

## **South Platte River Corridor Vision – December, 2013**

South Platte Working Group / Stream Associates

Importance of study: Developed through a charrette with major stakeholders, the report describes the needs and opportunities along the South Platte that has guided prioritization of funding across jurisdictions. The 50-page document constitutes a plan that continues to have buy-in from the major local, county, regional and state agencies.

Main themes of the plan: The report is organized by themes: water, habitat, natural areas, trail & multi-modal connectivity, recreation, civil uses, education, culture and identity, land use, and economic development. The plan also highlighted “quick wins” to immediately improve the corridor as longer-term projects were being prepared.

Relevant recommended actions: Projects fall into these themes. Some of the relevant suggested projects include:

- Habitat Improvements: Oxbow Pond, Littles Creek, Watson Lake, Lee Gulch Pond, South Platte Park channel and habitat improvements
- Trail & Multi-Modal Connectivity: Trailhead access (with parking) from Santa Fe to Murray Open Space, Littles Creek connection improvements to light rail, Hudson Gardens integration with Mary Carter Greenway
- Land Use and Economic Development: Belleview and Bowles, Bowles to Mineral

# **Hudson Gardens Master Plan - 2014**

## **The Hudson Gardens & Event Center**

### Importance of study:

- An integrated amenity which owns significant land along the South Platte River.
- City of Littleton has been a key partner of efforts to integrate to the Mary Carter Greenway.
- Littleton has been a funding partner of the development of the master plan.

Main themes of the plan: Four of the eight strategic purposes prioritize projects are most closely related to Littleton Task Force criteria:

- Provide healthy, safe and comfortable environment
- Improve existing and develop new horticultural exhibits
- Develop environmental learning opportunities
- Improve connectivity to the community

### Relevant recommended projects:

- River Integration Phases I and II
- New rental event venue and a new concert amphitheater
- Maintenance, irrigation and infrastructure improvements

# **Littleton Open Space, Parks and Trails Master Plan – May, 2016**

## **City of Littleton / GreenPlay and Partners**

### Importance of study:

- 2016 Council Adoption makes the plan the guiding document for city staff.
- Plan builds on the LOSPTF report and a highly participatory 2015 survey.
- Plan includes analysis of community priorities, level of service, financial and needs assessment that produced a priority list of short term and long term projects.

### Main themes of the plan: Four goals to enhance and maintain assets

1. Organizational and operational efficiencies
2. Financial stability
3. Program and service delivery
4. Facilities and amenities

Relevant recommended actions: The study has 47 goals and objectives with a number having relevance to the scope of the LTF. The study is a “...a policy framework to guide decision making ... will provide a cross-boundary collaborative approach to service delivery coordinated with the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District.”

# **South Suburban Park & Recreation District Master Plan – May, 2017**

## **SSPR / Design Workshop and Partners**

### Importance of study:

- SSPRD is the park and recreation provider for Littleton through a 50+ year agreement including management of South Platte Park. SSPRD owns important amenities in Littleton – golf, rec centers, pool, Hudson Gardens.
- Created through significant public outreach.
- Addresses Littleton's priorities from its Parks, Trails & Recreation Master Plan.
- Adopted by the SSRPD Board of Directors.

### Themes of the plan:

- Actions that will enrich wellness and have less impact on maintenance and operations expenses.
- Improve dated facilities and address over capacity stressors
- Align with municipal and county priorities and leverage investments

### Relevant recommended actions:

1. Conditions at Harlow Pool and Littleton Golf & Tennis Center are poor and need to be improved.
2. Indoor rec facilities and athletic fields are at capacity and need expansion
3. User conflict on Mary Carter Greenway is an issue that should be addressed

# **Arapahoe County Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan – October, 2017**

## **Arapahoe County Open Spaces Program**

### Importance of study:

- Plan identifies a number of prioritized capital projects that are eligible for funding from Arapahoe County Open Spaces Program funds.
- Developed with significant input from the City of Littleton

Main themes of the plan: Plan establishes a complete trail network for all of Arapahoe County

### Relevant recommended actions:

- Widen Mary Carter Grnwy - Bowles to Dartmouth
- Make connection on Littles Creek Trail – Bemis to Santa Fe
- Make connections on Big Dry Creek Trail south and north of Belleview
- Develop grade separated priority projects along the railroad (Littles Creek and Centennial trails) and the High Line Canal (along Broadway and along Mineral)

## **High Line Canal Framework Plan – Ongoing**

High Line Canal Conservancy / Liveable Cities Studio and partners

### Importance of study:

- A master plan for the High Line Canal as preparations are being made to utilize the canal corridor for multiple objectives.
- Developed with significant input from City of Littleton
- Plan identifies priority projects that are eligible for Arapahoe County Open Space Program funds.

### Main themes of the plan:

- Develop a new set of objectives for use of the canal corridor – oriented towards recreation and storm water retention
- Highlight priority projects
- Develop a new management approach – which may have funding implications

### Relevant recommended actions:

- Address the barrier that Broadway poses to use of the continuous greenway: “Broadway Triple Threat”.
- A cadence of signs, markers, wayfinding and amenities that will bind the full corridor
- High-level landscape guidelines

## Strategies for Synthesis of Plans

- Leverage funding by drawing from the strategies of partners and funders:

- Arapahoe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- SSPR Master Plan
- GOCO
- South Platte Working Group Vision

Widening Mary Carter Greenway and making missing connections can be found in all of the plans.

The more potential partners, the better potential for leveraging funds

- Review the SSPR Plan to identify the most important leveraged investments for facilities upgrades: The SSPR Plan draws from the Littleton Open Space & Trails Master Plan but also highlights the important modernizing and increased capacity that is needed for Littleton's citizens
- Identify projects that advance multiple objectives