

6.6.27 SANTA RITA PARK

Location	149 South Camino del Rio
Size (acreage)	14.49 acres
Predominant Usage	Linear park



6.6.27.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Playground	1	Excellent
Pavilion [∇]	7	Excellent
Picnic table	14	Good
Overlook bench	3	Good
Animas River Trail segment	Length of park	Excellent
Horseshoe pit	2	Good
Rose garden	1	Good
Rectangular, multipurpose turf areas	2	Good
Sand volleyball court	2	Fair/Poor
Basketball court	1	Good
Grass turf area	multiple	Good
Whitewater park	1	Good
River access site	2	Good
Restroom (men and women)	2	Good
Paved parking & dirt overflow lot	131 cars	Good
Handicap accessibility	n/a	Excellent

6.6.27.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Park is heavily used by the community
- Park amenities support diverse usage

[∇] Includes high-shed built for historic train that is currently un-used for the intended purpose.

- Park is integral element of the interface between City parks and the Animas River Trail
- Park is located along the Animas River and is included in the greenway
- Irrigation system is linked to central control and is well functioning
- Turf is generally in good condition

6.6.27.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

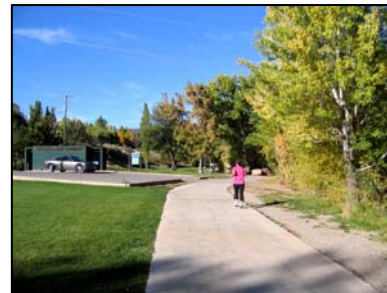
- Playground equipment is un-shaded
- Parking capacity is marginally adequate
- High-shed originally designed to cover historic train is not being used for its intended purpose
- Sand volleyball courts feature poor site design creating drainage issues; sand is poor quality

6.6.27.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Shade shelters for playground.
- Upgraded sand volleyball courts
- Upgraded whitewater park amenities
- Volunteer support for maintenance

6.6.28 SCHNEIDER PARK

Location	950 Roosa Ave./1300 Roosa Ave.
Size (acreage)	6.93 acres
Predominant Usage	Linear park



6.6.28.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Skate park	1	Excellent
Swing set	2	Excellent
Picnic table	5	Good
Overlook bench	2	Good
Animas River Trail segment	Length of park	Excellent
Spur trail (from upper park)	.1 mile	Excellent
Restroom (men and women)	1	Fair/Poor



River access site	1	Good
Grass turf area	1	Good
Paved parking area	2 (28 cars)	Good
Handicap accessibility	n/a	Excellent

6.6.28.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Park is heavily used by the community
- Park is integral element of the interface between city parks and the Animas River Trail
- Amenities support diverse usage
- Irrigation is well functioning
- Turf is generally in good condition

6.6.28.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

- Irrigation system is disconnected between upper and lower parks
- Park requires substantial maintenance effort for heavily littering and vandalism
- Park is popular for the homeless population

6.6.28.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Link irrigation system of upper and lower parks
- Update restrooms

6.6.29 VILES PARK

Location	245 East Park Avenue
Size (acreage)	0.82 acres
Predominant Usage	Mini park



6.6.29.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Slide equipment	1	Good
Swing set	1	Good
Picnic tables	3	Good
Handicap accessibility	n/a	Excellent

6.6.29.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Park is well shaded with mature trees
- Turf is generally in good condition
- Park is heavily used by nearby Catholic School and residents for picnicking

6.6.29.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

- Irrigation system is old and deteriorated
- Irrigation system is not linked to central control system

6.6.29.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Upgrade irrigation system
- Additional picnic tables

6.6.30 WHITEWATER PARK

Location	109 Camino del Rio
Size (acreage)	7.4 acres (includes river)
Predominant Usage	Linear park



6.6.30.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Overlook bench	3	Good
Animas River Trail segment	Length of park	Excellent
Spectator bleachers	2	Good/Fair
Judges stand	1	Good/Fair
Whitewater gate system	1	Good
River access site	2	Good
Handicap accessibility	n/a	Excellent

6.6.30.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Park is heavily used by the community
- Park amenities support unique and diverse usage
- Park is integral element of the interface between city parks and the Animas River Trail
- Park is located along the Animas River and is included in the greenway
- Volunteers support maintenance of whitewater park amenities

6.6.30.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

- Parking capacity is marginally adequate
- Whitewater features require updating and stabilizing in the river
- Bleachers and spectator area can improve with limited landscaping and repair

6.6.30.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Upgrade whitewater park amenities
- Additional volunteer support for maintenance

6.7 HARD SURFACE TRAILS

The existing conditions of the Animas River Trail (ART) were assessed, a hard surface trail system that currently spans over five miles along the Animas River from the north end of Durango to south of town, with numerous spurs and connection trails throughout. There are an additional 4.2 miles of trail expansion currently planned for the ART. The description that follows is intended to be a basic overview of existing conditions of this system.

6.7.1 ANIMAS RIVER TRAIL (ART)

Location	Various
Size (mileage)	6.25 miles
Predominant Usage	Trails



6.7.1.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Hard surface trails	6.25 miles	Excellent/Good/Fair

6.7.1.2 STRENGTHS OF THE ART

- Successful trail project throughout the City
- ART creates connectivity between parks, open spaces, and major City amenities
- ART is an innovative trail project strongly supported by the community
- ART design allows for diverse usage
- ART access points are well located



6.7.1.3 CHALLENGES OF THE ART

- Segments with asphalt surfaces are in need of patching and resurfacing in many areas
- Concrete surfaced segments are wider (10 feet) and more updated; asphalt surfaced segments are more narrow (eight feet) and in need of repair.



6.7.1.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ART

- Continue expansion of the ART both north and south of town
- Resurfacing and widening of older segments
- Additional interpretive and information signage

6.8 OPEN SPACE (TRAILHEADS ONLY)

Five (5) open space sites specific to access points and trailheads were assessed. The descriptions that follow are intended to be a basic overview of existing conditions and equipment / facility inventory at each of these sites.

6.8.1 BIRKET OPEN SPACE

Location	400 Birket Drive
Size (acreage)	15.56 acres
Predominant Usage	Trails / Open space

6.8.1.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Natural surface trails	2,350 LF	Good/Fair/Poor

6.8.1.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Successful open space project in close proximity to the City
- Park adjoins Dalla Mountain Park
- Park provides connectivity between Dalla Mountain Park and Animas Mountain

6.8.1.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

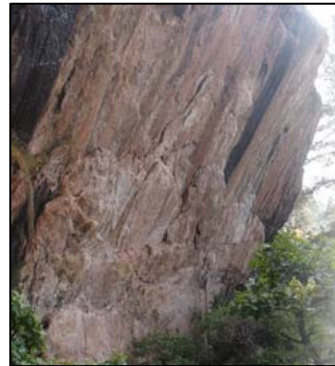
- Erosion and drainage control efforts are needed around road bed
- Parking is extremely limited
- Limited sense of arrival at entry point

6.8.1.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Upgrade parking and trailhead area with improved interpretive amenities
- Improved erosion and drainage control measures
- Way-finding signage

6.8.2 DALLA MOUNTAIN PARK

Location	3234 Junction Street
Size (acreage)	177.8 acres
Predominant Usage	Trails / Open space



6.8.2.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Natural surface trails	4.7 miles	Good/Fair/Poor
Rock climbing / bouldering area	varies	Good/Fair

6.8.2.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Close proximity to the City
- Substantial trail mileage transects the tract
- Park features rock climbing / bouldering area
- Park was acquired with assistance from grant funding (Great Outdoors Colorado Grant Program)

6.8.2.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

- Erosion and drainage control efforts are needed around road bed
- Parking is limited
- Limited sense of arrival at entry point
- Fire mitigation efforts are substantial

6.8.2.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Upgrade parking and trailhead area with improved interpretive amenities
- Maintain enforcement and regulation of “renegade” and social trail building
- Improved erosion and drainage control measures
- Way-finding signage

6.8.3 OVEREND MOUNTAIN PARK

Location	1391 Avenida del Sol
Size (acreage)	301.61 acres
Predominant Usage	Trails / Open space



6.8.3.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Natural surface trails	12.1 miles	Good/Fair/Poor

6.8.3.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Successful open space project in close proximity to the City
- Substantial trail mileage transects the tract

6.8.3.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

- Erosion and drainage control efforts are needed
- Parking is extremely limited
- Limited sense of arrival at any entry point
- Grade of approach and entry to park is severe at several entry points
- Control of “renegade” trail building is difficult
- Park is popular among the homeless population

6.8.3.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Upgrade parking and trailhead areas with improved way-finding signage
- Improved enforcement and regulation of “renegade” and social trail building
- Improved erosion and drainage control measures

6.8.4 LIONS DEN

Location	2401 Rim Drive
Size (acreage)	10.5 acres
Predominant Usage	Community park/open space



6.8.4.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Group pavilion (rock house)	2	Good
Picnic table	4	Fair/Poor
Restroom	1	Good
Natural surface trail	0.5 mile	Good
Handicap accessibility	n/a	Good

6.8.4.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Park features rustic rock pavilion and overlook of the City of Durango
- Park is popular for special events

6.8.4.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

- Vandalism and littering is problematic for the park
- Park is frequently an unauthorized “party” place for young people

6.8.4.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Interpretive signage
- Upgrade tables
- Site security

6.8.5 SKYRIDGE OPEN SPACE

Location	36 Ophir Drive
Size (acreage)	183.85 acres
Predominant Usage	Trails / Open space

6.8.5.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Natural surface trails	Unknown	Good/Fair/Poor

6.8.5.2 STRENGTHS OF THE PARK

- Successful open space project in close proximity to the City
- Park adjoins numerous residential areas
- Park provides opportunities for diverse trail activities

6.8.5.3 CHALLENGES OF THE PARK

- No access points are clearly marked or signed
- All access points are located within residential areas that provide on-street parking
- There is limited signage regarding usage rules and regulations, trail conditions, or interpretive messaging

6.8.5.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PARK

- Upgrade parking and trailhead areas with improved interpretive amenities
- Access point signage and clear demarcation

6.9 INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES ♦

There are currently three (3) indoor facilities within the System that were assessed for the Master Plan. These include:

- Durango Community Recreation Center
- Mason Center
- Ice Rink Pavilion at Chapman Hill

♦ Includes Durango Community Recreation Center and Mason Center. The ice rink pavilion was included in the assessment of Chapman Hill.

The assessment summaries for these facilities are included below, with the exception of the ice rink pavilion which is addressed in the assessment for Chapman Hill noted previously in this Plan.

6.9.1 DURANGO COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Location	2700 Main Avenue
Size (acreage)	6.83 acres / 71,557 sq. feet
Predominant Usage	Community recreation center



6.9.1.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Major Amenity	Sub-amenities
Entry and reception area	Entry area, reception desk, control point
Youth area	Game tables, television, desk space
Café and vending	Café seating area and vending machines
Babysitting room	Indoor babysitting facility with outdoor play area
Meeting rooms	Four medium rooms, with three that can be enlarged
Administration	Office suite and conference room
Locker rooms	Men’s, women’s, and family locker rooms
Restrooms	Multiple restrooms throughout facility
Climbing wall	Indoor wall with manual and auto belay systems
Gymnasium	Multi-purpose gym with space for multiple sport courts
Racquetball courts	Two racquetball courts
Aquatics area	Lap pool, leisure pool, spa, aquatic play equipment, slide, outdoor sprayscape

Durango Community Recreation Center (continued)	
Major Amenity	Sub-amenities
Fitness area	Free weights, exercise machines
Aerobics gym	Wood floor, dance bars, mirrors
Indoor track	1/13 th mile indoor track overlooking gymnasiums
Support and storage	Utility and storage closets, mechanical areas, maintenance areas
Paved parking lot	214 spaces
Outdoor amphitheater	350 person seating capacity, w/ removable shade fabric
Playground	Large playground equipment

6.9.1.2 STRENGTHS OF THE FACILITY

- Facility is heavily used by diverse segments of the community
- Facility is well located in the City
- Facility amenities support the recreation needs of the community

6.9.1.3 CHALLENGES OF THE FACILITY

- Size of multiple amenities of the facility are under capacity of current demand and needs:
 - Fitness area – exercise equipment area has become cramped
 - Aerobics gym – too small to meet current demands
 - Family locker room – too small to meet current peak demands
 - Maintenance and storage areas – too small to meet current needs
 - HVAC unit of entry area
- Upgraded amenities would improve usage and customer experience:
 - Ventilation in aquatic area mechanical room is inadequate
 - Membership control point at reception desk can be improved
 - Remodel the youth area to include more technology components
 - Sprayscape maintenance presents substantial challenges
 - Spinning room is needed
 - Refreshed pool play equipment is needed
 - Utilities supporting the concession-operated café are not sufficient

6.9.1.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FACILITY

- Expand and upgrade amenities to support evolving and growing usage
- Expand and upgrade utilities as needed to improve operational efficiency
- Shade shelters for outdoor playground

6.9.2 MASON CENTER

Location	301 East 12 th Street
Size (acreage)	3.12 acres / 11,517 sq. feet
Predominant Usage	Community / neighborhood park and gymnastic center



6.9.2.1 ASSET INVENTORY

Park Asset / Amenity	Quantity	Condition
Mason Center Gymnastics Building	1	Poor
Playground	1	Good
Swing set	1	Good
Picnic table	2	Good
Tennis court	2	Excellent
Grass turf area	1	Good
Handicap accessibility	n/a	Excellent
Paved parking area	27 cars	Excellent

6.9.2.2 STRENGTHS OF THE FACILITY

- Park amenities support diverse usage
- Facility is heavily used by gymnastic programs and instruction
- Irrigation is linked to central control system

6.9.2.3 CHALLENGES OF THE FACILITY

- Size of gymnasium and classrooms are inadequate to support reliable use for gymnastic programs and instruction
- Facility is old and deteriorated
- Facility conditions require significant annual maintenance to sustain safe usage

6.9.2.4 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FACILITY

- Redevelop gymnastic center either on-site or off-site

6.10 ADDITIONAL SITES

There are numerous additional sites for which the Durango Parks and Recreation Department maintenance staff has responsibility for site maintenance and upkeep. These include:

- Pinegrey Building
- Riverside Medical Building
- River City Hall/Fire Station
- City Welcome Sign (Hwy 550 / 160 Intersection)
- Historic 3rd Avenue parkway medians
- Triangle area on West Park Avenue & West Second Avenue
- Three Springs open space and park sites
- Greenmount Cemetery
- Service Center
- Communications Center
- Police Station
- City Hall
- City Car Parks
- Old Library site
- Animas River Trail
- Goeglein Gulch Trail
- SkyRidge Trail
- 5th Street Trail
- Rock Ridge Trail
- Lewis Mountain Lane drainage swale



Three Springs Development Master Plan

The Durango Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the landscaping and maintenance of many aspects of the sites and facilities listed above. These sites, especially the sites associated with the Three Springs development, add a substantial burden to the labor and budget resources of the maintenance division of the Department. In particular, the following issues are the most predominant:

- The Three Springs development project park acquisitions will significantly alter the existing balance between resources and demands on the Department maintenance

team. The addition of these responsibilities threatens the ability of the existing park maintenance team to sustain high quality facilities elsewhere in the community.

- The maintenance yard and office complex located at Greenmount Cemetery is inadequate and undersized for the needs of the maintenance team. In addition, vegetative screening is needed to separate the maintenance facilities from the burial areas of the cemetery.