

## **CHAPTER TWELVE - CONCLUSION**

It is within the spirit of the Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Plan that the elements contained within the mission and vision are deployed throughout the 10 year period of the Plan. While the recommendations include approximately 83 initiatives to be completed in the next ten years, several major focus areas were identified including:

- Sustainable Practices
- Meeting Program Demand
- Increasing Park Maintenance Staffing to Correlate with Continued Facility and Park Growth
- Continued Trail Development
- Continued Emphasis on the Protection and Acquisition of Open Space
- Park and Facility Development and Financial Sustainability

The Durango Parks and Recreation Department contributes to healthy lifestyles, community development and the conservation of natural lands. The staff of Durango Parks and Recreation strives for excellence to make a difference in the community with important quality of life services and work diligently in making the Department's mission and vision come to life. The Plan's intent is to continue this legacy and to build greater strength in the service delivery system as a result of having engaged the public in the development of the Plan and reviewing all elements of the operation, based on best in class practices. This also ensures alignment among future actions, resource allocation, and resident need. The Plan positions the Department for an exciting future and provides opportunities for resident engagement in future endeavors and participation in successful programs, activities, and recreation opportunities