Dove Valley Multi-Purpose Trail Connections (Potomac Park Trails)

Joint Project Application

City of Centennial

Mrs. Jenny Houlne

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Application Form

Application Summary

Grant Category*

Select One:

Joint Project

Primary Contact Information*

Please provide information for the primary contact for this project in the following format.

Agency:

Name:

Title:

Telephone:

Email:

City of Centennial/Arapahoe County
Jenny Houlne/Michelle Halstead
Community Development Director/Director of Commissioners' Office
303-754-3357/303-795-4530
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Project Type*

Select One:

- **Trail Project:** Trail/trailhead construction or improvement, including stream/road crossings and trailhead amenities (such as parking, restrooms or shelters)
- **Site Improvement Project:** New construction, improvement, repair, or replacement of passive outdoor recreation amenities
- Acquisition Project: Eligible projects include fee simple acquisition of land for public open space or trails;
 acquisition of buffer land; acquisition of a conservation easement; and/or acquisition of water rights
- Other Project: Other allowable projects include stream/habitat restoration, natural re-vegetation, and water quality improvement

Trail Project

Project Title*

Dove Valley Multi-Purpose Trail Connections (Potomac Park Trails)

Project Address

13900 E Fremont Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112

Project Location*

Select all that apply:

Centennial

GPS Coordinates (Latitude in Decimal Degrees)*

Example: Dove Valley Regional Park

Latitude: 39.577303

39.580689

GPS Coordinates (Longitude in Decimal Degrees)*

Example: Dove Valley Regional Park

Longitude: -104.828850

-104.8291695

Grant Request Amount*

\$826,000.00

Cash Match Amount*

\$826,000.00

Total Project Amount*

Total project amount includes grant request and cash match only. Please do not include in-kind match. \$1,652,000.00

Cash Match Percentage*

Calculate cash match as % of total project cost.

50

Project Partners

List partner agencies if applicable.

Arapahoe County

Executive Summary*

Highlight key points of your proposal, such as project description, components, deliverables, need, goals, beneficiaries, planning, etc.

This project will provide safe and accessible connections for pedestrians and bicyclists within the Dove Valley area of Centennial to Potomac Park and Dove Valley Regional Park, which will serve as a regional athletic and recreation hub for youth sports, high school athletics, and recreation for the area. The nearly \$1.7 million project will create a detached paved 8-ft wide trail along Potomac and Blackhawk Streets, connecting with the E Fremont Trail, Broncos Parkway to Dove Valley Regional Park, Lone Tree Creek Trail, and future connection to Cherry Creek Trail. Pedestrians currently have no or intermittent dedicated pathway to safely traverse these facilities. As a result, individuals walk adjacent to live traffic along the roadway or use social trails, with an uneven surface that is not ideal for accessibility purposes.

Authorized Signature

Certification and Authorized Signature Form*

Please attach completed Certification and Authorized Signature Form as a PDF document. Form must be signed by highest authority in agency or authorized individual. *Staff will email you the form.*

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Project Timeline

Project Timeline Form*

Please attach completed Project Timeline Form as a PDF document. Staff will email you the form.

Please name your file as follows: Applicant_TimelineForm.pdf

Centennial_TimelineForm.pdf

Project Budget

Budget Forms*

Please attach completed Summary Budget Form and Detailed Expense Budget Form as a single PDF document. *Staff will email you the form.*

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_BudgetForms.pdf*Centennial BudgetForms.pdf

Project Narrative

Question 1*

Describe the project goals, scope, expected results, and deliverables. Discuss the current condition of the project site and what improvements, if any, are proposed and why. Discuss how this project preserves open space, improves access to the outdoors, creates connectivity, and/or provides educational opportunities.

This project will provide safe and accessible connections for pedestrians and bicyclists within the Dove Valley area as shown on the Dove Valley Trails Initiative map. These trails will provide access to a regional athletic and recreation hub for youth sports, high school athletics, local and regional trails, and the Dove Valley Regional Park. The nearly \$1.7 million project will create a detached paved 8-ft wide trail along Potomac and Blackhawk Streets, connecting with the E Fremont Trail, Dove Valley Regional Park, Lone Tree Creek Trail, and a future connection to the Cherry Creek Trail. Pedestrians currently have no or intermittent dedicated pathway to safely traverse these facilities. As a result, individuals walk adjacent to live traffic along the roadway or use social trails, with an uneven surface that is not ideal for accessibility purposes. The project will benefit the current partnership with the Cherry Creek School District (CCSD) and the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) which will provide a state-of-the-art training facility for Colorado's first women's professional soccer team and multipurpose fields for youth athletics and public use.

Providing safe and multi-modal access within the Dove Valley area is of utmost importance. This project will specifically address the lack of pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to and from the E Fremont Trail to Dove Valley Regional Park, ensuring improved access for residents, youth, and families who will use the fields. When complete, the trail connections will provide continuous access to Potomac Park, E Fremont Trail, Lone Tree Creek Trail, Cherry Creek Trail, Dove Valley Regional Park, businesses within Dove Valley, and the neighborhoods along S Blackhawk Street.

Question 2*

Describe the community/neighborhood and user groups the project will serve. Discuss the type of users (children, families, seniors, etc.), and estimate the number of users that will benefit annually. How did you arrive at this estimate? *Include up to five community support letters in the Attachments section. Support letters should come from users, working groups, community members, volunteers, schools, etc. Letters should be dated within the last six months.*

The trail project will provide safe and continuous connections for the Dove Valley Area, which has a population of 5,300 residents. Users in the area include local business employees, residents, area visitors of all ages, and young athletes and their attendees. Once Potomac Park is developed this area, in addition to Dove Valley Regional Park, will serve as a hub for youth sports and generate more attendance and potential users of these trails. The temporary Potomac Park stadium is being constructed for a 12,000-person capacity; when the team moves to its permanent location, the stadium will be permanently configured to seat 4,000

individuals. The soccer fields at Potomac Park anticipate some youth and high school programming to support the Cherry Creek School District and regional youth sports leagues and will be open for public use when not programmed.

Question 3*

Discuss the need and urgency for this project and why it is a priority. Was the project prioritized in a master plan or other planning document (including County Comprehensive Plan, County Open Space Master Plan, etc.), an independent community planning process, a working group, etc.? Is this part of a larger phased project? What opportunities will be lost if this project is not funded now?

After more than a decade of planning (refer to 2012 planning documents), the City, CCSD and NWSL have partnered to create a catalytic investment for women's sports and a regional athletic hub at Potomac Park. Development is expected to be completed in Spring and Summer of 2026 at Potomac Park. The area will host more than 12,000 visitors and it is essential to have these trails constructed prior to opening to facilitate safe pedestrian access to and through this missing gap of trail system.

Without matching investment from Arapahoe County Open Spaces, the project will be unable to provide continuous trail access, resulting in safety concerns and the potential funding of the future construction of the Broncos Parkway trail will be at risk. Funding Broncos Parkway trail is contingent upon constructing trails on Potomac and Blackhawk, which enables the connectivity to other trails. These two trails serve a greater purpose to the entire Dove Valley Trail system. These trails are included within the Dove Valley Trails Initiative that connects local trails to a larger regional trail network to include the Cherry Creek Trail and High Plains Trail.

Question 4*

Summarize any planning completed prior to submitting this Joint Project proposal. Is design and engineering complete? Does the project necessitate a zoning change? List any permits that need to be obtained and status of obtaining those permits (Federal 404, County or City, Storm Water Drainage, etc.).

The City completed a planning effort for Potomac Park in 2012. No zoning changes are needed for the project and trail construction will occur within existing right-of way or on private property where easements will be obtained. Significant progress on trail design and engineering has been made and is expected to be complete by November 1, 2025. The City will obtain Centennial right-of-way permits at the time of construction and up to five easements will be executed with private property owners along the trail prior to construction.

Question 5*

Describe the timeframe needed to complete the project. Discuss the agency's capacity to complete the project, including project management, resources, and experience implementing similar projects.

The trails will need to be completed over the winter to ensure pedestrian access is available by the Spring of 2026. The City of Centennial will be managing the construction of the trails and has secured a contractor that has proven experience in working through the winter and delivering on similar projects to include the Copperleaf trails, and Westerly Creek Improvements at Stanley Marketplace (https://www.ceiconstructors.com/project-markets/parks-trails/).

Question 6*

Summarize any efforts to obtain public input, disseminate information to the public, develop partnerships, and garner community support for this project. List the stakeholders that are involved. Discuss any known or anticipated opposition to this project and how this will be addressed. *Include letters, petitions, news articles, or other documents evidencing opposition in the Attachments section.*

The 44-acre park site was purchased by the City of Centennial from the U.S. Postal Service and reimagined through a comprehensive community planning effort that began in 2012. Residents, City leaders, athletic leagues and community organizations came together to create a vision for a park space that would:

- Seek a viable partnership to operate, maintain and program the park
- Serve Centennial residents
- Provide a regional amenity and destination
- Attract economic development for the City

Now, over a decade later, those goals are being realized through this innovative collaboration with Cherry Creek School District and the National Women's Soccer League. The Project has received widespread support from stakeholders, including residents, adjacent businesses, Arapahoe County, Cherry Creek School District, Denver Summit FC, National Women's Soccer League, Dove Valley Metro District, and other youth/community organizations. Additional information is included in the attachments. There has been no known opposition to the project and in matters where public hearings were held on this piece of property neighboring residents implored the City to maintain the ability to along this property and connect to regional trails, including Dove Valley Regional Park.

Question 7*

How much of your planned cash match is secured? If applicable, what are your plans for raising additional funds? Describe cash and in-kind match partnerships established for the project. Explain if partnerships were not possible or necessary for this project. *Include partner support letters in the Attachments section and include match from partners on the Budget Forms. Joint Project recipients are responsible for project cost overruns.*

100% of the cash match is secured.

Question 8*

Describe any scenic, historic, or cultural values associated with the project site. Will they be preserved or restored? Discuss specific natural resources at the site (including habitat, water, wildlife, and vegetation) and impacts to these resources as a result of this project. If applicable, discuss environmental sustainability benefits of this project (such as energy or water conservation, water quality improvement, etc.).

There are no known impacts to wildlife habitat, floodplain or vegetation for the construction of trails.

Question 9*

Discuss ownership and legal access at the proposed project site. Detail any third-party rights, easements, or other encumbrances that exist.

The City of Centennial owns the 44-acre site, located at the intersection of Potomac Street and Fremont Avenue where the trail will be located within the City's ROW. There are three additional property owners, one along Potomac Street (three properties) and two along Blackhawk Street (two properties) that will require easements to allow the trail construction and public use of the trails.

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Question 10*

Describe long-term plans for maintaining the project. Who will be responsible for maintenance? Estimate annual costs to maintain the site, and explain how maintaining this project site affects your agency's budget.

Trail maintenance will be completed by the City of Centennial. Any snow removal and/or maintenance to the trails will be performed by Public Works on an annual basis and within their operational schedules and budget.

Question 11*

If applicable, describe how this project will address inclusivity per Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

There currently are no trails in this area which requires users or those traveling between trail segments to traverse uneven and unsafe conditions. Social trails indicate that this area is heavily used which drives the need for formal trail connections. The new trails will provide a detached 8-foot-wide path for all users to easily access the new multi-use facilities, local trails, and the County's Dove Valley Regional Park.

Question 12*

If successful in obtaining Joint Project funding, how will the agency use this project to inform citizens about the value of the Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax? Discuss plans for public outreach, signage, celebration, dedication, etc. *You are required to inform the County of any press about the project and any related events (ribbon cutting ceremonies, etc.).* Additionally, acknowledgement of County support must be included in any press about the project.

The City will recognize the County as a project partner, including various events and activities surrounding the opening.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Evidence of Support from Highest Authority*

Please attach evidence of support from the agency's highest authority (official letter or resolution) as a PDF document. At a minimum, this document <u>must</u> include: project title, amount of grant funds requested, statement that matching funds are secured and/or efforts to secure funds are underway (include the amount of matching funds committed), and certification that the project will be open to the public or serve a public purpose upon completion. A sample resolution is available on the Open Space website.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_SupportfromHighestAuthority.pdf* Centennial_SupportfromHighestAuthority.pdf

Attachment 2: Evidence of Community Support

Please attach letters of support from users, working groups, community members, volunteers, schools, etc. (maximum of 5) as a single PDF document. Letters should be dated within the last 6 months.

Please name your file as follows: Applicant_CommunitySupport.pdf

Centennial_CommunitySupport.pdf

Attachment 3: Documentation of Opposition

Please attach documentation of opposition as a single PDF document. If there is no known opposition to this project, please attach a page stating that this section is not applicable.

Please name your file as follows: Applicant_Opposition.pdf

Centennial_Opposition.pdf

Attachment 4: Evidence of Commitment from Project Partners

Please attach evidence of commitment from project partners (such as partner support letters or commitment to provide cash/in-kind match) as a single PDF document. There is no maximum allowable number of partner support letters. If there are no partners for this project, please attach a page stating that this section is not applicable.

Please name your file as follows: Applicant_PartnerCommitments.pdf

Centennial_PartnerCommitments.pdf

Attachment 5: Primary Project Photo*

Please attach one high resolution photo in JPG format. Please choose the photo that provides the best overall representation of your project. This photo will be used for presentations and/or publications.

Please name your file as follows: Applicant_PrimaryPhoto.jpg

 $Centennial_PrimaryPhoto.pdf$

Attachment 6: Photos

Please attach photos of existing conditions at the project site (including captions) as a single PDF document. Include conceptual drawings if applicable.

Please name your file as follows: Applicant Photos.pdf

Centennial_Photos.pdf

Attachment 7: Maps*

Please attach a site map and a vicinity map as a single PDF document.

Please name your file as follows: Applicant Maps.pdf

Centennial_Maps.pdf

Attachment 8: Other Attachments

Please attach additional supporting documentation (news article, cost estimate, appraisal, title commitment, etc.) as a single PDF document.

Please name your file as follows: Applicant_OtherAttachments.pdf

 $Centennial_OtherAttachments.pdf$

Confirmation

Please click the "I Agree" button below to certify that your application is complete and ready to submit. Once submitted, applications are final and cannot be returned.*

I agree

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File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- $\bullet \quad Centennial_Certification and Authorized Signature Form.pdf$
- Centennial_TimelineForm.pdf
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- Centennial_PartnerCommitments.pdf
- Centennial_PrimaryPhoto.pdf
- Centennial_Photos.pdf
- Centennial_Maps.pdf
- Centennial_OtherAttachments.pdf



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I certify that the information included in this submission is true to the best authorized to sign on behalf of the grantee.	of my knowledge	e and that I an
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Authorized Signature (highest authority in agency or authorized individual)	Date	
Matt Sturgeon, City Manager		
Printed Name and Title		
Dove Valley Multi-Purpose Trail Connections		
Grant Project or Joint Project Name		

Applicant:	Cit	y of Centennial	Proje	ect Title:	Dove	Valley	Multi-F	urpose	Trail	Connect	tions



Joint Project Timeline Form

Use the sample timeline below as a guide to complete your proposed project timeline. Rows or columns may be added as necessary to include any milestones specific to your project. Timeline must be detailed, realistic, and coincide with details provided in the narrative portion of the grant application. Timeline must conclude within two years of project start date.

Task	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sept 2026
Grant Award	2023	2023			2020	2020		2020	2020	2020	2020
Notification											
IGA											
Executed/Project											
Start Date											
Issue											
Construction											
Notice to											
Proceed											
Construction											
Grand Opening											
Final Report											

Summary Budget Form - Joint Project Application

Source of Funds	Date Funds Secured	Grant Request	Cash Match	Total Project Funds
Arapahoe County Open Spaces Grant		\$826,000		\$826,000
Applicant Cash Match			\$826,000	\$826,000
(Specify) Partner Cash Match/Other Funding Source				\$0
(Specify) Partner Cash Match/Other Funding Source				\$0
(Specify) Partner Cash Match/Other Funding Source				\$0
Totals		\$826,000	\$826,000	\$1,652,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,652,000.00

Cash Match % Required: 50%

Required Cash Match Amount: \$826,000.00

Project Cash Match Budgeted: \$826,000.00

* Please note that applicants typically provide 50% match for joint projects. Matches less than 50% may be considered, but will be pre-approved by County staff before submitting an application.

Applicant: City of Centennial

Project Title: Dove Valley Multi-Purpose Trail Connections

Joint Project Application Updated 6/30/2020

^{*} Please do not include in-kind match on the Budget Forms. Describe in-kind match in the budget narrative and project narrative.

Description BLACKHAWK TRAIL SEGMENT Design	Description		Cash Match	Cash Match	
		Grant			
Design					
		\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00		
Construction	Earthwork, Clearing/Grubbing, Concrete Trail, Curb Ramp	\$362,500.00	\$362,500.00		
	Remove existing curb/gutter etc.				
	Landscaping				
	Erosion Control				
	Drainage				
	Traffic Control/Lane Closures to support work				
	Striping				
	Site Mobiliation				
	Lighting/Commercial Signs				
POTOMAC STREET SEGMENTS					
Design		\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00		
Construction	Earthwork, Clearing/Grubbing, Concrete Trail, Curb Ramp	\$418,500.00	\$418,500.00		
	Remove existing curb/gutter etc.				
	Landscaping				
	Erosion Control				
	Drainage				
	Traffic Control/Lane Closures to support work				
	Striping				
	Site Mobiliation				
	Lighting/Commercial Signs				
		\$826,000.00	\$826,000.00	\$0.00	\$



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Authorized Signature (highest authority in agency or authorized individual)	Date	•
Matt Sturgeon, City Manager		
Printed Name and Title		
Dove Valley Multi-Purpose Trail Connections		
Grant Project or Joint Project Name		

 $Centennial_CommunitySupport$



October 7, 2025

Arapahoe County Open Spaces 6934 S Lima St, Unit A Centennial, Colorado 80112

Dear Grant Selection Committee:

The Dove Valley Metropolitan District wishes to express its full support for the two trail segments the City of Centennial plans to construct adjacent to S. Potomac and S. Blackhawk Streets. These 8' wide concrete trails will stretch between E. Fremont Avenue and E. Broncos Parkway, and will feature a 6 foot treelawn separating the trails from the adjacent roadways. When completed, these trail segments will close two significant gaps in the pedestrian circulation network at the heart of Dove Valley. Important pedestrian destinations in this area include Dove Valley Regional Park, the Denver Broncos Training Facility, the National Women's Soccer League Denver Headquarters, and the future Cherry Creek Schools Soccer Complex .

The Dove Valley Metropolitan District, in partnership with the City of Centennial and Arapahoe County Open Spaces, is also planning a third trail segment in the same area. This third trail segment will run along the north side of E. Broncos Parkway, linking the City of Centennial's two planned trail segments at S. Potomac and S. Blackhawk Streets. The combined effect of these three trail segments will be to fully complete the pedestrian circulation network at the center of Dove Valley, linking all the important destinations listed above.

On behalf of the Dove Valley Metropolitan District, we encourage the Grant Selection Committee to consider funding the proposed trails at S. Potomac and S. Blackhawk Street. Dove Valley's business and residential communities are excited to see these projects move forward, and ultimately to enjoy the benefits of safe, convenient pedestrian access throughout the area.

Sincerely,

Dove Valley Metropolitan District

Cherry Creek Schools

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/denver-summit-fc_laying-the-foundation-together-with-our-activity-7338307601706692609-

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https://www.denversummitfc.com/blogs/news/denver-nwsl-announces-plans-to-build-purpose-built-performance-center-and-temporary-stadium

Centennial_Opposition.pdf

Not Applicable



September 30, 2025

Arapahoe County Open Spaces

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RE: POTOMAC PARK TRAIL CONNECTIONS JOINT PROJECT SUPPORT

Michele Frishmann, grants and acquisitions manager

Dear Members of the Dove Valley Working Group and Open Spaces & Trails Advisory Board,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I wanted to share our support for the City of Centennial's Potomac Park Trail Connections project, which will provide safe and continuous pedestrian connections to a new regional athletic hub for our residents.

The City of Centennial, in partnership with the Cherry Creek School District and the National Women's Soccer League is building a state-of-the-art training facility for Colorado's first women's professional soccer team and an interim 12,000 seat stadium at Centennial's Potomac Park. The site will host Denver Summit FC's inaugural 2026 and 2027 seasons and serve as the permanent home for the team. Beyond the stadium – which will be downsized to 4,000 seats and become a permanent home for CCSD athletics – the site includes six additional soccer fields, delivering a lasting youth athletic hub and economic engine for Arapahoe County.

Providing safe and multi-modal access to the park for regional visitors and the adjacent neighborhood is of utmost importance. Arapahoe County is partnering with the city, school district, and team to provide adjacent vehicle parking for the park site. The anticipated increase in traffic volumes highlights the lack of pedestrian and bicycle connectivity within the area. The opportunity to leverage available Dove Valley Working Group funds with the City's planned investment to create continuous and safe trail access from Broncos Parkway along Potomac and Blackhawk Streets will enhance connectivity and improve access not just for this site but also Dove Valley Regional Park.

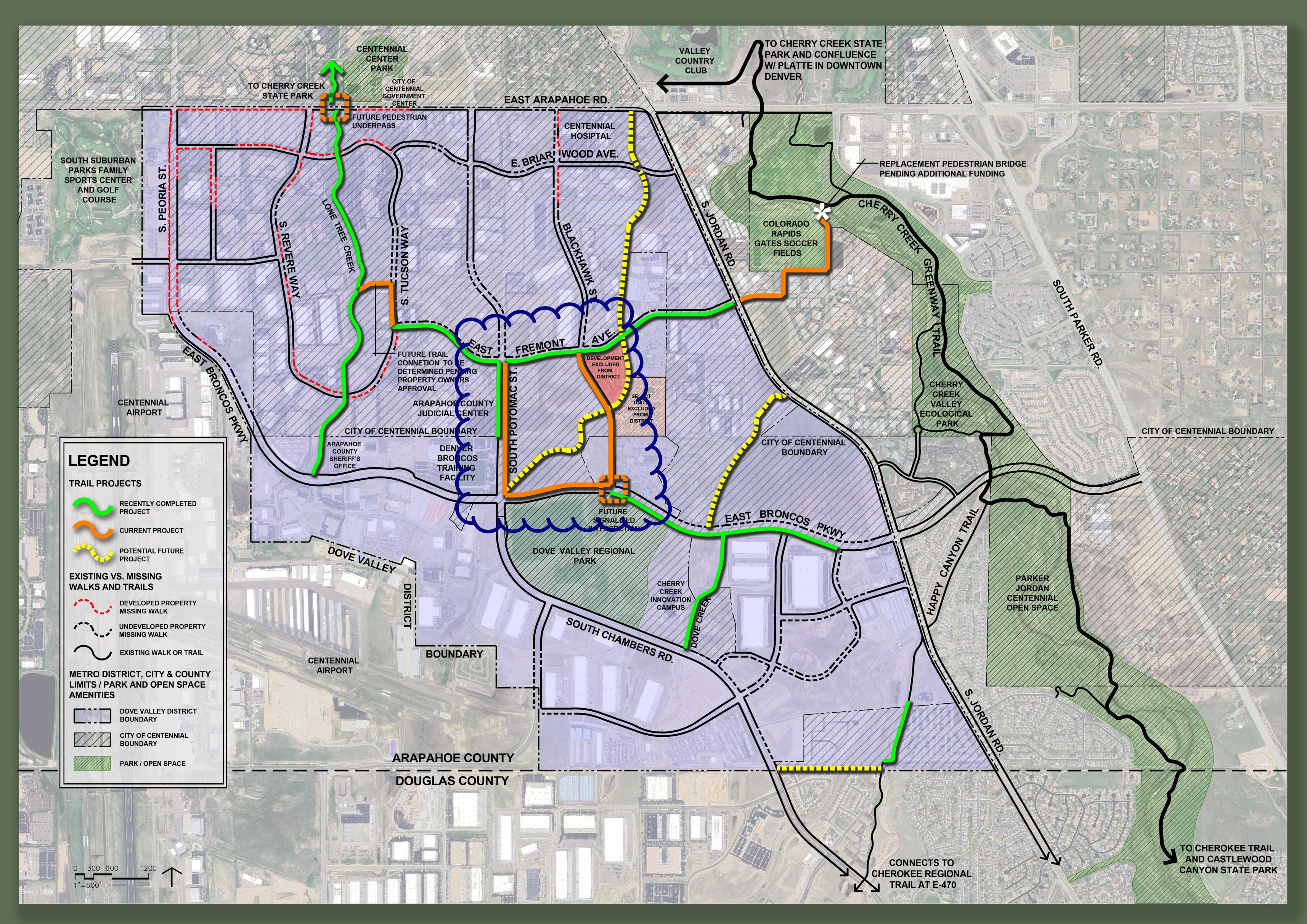
The Potomac Park Trail Connections project partnership is a demonstrative example of how open spaces funding can provide lasting community benefits. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Leslie Summey, Chair

Leslie Summey

Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners



Dove Valley Trails Initiative



Centennial_Photos





Centennial_Maps

Overall location/situational awareness



View from Blackhawk/Broncos Parkway looking northwest

https://maps.app.goo.gl/sDcbf3SL4SHkcioY7

View from Blackhawk Street looking north to Potomac Park site

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View from Potomac Street to Park site (across from Justice Center entrance)

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View from Potomac Street and Broncos Parkway (looking southeast)

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$Centennial_Other Attachments$

Media Coverage

Denver NWSL Breaks Ground on Purpose-Built Performance Center

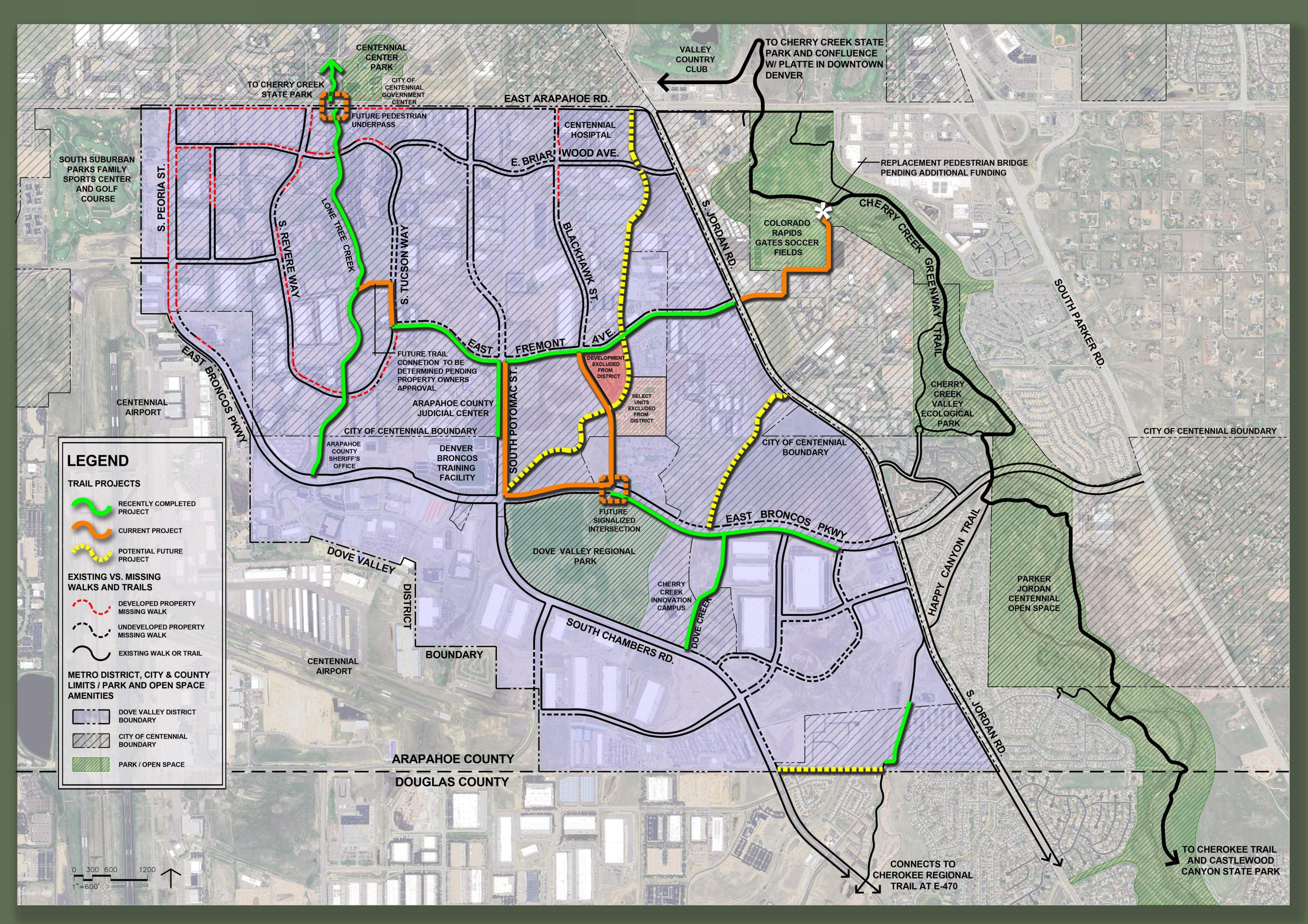
National Women's Soccer League Centennial Announcement

Cherry Creek and NWSL Partner to Build New Athletic Facility

Denver NWSL Temporary Stadium and Training Facility Announcement Event

2012 Potomac Park Planning Documents

View the Potomac Park draft planning documents (PDF, 9MB).



Dove Valley Trails Initiative

