DENVER PARK TRUST



2025

Annual Report

Introduction

Park Supporters,

2025 was a defining year for the Denver Park Trust, marked by significant milestones that will shape our work for years to come. None of these achievements would be possible without the generosity of supporters like you.

Early in the year, we completed our first-ever strategic plan, a foundational achievement that establishes a clear roadmap for the organization's growth over the next three years. Every decision made was an investment in the long-term health and vibrancy of Denver's communities, from the families who gather in our parks today to the generations who will inherit them tomorrow.

Your support allows us to maintain our momentum and think boldly about what Denver's parks can become.

With Gratitude,
Denver Park Trust, Board of Directors and Staff



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Who We Are

Funding park possibilities.

The Denver Park Trust serves as the vital support system for Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR), attracting philanthropic investment to preserve and expand our city's top-tier park system.

For 140 years, Denver has built a legacy of strategic investments in green spaces. Despite this, our park system has lacked the financial support necessary to ensure all communities have equitable access to parks and the quality outdoor amenities that define the vitality of our city. As our population grows, the disparities persist, depriving residents of the essential physical, mental and social benefits that parks provide. Without decisive action, the resources to meet this growing need will continue to fall short. Now is the time to build a philanthropic support system for parks and strengthen the city of Denver, one green space at a time.

Vision

A thriving, resilient, and sustainable Denver where everyone has access to exceptional parks, trails, and recreation.

Mission

The Denver Park Trust is the philanthropic partner for Denver Parks and Recreation, mobilizing support to fund projects to ensure every resident has a place to gather, play, and enjoy nature.

Values

Collaborative:
Partner with DPR and broader parks community.

Results-Driven:
Steward all resources toward achieving our mission and vision.

Dynamic:
Build powerful relationships to become an adaptable, resilient, and sustainable organization.

Inclusive:
Seek out and listen to all voices.

Equitable:
Execute work through a lens of equity.



2025 Park Projects

New Parks

“Emporia Park” (unofficial name)
1060 S Emporia St, Denver, CO 80247
Windsor neighborhood

The Denver Park Trust contributed $75,000 to the City’s purchase of two acres of land in the Windsor neighborhood. The new park will provide 1,700 Denver residents, and hundreds more in neighboring Aurora, with access to a public park within a ten-minute walk or roll, which is the national standard for park access.

> ***“This is a diverse and growing neighborhood that doesn’t have a park or rec center. We’re excited to see green space added instead of another building.”***
> **- Cheri Thompson, Windsor resident**





Status: The project received $2.5 million from the 2025 Vibrant Denver Bond for the park development and buildout. An exact timeline is yet to be released.

The new park will:

- Increase access to public green space
- Enhance environmental resilience
- Create outdoor recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities

Adding New Parks



Through our Park Fund, powered by ten percent of every general donation, we help Denver Parks and Recreation acquire land to close ten-minute walk/roll gaps, where residents lack access to a nearby public park.

Park Enhancements

Joe P. Martinez Park
900 N Raleigh St, Denver, CO 80204
Villa Park neighborhood

Martinez Park is named after Private Joe P. Martinez, the first Latino and Coloradan to receive the Medal of Honor in World War II. The Denver Park Trust raised $116,000 from 700 donors and collaborated with veterans groups, city agencies, and community members to highlight the story of Private Martinez in the revitalized park.

> ***"These past few years, we came together to envision a park that honors the relatives before us and beyond us. It allowed our community to honor each other when we all gather in our beloved Denver park."***
>
> **- Jaime Aguilar, Past President of the Villa Park Neighborhood Association**

Status: Phase 1 of the Martinez Park revitalization was completed on November 14, 2025, in a community celebration with veterans, residents, and Martinez family members present.





Supporting Park Improvements

We support Denver Parks and Recreation by fundraising for large-scale park enhancement projects, including playgrounds, trails, skateparks, and other park amenities that keep communities active and healthy.

2025 Park Projects

Community Grants

Fuller Park
2801 N Williams St, Denver, CO 80205
Whittier neighborhood

The Denver Park Trust awarded a $5,000 community grant to artists Graham Carraway and Gus Rey to install a mural on the basketball court at Fuller Park, bringing life, color, and fun to the neighborhood.

> ***We started talking about painting a basketball court over two years ago, so seeing it finally come to life is a great feeling. We are very grateful for the support of Denver Arts, Project Backboard, Denver Park Trust, along with many individuals who supported our Kickstarter and helped out in various ways. You all helped make this project possible!***
>
> **- Gus Rey, Denver-based Artist**





Since its establishment in 2021, the Community Grant Program has awarded 10 grants.

Food Forest at 4790 Josephine

Play Path at Elmendorf Park

Sign and Monument Restoration at George Morrison, Sr. Park

LGBTQ+ History Exhibit at Quality Hill Park

Sign Restoration at Madam CJ Walker Park

Story Walk at West Tennessee Ave. Greenway

Skate Clinic at Rosamond Park

Pollinator Garden at Sonny Lawson Park

Park Amenities at Ciancio, Chaffee, and 46th & Pecos Parks

Supporting Community-Led Initiatives

We fund community-led park initiatives by providing grants for small-scale, high-impact projects up to $5,000.

2025 Park Projects

Resiliency & Stewardship

We believe in the power of collective action. With more than 320 parks and Denver Parks and Recreation's limited budget and staff, it takes all of us to ensure our shared outdoor spaces remain vibrant, welcoming, and accessible to all.

> ***"Our partnership with the Denver Park Trust has been vital to providing the stewardship needed to keep Denver's parks beautiful and clean. They've played a huge role in the success of DPR's volunteer program. We could not do it without them!"***
>
> **- Emily Zeller, Denver Parks and Recreation, Volunteer Program Manager**

63 Volunteer Events	**950** Volunteers
65 Garden beds weeded	**240** Trees maintained
3,560 Plants and trees planted	**3,800** Gallons of trash removed





Promoting Resiliency & Stewardship

Through fundraising and volunteer assistance, we strengthen Denver's natural environment by supporting sustainable park projects that improve biodiversity, reduce water consumption, and combat climate change.

6 Years of Impact

July 1, 2025, marked six years since the Denver Park Trust was founded. As we reflect on our history, we celebrate the partnerships with community leaders, Denver Parks and Recreation, and park supporters who have fueled this important work. What started as an idea to add new parks where none exist has grown into a thriving nonprofit that funds transformative park projects across the city.

Together, we are working toward a thriving, resilient, and sustainable Denver where everyone has access to exceptional parks, trails, and recreation. Parks are the soul of our city — thank you for caring for them!



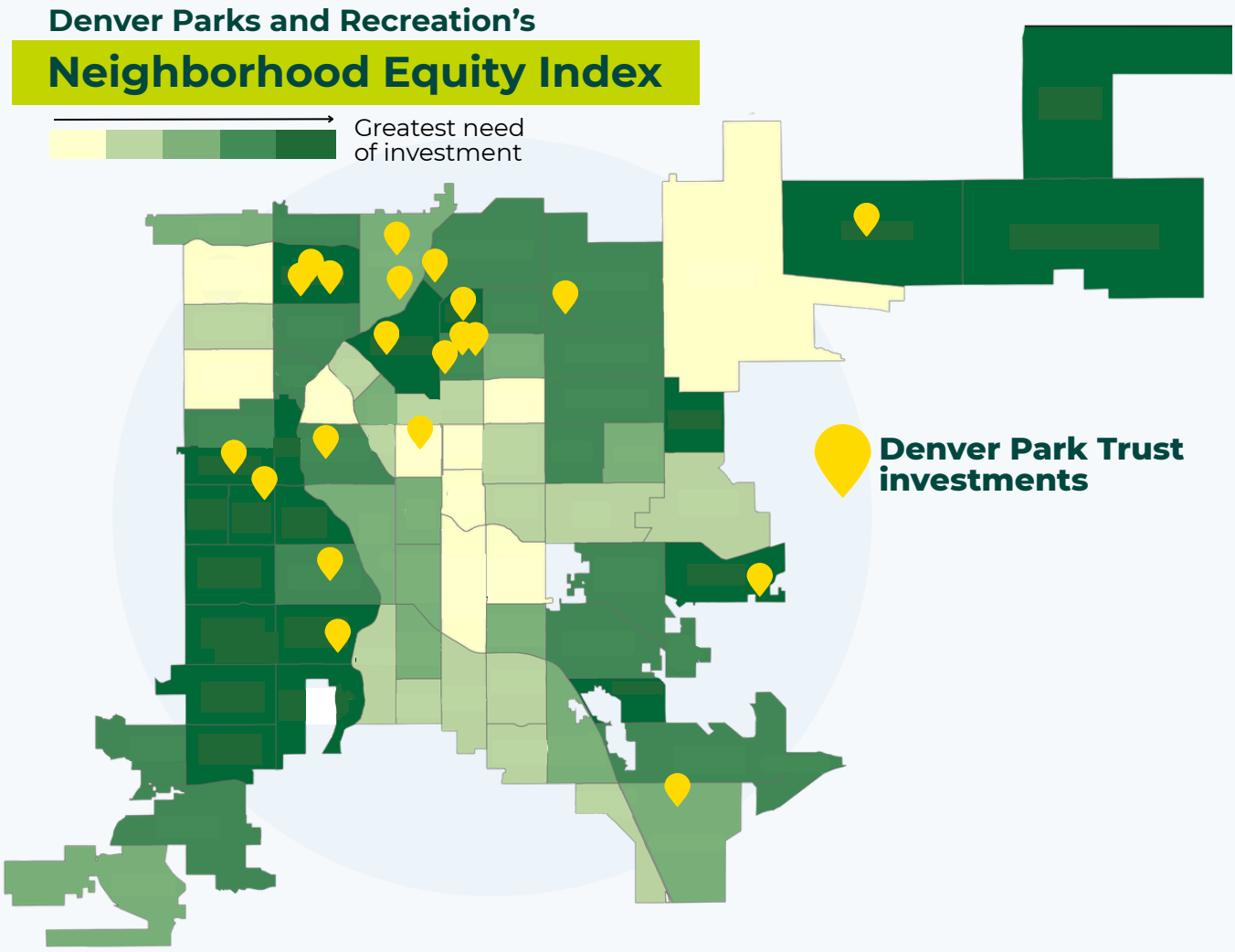








Park Investments



$1.3M
Raised to invest directly in Denver parks

95%
Investments in high equity priority areas

305
Volunteer projects completed

2
New parks added

4
Park enhancement projects funded

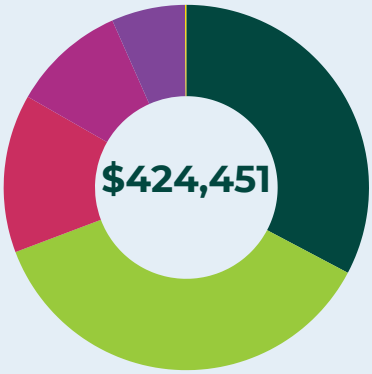
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Community grants awarded

2025 Financials

The Denver Park Trust remains committed to disciplined fiscal stewardship. By maintaining an efficient operating budget, we contribute more resources to the parks and communities we serve. This means your generosity translates into visible, lasting impact on the ground.

General Operating

REVENUE

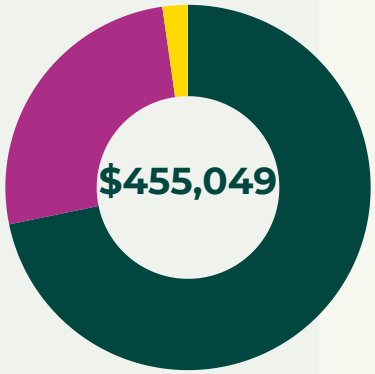


- Individual Donors = $138,939
- Earned Revenue = $154,985
- Investments = $59,527
- Grants = $42,835
- Corporate Support = $27,665
- Government = $500

EXPENSES

Personnel	$240,635
Operating	$54,658
Earned Revenue Costs	$53,149
Total	**$348,443**

Restricted (Park Projects)



- Individual Donors = $326,549
- Grants = $118,250
- Government = $10,000
- Corporate Support = $250

EXPENSES

Park Projects	$203,515
Community Grants	$5,000
Park Fund	$75,000
Total	**$283,515**

ASSETS

Current Assets	$820,608
Other Assets	
Park Fund	$159,932
Community Grant Program	$68,454
Total	**$1,048,993**

LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS

Liabilities	$2,095
Unrestricted Net Assets	$443,095
Restricted Net Assets	$603,803
Total	**$1,048,993**

Annual Sponsors

We partner with companies of all sizes and across industries to strengthen Denver's vibrant park system. Our parks contribute to the dynamic outdoor culture that sets Denver apart, attracting people to live, work, and invest in the city.

Annual sponsors not only demonstrate their commitment to community engagement and environmental stewardship, but also fuel the work that makes Denver's parks vibrant and welcoming for all. We couldn't do it without them.





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