Why is Quality of Life Infrastructure important?

Addressing Quality of Life Infrastructure in Blueprint Denver will:

1. Help ensure that active recreation is available to all areas of Denver;
2. Help protect and increase access to Denver’s natural features;
3. Help define appropriate types and uses of green infrastructure; and
4. Help create social spaces for residents throughout Denver’s neighborhoods, centers, and corridors.

Providing quality recreational activities and social spaces citywide will create a healthy and engaging atmosphere for all residents.

Coordination with other Denveright Plans

Game Plan

Denver’s Game Plan emphasizes the vision of a ‘city in a park’ and supports a set of core principles that address every drop, every person, every dollar, and uniquely Denver. The ultimate goal is to provide quality recreational amenities citywide.

Denver Moves: Pedestrians and Trails

Denver’s Pedestrians and Trails Plan will help make walking a viable and primary way for people to get around town and access recreational resources — comfortably and safely.
Draft Policy 1: Expand tools and regulations to ensure that the provision of high-quality parks and public spaces keeps pace with Denver’s growth.

Example Strategies:
- Study the feasibility of development impact fees to help fund open space needs as Denver grows.
- Evaluate the need for increased requirements for open space for mid- and large-scale developments in centers and corridors.

Draft Policy 2: Protect and expand Denver’s tree canopy on both public and private property.

Example Strategies:
- Develop tree-planting and irrigation requirements for new development on private property.
- Support a robust tree canopy by prioritizing trees in right-of-way design and through stronger tree preservation policies.


Example Strategies:
- Create incentives for private development to include green infrastructure such as permeable pavement and plantings that provide water quality.
- Limit the amount of impervious surface on private property.

Draft Policy 4: Ensure great streets and community spaces in all centers and corridors, giving priority to pedestrian spaces and amenities.

Example Strategies:
- Encourage “road diets” and remove unnecessary concrete/asphalt from the city’s network of streets and other rights-of-way.
- Establish clear rules for use of the right-of-way by utilities, advertisers, telecommunications providers, etc., balancing aesthetics and infrastructure necessities.