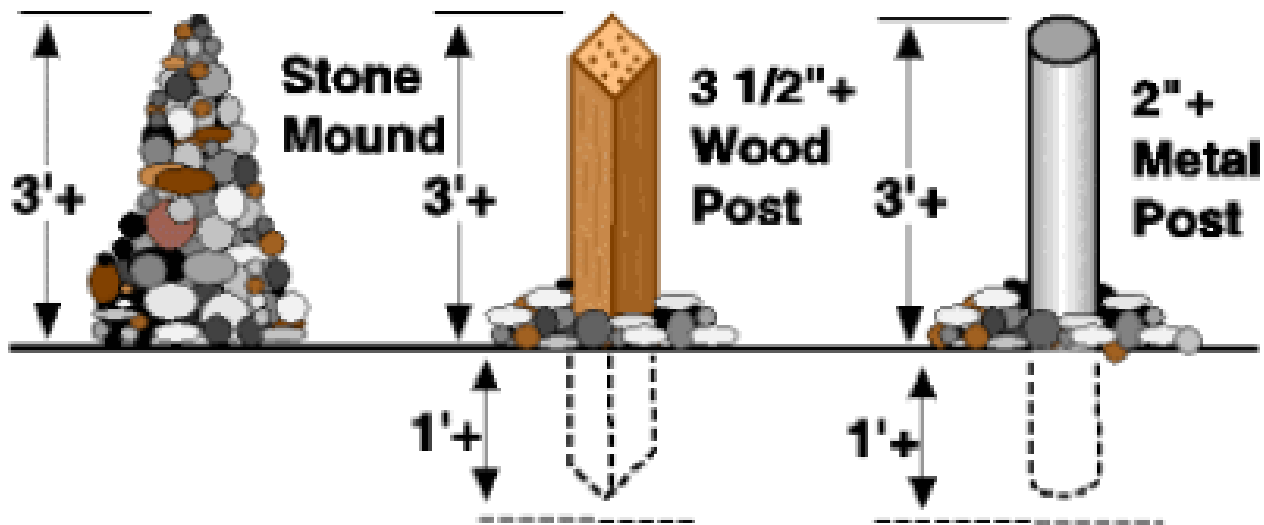




Trail Connections Plan



A rock cairn is used to mark a trail where bedrock is exposed. This is a good example of a trail marker with directional signage that helps visitors find their way.



Examples of traditional miner's claims that could be used as precedent for trail markers in Victor.

Trails and Pedestrian Connectivity

The trails surrounding Victor are an outstanding amenity. There are miles and miles of trails that take you through the mining structures that are a huge part of the City's history. The primary goal of this master plan was to look at making connections to these trails from downtown Victor. Visitors take the historic walking tour and may not know that they could keep going and explore so much more. Improved connections will also bring trail users into the City. Through the public process, wayfinding was identified as a need for the City in general but also for the trails system and making those connections. It will be beneficial to everyone if there is signage that can direct trail users to downtown and downtown visitors to the trails. Needs that were also expressed were creating more easy trails and creating more trail loops. The Southern Teller County Focus Group (STCFG), in cooperation with the Mine, have been responsible for creating the trail system. The City should continue to support the STCFG in creating trail connections between parks, public spaces, and other destinations.

Recommendations

1. Complete a wayfinding master plan to help visitors find the parks and trails that exist in and near the City.
2. Trails need to be well defined or delineated, especially trails that follow gravel roads or are in areas where there are safety concerns with old mines. This is currently accomplished with split rail fencing. The fencing is hard to install because of the hard rock close to the surface in the area. Alternative may include trails defined by an edge such as rock. Another option would be to sandblast a trail logo into a larger boulder. The boulders could be placed at intervals that would visually guide a trail user. Reclaimed materials could be incorporated into the trail markers, or the trail markers could be cairns constructed from rock on-site.



An example of a crushed gravel trail delineated with a rock edge.

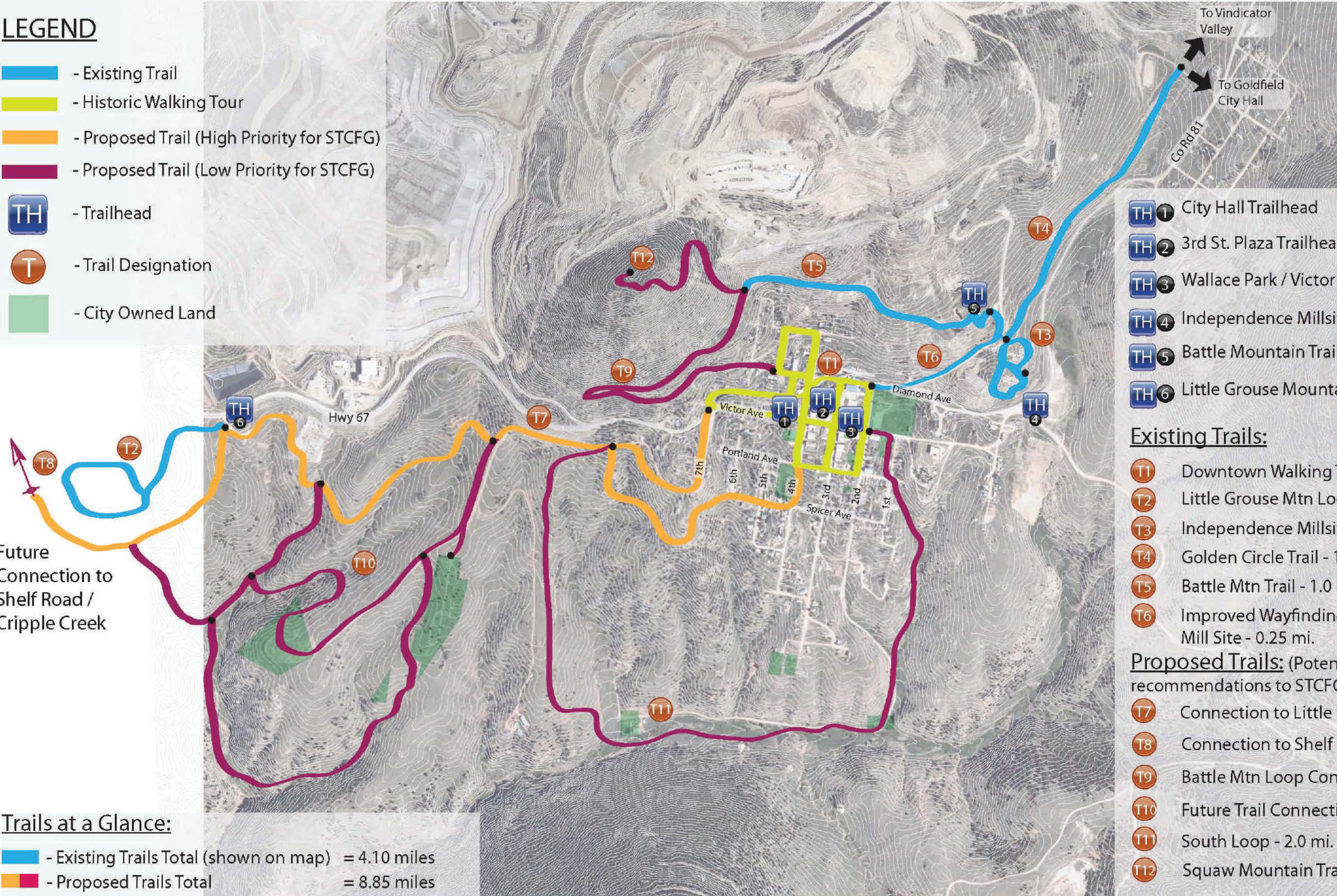


Examples of wayfinding created by symbols on boulders set along the trail. The image could be sand-blasted into the stone or added on as a sculptural piece of metal.

3. Provide signage at any areas where there are potential dangers.
4. Formalize connection that makes a loop from Battle Mountain Trail back into downtown on the old railroad grade. Currently some locals use this route and it would be a very nice trail for visitors, too. The trail is one of the easiest routes in the area , which makes it a key route keeping visitors in Victor longer.
5. Provide a trail connection from downtown to Little Grouse Mountain.
6. Finish sidewalks in downtown that follow the walking tour. Keep sidewalks clear of vehicles. Sidewalk connections could be completed with a soft surface trail.
7. Create trail connection from Victor to Cripple Creek.
8. Create more loops within the City limits, especially to the south. Some of these are easy to moderate routes that would broaden the range of abilities that could use the trails.

LEGEND

- Existing Trail
- Historic Walking Tour
- Proposed Trail (High Priority for STCFG)
- Proposed Trail (Low Priority for STCFG)
- TH - Trailhead
- T - Trail Designation
- City Owned Land



Future Connection to Shelf Road / Cripple Creek

Trails at a Glance:

- Existing Trails Total (shown on map) = 4.10 miles
- Proposed Trails Total = 8.85 miles

* Proposed trail locations diagrammatic only, not exact locations.

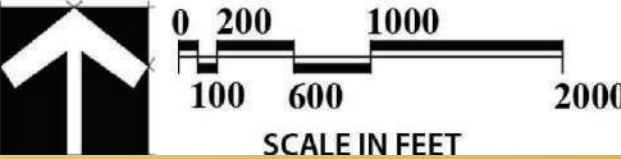
- TH 1 City Hall Trailhead
- TH 2 3rd St. Plaza Trailhead
- TH 3 Wallace Park / Victor LT Museum Trailhead
- TH 4 Independence Millsite Trailhead
- TH 5 Battle Mountain Trailhead
- TH 6 Little Grouse Mountain Trailhead

Existing Trails:

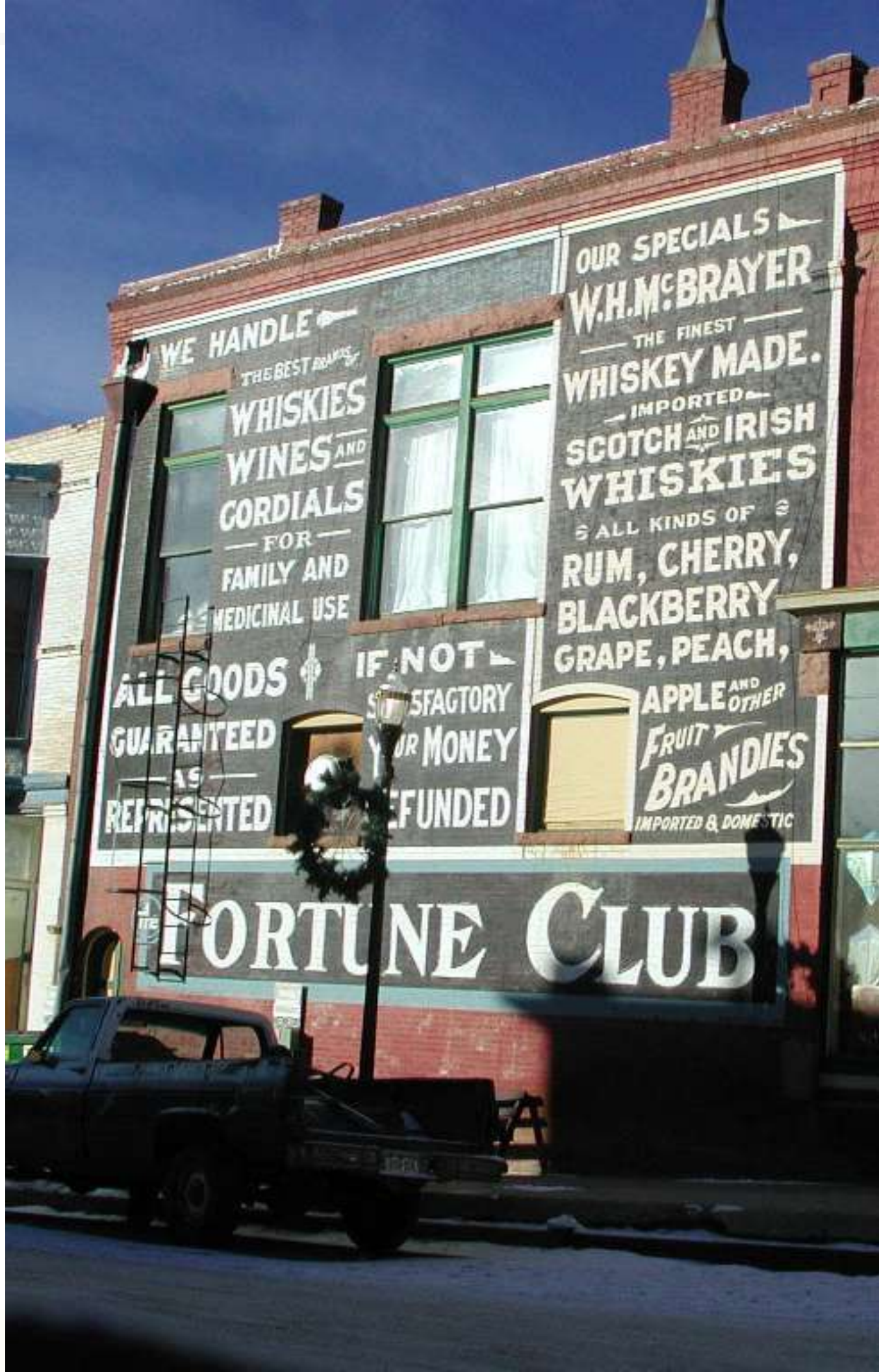
- T1 Downtown Walking Tour Loop - 1.65 mi.
- T2 Little Grouse Mtn Loop - 1.0 mi.
- T3 Independence Millsite Loop - 0.50 mi.
- T4 Golden Circle Trail - 1.25 mi. (one-way)
- T5 Battle Mtn Trail - 1.0 mi. (one-way)
- T6 Improved Wayfinding to TH-5 and Mill Site - 0.25 mi.

Proposed Trails: (Potential future trail recommendations to STCFG)

- T7 Connection to Little Grouse Mtn Trail - 1.50 mi.
- T8 Connection to Shelf Rd / Cripple Creek - 1.0 mi.
- T9 Battle Mtn Loop Connection - 0.85 mi.
- T10 Future Trail Connections - 2.25 mi.
- T11 South Loop - 2.0 mi.
- T12 Squaw Mountain Trail - 0.35 mi.







Management & Implementation

General Recommendations (in order of priority)

1. *Proceed with dedicating time of City staff or volunteers to complete grant application for Brian's Park. Responsible Party: City Council, Staff, and Volunteers*
2. *Complete Wayfinding Plan. Plan should be coordinated with Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Responsible Party: City Staff*
3. *Safety improvements to Washington Park*
4. *Continue to apply for funding each year to complete improvements to all existing parks based on the individual site master plans. Consider funds in each year's budget to provide match for grants. The Gold Bowl, Wallace Park, Washington Park, Campground, Community Garden. Responsible Party: City Council and Staff*
5. *Coordinate and support efforts to complete connections to Little Grouse Mtn, Cripple Creek, and from Battle Mountain trail to old railroad grade that connects to Diamond Ave. This will require approval from CC&V Gold Mine. Responsible Party: City and Southern Teller County Focus Group*
6. *Dedicate staff time to maintenance of the parks. Responsible Party: City Council*
7. *Budget and apply for grants to build campground that could accommodate RV's at old landfill site. Responsible Party: City*
8. *Develop a pocket park on the north side of downtown. A possible location would be near the Gold Coin because there are existing historic attractions here. Responsible Party: City*
9. *Connect missing pieces of sidewalk downtown along the route of the historic walking tour, with a well marked soft surface trail. Responsible Party: City*
10. *As future residential development occurs within City limits, the goal is to have a pocket park within ¼ mile of all residents. Responsible Party: City*

Priorities for Capital Improvements

	Cost	Year
1. Brian's Park (Ice Rink)	\$640K	2013
2. Implement Wayfinding Plan Including Trailheads Formalize Trail Connection to Battle Mtn. Trailhead, MillSite & Helipad	\$ 50K	2013
3. The Gold Bowl	\$675K	2014
4. Wallace Park	\$270K	2015
5. Washington Park	\$310K	2016
6. Community Garden	\$ 75K	2017
7. Campground	\$580K	2018
8. Mill Site Improvements	\$120K	2019

Priorities for Trail Improvements (STCFG with support from City)

1. Trail Connection to Little Grouse Mountain	2012
2. Trail Connection to Shelf Road/Cripple Creek	2012
3. Formalize Trail Connection Loop on RR Grade on Battle Mountain	2014
4. Trail Connection - Cemetery and Campground	2015
5. Trail Connection - South Loop	2016
6. Squaw Mountain Trail	2017
7. Cripple Creek - Victor Loop Trail	2020

Maintenance

Maintenance is a key consideration in the development of new parks and trails. The level of maintenance for existing City parks needs to be improved. The maintenance is currently completed 100% by volunteers. Citizens were very complimentary about the volunteers hard work and dedication. It would be very beneficial to the City to have a full-time or part-time staff member that was dedicated to maintaining parks and trails. In other municipalities there is an average of (1) maintenance staff per 12 acres. The City of Victor has 5.2 acres of existing parks plus the 8 acres at the cemetery with the opportunity to add another 7.9 acres at the old landfill site. There is currently enough park land to require a part-time staff person at a minimum.

As additional parks and trails are built, maintenance staff needs to be added at a rate of (1) staff per 12 acres. There should be approximately \$5,000 per acre budgeted annually for maintenance of active recreation parks, \$1,500 per acre for open space, \$2,500 per mile of trail. It is important to make sure that this cost is considered in the City's annual budget.

It is recommended that the City track the cost of maintenance, utilities, supplies, equipment and volunteer time for parks and recreation facilities. If staff is hired, they should track and manage lifecycles of equipment for all replacement schedules.

Priorities for Maintenance

Approx. Cost

1. Remove basketball court at Washington Park	\$ 5K
2. Add safety surfacing at Washington Park	\$20K
3. Create well-defined soft surface trails to fill in any gaps in historic walking tour	\$2K/year
4. Gold Bowl Grandstand (painting and replacing boards)	\$ 5K
5. Gold Bowl Grandstand Roof	\$25K
6. Topdress/soil amendment at Gold Bowl ball field	\$15K
7. Routing drainage through 2 City lots and to the east at Brian's Park	\$20K
8. Add fill and spread to a 1' depth, at old landfill site. The City could accept clean fill dirt from other projects. The material would need to be reviewed and approved by the City.	TBD
9. Weed control at old landfill site.	\$ 2K/year
10. Stabilize/safety improvements at small cabin at Gold Bowl	\$10K
11. Provide a pet waste station at Gold Bowl and Wallace Park	\$ 1K

Potential Stand-Alone Improvements

1. Add a consistent park identification sign at each park. This will help visitors clearly understand what spaces are public. This could be a simple sign that plays off the other wayfinding signs or a boulder with sandblasted text. Approximate cost would be \$ 2K/park.
2. Create a parks furnishings palette. This would include benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, etc. This is another tool in helping visitors know when they are in a park/public space. This could include custom furnishings that express Victor's character.
3. Tree planting in all parks/public spaces. Provide truck watering as needed. This planting would be for areas within parks and public spaces that won't need to be graded in the future but do have proposed trees in the plans. This could be accomplished by trees donated from a property owner, such as digging small aspens, or getting an arbor day grant, etc.



PRIORITIES:

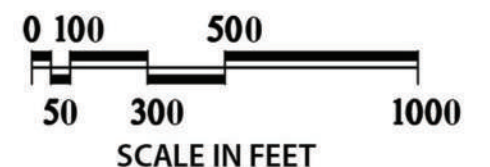
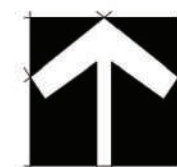
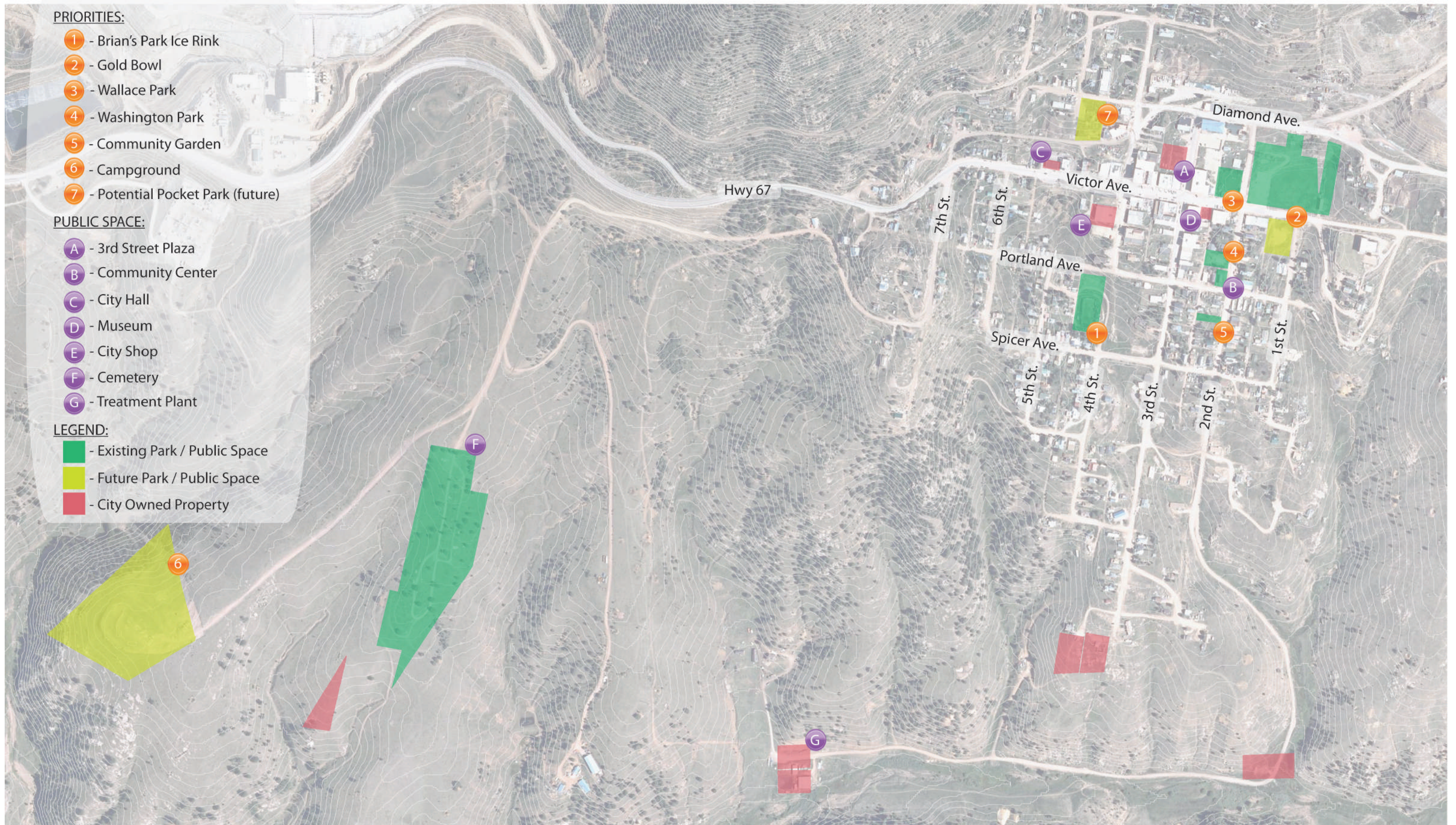
- 1 - Brian's Park Ice Rink
- 2 - Gold Bowl
- 3 - Wallace Park
- 4 - Washington Park
- 5 - Community Garden
- 6 - Campground
- 7 - Potential Pocket Park (future)

PUBLIC SPACE:

- A - 3rd Street Plaza
- B - Community Center
- C - City Hall
- D - Museum
- E - City Shop
- F - Cemetery
- G - Treatment Plant

LEGEND:

- - Existing Park / Public Space
- - Future Park / Public Space
- - City Owned Property





Funding and Partnering Opportunities

Funding Options

Local Funding Sources

The City should explore local funding sources to assist in providing capital to go after larger grants.

- Black Hills Energy Grant (Dan Smith)
- Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine
- Private Donations

State of Colorado Funding Sources

The State of Colorado is a good partner for development of parks, trails, and open space. The following is a list of funding sources that could be considered depending upon the particular type of park development.

- Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) (up to \$350K)
- Colorado Municipal League
- Conservation Trust Fund (CTF)
- Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (State Parks)
- Conservation Easement Tax Credit
- Colorado Council on the Arts
- Colorado Tourism Office — Marketing Matching Grant Program
- State Historical Fund
- Tourism Cares
- Colorado Brownfields Foundation
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Department of Local Affairs — Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance
- Department of Local Affairs — Heritage Grants Through the Smart Growth Initiative

Federal Funding Sources

The following is a list of federal funding sources that could be examined for possible application.

- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Community Block Development Grant Program (HUD-CBDG)
- Economic Development Administration
- Farm Service Administration
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- National Endowment for the Arts
- National Endowment For The Humanities
- Preserve America
- Small Business Administration
- USDA Community Facilities Grant Program
- USDA Rural Development Cooperative Service Grants
- USDA Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Private Foundations/Philanthropic Sources

Private citizens, foundations and philanthropic organizations are also known to support open space conservation. The following are a few that have been identified in Colorado as having supported local government open space programs.

- El Pomar Foundation

- Save America's Treasures
- W. K. Kellogg Foundation
- Gates Foundation
- Arbor Day Foundation
- Daniels Fund - Amateur Sports Grants Program (\$25K)
- US Soccer Foundation - Field Grants

A great source of funding for local governments is **Great Outdoors Colorado**. There are grants for trails, open space, planning, local government, and conservation excellence. The following is current information on the GOCO grants.

GOCO Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grants (up to \$350,000)

Changes to Local Government Policy

First, the funding cap or maximum grant amount for Local Park and Outdoor Recreation (LPOR) grants has been increased from \$200,000 to \$350,000. The intention of this increase is to enable applicants to pursue and apply for larger park and recreation development projects.

Second, with respect for the fact that proper design is invaluable to the successful construction of a park development project and that investments in design, architectural and engineering are important and encouraged, applicants are now allowed to use 100% of these costs towards their match. Historically, only 50% of these costs were eligible. GOCO funds cannot be used to pay for design, architectural and engineering costs.

Lastly, the value of applicant and partner staff time that would have been paid regardless of whether or not GOCO funds were received for this project cannot be paid for by GOCO or used as cash or in kind match.

Changes to Local Government Applications

Guided by the goals outlined in GOCO's 2009 Strategic Plan, for which extensive stakeholder feedback was solicited, the additional stakeholder feedback received in August 2010, and our extensive grant-reviewing experience, significant changes have been made to the Selection Criteria sections of the LPOR and Mini Grant applications. All applications, including those resubmitted from previous cycles, must be submitted using this new application. Applications submitted using previous forms will not be considered.

Guidance for Completing the LPOR Application

The GOCO LPOR grant process is very competitive. GOCO receives requests for approximately two to three times the amount of funding available in each grant cycle. Here are a few tips that will support the success of your application:

- Call staff prior to beginning work on your application and at any point during the completion of this application. We are always willing and happy to assist you.
- Thoroughly review the information on eligibility to ensure your project meets all requirements.
- Review the entire application prior to beginning work on it.
- Submit a draft application to GOCO staff up to two weeks prior to the submission date for comments.
- Ask staff for sample applications.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, counties, and parks and recreation special districts are the only entities eligible to apply for LPOR grants. (Eligible entities may sponsor a project on behalf of ineligible entities, such as non-profit organizations or school districts. Please see “Sponsoring Projects on Behalf of Ineligible Entities” below and contact GOCO for more information.)

2. Budget/Costs/Matching Requirements. GOCO will not fund more than 70% of the proposed project’s eligible costs up to \$350,000. A minimum of 10% of the total project costs must be a cash match from the applicant and/or partners. For more detailed information about the budget, eligible costs, and matching, go to www.goco.org.

3. Project Type: Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation projects must fit into one of the following categories:

New Park Development: Funding will be used to create a park and/or environmental education facility where none currently exists.

Enhancement of Existing Facilities: Funding will be used to enhance or improve current park facilities and/or environmental education facilities. This project type includes the installation or creation of new facilities at an existing park.

Case Study: Skate Park, Ridgway, Colorado

- Teens came to Town with idea for skate park
- Design & construction cost: approx. \$145K
- Teens raised: \$10K
- Town provided: \$25K
- Private Donor: \$20K
- GOCO: \$90K
- Town donated earthwork and some labor.

GOCO Mini Grants (up to \$45,000)

Eligible Costs-

New Park Construction

Athletic field/court and track and field facilities (including projects involving artificial turf)

Playground

Skatepark/Rink (skateboarding or hockey)

Trails within local parks

Outdoor swimming pools

Development and/or redevelopment of Environmental Education facilities, outdoor classrooms and natural areas intended for environmental education purposes

Disc golf courses

Whitewater parks

Fishing piers and boat docks

Outdoor amenities located at fairgrounds

Land acquisitions intended for future development of outdoor recreation facilities. See separate application.

Freight and shipping

Infrastructure (irrigation, sprinkler system, drainage, parking lot, lighting, etc.)

Amenities (restrooms, drinking fountains, benches, functional landscaping, picnic tables and pavilions, etc.)

Multi-phase projects

Expenses associated with on-the-ground Project Management.

100% of architectural, engineering and design costs can be used as match.

GOCO will not fund more than 75% of the proposed project's eligible costs. In other words, of all the resources required to complete the proposed project, including the requested GOCO grant, a minimum of 25% must come from sources other than GOCO. Although total matching resources may be either cash or in-kind, a minimum of 10% of the total project costs must be a cash match from the applicant and/or partners.

Partnerships, In-Kind Resources, Volunteer Labor and Other Programs

- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (build trails, provide labor)
- Canon City Prison labor (benches)
- Partnership with Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine (grading, equipment, stone, crushed gravel, etc.)
- Adopt-a-bench, brick, paver, etc. (sponsorship and donations)
- Volunteer labor and equipment from Community
- Design Services



Nighttime use of the rink as a soccer field in the summer. Photo courtesy of Mark Perdew.

Local Materials, Artists, and Craftsmen

Communities should take advantage of local resources as much as possible. This is sustainable from an environmental and economic perspective. Using reclaimed materials and local artists to create benches, bike racks and other site furnishings are great ways to implement this idea. This way the community is reusing resources that do not need to be delivered from far away as well as creating income for local residents. The mine has a stockpile of metal that could be salvaged and reused. The City has a stockpile of sandstone that was salvaged when sidewalks were replaced with concrete. These are durable materials that are part of the City's history. Incorporating these items as art, paving or site furniture are just a few ideas of how to build on and maintain Victor's existing character.



A timber crib wall similar to this is being removed at the mine expansion area between Victor and Cripple Creek. The Mine has agreed to make this material available to the City. This is a local material with historic significance that should be incorporated into future park retaining walls if the material is deemed structurally sound by an engineer. Using materials like these helps to retain regional character by adapting the material to a new use.



Sandstone salvaged from the historic sidewalks could be reused as paving or benches. Also in this photo an ornamental metal sign post has been salvaged and could be reused.



Examples of some of the scrap metal from the Mine. In cooperation with the Mine these materials could be made available to local artists for creation of benches or other site furnishing for parks.



The site furnishings on this page were all created by a artist/welder in Durango, CO - using scrap metal and found objects from the Four Corners region. These are examples of what could be created by local artists in the Victor area, using materials found locally.



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Town of Ridgway Planning Department

Great Outdoors Colorado - www.goco.org

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DHM Design



An art bench in Cripple Creek made of reclaimed metal pieces from the City's mining past.



Appendices



Appendix A

Cost Estimates

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Brian's Park Ice Rink

Estimate of Probable Cost

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Site Improvements - Phase 1

Misc Site Demo	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Site Grading	5,000 cy	\$7.00	\$35,000
Crusher Fines	3,500 sf	\$2.00	\$7,000
Concrete Paving	1,500 sf	\$10.00	\$15,000
Rubber Mats	1,500 sf	\$6.00	\$9,000
Concrete Pad at Zamboni Shed	400 sf	\$10.00	\$4,000
Gravel Parking and Drive (4" class 2 + 4" class 6)	250 cy	\$75.00	\$18,750
Relocate Utilities	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Lighting	1 ls	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
Warming Hut/Storage (450 sf)	1 ls	\$50,000.00	\$50,000
Seatwall at fireplace	35 lf	\$200.00	\$7,000
Fireplace	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Relocate/Reuse Bleachers/Benches	1 ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
Dasher Board System (treated lumber planks, chain link safety mesh, 3 vehicular gates, 4 player gates)	1 ls	\$70,000.00	\$70,000
Steel Posts for Shade Screen (with concrete footers)	14 ea.	\$2,500.00	\$35,000
Shade Screen System	1 ls	\$50,000.00	\$50,000
Permanent Metal Mesh Structure	1 ls	\$25,000.00	\$25,000
Vegetated Drainage Swale	5000 sf	\$2.00	\$10,000
Retaining Walls	1 ls	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
Top Soil	350 cy	\$40.00	\$14,000
Native Seed	28,000 sf	\$0.20	\$5,600
Cedar Bark Mulch	25 cy	\$30.00	\$750
Drainage Box Culverts	2 ea.	\$10,000.00	\$20,000
Boulders at Drainage	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Signage (Parking and ADA)	1 ls	\$500.00	\$500
Detectable Warning Plates	1 ea.	\$600.00	\$600
		SUBTOTAL	\$438,200
		contingency 15%	\$65,730
		TOTAL	\$504,000

Site Improvements - Phase 2

Steel Grate Stairs	1 ls	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
Solar PV System on Warming Hut	1 ls	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
Deciduous Trees (2" Caliper)	35 ea.	\$500.00	\$17,500
Evergreen Trees (6'-8' height)	10 ea.	\$500.00	\$5,000
Bulletin Board	1 ea.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
Bleachers	2 ea.	\$5,000.00	\$10,000
Soccer Goals	2 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$3,000
		SUBTOTAL	\$71,500
		contingency 15%	\$10,725
		TOTAL	\$83,000

Design Fees (estimate approx. 10%) - survey, geotech, structural engineer, landscape architect, architect

Design Fees	\$60,000
Phase 1	\$504,000
Phase 2	\$83,000
TOTAL	\$647,000

Optional Items for Phase 1 (if funds are available)

Concrete Pad at Zamboni Shed (heated)	400 sf	\$25.00	\$10,000
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The Gold Bowl

Estimate of Probable Cost

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Site Improvements - Phase 1

Remove and Dispose of Concrete Basketball Court (recycle as pavers or wall)	3200 sf	\$2.00	\$6,400
Site Grading	2,500 cy	\$7.00	\$17,500
Retaining Walls (Salvaged crib wall or stone veneer)	1 ls	\$25,000.00	\$25,000
Sod	24,000 sf	\$1.50	\$36,000
Soil Amendment (4 cy/1,000 sf of lawn area)	300 cy	\$60.00	\$18,000
Top Soil	300 cy	\$40.00	\$12,000
Additional Irrigation (new turf areas)	24,000 sf	\$1.25	\$30,000
Concrete Ramp	1,400 sf	\$10.00	\$14,000
		SUBTOTAL	\$158,900
		contingency 15%	\$23,835
		TOTAL	\$183,000

Site Improvements - Phase 2

Misc Site Demo	1 ls	\$3,000.00	\$3,000
Misc Utility Work	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Site Grading	1,500 cy	\$7.00	\$10,500
Crusher Fines	11,000 sf	\$2.00	\$22,000
Lighting	6 ea.	\$2,500.00	\$15,000
Grandstand Renovation (new roof)	1 ls	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
Cabin Renovation (new roof, safety improvements)	1 ls	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
Tot Lot/Climbing Wall/Slide	1 ls	\$50,000.00	\$50,000
Gravel Parking and Drive (4" class 2 + 4" class 6)	500 cy	\$75.00	\$37,500
Picnic Shelter	1 ls	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
Ornamental Railing	100 lf	\$100.00	\$10,000
Wayfinding/Signage	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Deciduous Trees (2" Caliper)	50 ea.	\$500.00	\$25,000
Top Soil	100 cy	\$40.00	\$4,000
Topdress Existing Turf w/Soil Amendment (1 cy/1,000 sf of lawn area)	225 cy	\$60.00	\$13,500
Native Seed	22,000 sf	\$0.20	\$4,400
Cedar Bark Mulch	25 cy	\$30.00	\$750
Interpretive Signage	1 ls	\$3,000.00	\$3,000
Steel Grate Stairs	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Basketball Court/Parking Lot	6000 sf	\$10.00	\$60,000
Basketball Hoops (10')	2 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$3,000
Skate Park Concrete Paving (using donated skate park elements)	1 ls	\$30,000.00	\$30,000
Signage (Parking and ADA)	1 ls	\$500.00	\$500
Detectable Warning Plates	2 ea.	\$600.00	\$1,200
Picnic Tables	1 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500
Benches	6 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$9,000
Engineered Wood Fiber	1300 sf	\$4.00	\$5,200
		SUBTOTAL	\$374,050
		contingency 15%	\$56,108
		TOTAL	\$431,000

Design Fees (estimate approx. 10%) - survey, geotech, structural engineer, landscape architect

Design Fees	\$60,000
Phase 1	\$183,000
Phase 2	\$431,000
TOTAL	\$674,000

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Wallace Park

Estimate of Probable Cost

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Site Improvements - Phase 1

Wayfinding/Signage	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Drinking Fountain	1 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500
Benches	2 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$3,000
Sandstone Paving (salvaged)	650 sf	\$5.00	\$3,250
		SUBTOTAL	\$12,750
		contingency 15%	\$1,913
		TOTAL	\$15,000

Site Improvements - Phase 2

Misc Site Demo	1 ls	\$3,000.00	\$3,000
Site Grading	200 cy	\$7.00	\$1,400
Concrete Paving	5,000 sf	\$10.00	\$50,000
Stairs	2 ea.	\$2,500.00	\$5,000
Gravel Parking and Drive (4" class 2 + 4" class 6)	50 cy	\$75.00	\$3,750
Stone Planter Wall (east side)	100 lf	\$50.00	\$5,000
Misc Utility Work	1 ls	\$2,500.00	\$2,500
Gazebo (group picnic shelter)	1 ea.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000
Relocate Horseshoe Pits/Grills/Picnic Tables/Bike Racks	1 ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
Deciduous Trees (2" Caliper)	20 ea.	\$500.00	\$10,000
Sod	11000 sf	\$1.50	\$16,500
Top Soil	150 cy	\$40.00	\$6,000
Soil Amendment (3 cy/1,000 sf of lawn area)	35 cy	\$60.00	\$2,100
Irrigation	1 ls	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
Cedar Bark Mulch	20 cy	\$30.00	\$600
Parking and ADA Signage	1 ls	\$500.00	\$500
Detectable Warning Plates/Ramp	1 ea.	\$600.00	\$600
Picnic Tables	8 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$12,000
Perennials (1 gallon)	400 ea.	\$15.00	\$6,000
Benches	8 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$12,000
		SUBTOTAL	\$198,950
		contingency 15%	\$29,843
		TOTAL	\$229,000

Design Fees (estimate approx. 10%) - survey, geotech, structural engineer, landscape architect, architect

Design Fees	\$25,000
Phase 1	\$15,000
Phase 2	\$229,000
TOTAL	\$269,000

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Washington Park

Estimate of Probable Cost

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Site Improvements - Phase 1

Gravel Parking (4" class 2 + 4" class 6)	50 cy	\$75.00	\$3,750
Retaining Wall (reclaimed cribwall)	100 lf	\$50.00	\$5,000
Remove Basketball Court	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Interior Pathway (ADA accessible paving)	4,000 sf	\$7.00	\$28,000
Concrete Paving - ADA Access	500 sf	\$10.00	\$5,000
Transplanted Trees	10 ea.	\$25.00	\$250
Picnic Tables	1 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500
Benches	3 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$4,500
		SUBTOTAL	\$53,000
		contingency 15%	\$7,950
		TOTAL	\$61,000

Site Improvements - Phase 2

Site Grading	350 cy	\$7.00	\$2,450
Play Equipment (2-5 years)	1 ls	\$25,000.00	\$25,000
Play Equipment (5-12 years)	1 ls	\$50,000.00	\$50,000
Swings	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Freestanding Play Elements	1 ls	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
Playground Installation	1 ls	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
Kids Sport Court	1 ea.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
Small Picnic Shelter	1 ea.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
Community Bulletin Board	1 ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
Signage (Parking, ADA, Park ID)	1 ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
Deciduous Trees (2" Caliper)	10 ea.	\$500.00	\$5,000
Irrigation for Trees	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Playground Edger	300 lf	\$25.00	\$7,500
Ornamental Railing (east side only)	100 lf	\$100.00	\$10,000
Cedar Bark Mulch	5 cy	\$30.00	\$150
Engineered Wood Fiber	6000 sf	\$4.00	\$24,000
		SUBTOTAL	\$197,100
		contingency 15%	\$29,565
		TOTAL	\$227,000

Design Fees (estimate approx. 10%) - survey, geotech, structural engineer, landscape architect, architect

Design Fees	\$25,000
Phase 1	\$61,000
Phase 2	\$227,000
TOTAL	\$313,000

Options

Poured in Place Safety Surfacing	4,000 sf	\$15.00	\$60,000
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Community Garden

Estimate of Probable Cost

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Site Improvements - Phase 1

Site Grading

Gravel Parking and Drive (4" class 2 + 4" class 6)

Small Picnic Shelter

Community Bulletin Board

Deciduous Trees (2" Caliper)

Top Soil

Tool Shed

Picnic Tables

Benches

100 cy	\$7.00	\$700
50 cy	\$75.00	\$3,750
1 ea.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
1 ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
5 ea.	\$500.00	\$2,500
25 cy	\$40.00	\$1,000
1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
1 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500
2 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$3,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$38,450
	contingency 15%	\$5,768
	TOTAL	\$45,000

Site Improvements - Phase 2

Greenhouse

1 ls	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$20,000
	contingency 15%	\$3,000
	TOTAL	\$23,000

Design Fees (estimate approx. 10%) - survey, geotech, structural engineer, landscape architect, architect

Design Fees	\$5,000
Phase 1	\$45,000
Phase 2	\$23,000
TOTAL	\$73,000

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Campground (at old landfill)

Estimate of Probable Cost

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DHM Design

Site Improvements - Phase 1

Import Fill (1')	10,000 cy	\$7.00	\$70,000
Topsoil - 4" depth	3,000 cy	\$40.00	\$120,000
Native Seed	6 ac	\$2,000.00	\$12,000
Frisbee Golf Holes	9 ea	\$500.00	\$4,500
Frisbee Golf Tee Pads	500 sf	\$7.00	\$3,500
		SUBTOTAL	\$210,000
		contingency 15%	\$31,500
		TOTAL	\$242,000

Site Improvements - Phase 2

Gravel Campsites and Drive (4" class 2 + 4" class 6)	1,000 cy	\$75.00	\$75,000
Small Picnic Shelter	1 ea.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
Community Bulletin Board/Signage	1 ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
Deciduous Trees (2" Caliper)	80 ea.	\$500.00	\$40,000
Evergreen Trees (6-8' Height)	60 ea.	\$500.00	\$30,000
Firerings	10 ea.	\$800.00	\$8,000
Vault Toilet	1 ls	\$40,000.00	\$40,000
Cedar Bark Mulch	20 cy	\$30.00	\$600
Crusher Fines	4500 sf	\$2.00	\$9,000
Picnic Tables	10 ea.	\$1,500.00	\$15,000
Parking Stops	15 ea.	\$800.00	\$12,000
		SUBTOTAL	\$250,600
		contingency 15%	\$37,590
		TOTAL	\$289,000

Design Fees (estimate approx. 10%) - survey, geotech, structural engineer, landscape architect, architect

Design Fees	\$50,000
Phase 1	\$242,000
Phase 2	\$289,000
TOTAL	\$581,000

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Mill Site

Estimate of Probable Cost

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Site Improvements - Phase 1

Wayfinding/Signage	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Directional Signage	1 ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
Trail Improvements/Definition	1 ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Picnic Tables	2 ea	\$1,500.00	\$3,000
Boulders at Helipad	50 ea	\$500.00	\$25,000
Benches (from materials on-site)	5 ea	\$500.00	\$2,500
Trail Markers	2 ea	\$1,500.00	\$3,000
		SUBTOTAL	\$44,500
		contingency 15%	\$6,675
		TOTAL	\$51,175

Site Improvements - Phase 2

Crusher Fines at Three Chambers

Picnic Shelter	24,000 sf	\$1.25	\$30,000
	1 ea	\$20,000.00	\$20,000
		SUBTOTAL	\$50,000
		contingency 15%	\$7,500
		TOTAL	\$57,500

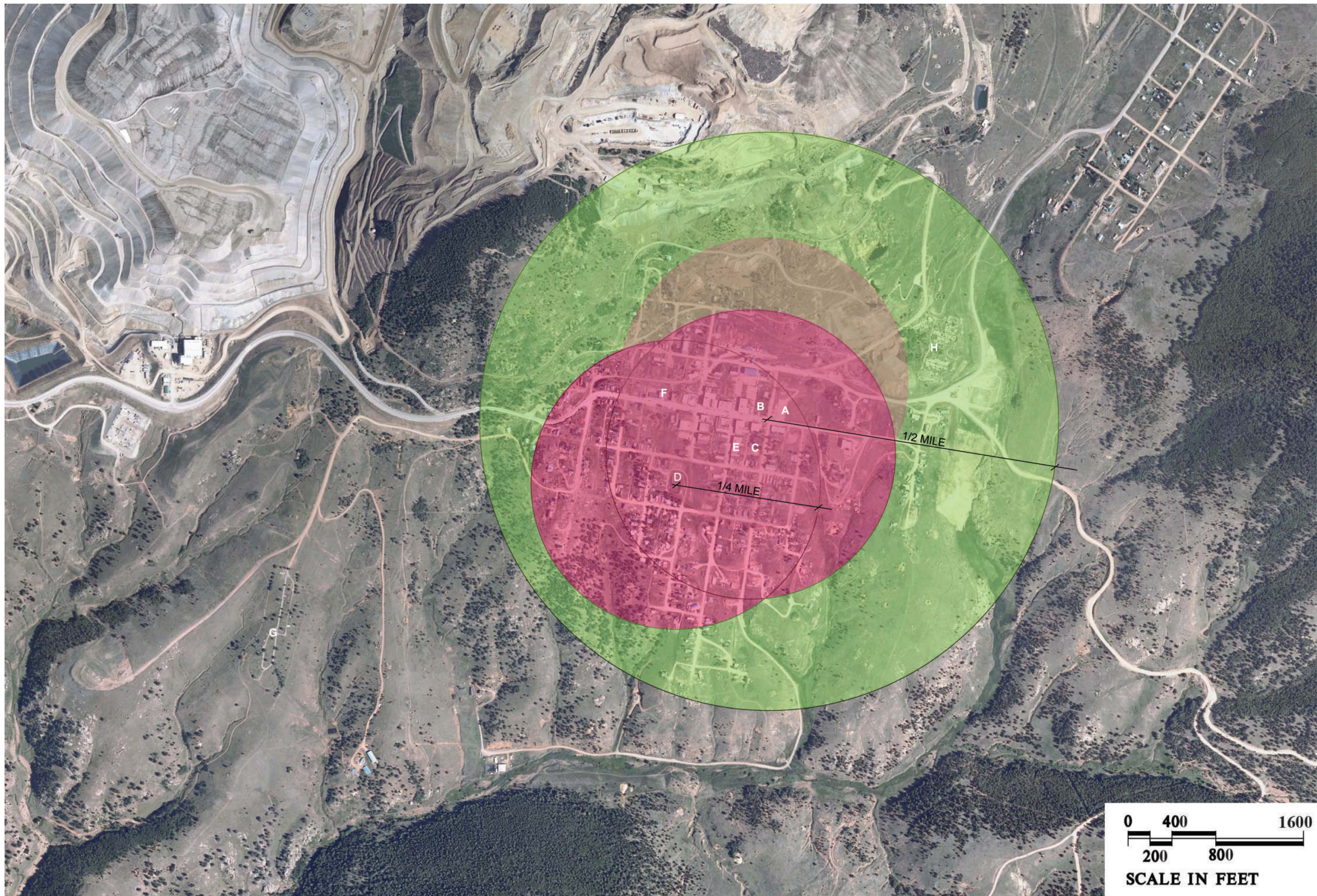
Design Fees (estimate approx. 10%) - survey, geotech, structural engineer, landscape architect

Design Fees	\$10,000
Phase 1	\$51,175
Phase 2	\$57,500
TOTAL	\$118,675

Appendix B

Level of Service Walkability





- KEY**
- A. GOLD BOWL
 - B. WALLACE PARK
 - C. KID'S PARK
 - D. BRIAN'S PARK - ICE RINK
 - E. LIBRARY
 - F. CITY HALL
 - G. CEMETERY
 - H. MILL SITE - TRAILS OF GOLD

Appendix C

Meeting Notes

Victor Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Citizen Advisory Committee

Jan. 10, 2012

Attendance:

Citizen Committee

Joe Wilkerson
Shawn Frizzell
Gary Horton
Connie Dodrill
Mike Wallace
Mark Perdew
Brian Hayes
Becky (VISTA)

Staff/Consultants

Walker Christensen, DHM Design
Matt Norcross, DHM Design
Gabe Preston, RPI Consulting
Deb Downs, City
Sandy Honeycutt, City

Notes:

Walker gave a brief introduction and there was a general discussion. Input from the committee included:

- o Want to keep master plan improvements attainable. Focus on what can be done in the short term. Look at GOCO funding cycles and try to get in an application this year.
- o Plan should include short and long term goals with prioritization.
- o Cripple Creek and Victor work together on recreation programs. Victor students go to Cripple Creek for activities. Cripple Creek would potentially use the Gold Bowl for softball. It would help with tournaments if facilities in Victor could be used. Large athletic field could be regional draw.
- o There is a wayfinding project in progress, this project should coordinate with that effort.
- o Want to be able to attract visitors to different parks and public amenities. Maybe geocaching or treasure hunt can help move people between spaces and provide another activity in the City.
- o Look at 3rd St. plaza design. Incorporate into the master plan as a future public space and provide pedestrian connections.
- o Victor is part of Gold Belt Scenic Byway. There is an opportunity to draw in visitors with parks and recreation facilities.
- o There should be a meeting with kids/youth to discuss the valuable assets of the community and what activities/programs they like/dislike.

Gabe led a discussion to establish project goals and guiding principles first asking the group what elements of the parks and recreation system they like and want to build from.

- ☐ Small mountain town character. Maintaining our character, is important, but it needs to be well-done, professional quality.
- ☐ Stay within our means and focus the plan on achievable improvements in the near term. Include improvements further in the future to set the stage but prioritize the elements that will lead to early success.
- ☐ Good trails network with a supporting organization, Southern Teller County Focus Group. CCVGM has been a great partner.

- ☐ Parks and recreation facilities are used and appreciated by the community.
- ☐ The free, outdoor ice rink
- ☐ The mining economic base and history.
- ☐ City and surrounding area is like an outdoor mining museum.

Gabe then directed the group discussion towards ideas for improvements

- ☐ Capitalize on the alpine environment: (high elevation training, cool temperatures, sunny winters, alpine views, challenge/adventure)
- ☐ Make Victor a recreation destination:
 - o Ice rink is a successful example.
 - o Full size soccer field for multi-use - would draw regional users as well as visitors.
 - o Integrate Victor into Skagway Reservoir visitation patterns.
 - o Improve Victor's visibility on Gold Belt Tour.
 - o Connect legitimate trails to downtown Victor with wayfinding, pathways, and sidewalks.
 - o Picnic shelters.
 - o Bike racks downtown.
 - o Connect Victor and Cripple Creek with a bike path.
 - o Market Victor as a recreation destination.
- ☐ Make trails accessible and attractive to all ages and abilities
 - o Need shorter, easier, well-marked trails conveniently accessible by foot from downtown or contained in town.
 - o A one-mile fitness loop was one idea.
 - o Other ideas included historic tours with possible treasure hunts for kids.
 - o Well marked trails with difficulty rating posted/mapped
 - o Make connections to historic/public amenities such as the Gold Coin Display.
- ☐ Enhance the livability of Victor for families and children
 - o Improve kids park.
 - o Possible skate park, idea for a removable park placed in the ice rink during warm season.
 - o Evaluate existing parks for ADA accessibility.
 - o Keep building on what has been started at the Community Garden.

Walker then previewed the community meeting powerpoint and agenda with the group and gave an overview of next steps and the outline for the planning process.

Victor Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Community Meeting #1
Jan. 10, 2012

The following are public comments from the breakout group exercises:

Existing Parks Breakout Group

Brian's Park – Ice Rink

- ☐ #1 Attraction in parks and recreation facilities in Victor.
- ☐ Everyone has great appreciation for all of the volunteer efforts that have made the rink so successful. There is strong community pride for this facility.
- ☐ Residents and visitors really like that it is free and open to anyone.
- ☐ It is great that the community has access to a Zamboni. 1971 Zamboni bought over 10 years ago from Breckenridge.
- ☐ Need a concrete slab in front of Zamboni shed. Zamboni shed has electric heat.
- ☐ Some at the meeting asked if the City should consider concessions or charging non-residents to offset costs.
- ☐ There is a need for scheduling. There could be a bulletin board at the rink showing the hockey schedule and times when it is open. Also, it would be nice if it could be posted on a community calendar around town.
- ☐ Parking and circulation are a big issue. This needs to be organized. People park along the alley which is already narrow. There are some locations that are dangerous for pedestrians. When it is muddy it becomes a huge mess.
- ☐ Parking lot should accommodate 15-20 cars.
- ☐ Need to keep alley open.
- ☐ Currently use portable toilet.
- ☐ Could utilize 4th St. ROW for improvements. City owned ROW.
- ☐ Rink is not regulation size for hockey. This is not a major concern but if space was available to expand to regulation size it would be good to evaluate.
- ☐ Drainage comes from NW down the alley and into the area with the warming hut. Drainage needs to be worked on.
- ☐ Warming hut – needs to be bigger. Stove is unsafe for kids. Look into safer heating system.
- ☐ Need more storage.
- ☐ Some neighbors are bothered by lighting.
- ☐ Used in the summer for soccer.
- ☐ Would like to have more year round use. Potential location for in-line skating or skateboard ramp (donated frame from Woodland Park).
- ☐ Would like more seating.
- ☐ Currently there is a safety issue with bleachers not being protected by regulation height boards/glass.
- ☐ Need improved boards, they would not support adding safety glass.
- ☐ Shading is key to providing quality ice.
- ☐ Redo shading system to be retractable and so it can be protected when it is rolled up.
- ☐ Some posts are wood and some are metal... can we make uniform?
- ☐ Want a shading system that is more attractive. Could be a permanent roof or retractable cover. Needs to fit in with the character of the City and the residential neighborhood.
- ☐ Want to maintain open air feeling. Some feel they are losing the outdoor feel because the shade system covers so much. Residents liked it when they could see into the rink from the hill above.
- ☐ Cripple Creek added a roof and the ice was still not good.
- ☐ Definitely would need a professional outdoor ice rink designer to evaluate any type of cover system.
- ☐ Don't want to lose the quality ice we have. People come from Colorado Springs and other communities to use the rink.

- ☐ Need good signage/wayfinding from outlying parking lots to ice rink.
- ☐ It would be nice to have some summer beautification.
- ☐ Potential for making circulation one-way from east entrance and exit alley to Spicer. Consider how this would affect neighbors.
- ☐ Need pedestrian connection from Portland Ave down to rink.

Wallace Park

- ☐ Central community gathering place, used for some special events.
- ☐ Gazebo or picnic shelter is needed. There are not any public picnic shelters in the City. Should accommodate large groups. It might be nice to have more than one and have a variety of sizes.
- ☐ New benches are definitely needed.
- ☐ The horseshoe pits get used and are a use that needs to be preserved in the park.
- ☐ Add a drinking fountain.
- ☐ The flower gardens are nice and should be preserved.
- ☐ Having a tot lot or small play area around would be nice, this could be something at the Gold Bowl if there was an easy way to get to it.
- ☐ Concern about safety of kids playing in the old trolley.
- ☐ Move bbq grills and picnic tables closer to the alley if needed to provide space for other things.
- ☐ Need to keep some flexible lawn area, this is a small park, don't cram in too much.
- ☐ Parking should be organized to help be as efficient as possible.
- ☐ Can the restrooms stay open longer during the year? There is a need for year round restrooms for the public.

Gold Bowl

- ☐ Should be a multi-purpose facility and able to handle various sports and special events.
- ☐ Want to accommodate a regulation size soccer field, or as close as we can get. Ideal size 70-80 yards wide by 110-120 yards long. Could attract more people to soccer camps if field was larger.
- ☐ Soccer field might extend to west. Basketball court may need to be removed. Most said that basketball court was not used much and was not sacred. Some said that this basketball court was meant for older kids so they don't have conflicts at the court at Children's Park. If the court is removed a new court should be built at another location to serve older kids and adults.
- ☐ Plant trees around perimeter of park.
- ☐ Add topsoil and soil amendment to improve quality of turf.
- ☐ The setting of the Gold Bowl and views in all directions are treasured and should be preserved.
- ☐ Because of the views of the historic mining structures and buildings and the natural features/mountains this would be an ideal place for additional interpretive signage that can help orient visitors.
- ☐ Historically significant location...used to be red light district.
- ☐ Grandstands are a big part of character and should be preserved and restored. Metal bleachers would not fit in at this park.
- ☐ There is a lot the City owns to the south. This could become a parking lot. Would need good pedestrian access up the hill and across Victor Ave. including stairs or ramps. The existing parking lot is used during Gold Rush Days and would need replaced somewhere if it transitioned to another use.
- ☐ Could create terraced walls around headframe and 2nd St. to take up grade and provide more usable space in park. These terraces could provide seating as well.
- ☐ Needs to be better pedestrian connectivity between Wallace Park and the Gold Bowl. Sidewalks, stairs, ADA accessible path, etc.
- ☐ Could add a tot lot to add activity and provide place for younger children to play while older siblings or parents are using sports fields or attending an event at the parks.
- ☐ Provide benches or more seating throughout the park.
- ☐ Small scale zipline, more of a playground scale.

- ☐ Frisbee golf might be a fun addition to the area to the north that has steeper terrain.
- ☐ There was a mining claim under the park (Strong) that may need to be researched. There may have been a small cave-in in the past.
- ☐ Potential for parking at Diamond and 2nd. This could be a place for a trailhead or wayfinding that helps people connect to other parks and trails.
- ☐ Irrigation system was improved recently to provide better coverage.

Washington Park (Children's Park)

- ☐ Play equipment upgrades are needed.
- ☐ Safety is a concern. Equipment is old and safety surfacing is needed.
- ☐ Cribbing/retaining wall on 2nd St. is failing.
- ☐ Slides retain water.
- ☐ The slope falls off at the east edge of the basketball court causing a tripping hazard.
- ☐ Benches, shade, drinking fountain, and picnic tables could be added. We want to create a comfortable place for parents watching their kids.
- ☐ Playground could have a mining theme.
- ☐ Chain link fence is unattractive. Consider removing fence or replacing with a more ornamental/historic looking fence.
- ☐ Provide protection from the elements. (wind, sun, rain)
- ☐ Basketball court at this location is meant for smaller kids.
- ☐ Parking needs to be more organized.
- ☐ Provide ADA access from parking up to playground area.
- ☐ Sand may not be the best material because cats use it as a litter box.

Community Garden

- ☐ Volunteer effort to get garden going is appreciated.
- ☐ Located on 2nd between Spicer and Portland. Adjacent to single lot.
- ☐ Potential for education.
- ☐ Lighting, picnic table, and benches needed.
- ☐ Small gazebo would be nice.
- ☐ Potential to add small green house in future.

Old Landfill Site

- ☐ Potential for new use at this site.
- ☐ Has environmental clearances. Landfill capped and revegetated.
- ☐ Potential for rustic camp site close to town.
- ☐ No water to site, and no watering would be allowed.

Connectivity and Trails Breakout Group

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 - ☐ Expand to parks and rec facilities
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 - ☐ Look at Cheyenne Mtn. State Park for example of trail signage.
 - ☐ Improve wayfinding. Use signage or landmarks that fit the character of Victor.

- ☐ Potable water en route on trails.
- ☐ Benches with shade along easier, close-in trails.
- ☐ Mark mining hazard along trails.
- ☐ Connect to regional bike paths.
- ☐ STCFB may have a route in mind connecting Victor to Cripple Creek.
- ☐ May need to utilize dirt roads as trail routes. Include signage for pedestrian and bicycle safety. Share the road signs.
- ☐ Use crusher fines (gravel) paths to help make connections for the short term.
- ☐ Trails need to be well marked. Needs to be easy to tell if you are on a trail and not private land.
- ☐ Use railroad grade to connect Independence to Vindicator? Get from Millsite to Vindicator Valley in a clear, well-defined way.
- ☐ Create more easy loops in town.
- ☐ Trail system should extend from Little Grouse Mountain to Mill Site Trailhead near heliport.

Victor Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Trails Breakout Group Community Meeting

Jan. 10, 2012

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City of Victor
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – Meeting #2
February 21, 2012

Gary Horton, Shawn Frizzell, Connie Dodrill, Brian Hayes, Ellen Berry, Mike Wallace, Mark Perdew, Rebecca, Deb Downs, Walker Christensen, Ann Christensen

Review of goals and guiding principles-
Everyone ok with them. No comments.

Survey results-

- Sent survey in newsletter with water bills and posted on project website.
- Emphasis on upgrades to current facilities.
- Lots of interest in more picnicking, shade, seating and shelter.
- More children focused activities/play areas.
- Parking, sidewalks, connections, upkeep.

Priorities-

All parks are a priority. Infrastructure and maintenance a big need. Fencing, walls, basic improvements all important. GOCO emphasize urgency and priorities.
Include both capital and maintenance priorities.
The need for improvements to the ice rink were what initiated the master planning process.
Wayfinding is a priority under the trails category.
Think about prioritizing related to potential benefits – what is gained by certain improvements, what benefits the community economically?
What about packaging everything together to gain a critical mass for overall improvements?
Consider elements that could be logically phased.
Consider a planting overlay that would contribute to overall beautification.

Review of Draft Plans-

Hockey Rink

Confirmed interest in adjustable system for shading, not permanent.
Connie: permanent shading didn't work well in Cripple Creek
Denver Country club has a retractable cover
Breckenridge had a nice adjustable shade system – (eventually replaced with permanent structure)
Snow removal is difficult. They currently snow blow. Woodland Park has a place to push snow through a gate with a plow.
Design should create a space to push snow to and store it. Build in gates out.
Remember increasing maintenance costs associated with improvements. Snow removal is a major effort with any snow over 6". If rink is larger maintenance becomes tougher.
Full size rink: Regulation – not seeing big demand necessarily. Worried about difficulty of expansion. Likely blasting to achieve any more length.
Like wood boards for the look and character.
Deb likes reclaimed weathering steel mesh.
Like flipping parking and activity areas to east side. No parking on alley side.
Not agreeing on support for meeting regulation size. Like the idea of it being unique. The small rink fits with rural mountain character. Regarding priorities, other improvements more important than reaching regulation size.

Summer use: Floor – natural surface. Provides soccer practice field. Provide gate openings for soccer goals on each end. Example exists at Highlands Ranch.

In-line skating not anticipated as a major draw. More demand for soccer and use.

Need more storage for snow blowers, ice additives, tool shed, other equipment. Perhaps leave existing warming hut for storage.

Gold Bowl and Wallace

Picnic shelter location, maybe adjust to allow for room for shade trees on south side.

Group shelter – 8 tables

Gold bowl – save existing stone wall along Victor Ave.

Move metal steps northward away from walk a little bit.

Deb interested in potential remodel of grandstands. Repairs were started last summer. They just need a new roof. Include on maintenance list versus capital improvement list. Upgrade versus replacement.

Skate boarding – currently has an apparatus donated by Woodland Park that needs a location.

Basketball – not a lot of use but likes separation between ages.

Likes dual purpose parking and BB at area south of Victor on 1st.

Washington Park

People liked the mining themed equipment and more natural themed playgrounds.

BB not necessary at Washington Park. Could be scaled back. Some hardscape is nice for hopscotch, four-square, skating, etc.

Community Garden

Simple improvements are needed, like a tool shed, picnic shelter, benches, etc.

Campground

Add group picnic shelter without blocking overall view.

Like the idea of adding frisbee golf.

General Input-

Museum – noted need for parking. The area east of museum with mining equipment may be transformed into an entrance/public park space.

New lots coming up on North 3rd and Diamond can handle some parking that serves trails and other public uses. Those are expected to be completed this summer.

Note this parking on the master plan for reference along with other City landmarks.

Funding: Look into Gates foundation for soccer. Historic preservation funding??

Bison – Ring the peak project wants to go through Bison but City is not likely to allow.

One – campground improvements

Two – cabins

Leave Bison out of the master plan per Deb.

4th street to 7th could have a soft surface walking path with stone edge.

Public meeting schedule: 1st Week of April. Tuesday April 3. Advisory Committee at 1pm. Evening Community Meeting at 6pm.

City of Victor
Trail Focus Group Meeting
February 21, 2012

Deb Downs
Connie Dodrill Cripple Creeks Parks
Ruth Zalewski
Becky Parham
Mark Perdew
Veldean Petri veldean@yahoo.com make sure she's on email list.

Trail to Cripple Creek – cautious but strong support for route. Could be in place by this summer.
Walking signs downtown. Described in newspaper.

Main walking tour noted on plans.
Downtown trail starts at museum and city hall

West of town, trail officially ends, chained off, under ownership of many mining claims? People informally use. They do loop (2.5 miles including mill site) using single track route. Mountain bike chute back to road noted on plan.

Nellie V is an open shaft that is dangerous, avoided by route at this point. That area is very scenic.

Road to cemetery, via Lawrence a good route. Going south: good potential bike route. Possible for ATVs.

County views cut at cemetery as dangerous. Look at route around that cut.

Little grouse trail: has access to parking area, and cemetery. Needs connection to town.

Current road routes: roads platted and named but not built. Ownership not completely clear. Some given to County or Granger. Black hills energy is a contact for SW road layout. A lot of Lawrence is Reed/Rhonda W. Another challenge is existing cattle fences. Horse fences. Some fencing is illegal, used for horses. 8th street has a road that winds up. Beautiful area. Very steep. Aim to use public ROWs. Cool existing rock outcroppings (called the canyons, fairy rocks, etc).

Battle Mountain trail provides a less steep option as part of the range of options. Master Plan should recommend formalizing this route so that visitors can do an easy loop route close to town.

Homeowners desire that insurance by public entities cover the trail users. Guarantee fence and signage to help limit straying from the trail. Rockfall is another issue. May need to have cut cleared further to the west.

Would like a connection from RV and camping area to town. Noted on plan.

Goldfield:
North to Vindicator. Golden Circle. Lower grade. Some sections of split rail fence exist to guide use.
Just needs some signage and clear wayfinding connection.

Trailheads. High profile by hwy.
City Hall (has box now)
Museum
Visitor center. Has more parking.

At headframe.

Downtown plaza will add some parking and be a good place for wayfinding.

Input on park:

Gold bowl:

Basketball could be moved to south, skate park could go there too.

Black hills owns top corner. They are parking equipment there, partly on city ROW. They own lot across from frame too. Deb: working on trade for them to have space for storage of equipment elsewhere. Good prospect of a deal.

Museum park: might be new public space, gold panning, etc. maybe admission. Would be associated with museum. Currently gold panning on the street. Creates a little crowd. Mine tours park there too.

Fourth street triangle. Fourth and diamond

Wayfinding/mining display? Visible from highway. Opportunity. Coordinate with wayfinding consultant.

When trail and road are the same – provide markers? Hard to make anything permanent. Do it more point to point versus periodic. Markers could be sandblasted into stone since it is difficult to put in posts in a lot of places.

Helipad has issues safety. Dangerous landing also related to parking up against helipad. Its useful for other activities, tractor pull, etc. Look at organizing parking so that it is not too close to pad.

Gary – trail by shelf road. Mound(?) City ruins would be a good destination. Ruth working on it. Potential parking in that area. Now – arrow for connection to CC.

Explore RR grade

Connection to CC: Mtn bikes and hikers, not dirt bikes or horses. Would be too dangerous to combine all user groups.

Need to find places that ATVs can go that is less impact. Proving a place to do it would help patrol other trails.

Where do horses go? Ruth – Vindicator, find their own trails. Not a lot of horse trailer parking now.

Mountain biking: some sections really steep.

American Eagle: Mark talked to Jane: Didn't want people photographing trucks. Blasting also a hazard. Officially it's a county road and park and cannot be limited. Guard house person currently enforces it.

Squaw Mountain – great views, possible hiking destination. (has Victor HS letters on it). Will have to fence radio tower. Have to avoid mine shaft too. Need to talk to mine. Probably not supported in near term because of mining activity, but good long range opportunity.

Another opportunity: south along gulch – Possibly wind along drainage. Connect into 2nd street south of town. Black hills station could have another southward connection (Granger).

Loop connections could add more races to 9 mile race. Mark – there is a desire to host more races. Ruth - This is another timing issue with owner.

American Discovery Trail – ADT Shelf Road

Mary Nevin – hope for connection from new bypass-road route for connection to the west down.

Independence Mill site 75-90 people. Fill foundations to back. Could host up to 200 people. Need approval from mine to fill. Potential park/shelters. Note park in plans. Other structures can't be entered. Filling voids would make it safer. Creates amphitheater effect for small concerts, events, etc. Parking needs to be figured out. There's currently some access. Currently open for event rental. Star gazing, museum, music, etc. Gold rush days event? Music events with varying venues. On line reservations make it easy.

Picnic tables by entry above headframe, close to parking.

Remember maintenance cost of picnicking for trash removal, clean up.

Mark - Top of tailings pile: good little hike destination/overlook.

View finder/labels in paving or aligned interpretive signs. i.e. label Sangre peaks

Other projects, sidewalk on 4th from Diamond to Victor Ave.

Rinkequipmentresource.com website for inexpensive used materials.

Mark – supports reaching regulation size for hockey and soccer to attract greater use.
Vintage baseball part of Goldrush.

Priorities:

1. Wayfinding
2. Victor to Little grouse to Shelf Road connection
3. Next continue toward CC
4. Trailheads within the City.

Doesn't currently use VOC. But lots of local volunteers help.

Veldean Petri input:

4th street to 7th could have a soft surface walking path with stone edge.

City of Victor

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – Meeting #3 / Public Meeting #2

April 3, 2012

Sandy Honeycutt, Connie Dodrill, Brian Hayes, Ellen Berry, Mike Wallace, Tom Bower, Deb Downs, Walker Christensen, Craig Stoffel

Advisory Committee Meeting #3-

Reviewed Draft Master Plan. Committee provided input on recommendations for each park. Reviewed survey results, priorities, funding options, and partnering strategies.

Community Meeting #2-

DHM presented a summary of the Draft Master Plan in council chambers. Next, attendees moved into the other meeting room to review and comment on the individual site master plans. The public was able to review copies of the Draft Master Plan and some took a copy home. The document will be put on the website www.victorparkmasterplan.com for further public input. Presentation of the final plan will be in May.

Review of GOCO Application deadline – Fall, need to confirm. *note: all In-Kind labor, materials etc. needs to be utilized and recorded after grant approval to be applied towards final contributions.

GOCO increased max. funding to \$350K + City match \$150K

Comments-

Large parks need GOCO funding (budget constraints).

Local involvement for small amenities – small moves (surveying, add dirt, plant trees etc.)

Deb: Avoid 2 simultaneous grant apps under construction because you will compete against yourself.

Connie: take Q's to technical workshops, get samples of approved applications for reference.

City should send someone to a GOCO workshop, especially since they changed some things.

Priorities-

Important to make priorities clear & attainable.

Community Center & 3rd St Plaza not to be included in Parks & Rec Master Plan, keep those separate.

Of the 6 original trail priorities, #1 is to create safe park connections with clearly marked walks.

Remove parcels shown as potential future parks that are not city-owned.

Add credits and locations of photos used in Master Plan.

Review of Draft Plans:

Hockey Rink

Overall consensus liked the wood and chain-link option for boards:

- Sections can be easily replaced.
- Effective for sections protecting spectators.
- Woodland has fiberglass, 4 years old and already cracking.
- Fiberglass costs \$25K more than wood.
- Brian: likes look of wood, fits town. Snow blowing removal will work with chain-link (not glass), rustic blends with town. Do not paint wood, once you start painting, you'll be married to the brush...
- Treated plywood and posts should last 25yrs.
- Connie: wood boards and safety fencing create opportunities for banners.
- Boards should be phase 1 for GOCO approach (if phased).

Retractable Shade Structure:

- Brian: currently have 6' wide, 80' long (sizes work well). Approximately 28 total; of those half are new at a cost of \$180 each.
- Wider options would require longer poles but fewer poles.
- Brian & Sandy: Like the shorter poles and OK with additional poles at the 6' wide shades (longer poles cost more).
- Brian: In middle of March, sun gets through from east.
- Regarding lights, currently have inefficient lights. Replacing with new, efficient lighting will save money long-term.
- Stair Connection to Portland Ave.
- Location already highly used by adults and kids, important to make safer with stairs.
- Stairs could be removed from Hockey Rink plan and included in Trails Connectivity plan to make a smaller part of project for faster turnaround and installation.

Gold Bowl

Remove trolley from plan – privately owned in Cripple Creek. Expensive to relocate.

Regarding repairs/maintenance with Grandstand, probably best to do work as part of City maintenance.

Outfield delineation could be painted or use a temp fence as needed.

Multi-use field is important, as soccer is becoming more popular. With town's limited resources, need to use the field for everything. Show historic pictures in a sign to illustrate the multiple uses of the field in the past.

Consensus liked relocating basketball to city-owned lot south of Victor Ave. Add signage for parking at north side of lot if available to allow continued use of hoops.

Determine owner of dilapidated cabin, either secure or open by restoration.

Retaining wall could be Crib-wall, In-Kind / free. (add picture to master plan).

Buck: add an additional backstop near retaining wall for smaller children use.

Mine taking down buildings; could relocate to Gold Bowl create a village, would make a unique park – nice to preserve structures somewhere if possible.

Wallace Park

Gazebo

- Cadets made the gazebo at Green Mtn. Falls.
- Design could have sloped / 'curved' roof to mimic Alta Vista.
- Gas fire pit in center, could rent for private parties (pay for gas with rental).

Horseshoes remain in current location, "add backstop for protection for people and cars" – public comment.

Move picnic shelter away from restroom.

Maintain space for lawn activities including Victorian Croquet, VCTA Quick-Draw.

Include benches without backs.

Tables with umbrellas vs. picnic shelters (umbrellas = storage & maintenance problems.)

Ensure drinking fountain is ADA compliant.

Area is perfect place for stone slab sidewalks, good in-kind donation, horrible for snow-removal so use them where snow removal is not required.

Washington Park

People liked the mining themed equipment and more natural themed playgrounds.

Remove hard-surface court for safe-fall zone standards – 8' hoop will be located at new court / skate park.

Fence Options: split-rail fence vs. chain-link; split rail good option along alley. Chain good for adjacent properties.

Fence in general is good for tots.

Connie: Cripple Creek needed fence for insurance reasons; kids chasing balls into street, donkeys kept out etc...

Seating and shade for parents important.

Community Garden

Who is funding? The Mine? Gary? The city gave \$1K

No budget item for city, salvaged materials ex. old laundry mat.

Improvements have begun, good ex. fence. Can remove mulch groundcover, planters from cost estimate as they already have been implemented.

Gary wants sandstone for paths & tables.

Acquire adjacent parcel for expansion, offer to name it after the owner?

Campground

Mike: RV park good for economic development, town lacks overnight options.

Tom: With high gas prices, would get tourists to stop and stay here as opposed to keep going.

Sandy: We could start on our own, could make it usable with boundaries, i.e. tables & fire pits to delineate where to go.

Several people have trees they could donate for transplanting at campsite. Buck said he has tons of pine and aspen.

Disc golf an affordable amenity that can be implemented - relatively inexpensive.

Need 'fill' dirt / topsoil to cover trash that is creeping up. No 'cut' is to be allowed in grading process.

Will need to locate a dumpster (additional maintenance) must be 'bear-proof'. Town has had mtn. lions in past as well.

Shift vault toilet area east – grade drops off in current location.

Trails – Focus Group

Double check with Jane – dedicated trail to Battle Mountain Trailhead from downtown, is road open to public?

Connecting Wallace Park to Vindicator a priority

Mill site: Unique to Victor, could create park like no other. Aspen grove good for picnics and single track dirt path.

Create a name, market. Visitors such as boy scouts could spend time there exploring. Work with Mine – liability etc.

Existing 'No Trespassing' and 'Danger' signs are confusing to visitors and potential explorers. Add additional way-finding signage.

Overall signage and way-finding are currently being addressed with way-finding master plan. Coordinate with DHM.

General Input-

Include pocket park option at North side of town.

Find a place for the town Christmas tree.

Cripple Creek has artistic bench welded from old mining relics, was an art grant. Nice use of found objects.

