

Cherry Creek State Park Dog Off-Leash Area Management Plan

Background

Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the Cherry Creek State Park Dog Off-Leash Area Management Plan (Management Plan) is to establish a framework for setting priorities and provide specific management direction for the dog off-leash area within Cherry Creek State Park. Implementation of the Management Plan will assist Colorado State Parks in its efforts to manage and enhance this area for present and future generations. The Management Plan will supplement numerous studies that have been completed through 2010 on the dog off-leash area at Cherry Creek State Park. Relevant information from these studies and environmental reports has been reviewed and will be incorporated into the Management Plan.



Draft Preliminary Preferred Alternative

Overview

The Draft Preliminary Preferred Alternative illustrates the vision to effectively manage the Cherry Creek State Park Dog Off-Leash Area in order to preserve and enhance the natural resource values while providing compatible recreational opportunities. The Draft Preliminary Preferred Alternative preserves the dog off-leash area as an irreplaceable recreational amenity in the region and enhances visitor opportunities with improvements in key locations.

The improvements shown on the accompanying map address the most significant concerns stakeholders commented on after reviewing the initial alternatives presented in April 2010. The dog off-leash area planning team developed the new alternative to include:

- Continued access and improvements to two key water access areas on Cherry Creek
- Fencing to better define and delineate specific use areas, including at least three access points to the dog off-leash area
- Parking lot and restroom improvements
- Access road improvements
- A new entrance station and gate at the 12-Mile South park entrance

Budget Estimate – Cherry Creek State Park

Priorities and Budget

The proposed management recommendations and a final preferred alternative will require a phased approach for implementation. A preliminary budget estimate associated with the accompanying figure is presented on the following page.

Preliminary Cost Estimate for General Planning Purposes

Phase	Project Element	Project Amount
Phase 1	Off-Leash Area	
	Perimeter Fencing (3 access points with gates)	\$150,000
	Signs	\$30,000
	Trash Cans and Dog Waste Collection Points	\$15,000
	Internal Trail (13,200 linear feet, 10 feet wide, hardened surface)	\$150,000
	Stream Reclamation and Access Design	\$100,000 ¹
	<i>Phase 1 Subtotal</i>	<i>\$445,000</i>
Phase 2	Access Improvements	
	Road (2,000 linear feet, 24 feet wide, 6 inches deep)	\$600,000
	Parking Lot (80 vehicles)	
	Self-Service Station (fee collection, signage)	\$45,000
	12-Mile South Entrance Gate and Signage	\$40,000
	<i>Phase 2 Subtotal</i>	<i>\$685,000</i>
Phase 3	Visitor Amenities	
	Restroom	\$35,000
	Stream Reclamation and Access Improvement	\$350,000 ¹
	<i>Phase 3 Subtotal</i>	<i>\$385,000</i>
Phase 4	Entrance Station	
	12-Mile South Entrance Building	\$75,000
	Electrical Service	\$40,000
	<i>Phase 4 Subtotal</i>	<i>\$115,000</i>
Total		\$1,630,000

¹ Project amount for stream bank rehabilitation potentially paid for by Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority.



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