



YAC Summer Session

Southeast Colorado Springs, CO
Schoolyard, Parks & Trails Evaluation



Youth Advisory Council

Mission: Enhance Southeast Colorado Springs, from within, through resident-led change.

YAC objectives:

- Develop professional skills
- Gain project management skills
- Have fun!



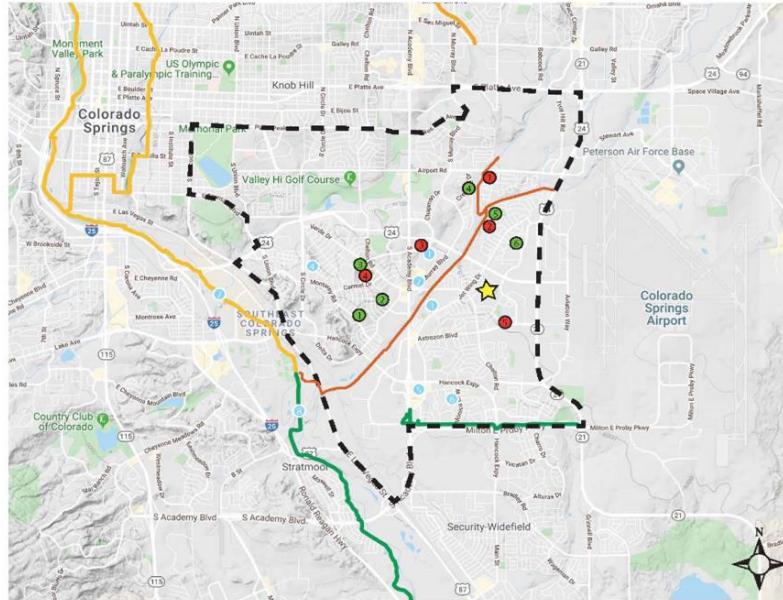
Goal for the YAC Summer Session

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

SOUTHEAST COLORADO SPRINGS Youth Driven Program Development: Parks, Schools, and Trails

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) will evaluate 6 neighborhood parks and 5 schools along the Sand Creek Trail Corridor. Findings will be used to inform investment by four partners including The Trust for Public Land, The Mission Continues, Colorado Springs Trails & Open Space Coalition, and the City of Colorado Springs.

KEY:	10MW Project Impact
■ Southeast Neighborhood	59,240
— Sand Creek Trail	14,761
★ Panorama Park	3,346
● Parks to be Evaluated by YAC:	
1. Monterey Park	4,310
2. Centennial Park	3,355
3. Van Diest Park	6,359
4. Sagebrush Park	3,778
5. Wildflower Park	5,566
6. Penstemon Park	2,313
● Schoolyards to be Evaluated by YAC:	
1. Sand Creek Elementary	2,772
2. Wildflower Elementary	1,465
3. Atlas Prep	2,019
4. Carmel Middle School	6,348
5. Bricker Elementary School	2,848
● Community Resources:	
1. Bicycle Library* & Affordable Housing (Planned)	
2. Sand Creek Library	
3. Sierra High School & YMCA	
4. Solid Rock-Affordable Housing (Planned)	
5. Mission Trace-Community Hub (Planned)	
6. Deerfield Hills Community Center	
7. Pikes Peak; Greenway-Legacy Loop	
8. Fountain Creek Regional Greenway	
*Funded by JPB 10MW Partnership	



- Evaluate and assess local parks, schoolyards, and trails in Southeast Colorado Springs.

- Findings will be used to inform investment by four partners, including The Trust for Public Land, The Mission Continues, Colorado Trails & Open Spaces Coalition, and the City of Colorado Springs.

What we look for in parks, schoolyards, and trails?

- Safety
- Comfortability
- Accessibility
- Shade
- Aesthetic (water feature)
- Upto standard equipment
- Places to sit / relax
- Area to have fun!
- How you feel!



What is QUINPY+?

QUality INdex of Parks for Youth

QUINPY+ is a comprehensive survey that was adapted from the Quality Index of Parks for Youth paper.

The survey was used during the YAC's assessment and evaluation of parks in Southeast Colorado Springs.

Sofia Rhoads



Sagebrush Park

651 Crestline Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80616



Sagebrush Park

General Assessment:

- Sports Court: 1
- Sports Field: 1
- Path/Trail: 4
- Playground: 1
- Public Swimming Pool: 0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain: 1
- Places To Sit & Be Calm: 7
- Art: 0
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs: 2

Observations: This park had a large footprint with available space, had good shade coverage, although it was still using older safety standards.

Feedback: Give the park an update with more modern safety standards being followed as well as add more inclusive play equipment.

Rating: 7/10



Penstemon Park

1345-1349, Jet Wing Cir, CO 80916

Penstemon Park

General Assessment:

- Sports Courts: 2
- Sports Field: 1
- Path/Trail: 3
- Playground: 2
- Public Swimming Pool: 0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain: 0
- Places To Sit & Be Calm: 12
- Art: 0
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs: 0

Observations: great park
there is some shade

Feedback: needs a bathroom

Rating: 7.5/10

Bricker Elementary School Yard

4880 Dover Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80916



Bricker Elementary School Yard

General Assessment:

- Sports Court: 3
- Sports Field:1
- Path/Trail:0
- Playground:1
- Public Swimming Pool:0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain:0
- Places To Sit & Be Calm:0
- Art:0
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs:0

Observations: It has a really nice view of the mountains.

Feedback: It need more trees. It needs to be cleaned up because there's glass in some places.

Rating: 4/10



Bricker Park

4850 Dover Dr, Colorado Springs CO 80916



Bricker Park

General Park Assessment:

- Sports Court: 0
- Sports Field: 1 big field for sports and events
- Path/Trail:1
- Playground:0
- Public Swimming Pool:0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain:0
- Places To Sit & Be Calm: Lots of trees for shade
- Art: 0
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs: 1

Observations: It is a nice park for events and for sports that require a field.

Feedback: I observed that there is lots of grass, but no sports courts, but there is a big field that you can use for events.

Rating: 9.5/10



Monterey Elementary School Yard

2311 Monterey Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80916



Wildflower Park

980 Nolte Dr, N Colorado Springs CO 80916



Daisy Rhoads

Wildflower Park

General Park Assessment:

- Sports Court: 3
- Sports Field: 2
- Path/Trail: 5
- Playground: 5
- Public Swimming Pool: 0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain: 1
- Places To Sit & Be Calm: 10
- Art: 0
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs: 0

Observations: The park was very spacious and had a moderate selection of play equipment and decent shade coverage.

Feedback: The park was lacking in inclusive play equipment and could also do well with more trees placed around the park.

Rating: 8.5/10



Centennial Elementary School Yard

1860 S Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Centennial Elementary School Yard

General Assessment:

- Sports Court: 1
- Sports Field: 0
- Path/Trail: 0
- Playground: 2
- Public Swimming Pool: 0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain: 0
- Places To Sit & Be Calm: 0
- Art: 0
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs: 1

Observations: Great park! Many things for all ages to do. We enjoyed our time there, and we feel the park is accessible for all people.

Feedback: Wasn't a 10/10 because it needs more shade, and we would like more places to sit down at the park itself.

Rating: 9/10



Carmel Middle School Yard

1740 Pepperwood Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Nadiya Trujillo

Carmel Middle School Yard

General Assessment:

- Sports Court: 2
- Sports Field: 1
- Path/Trail: 1
- Playground: 0
- Public Swimming Pool: 0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain: 0
- Places To Sit & Be Calm: 0
- Art: 0
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs: 0

Observations: There are no clear paths to access the basketball court and track, just manmade paths. It has very bad hoops that are broken. The grass is too tall on the field. The grass was hard to walk in.

Feedback: Fix hoops, field, and grass. Needs more things to do. There is not even really a playground, just an area of grass with a rundown basketball court.

Rating: 1.5/10

Van Diest Park

1520 Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Nadiya Trujillo



Van Diest Park

General Assessment:

- Sports Court: 2
- Sports Field: 1
- Path/Trail: 4
- Playground: There is multiple swings and there is one playground
- Public Swimming Pool: 0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain: 0
- Places To Sit & Be Calm: 1
- Art: 1
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs: 1

Observations: I observed that there is a lot of grass for a sports field. I also noticed that there are basketball courts. They have a playground. The park is good for all ages to enjoy!

Feedback: Although it's a great park, maybe redo the basketball courts because there were cracks in the basketball courts. More seating options would also be helpful.

Rating: 9.5/10

Sand Creek Trail

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Sand Creek Trail

A linear Park

General Assessment:

- Sports Court: 0
- Sports Field: 0
- Path/Trail: 1
- Playground: 0
- Public Swimming Pool: 0
- Bathroom/Water Fountain: 0
- Places To Sit & Be Calm: 6
- Art: 10
- Wayfinding/Educational Signs: 2 possibly 3

Observations: I observed that this trail has trash covering most of it. Since it was previously a dump site, i think people still see it as a dump.

Feedback: I think if we cleaned the trail up and give it the love and attention it needs, then people will use it more and treat it with more respect. If the trail all connected, then I feel like it would be more helpful to others. I hope to see it in a better way and not covered in trash. I also hope to see more art on the trail.

Rating: as it is right now i rate it 1/10



Sand Creek Trail- The Dump



Creative Placemaking!

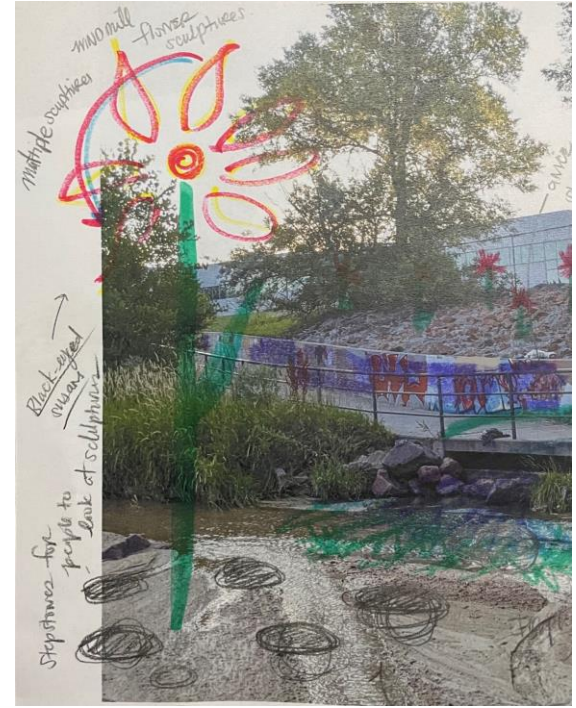
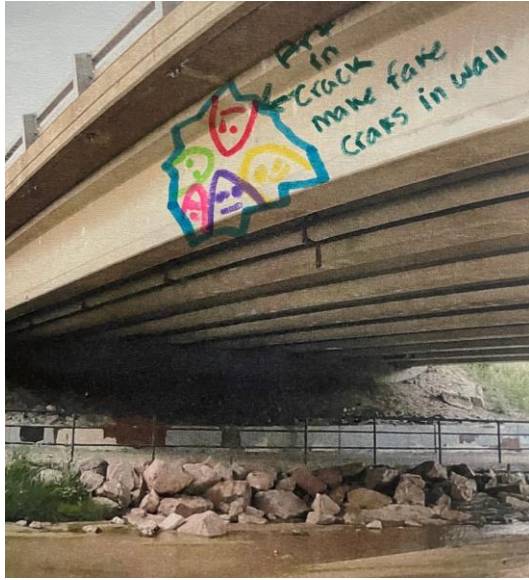


Creative placemaking is a term that describes the practice of using the arts as a tool for community development.

Creative placemaking for parks is a cooperative community-based process that uses arts and cultural expression to create or rejuvenate parks and open spaces, thus deepening a sense of place and inspiring community pride.

Creative Placemaking Art Session

Sand Creek Trail (Linear Park)



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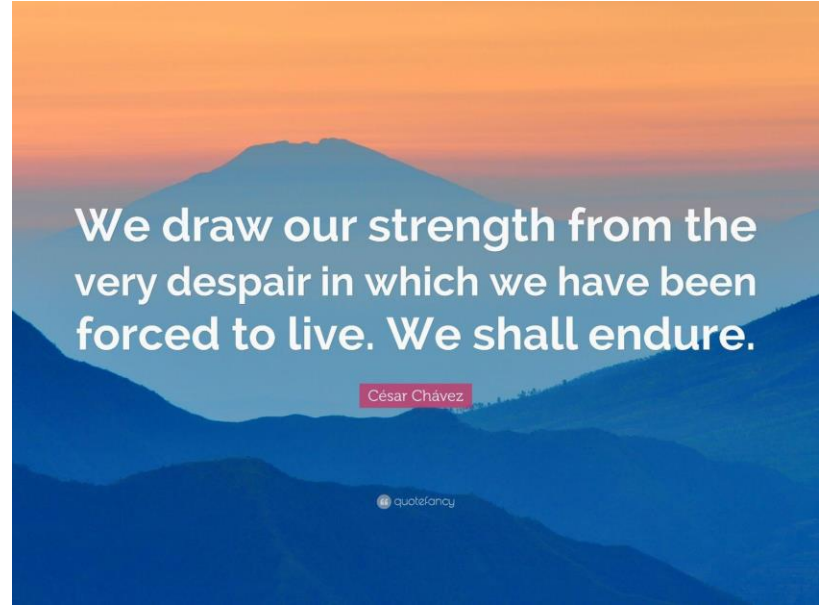
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Future of The YAC!

- Immediate: Integrate community spaces into evaluation and inventory plan.
 - Assess Sand Creek Library and Deerfield Hills Community Center.
- Fall 2021: Community Outreach
- Winter 2021/Spring 2022: Project Prioritization
- Summer 2022: Community Engagement
- Fall 2022: Plan Refinement
- Winter 2022/Spring 2023: Plan Implementation

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THANK YOU!!!

