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Introduction

The city of Thornton periodically distributes public opinion surveys to solicit ideas and feedback on a wide range of issues. As part of the 2012 Parks & Open Space Master Plan, a hardcopy two page survey was distributed at the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center, the Thornton Community Center, and to the Thornton Community Walkers. A total of thirty-five completed surveys were returned for use in preparing the 2012 update.

In 2016, city of Thornton staff initiated an electronic survey titled the Parks and Open Space Master Plan Update Survey (Survey) to solicit ideas and feedback on issues pertaining to the parks, open space, trails and recreation programs offered by the city of Thornton, and to supplement the 2015 Parks & Open Space Master Plan update.

The Survey was posted on the city of Thornton’s home webpage and hard copies were available at the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center, the Senior Center and the Community Center. A notice of the Survey was also sent out via T-Alerts called T-Mail to 652 e-mail subscribers, and posted on Facebook and Twitter. The Survey was also advertised in the Sentinel newspaper. A total of 280 survey forms were completed: 78 hard copy survey forms were returned and 202 survey forms were completed on-line.

The Survey contained seven multiple choice and fifteen open ended questions for a total of twenty-two questions. The survey questions were developed to provide Thornton residents an opportunity to include specific information regarding desired improvements to the parks and open space system, as well as information pertaining to potential programming at the planned Trail Winds Recreation Center. In the development of the survey questions, an important goal was to create a database of information that could be leveraged by city staff in future budget and funding allocations, as well as by the Thornton Trail Winds Park and Open Space Recreation Center design team, and to better understand the needs of local residents and evolving trends in user patterns and recreational activities.

Survey respondents use and cherish Thornton’s parks, open space and recreation facilities, as evidenced by the following survey responses:

• Twenty-two percent (22%) of survey respondents were satisfied with the city’s current recreational amenities and opportunities in parks located within walking distance from their home (Question #6, page A18.3-7).

• Over twenty-five percent (25%) of survey respondents visit a park between 11 and 50 times a year (Question #7, page 18.3-7).

• Over twenty-five (25%) of survey respondents visit city-owned open space between 11 and 50 times a year (Question #8, page 18.3-8).

• Sixty-seven (67%) of survey respondents utilize the city of Thornton’s recreation facilities (Question #11, page 18.3-8).

• Ninety-five percent (95%) of trail users identified themselves as recreational trail users with nine percent (9%) using the trail system for commuting (Question #20, page 18.3-16).

Survey respondents provided thorough and specific answers to several open ended questions. While the results were varied and diverse, several themes emerged regarding future facilities and improvements. More detailed information follows in the form of summary diagrams and composite lists of responses, which begin on page A18.3-1.
As is evidenced throughout the region, facilities are getting crowded and this has not gone unrecognized by Thornton residents as survey respondents cited crowded facilities, especially at the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center’s indoor pool. When the planned recreation center at Trail Winds Park and Open Space is completed, crowding at existing facilities may dissipate as residents opt to use the new facility.

Survey respondents requested that the city consider extending hours of all recreation facilities, which correlates directly to questions concerning use of private facilities. When asked why residents seek out private facilities for recreation and exercise, survey respondents often cited that hours of operation and class schedules were primary reasons behind their decision to join private gyms. Another reason private facilities are utilized has to do with the location of the facility and the proximity to resident’s homes and/or employment centers.

Similar to private facilities, Thornton residents also utilize facilities located in adjacent municipalities, specifically listing the Paul Derda Recreation Center in Broomfield and Northglenn Recreation Center. Again, this may change once the new recreation center in Trail Winds Park and Open Space is completed.

Several responses cited the need for improved ADA accessibility at the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center, as well as the lack of public transportation to and from city-owned facilities. While some of these comments lacked locational specifics, it is interesting to note that there were specific suggestions pertaining to the need for ADA compliant sidewalks and sidewalk ramps that were generated at the June 29, 2016 Parks and Open Space public meeting.

The Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center was referenced more often than any other facility, which correlates directly to the geographic information provided by survey respondents regarding where they lived.

Survey respondents provided diverse answers to Question #6 “What additional recreation amenities or opportunities would you like the city of Thornton to offer that are not currently offered in the park near you?”. The following list identifies specific suggestions for future improvements, programming and facilities to the evolving city of Thornton parks, open space, trails and recreation system. While the summary diagrams indicate responses to specific questions, many responses to the open-ended questions (see Appendix A18.4) contained similar answers. The following observations are based on a responses to specific questions as well as a review of the all data compiled from the completed surveys.

- **Pickleball**: Thornton residents cited a desire for dedicated pickleball courts. Currently, pickleball is programmed. Respondents asked for both indoor and outdoor pickleball courts to reduce and/or eliminate schedule limitations that arise due to shared facilities. See survey responses to Questions #12, #13 and #16 in Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results.

- **Tennis Courts**: In addition to attendees at the June 29, 2016 public meeting, survey respondents also requested that the city construct additional tennis courts in a number and location conducive to league and tournament play, such as four or more courts at one location. Currently, the Thornton Tennis Association utilizes a number of different facilities, including courts located at various schools, and are seeing a reduction in access due to the increasing number of students requiring court time. Survey results support these concerns (Questions #6; #13 - in Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results).

- **Aquatic Facilities**: Threaded throughout responses to several different questions, survey respondents cited the need for additional pools - both indoor and outdoor, including a dedicated lap pool. There were also respondents who requested additional splash parks and splash pads. See survey responses to Questions #6, page 18.3-7; #13 page 18.3-10 and Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results.

- **Shade**: While many of the older, established parks offer pockets of mature deciduous trees and shade structures,
many of the newer parks do not yet have mature tree canopies that offer shade. There were repeated requests for shade structures, both hard and soft roofs, as well as a hope that the city would continue to require new, additional trees in both existing and future parks, and in quantity that would create significant pockets of shade. See summary diagram to Question #6, page 18.3-7 and in Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results.

- Bike Parks: Bike parks have been identified by local residents as a desirable feature for use by Thornton youth. Bike parks can be constructed from compacted soil, concrete and can also be called pump parks, which refers to small, linear circular tracks. The sculpted forms allow the bikes to perform stunts and tricks similar to skate parks. See summary diagram for Question #6, page 18.3-7 and in Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results.

- Climbing Walls/Bouldering: Climbing facilities were identified as a potential offering, either in the form of large climbing walls and/or smaller bouldering facilities and climbing apparatus at local playgrounds. Larger facilities often require significant oversight to ensure compliance with safety regulations, but smaller climbing structures can be easily integrated into outdoor playground equipment. There are several manufacturers of “fabricated” boulders, that have unique height and hand grip elements, which can also be located outdoors. See summary diagram for Question #13, page 18.3-10 and in Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results.

- Expanded Senior Programs: Survey respondents offered several suggestions for expanded senior programs and facilities, including a new senior center, senior pool, senior hiking trips and exercise classes. See Question #13, page 18.3-10.

- Ice Rink: A few respondents identified the desire for a city-owned ice rink. While there are rinks in the neighboring jurisdictions of Arvada, Superior and Westminster, there was interest in skating programs. See survey results to Question #13, page 18.3-10 and in Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results.

- Theater and Drama: Respondents suggested that the city offer theater and/or drama programs, as well as a larger auditorium for performances. The Thornton Arts and Culture Center offers theater and drama programs, so these comments identify a need for advertising existing programs to increase public awareness. See survey results to Question #13, page 18.3-10 and in Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results.

- Age Separated Classes and Programs: Survey respondents suggested that the city provide more age-segregated programs and activities, but conversely, several respondents asked for Family Classes and more large group classes. See survey results to Questions #6, page 18.3-7 and #13, page 18.3-10 and in Appendix A18.4 Compilation of Results.
### 2016 Parks and Open Space Master Plan Update

**Survey**

The Thornton Parks and Open Space Master Plan establishes goals, objectives, recommendations and implementation strategies for the planning and development of new parks, recreation facilities/programs, trails, and open space in the city of Thornton. It serves as a detailed supplement to the Thornton Comprehensive Plan, and as such, it responds to the goals and policies related to parks, recreation, trail and open space stated in the Comprehensive Plan. The Parks & Recreation Master Plan also serves as a guide for continued improvements and expansion resulting in high quality, citywide system of parks, recreation facilities/programs, trails and open space that will meet the needs of Thornton citizens now and in the future.

The city of Thornton is beginning the process of updating our existing [2012 Parks and Open Space Master Plan](#). The plan will go through a minor update for data completed between 2013 - 2015. We will be updating existing conditions and inventories of new parks, trails, open space and facilities recently added to our system, reviewing future needs and opportunities, adding homeowner association recreational amenities that benefit Thornton citizens, and updating our Parks, Open Space and Trail Users Map.

Your feedback is important to the update process. We request that you complete this survey, and we invite you to attend our Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission Meetings to provide additional input or obtain updated information about the Master Plan and the update process. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Diane Van Fossen, Capital Projects and Planning Manager, at diane.vanfossen@cityofthornton.net or call 303-255-7831.

1. What neighborhood do you live in? Check all answers that apply.
   - [ ] Between 84th Avenue and 104th Avenue?
   - [ ] Between 104th Avenue and 120th Avenue?
   - [ ] Between 120th Avenue and 144th Avenue?
   - [ ] North of 144th Avenue?
   - [ ] West of Colorado Boulevard?
   - [ ] East of Colorado Boulevard?
   - [ ] West of I-25?
   - [ ] I live outside the city of Thornton.

2. Is there a park within walking distance of your home? If so, what is the name of the park?

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3. If there is a park within walking distance of your home, is it a public city-owned park or a homeowner association semi-public park?

- Public city-owned park
- Homeowner Association / semi-public park
- I do not know

4. Which park do you most frequently visit?

5. Which park amenity do you use most often?

6. What additional recreational amenities or opportunities would you like the city of Thornton to offer that are not currently offered in a park near you?

7. How many times a year do you visit a park in Thornton?

8. How many times a year do you visit open space in Thornton?

9. Do you or your children participate in city of Thornton recreation programs?

- Yes
- No

10. If you or your children DO participate in recreation programs, which programs do you use?

11. Do you or your children use the city of Thornton’s recreation facilities?

- Yes
- No

12. If you or your children DO use Thornton’s recreation facilities, which ones do you use?
13. What additional recreation programs would you like the city of Thornton to offer that are not currently offered?


14. If you use privately owned recreation facilities, check all that apply.

- 24-Hour Fitness
- Lifetime Fitness
- Curves
- Ice Rinks
- Other (please specify)


15. If you use privately owned recreational facilities, why do you use these facilities? How far do you travel to get to the facilities?


16. Thornton will begin designing a new recreation center in late 2016 with construction anticipated in 2018/2019. The recreation center will be located at the Thornton Trail Winds Park and Open Space, near 136th Avenue and Holly Street. What amenities would you most like to see at the new recreation center? Note: Additional information regarding the new recreation center is available on the city website at www.cityofthornton.net.


17. Do you use the park and recreation facilities at Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District?

- Yes
- No

18. If you do use the park and recreation facilities at the Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District, how often do you visit a park or facility in the Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District?


19. The city is working to connect Thornton’s trail system. Where are there missing gaps in the existing trails system that you would like to see connected?
20. Would you describe yourself as a recreational trail user, or do you use trails to commute to work? School? Shopping? Public Events? Facilities?

☐ Recreational Trail User
☐ Commuter
☐ School
☐ Shopping
☐ Public Events
☐ Facilities
☐ Other (please specify)

21. Which trails do you most frequently use? If you don't know the name of the trail, please provide a general location.

22. Regarding the city of Thornton bike system, what additional roadway corridors should have dedicated bike lanes IN THE STREET?
Summary diagrams have been generated to illustrate the results of each question contained in the 2016 Parks and Open Space Master Plan Update Survey. Section A18.4 contains all the survey responses that were used to develop the summary diagrams.
Question #1: What Neighborhood do you live in? Check all that apply.

- Between 84th Avenue and 104th Avenue
- Between 104th Avenue and 120th Avenue
- Between 120th Avenue and 144th Avenue
- North of 144th Avenue
- West of Colorado Boulevard
- East of Colorado Boulevard
- West of I25
- I live outside the city of Thornton

280 responses

* 62% of survey respondents provided latitudinal location information
Question #2: Is there a park within walking distance of your home?

There were 280 responses for this question. The second part of the question asked respondents to name the park, which was a challenge for a significant number of respondents who didn’t know the name of the park, or didn’t know if the park was privately or publically owned, or if a school’s playing field was considered a city park. This points to the need for education regarding ownership and signage.

![Pie chart showing responses to Question #2]

Question #3: If there is a park within walking distance of your home, is it a public city-owned park or a homeowner association semi-public park?

- Public city-owned park
- Homeowner Association / semi-public park
- I don’t know

There were 262 responses for this question.

![Pie chart showing responses to Question #3]
Question #4: Which park do you most frequently visit?

There were 265 responses for this question. Some respondents referenced more than one park and multiple responses were counted. The most frequently visited park is the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center and Carpenter Park. In the category “Other”, 11 respondents named parks outside the city of Thornton and 8 stated that they visit HOA parks most frequently.

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<td>Eastlake Village</td>
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<td>Big Dry Creek</td>
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Question #5: Which park amenity do you use most often?

There were 263 responses. Some respondents answered the question with more than one answer and multiple answers were counted. Within the category “Other”, 6 respondents specified a park that contained the amenity identified by the respondent.

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<td>Playground</td>
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<td>Sports Courts</td>
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<td>Trails</td>
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<td>Furnishings</td>
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<td>Slate Park</td>
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<td>Fields/Gross</td>
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<td>Open Space</td>
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<td>Hockey Rink</td>
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<td>Restrooms</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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Question #6: What additional recreational amenities or opportunities would you like the city of Thornton to offer that are not currently offered in the park near you?

There were 280 responses for this question. Some respondents answered the question with multiple answers and all comments were counted.

Under “Furnishings”, 6 respondents specifically requested water fountains. Other popular items were benches, shade structures, picnic areas and pavilions.

Under “Recreation Center”, 6 respondents cited the need for a new senior center. Many respondents also asked for areas/activities that are age specific. For example, areas for young kids to play or special areas for adults only.

There were 62 respondents that answered this question with “Satisfied with Current Amenities” or a N/A answer.

Question #7: How many times a year do you visit a park in Thornton?

267 respondents answered this question. The “Other” category contained answers that could not be quantified as they offered suggestions or answers that were not relevant to the question.
Question #8: How many times a year do you visit open space in Thornton?

254 respondents answered this question. The “Other” category contained answers that could not be quantified and contained answers that were not relevant to the question.

Question #10: Do you or your children participate in city of Thornton recreation programs?

270 respondents answered this question.

Question #10: If you or your children participate in city of Thornton recreation programs, which programs do you use?

161 respondents answered this question.

Question #11: Do you or your children use city of Thornton’s recreation facilities?

269 respondents answered this question.
Question #12: If you or your children do use Thornton’s recreation facilities, which ones do you use?

189 respondents answered this question, and the answers ranged from general names of facilities to specific types. Some answers stated both. For this question there are two graphs showing the results.

The first graph to the right shows all the facilities mentioned in the survey. 158 respondents stated that they use Thornton’s recreation facilities. 8 respondents said they use recreation facilities outside the city of Thornton.

The second graph below on the right shows the specific types of facilities people use.

Note: This question raised issues associated with how questions were worded, which can help future Master Plan updates and the development of subsequent survey questions. In Question #10, 69 respondents stated that either they or their children participated in a swimming activity at a Thornton facility, but in this question, only 39 people responded that use the city’s pool facilities. Ideally, these responses should be similar in counts.
Question #13: What additional recreation programs would you like the city of Thornton to offer that are not currently offered?

143 survey respondents answered this question. The list below represents all the answers given for additional recreation programs. The number is the amount of survey respondents that state the answer. These answers are not prioritized.

- Tennis, 3
- Indoor tennis, 2
- Tennis lessons, 1
- Youth squash courts, 1
- Ultimate frisbee, 1
- Better transportation to all Thornton amenities, 1
- Dog agility, 1
- Dog park, 1
- Dog training, 1
- Sport Clinics, 1
- Dance space with seated viewing, 1
- Ice skating, 10
- Hockey, 5
- Skating, 1
- Rock climbing, 7
- Baseball, 1
- Volleyball, 1
- Indoor soccer arena, 1
- Soccer, 3
- Soccer for 3 year olds, 1
- T-ball for 3 year olds, 1
- Lacrosse, 1
- Youth sports, 2
- Archery, 4
- Cricket, 3
- Recreation sports teams, 2
- Running program, 1
- More senior trips (hiking and biking), 4
- Senior exercise classes, 1
- Senior pool, 1
- Senior Center, 1
- Silver Sneakers, 1
- More senior activities North, 1
- Dirt bike park, 2
- Mountain bike park, 1
- More gymnastics, 2
- Larger gymnastics area, 1
- More open days in gym for gymnastics, 1
- Theater program, 5
- Music classes, 1
- Nutrition/diet classes, 2
- More adult classes, 4
- Jazzercise, 1
- Adult dance, 1
- Adult sports, 1
- Fitness classes, 1
- Evening classes, 1
- Crossfit, 3
- Better class times, 1
- Adult lap pool, 2
- Indoor pool, 1
- Swimming pool, 7
- Lap pool only, 1
- Swim team, 1
- Swimming lessons, 3
- Water aerobics, 1
- Water park, 1
- Water zumba, 1
- Workout facilities, 1
- Sauna, 1
- Greater capacity for programs, 1
- More older child, young teen activities, 1
- More programs for 2-3 year olds
- More youth programs, 1
- Children’s classes, 2
- Recreation Center, 3
- Horseback riding, 1
- Community Garden, 1
- Yoga, 3
- Family yoga, 1
- Golf, 1
- Miniature golf, 1
- TRX classes, 1
- Athletic programs for kids who are homeschooled, 1
- Fencing, 1
- Karate, 1
- Daycare, 1
- More parent/child classes, 2
- Kettle ball class, 1
- Hiking, 2
- Kayaking, 1
- Biking, 1
- Shade, 1
- Indoor/Outdoor Pickleball, 5
- More open pickleball days, 1
- More gyms, 1
- More weight rooms/lifting, 1
- Paddle boarding, 2
- Outdoor fitness classes, 1
- Slackline course, 1
- Nature classes, 1
- Security, 1
- Self defense class, 1
- Better fishing at the Recreation Center, 1
- More volunteer opportunities for young teens, 1
- Bicycle routes that connect with out riding on roads, 2
- Computer training/coding for kids, 1
- Closer activities, 1
- Thai kickboxing classes, 1
- Volunteer day to remove Russian Olive trees, 1
- Parkour classes, 1

Question #14: If you use privately owned recreation facilities, check all that apply.

☐ 24 Hour Fitness
☐ Lifetime Fitness
☐ Curves
☐ Ice Rinks
☐ Other (please specify)

145 survey respondents answered this question; 73 of the respondents answered with “Other”. All of the “Other” responses are represented in this graph.

Some responses were for “Other Facilities” are owned by neighboring municipalities and these answers are reflected in the graph.

13 of the respondents wrote in None or N/A for this question.
Question #15: If you use privately owned recreation facilities, why do you use these facilities? How far do you travel to get to the facilities?

144 survey respondents answered this question. The majority of the respondents said they were driving 1-10 miles and 10-20 minutes to use these facilities.

Question #16: Thornton will begin designing a new recreation center in late 2016 with construction anticipated in 2018/2019. The recreation center will be located at the Thornton Trail Winds Park and Open Space, near 136th Avenue and Holly Street. What amenities would you most like to see at the new recreation center? Note: Additional information regarding the new recreation center is available on the city website at www.cityofthornton.net.

224 survey respondents answered this question, and most of those respondents provided multiple answers. The number next to the amenity reflects the number of survey respondents that stated that answer. These answers are not prioritized.

- Basketball, 5
- Pools, 68
- Spin class, 5
- Pilates, 1
- Dance classes, 8
- Tennis courts with lights, 2
- Tennis courts, 12
- Indoor tennis courts, 5
- Tennis lessons, 1
- Amphitheater, 2
- Sand volleyball, 1
- Volleyball courts, 3
- Indoor volleyball courts, 1
- Dog park, 3
- Gym, 3
- Dance gym, 1
- Ballet classes, 1
- Gymnastics gym, 13
- Gymnastics classes, 1
- Fitness area, 8
- Weight room, 11
- Cardio, 10
- Children’s pool, 5
- Indoor track, 6
- Theater, 5
- Bike park, 1
- Dirt bike park, 3
- Mountain bike park, 1
- Hot Yoga, 1
- Yoga, 8
- Ice skating rink, 15
- Archery range, 1
- Rock climbing, 20
- Indoor cricket, 1
- Outdoor water park, 11
- Indoor water park, 3
Question #17: Do you use the park and recreation facilities at Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District?

272 respondents answered this question.

Do you use the park and recreation facilities at Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District?

25% Yes
75% No
Question #18: If you do use the park and recreation facilities at the Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District, how often do you visit the park or facilities?

89 respondents answered this question.

![Bar Chart]

Question #19: The city is working to connect Thornton’s trail system. Where are there missing gaps in the existing trails system that you would like to see connected? 129 respondents answered this question.

- East side of Holly Street west to between 128th Avenue and 136th Avenue
- Brighton Highway 7 and the South Platte River Trail
- Big Dry Creek North and South of 144th Avenue
- 104th Avenue from Riverdale Road to Colorado Boulevard
- Fallbrook Farms to Cherrywood Park communities
- Fallbrook Farms to Thornton Trail Winds Park & Open Space
- Carpenter Park to the South Platte River Trail
- Riverdale Road to Grandview Ponds at 104th Avenue both sides
- Riverdale Road along 104th Avenue connecting to Colorado Boulevard on the south side
- North York Street to open space past E-470
- South Platte River Trail to 120th Avenue
- Eastlake #3 Nature Preserve to Carpenter Park
- Eastlake Heritage Trail to Trail Winds
- Trails along Highway 7
- From 160th Avenue and York Street to the Orchards Shopping Area and Silver Creek Elementary School
- From Northbrook Park to new Recreation Center
- Connections to the Adams County South Platte River Trail
- Thornton to Broomfield trail
- Following the North Metro Commuter line down to the Platte
- 144th Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Grant Street
- West side of Riverdale Road to the South Platte River Trail at or north of 128th Avenue
- Eastlake to Eastlake Heritage/Signal Creek trail
- Holly Street and 112th Avenue to Adams County Regional Park area
- Big Dry Creek to Highway 7
• Along E-470
• North Thornton near 144th Avenue
• Big Dry Creek Open Space trails
• Adams County fairgrounds to the south
• Quebec Street between 120th Avenue and 128th Avenue
• South Platte River Trail from 104th Avenue to Adams County Regional Fairgrounds
• Margaret Carpenter Park to EB Rains Memorial Park
• From Woodglen Park to Eastlake
• 118th Avenue connections
• Better markings from 134th Avenue to Holly Street
• East connections along water treatment plant
• 144th Avenue north and a direct connection to Big Dry Creek trail near Thorn creek Golf Course
• Thornton Trail Winds Park and Open Space to the park just east of Holly Street
• Fairground Tributary trail system at 136th Avenue and Quebec Street to Horizon Tributary
• Trail system with easy access to the Thornton Trail Winds Parks and Open Space
• From 120th Avenue to 104th Avenue
• North of 120th Avenue
• Riverdale Road between 100th Avenue and 88th Avenue (not on road)
• South Platte River Trail to Brighton Road and 88th Avenue
• Bike lanes on Riverdale, north of Big Dry Creek
• Homestead Hills Park and Open Space east and west to Signal Ditch
• Riverdale Road to South Platte River Trail on 104th Avenue
• Thornton Parkway west on York (can’t get from trail to Vine Street)
• 104th Avenue and Riverdale Road north to Riverdale Elementary
• Brantner Gulch to South Platte River Trail as road cycling routes
• South Platte River Trail all the way to Julesburg
• East along the South Platte River Trail to Fairgrounds North 144th Avenue
• Trails west of Colorado Boulevard to 160th Avenue
• North of 144th Avenue
• Around 84th Avenue and Pecos Street
• Thornton and Northglenn trail connections
• Eastlake to Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center
• Bike Trail at 104th Avenue along South Platte River Trail
• 136th Avenue and York Street
• North of Highway 7 to other trails
• Adams County Fairgrounds to the South Platte River Trail
• 124th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard to Eastlake
• Cherry Park to Margaret W. Carpenter Park and Open Space
• South Platte River Trail (Thornton Parkway to 120th Avenue) with connection to City of Brighton trail system
• Eastlake to Hunter’s Glen to Big Dry Creek
• South Platte River Trail to Rocky Mountain Arsenal trails
• Open space at 144th Avenue and Washington Street
• Riverdale at 128th Avenue to the South Platte River Trail
• Hunters Glen Elementary School to 134th Avenue along the Golf Course
• Big Dry Creek Trail from I-25 (Westminster) to Highway 7
• Skylake Ranch to Jasmine Street to 117th Avenue
• South Platte River Trail from Adams County Regional Park and trails to get to that trail
• Adams County Regional Park to Brantner Gulch
• North of 144th Avenue
• From the north of Thornton to South Platte River Trail, Orchard Shopping Center, and westbound Coal Creek Trail
• 144th Avenue and York Street to Larkridge Shopping Center
• 138th Avenue and Holly Street to the north and east
• Holly Street and Riverdale Road to Quebec Street
• Sidewalks at Quebec Street and 128th Avenue shopping area to neighborhoods
• 124th Avenue and Quebec Street to 128th Avenue
• Stargate Elementary campus to the neighborhoods south of 136th Avenue
• 128th Avenue and Riverdale Road to south and northwest
• 144th Avenue to trails to the south
• East side of Holly Street
• Continue Big Dry Creek Trail to the north from REI
• South Platte River Trail north and E-470 trail system
• West side of Quail Valley (140th Avenue) to new trail north of Stargate Elementary campus
• Washington Street and I-25 north and east of Thorn Creek Trail under I-25 to connect to Big Dry Creek
• Trail eastbound along Big Dry Creek in Thornton/Adams County
• Fairgrounds to Brighton Boulevard
• 120th Avenue to 128th Avenue and South Platte River Trail
• Brantner Gulch to Adams County Regional Park/South Platte River Trail
• 136th Avenue and Holly Street by the High School
• Between 136th Avenue and 144th Avenue

Question #20: Would you describe yourself as a recreational trail user, or do you use trails to commute to work? School? Shopping? Public Events? Facilities?
□ Recreation Trail User
□ Commuter
□ School
□ Shopping
□ Public Events
□ Facilities
□ Other (please specify)

232 respondents answered this question. Most respondents use trails for recreational purposes. The other category counts two answers that were nonconforming to this question.
Question #21: Which trails do you most frequently use? If you don’t know the name of the trail, please provide a
general location. 182 survey respondents answered this question. The most common answers for this question include:

- Riverdale Ballfield Complex
- Eastlake Trails
- Heritage Trail
- Brantner Gulch Trail
- Trails at Carpenter Park
- South Platte River Trail
- Signal Ditch Trail
- Lee Lateral Trail

Question #22: Regarding the city of Thornton bike system, what additional roadway corridors should have dedicated
bike lanes in the street?

116 respondents answered this question. Below is a list of public proposed roadway corridors that should have
dedicated bike lanes in the street. Several responses indicated that they did not desire any bike lanes on the street.

- All roads in Thornton
- Washington Street to York Street
- 100th Avenue
- 104th Avenue
- 104th Avenue and York Avenue
- 112th Avenue
- 120th Avenue
- 124th Avenue west of new rail line
- 128th Avenue
- 136th Avenue
- 136th Avenue near Horizon High School
- 140th Avenue
- 144th Avenue
- 144th Avenue and Holly Street
- 144th Avenue and Washington Street
- 144th Avenue and York Street
- 144th Avenue between Holly Street and Washington Street
- 144th Avenue between Washington Street and Colorado Boulevard
- 144th Avenue from Holly Street to Orchard Street
- 144th Avenue from I-25 to Highway 287
- 144th Avenue from Washington Street to York Street
- 84th Avenue and 104th Avenue
- 88th Avenue
- Areas close to existing trails
- Better access to Stargate Elementary School at 144th Avenue and Washington Street
- Colorado Boulevard
• Colorado Boulevard between Highway 7 and 140th Avenue
• Colorado Boulevard to South Platte River Trail
• Crossing Riverdale to Adams County Park
• Grant Street
• Holly Street from 96th Avenue north to 120th Avenue
• Holly Street
• Highway 7 and Colorado Boulevard
• Highway 7 and 160th Avenue
• McKay Street and 128th Avenue
• Quebec Street
• Riverdale Road from 88th Avenue to 104th Avenue
• Riverdale Road from Holly Street and Monaco Boulevard
• Riverdale Road
• South and east of 104th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard
• The east to west thoroughfares
• Thornton Parkway
• Washington Street
• Washington Street from Highway 7 to Thornton Parkway
• Washington Street north of 136th Avenue
• York Street from Highway 7 to Thornton Parkway
• York Street to 168th Avenue
• None