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Arapahoe County conducts recreational needs assessment

Residents of Four Square Mile neighborhood weigh in on future parks, trails and open spaces

LITTLETON, CO – The Arapahoe County Recreation District is conducting a Parks and Open Space Needs and Opportunity Assessment for the Four Square Mile community.

The Four Square Mile community makes up 2.6 square miles in the northwest section of unincorporated Arapahoe County and lies within the Arapahoe County Recreation District. The area is demographically diverse and home to nearly 20,000 residents.

The Four Square Mile community currently has two small neighborhood parks, a trailhead for Cherry Creek Regional Trail and three undeveloped open space areas, totaling about 20 acres. In addition, portions of the High Line Canal and Cherry Creek Trails also pass through the area.

“Critical components of the County Open Space Resolution are to provide, maintain and improve neighborhood parks, open space, sports fields, picnic facilities, walking and multi-use trails,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Jackson, District 4. “Therefore, the goal of this assessment is to determine where and how much additional park and open space lands are available, as well as provide new neighborhood trail connections. We hope to be able to increase the recreational opportunities for all local residents.”

Residents have joined the conversation at community meetings, through an online forum, at a recent Ice Cream Social event and via surveys that were distributed to a random selection of households. There’s still time to weigh in. If you’re a resident of the Four Square Mile neighborhood, you can fill out the online version of the survey [here](#), or visit the online comment forum at [MindMixer](#).

The Arapahoe County Recreation District uses mill levy tax funding to maintain parks, acquire land for recreation and enhance recreation facilities for the benefits of its residents. The end results of the study will be a working plan that the Recreation District, in partnership with the Arapahoe County Open Spaces Department can use to create new and enjoyable outdoor experiences for the community.

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