

CONGRESS PARK – COURTS REPLACEMENT PROJECT 2022 FAQ

- 1. Since the lights are currently on-demand via a button, can they just be on all year round?**
 - a. When lighting is installed, it will be on-demand with permanent shut off for the night once the courts are closed.

- 2. Given how close the courts are to homes, is it appropriate to light them?**
 - a. The new standard court lights are a high efficiency LED light that have cut-off hoods on them. These hoods keep the light directed at the courts and minimize light spill over into other areas. The new tennis courts at Bear Creek Park have these lights, and are nearby homes, if you are interested in seeing them at night.

- 3. Why can't the existing lighting be used?**
 - a. The current lights are a high-energy fixture. In the city's effort to provide a more sustainable option, the old lights need to be removed so the high efficiency lights can be installed in the future.
 - b. The current lights must be demolished to construct the new courts, and DPR's new lighting system and old system are not interchangeable.

- 4. Will the existing lighting be functional until the new lighting is in place?**
 - a. No, the two lighting systems are not interchangeable so the courts will not be lit until the new lights are installed.

- 5. Will the pickleball courts be lit?**
 - a. Lighting infrastructure for all courts is planned to be included in this project design. Lights will be able to be installed at a later date, and usage will be subject to normal court rules.

- 6. Why are the courts planned to be closed during construction?**
 - a. Courts will be closed during construction for public safety and logistics of constructing the courts in place.

- 7. What months will the pickleball courts be closed?**
 - a. All Congress Park courts are expected to be closed from October 2022 to September 2023, approximately.

- 8. How can we best ask to follow up as the process proceeds?**
 - a. For ongoing updates, contact the project manager at mercy.wright@denvergov.org.

- 9. Have there been tennis tournaments at Congress Park?**
 - a. Congress Park has historically been permitted for tennis tournaments.

- 10. Why have there been less tennis tournaments at Congress Park?**
 - a. Currently the courts are not in playable condition for tournaments.

- 11. Can I get data on course usage?**
 - a. The survey results from this outreach process are posted on the website and any specific reports must go through CORA because personal park user data is attached.

- 12. Can park users permit any court?**

- a. The ability for individual park users to permit courts is coming in the future.

13. Will the tennis permit program change?

- a. The permit program will not change and keeping it consistent is why it was decided to convert only 1 tennis court to pickleball.

14. Will there be portable defibrillators installed in court or pool areas?

- a. Defibrillators are currently not provided by DPR at courts. However, all indoor and outdoor pools do have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and oxygen available.

15. Who is doing the design for the pickleball courts?

- a. Flow Design is designing the courts.

16. Where can I voice my disappointment with the city?

- a. Please contact your local councilperson with concerns.

17. What toilet facilities there will be?

- a. The toilet facilities currently on site will remain.

18. Will there be an opportunity to give input on the basketball hoops - it would be great to have higher quality hoops than is typical at the Denver parks?

- a. DPR standard hoops are used for ease of maintenance and replacement if necessary.

19. Is it possible to provide information on where people can find out more info on the tennis programming?

- a. <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Parks-Recreation/Activities-Programs/DPR-Activity-Guide-DEMO/Adult-Sports-Citywide-Sports/Tennis-CWS>
- b. <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Parks-Recreation/Rentals-Permits/Athletic-Fields-Courts#section-3>

20. Is this project taking up new park space?

- a. No, this project is not taking up new park space. We are utilizing the current courts area.

21. Is the additional seating for pickleball users only?

- a. Any seating added is for all park users.

22. Why is additional parking being proposed North of the tennis courts?

- a. DPR is required to provide an accessible route to all facilities, which is why this is being added for this project.

23. Who should I contact about illegal parking in the park?

- a. Please call 311 and ask to speak to a Park Ranger to report trends in illegal parking within the park.