

**City of Colorado Springs**  
**Park System Master Plan**



Parks, Recreation, Trails,  
Open Space & Cultural Services



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## TOP 10 ISSUES FOR THE MASTER PLAN TO ADDRESS

Throughout the public and stakeholder engagement process, a large variety of topics were discussed. As a result of this process, the issues of greatest concern have become the focus of this Master Plan. It is essential that PR&CS, along with community partners, address these issues over the next 10 years in order to maintain and enhance the park system. The following is a summary of the issues (not in order of importance):

1. Insufficient and uncertain funding,
2. Park structures and facilities in poor condition,
3. Natural and historic resource conservation, restoration and management needs,
4. Gaps in the trail system,
5. Some parks are loved to death (over used),
6. Flood, fire and drought impacts,
7. Lack of public awareness about the contributions and benefits of parks, trails and open space,
8. High cost of water for park maintenance,
9. Safety concerns and the need for park rule enforcement, and
10. Priorities and values of community members need to be determined.



*Colorado Springs receives an average of 17 inches of precipitation each year (cities in Colorado range from seven to 31 inches annually) Low amounts of rainfall and increasing costs of irrigation water creates challenges to maintaining natural areas, park land, sports fields and plantings in public spaces. Source: City of Colorado Springs*