

LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE/ CIVIC SPACE

CHARACTER

The parks and open space district encourages the preservation of natural landscape and local ecology for public or private use. These areas allow for a variety of active and passive recreational activities and diverse experiences. This includes developed public recreational amenities as well as environmentally sensitive lands and wetland areas. The cultural and historical identity of the Town of Frisco and the influence of Lake Dillon are important to these areas.



Character Imagery

DESIGN CRITERIA

Supported Uses: Active recreation such as parks, playgrounds, sport fields, recreation areas and pathways and trail facilities. Passive spaces such as open spaces, wetlands, wildlife corridors, nature trails, and conservation areas.

Connectivity: Recreational paths and trails should be interconnected system of green corridors to connect larger greenspaces and parks to neighborhood areas and community places. Bikeways, sidewalks, and trails should be connected, complete, and safe for all ages with posted signage. Larger parks and recreation areas should be connected to transit stops or micro-transit.

Parks, Open Space and Civic Space: Parks systems should include a range of amenities including seating, restrooms, drinking fountains, pet stations, and opportunities for shade and respite. Activities and facilities for all ages should be considered including playgrounds stages and universal accessibility.

Economy: Vibrant and accessible parks, open spaces, and civic spaces are essential to making the Town of Frisco an attractive place to live, visit, and do business as they contribute to a high quality of life and give the Town a strong connection to nature, sense of place, and knowing one another. In addition to serving as critical infrastructure for community health and well-being, these spaces preserve and enhance property values, increasing desirability of place. Furthermore, programs and events within these areas generate revenue for local businesses and organizations as well as sales tax revenues.

Sustainability: Parks, open space, and trails systems are an opportunity to integrate education and stewardship and highlight projects around water quality improvement, native planting habitats and best practices for ecological system health. Hazard mitigation such as hardening, vegetation management and the WUI interface should be considered. Environmentally sensitive areas, such as wetlands and floodplains are protected, preserved, and restored.

Equity: Parks should be universally accessible for all abilities including the design of pathways and facilities as well as amenities and programs. Parks should be distributed equally throughout the Town so that all have access to green space.