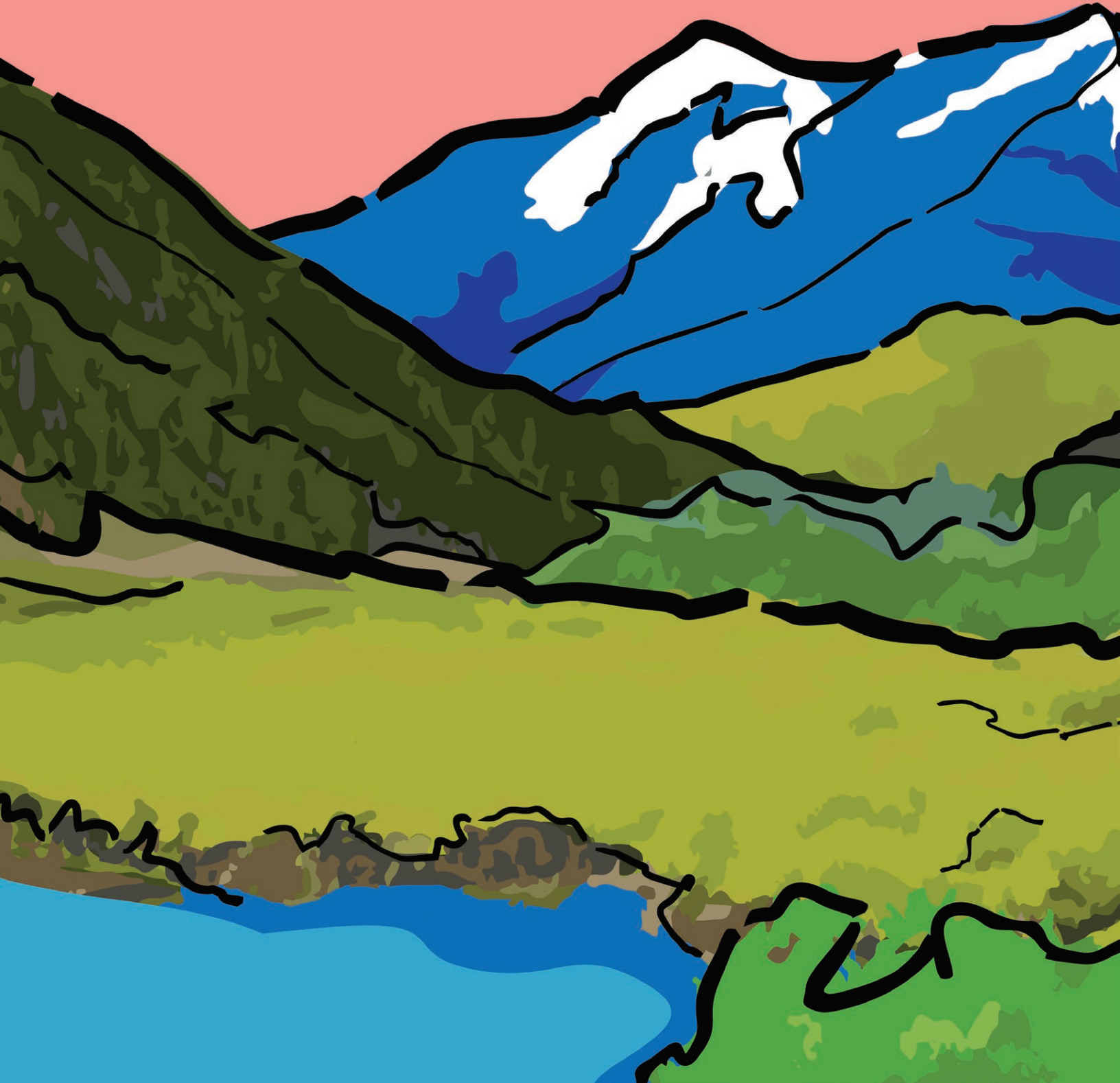




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Crested Butte Music Festival		
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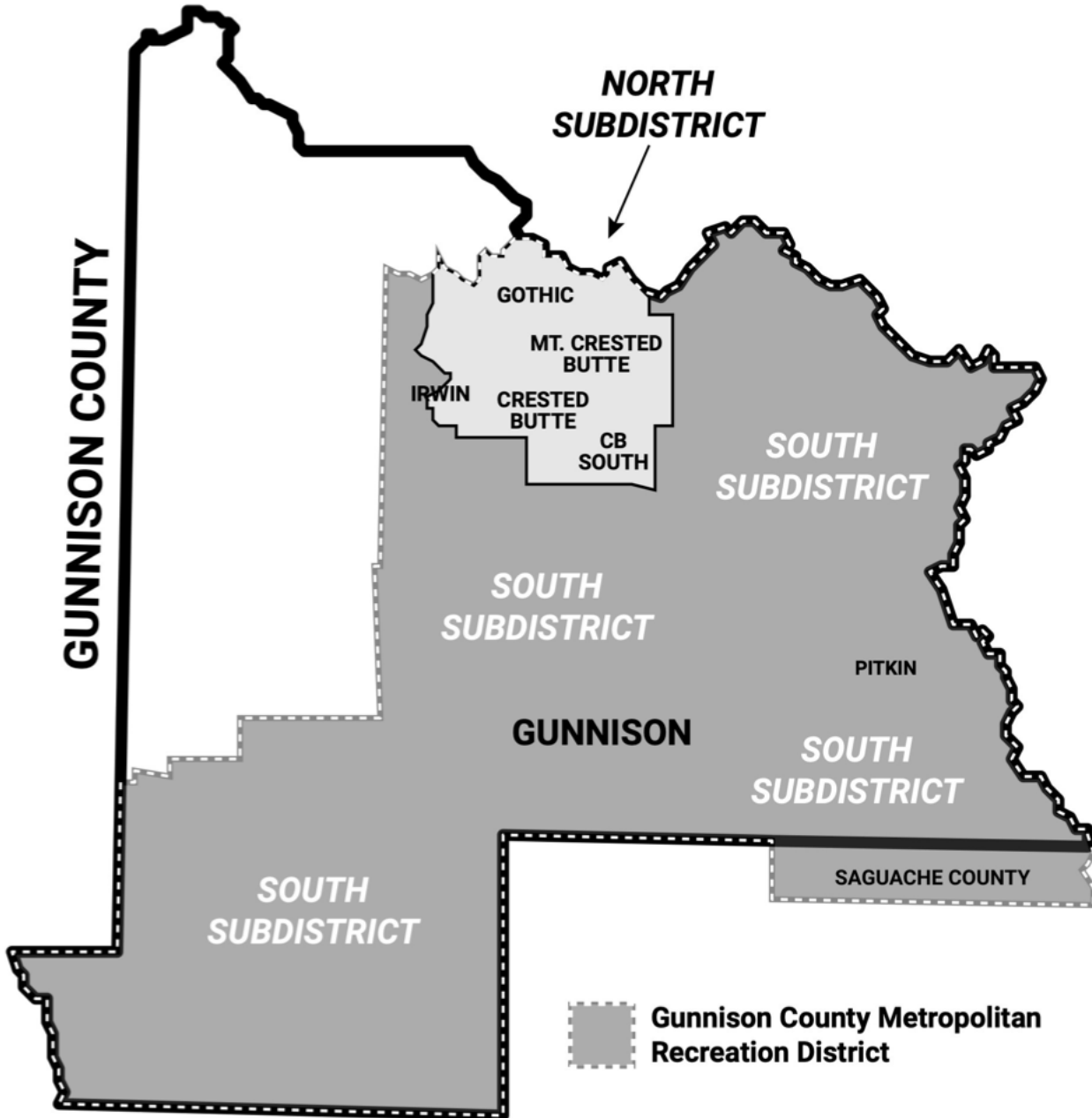


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1 | INTRODUCTION



Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District Boundary Map



MetRec's inception was influenced by the community's desire for over-the-air television, but over time MetRec has embarked on a path to evolve into a comprehensive recreation district working to meet the full spectrum of recreation needs.

METREC - PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

MetRec is a Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Special District, a local governmental entity that serves as the local recreation district for most of Gunnison County and the northwest corner of Saguache County, including a North and a South Subdistrict.

MetRec's inception was influenced by the community's desire for over-the-air television, but over time, MetRec has embarked on a path to evolve into a comprehensive Recreation District working

to meet the full spectrum of recreation needs.

With a service area that encompasses almost all of Gunnison County, MetRec has the unique ability to facilitate collaborative recreation initiatives across silos and jurisdictional boundaries. MetRec seeks to serve as an integrator capable of creating innovative partnerships to accomplish vital recreation opportunities while also leveraging funding from outside Gunnison County.

METREC'S VISION IS TO IMPROVE OUR CITIZENS' QUALITY OF LIFE BY PROMOTING VITAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.

Purpose of this Plan:

The MetRec Regional Recreation Master Plan is intended to serve as a road map to guide the District's efforts over the next 5-10 years to meet current and future recreation needs for all areas of the District. The Plan reflects the collective vision and intentions for the special district's future and provides comprehensive and actionable recommendations for improving the health and welfare of MetRec's residents via parks and recreation.

The Master Plan includes a vision, goals, recommended strategies and phased action steps to guide the future of parks and recreation within MetRec's district. It identifies the community's current and future recreation needs and focuses on programs, facilities, and opportunities that are either lacking or unavailable to meet the community's needs. The Plan clearly identifies where these gaps are and provides recommendations on how MetRec may help to fill these gaps.

The Plan is intended to **guide decision making** for MetRec's future recreation decisions and inform potential renovation, expansion, and capital improvement projects in which MetRec may participate. The Plan addresses **year-round indoor and outdoor recreation** needs, guiding actions MetRec and community partners can implement to meet these needs, and providing

financial analyses and recommended funding strategies for each recommended action.

Strategic partnerships are a key focus of the Plan. MetRec can help to bring the community together and lead collaborative work to comprehensively address the community's recreational needs. MetRec intends to serve as a willing partner and pursue strategic partnership opportunities to efficiently leverage the District's resources and expedite delivery of the recreational amenities and programs recommended in this Plan. Strategic partners to engage in various aspects of Plan implementation include local governments, Crested Butte South POA, Western Colorado University, Local Nonprofits, Federal and State Land Managers, School Districts and others.

Why Develop a Master Plan? Why Now?

MetRec is deeply committed to pursuing master planning for regional recreation. **Our primary goal** is to comprehensively understand our community's diverse recreation needs, including arts and culture. This understanding will not only enhance strategic alignment with stakeholders, but also clarify our pivotal role in supporting and delivering quality recreation opportunities that significantly improve our citizens' physical and mental health.

METREC - PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN (CONT.)

Until now, Gunnison County has never had a regional parks and recreation master plan. In 2017, Gunnison County embarked on the One-Valley Prosperity Partnership, and the second of three main goals identified through that effort was:

Strategically invest in regional infrastructure and facilities supporting quality of life and economic prosperity.

Within the Gunnison valley, regional recreation investments have emerged slowly, partly because no one has taken on the task of parks and recreation regional master planning, which is crucial to strategic investing.

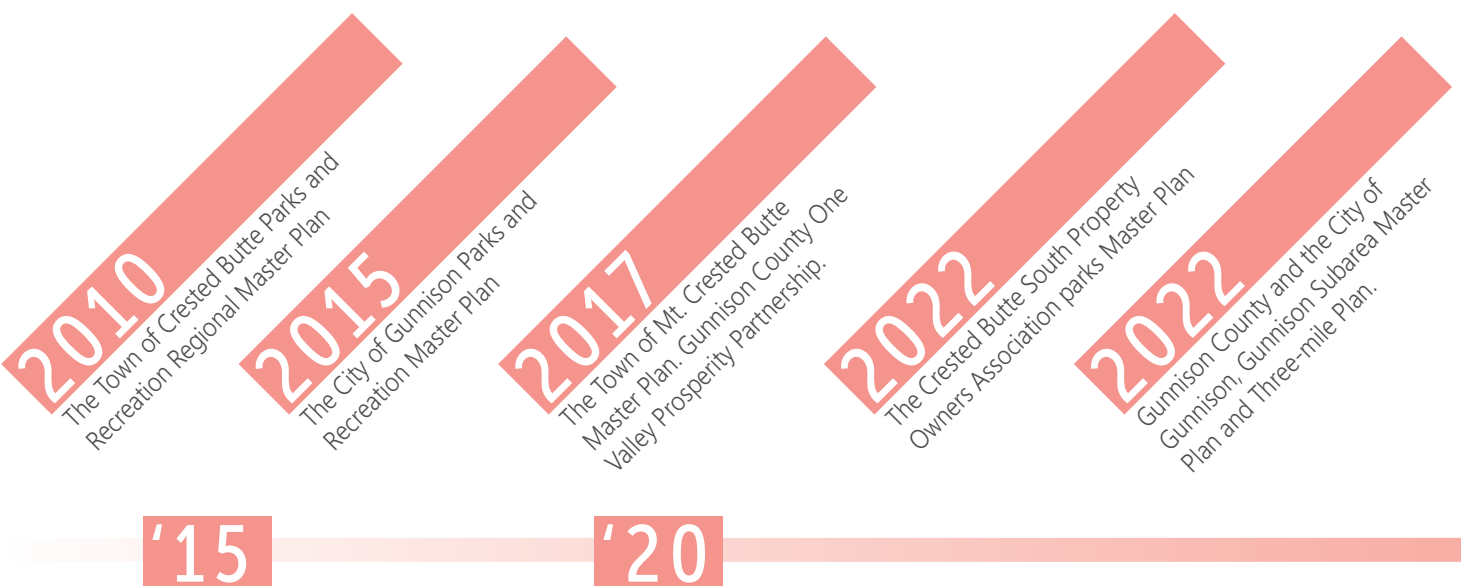
Now is the Time:

2024 - 2025 was determined to be the ideal time for MetRec to pursue regional recreation master planning because so many local master plans have been recently completed or will be completed during this period, including, but not limited to the adjacent list and graphic.

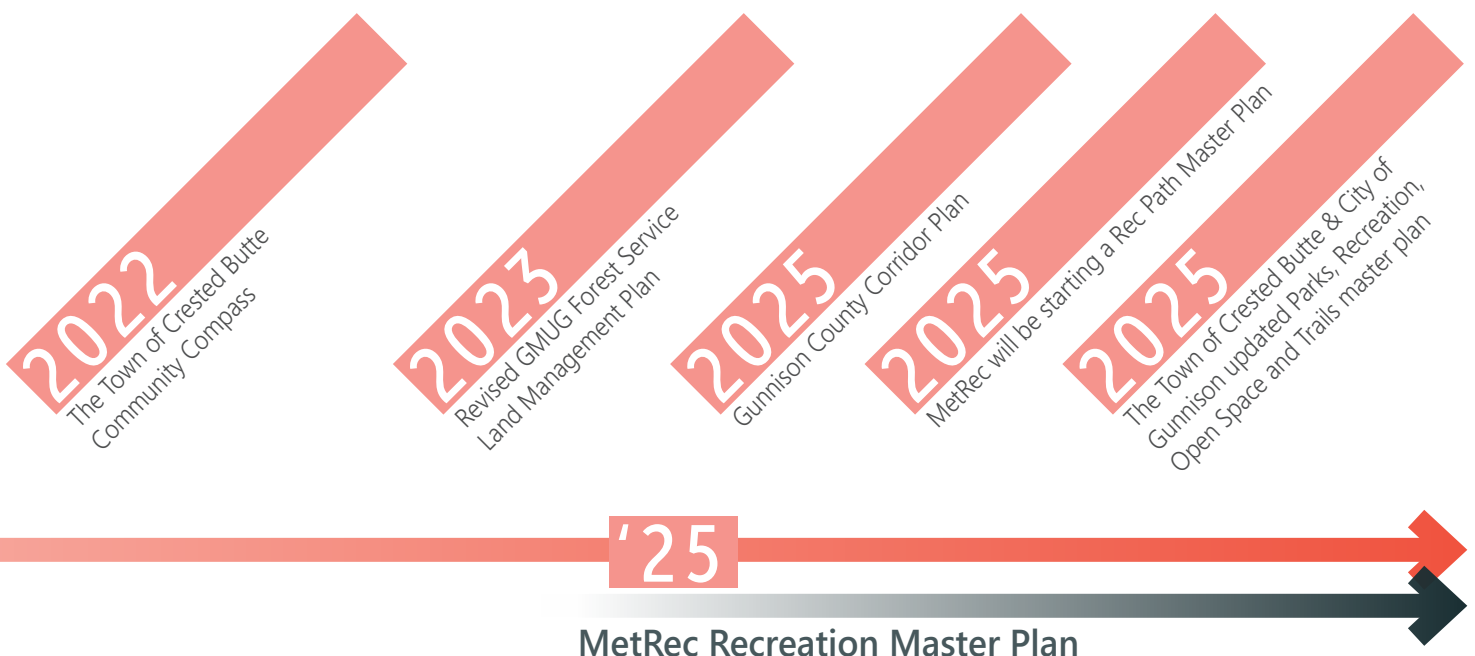
MetRec has also been openly discussing how best to strike the right balance between traditional parks and recreation planning and ongoing outdoor recreation planning within the auspices of the Gunnison County Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee (STOR).

MetRec can merge many of the goals in these independent plans and add value by ensuring that our citizens' recreation needs and wants are balanced across the region.

REGIONAL PLANNING EFFORTS



- Gunnison County and the City of Gunnison are collaborating on the Gunnison Subarea Master Plan and Three-mile Plan.
- The Town of Crested Butte published a Parks and Recreation Regional Master Plan in 2010, and the City of Gunnison Parks and Recreation Department published a Master Plan in 2015.
- The Town of Crested Butte is embarking on several planning initiatives based on its Community Compass, including transportation, housing, climate action, and historic preservation.
- The Town of Mt. Crested Butte published a Master Plan in 2017, which includes recreation.
- The Crested Butte South Property Owner’s Association published its parks master plan in 2022.
- The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) Revised Forest Plan was published on November 21, 2023.
- The Gunnison Ranger District’s North Valley Trails Project Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft decision notice was published on November 15, 2023.
- The Town of Crested Butte and City of Gunnison will develop an updated Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails master plan in 2025.
- The Gunnison County 2025 Corridor Plan is underway. This is a collaborative effort between Gunnison County, the City of Gunnison, and the Town of Crested Butte to plan land use and recreation. The plan will guide future development in the North Gateway and Highway 50 Corridor subareas. Key plan goals are to improve the quality of recreation opportunities, provide a road map for future growth and development, ensure access to public lands and trails, protect water quality and quantity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



REGIONAL RECREATION MASTER PLAN VISION AND GOALS:

The Vision and Goals for the MetRec Regional Recreation Master Plan were initially drafted at the outset of the planning process, and confirmed and refined in response to community input received throughout the planning process.

Vision

Create a Regional Recreation Master Plan for MetRec that addresses the community's needs, enhances strategic alignment with stakeholders, and clarifies MetRec's pivotal role in delivering high-quality recreation opportunities that improve the health and welfare of our citizens. The vision focuses on the following three key themes.

- **Address Community Needs:**

- Comprehensively identify the community's recreational, arts, and cultural needs and outline a sustainable, community-supported plan to meet these needs over time.
- » Preserve and enhance existing indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities.
 - » Provide expanded recreation opportunities to meet identified community needs.

- **Guide Strategic Alignment:**

- » Clearly describe the role of MetRec and regional partner entities in Master Plan development and implementation.
- » Outline a collaborative, holistic approach to working regionally to serve the community's needs and help strengthen other planning efforts.
- » Strategically invest in regional programs, infrastructure, and facilities to enhance the quality of life and improve the health and welfare of MetRec's entire district.

- **Ensure Long-Term Sustainability:**

- » Guide sustainable, appropriate, long-term operations and maintenance goals for recreational amenities throughout the district.



Goals

1. **Existing Resources:**
Preserve and enhance existing amenities and areas valued and well-used by the community.
2. **Community Needs:**
 - a. Develop a clear understanding of community needs, priorities, and service gaps through inclusive community outreach and engagement.
 - b. Develop recommendations for programming and capital improvements to fill existing gaps and address current and future needs identified through community input.
3. **Community Health:**
Recognize and integrate strategies and opportunities to support community health by accommodating a variety of healthy individual lifestyle choices that support physical, mental, social, and emotional health through recreation, arts, and culture.
4. **Sustainability:**
Prioritize the development of resources and initiatives with inherent sustainability and enduring impact to provide long-term community benefits.
 - a. Continue to be good stewards of our resources, public lands, existing and proposed recreation amenities, and ensure sustainable long-term operation and maintenance of recreation resources and amenities.
 - b. Continue to evaluate the impacts of community growth and pursue long range recreation planning to meet evolving community needs over time.
5. **Financial Viability:**
Develop a phased recommended plan that is realistically attainable and can be implemented.
6. **Collaborative Implementation:**
 - a. Develop a prioritized, phased action plan outlining the following steps to implement the recommendations effectively.
 - i. Identify available resources, collaboration, plan alignment, and funding opportunities for implementation.
 - ii. Guide strategic alignments in recommended programs and capital improvements to best serve community needs.
 - iii. Build capacity by leveraging partnerships with Gunnison County, Mt. Crested Butte, Crested Butte, Crested Butte South POA, the City of Gunnison, Western Colorado University, local Nonprofit Stakeholders, Federal and State Land Managers, and other local government agencies.

PLANNING PROCESS SUMMARY:

From March 2024 – January 2025, the consulting team worked closely with MetRec’s staff, board, advisory committees, stakeholders, and the community to prepare the master plan, through an inclusive and collaborative public process. The planning process included the following key tasks:

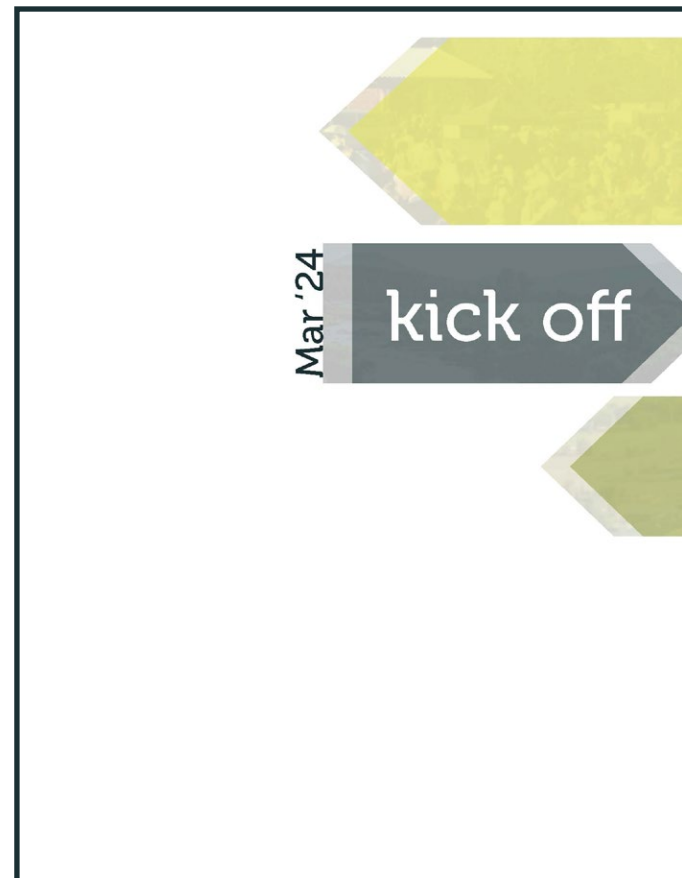
1. **Project Kick Off: March – April 2024**
 - a. Develop master plan vision and goals
 - b. Create public outreach plan
 - c. Gather basemap data
 - d. Review relevant planning documents
2. **Inventory & Analysis: April – May 2024**
 - a. Develop District-wide GIS mapping of all existing parks and recreation facilities, including but not limited to:
 - i. Recreation paths and bridges
 - ii. Fields
 - iii. Arts and cultural facilities
 - iv. Indoor recreation facilities
 - b. Identify levels of services available geographically (within both the north and south sub-districts)
 - c. Inventory existing recreation programs and service delivery
3. **Community Needs: May – August 2024**

Identification of parks and recreation future needs and wants
4. **Conceptual Planning: August – October 2024**
5. **Master Plan: November 2024 – January 2025**

Draft the master plan document for review and refinement with input from the MetRec staff, board, advisory committees, and the community. Key elements of the Plan document include:

 - a. Policy Guidance
 - b. Goals for District Improvement Areas
 - c. Programming Recommendations
 - d. Phased Action and Implementation
Plan that specifically identifies:
 - i. Capacity building opportunities that can be achieved by leveraging partnerships with the USFS, BLM, County, and town governments.
 - ii. Ongoing maintenance costs for all entities involved.

Planning Process Map



Schedule

task 1: project kick off
task 2: inventory & analysis
task 3: community needs
task 4: conceptual planning
task 5: draft master plan
final master plan

community needs

inventory

conceptual
planning

master plan

Jan '25

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2 | COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SUMMARY

During May - August 2024, extensive community and stakeholder outreach was conducted to inform the community about the MetRec Regional Recreation Master Plan project and gather input to help guide development of the Plan. The purpose of the community engagement was to gain a clear understanding of the community's **current and future recreation, arts and cultural needs**, with a focus on identifying **existing gaps and unmet priority needs** for indoor and outdoor recreation amenities, and recreation programs.



Community and stakeholder outreach included:

- **Primary Organizations Questionnaire**
 - » Emailed a questionnaire to 50+ organizations to survey the top needs of primary organizations.
 - » Conducted a level of service analysis involving 44+ programs and organizations to assess the range of programs and services currently provided within the District.
- **Online Community Survey**
 - » An online community survey (which returned 850+ responses) and an interactive map (which provided 450+ pins, tying comments to specific locations in the District).
- **Advisory Committees and Stakeholder Interviews**
 - » Monthly North and South Subdistrict Advisory Committee Meetings from June 2024 through January 2025.
 - » Conducted stakeholder interviews with the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, Town of Crested Butte, City of Gunnison, Gunnison County, Crested Butte South POA, and Crested Butte Mountain Resort.
- **Live Community Events**
 - » Booths with informational materials at Community Events, including Mt. Crested Butte Community Concerts, Gunnison 4th of July, Gunnison and Crested Butte Farmers Markets, and Riverfest.
 - » Community Outreach Events in Gunnison and Crested Butte in June 2024 – Sundays @ 6 and Alpenglow.
 - » Community work sessions and MetRec Board meetings in April, August, and October 2024.

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER INPUT

The following section provides a summary of the key input received from the community and stakeholder outreach, which has been used to inform the guidance and recommendations provided throughout the remainder of the Plan.

Primary Organizations Questionnaire

At the outset of the planning process in April 2024, over 50 local organizations were asked to provide input on their top needs via an email questionnaire, to help the planning team understand existing programming and facilities used within the District and the specific needs of each organization.

Questions asked included:

1. What existing program space/fields/facilities does your organization currently utilize?
2. Does your organization have a need for additional space/fields/facilities?
3. What are the top 3 programming needs for your organization?

Stakeholder Interviews

In August 2024, the planning team also conducted stakeholder interviews with the towns, county, Crested Butte South Property Owners Association, and Crested Butte Mountain Resort to gather additional input directly from these entities. A few additional themes discovered during these interviews point to specific community needs for:

District-Wide (Both North & South Subdistricts)

- Indoor multi-use field space in the North and South Subdistricts
 - » Turf inlays are currently being planned at the Jorgensen indoor/outdoor ice rink to provide additional indoor field space in the South Subdistrict.
- Outdoor amphitheaters that include multi-use indoor/outdoor flex space
- Secure bike parking, E-charge and bike fix-it stations for E-bikes

Approximately 44 organizations responded, and the top needs identified overall were:

#1 – Staff (e.g., operations and support staff, officials, coaches, etc.)

#2 – Indoor field / multi-purpose facility space; and funding

#3 – Multi-modal connections

#4 – Vehicles / equipment; and trails / trail connectivity

#5 – Staff housing

- ADA accessibility of all recreational amenities
- Regional collaboration to better utilize existing facilities to meet recreational needs throughout the District

South Subdistrict:

- Expansion of existing indoor recreation facilities, potentially including additional swimming lap lanes, a diving well, and indoor hitting tunnels
- Pickleball courts and outdoor volleyball courts
- A park and playground south of Highway 50

North Subdistrict:

- Renovation of Jerry's Gym
- Indoor / outdoor pickleball courts and indoor ice rink
- Indoor multi-use space, including a senior activity center, teen indoor space, and youth after school / camp program space
- Fenced dog park

ONLINE COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

Online Community Survey Results

An online community survey and interactive map tool were used to gather community input during Summer 2024 (from June 20 – July 20). The purpose of the survey and interactive map was to gain a better understanding of the community’s current and future recreation needs. The survey consisted of 17 questions inquiring about recreation, arts and culture programs, facilities and opportunities that are either lacking or unavailable to meet the community’s needs. The primary goal of the survey was to identify key gaps or needs within the District, so the Plan can provide guidance on how MetRec may help to fill those gaps. The results are represented in the following graphics.

There were also a few key amenities frequently cited as additional needs in the survey write-in comments, including:

- Bowling Alley*
- Disc Golf
- Pickleball
- Outdoor Amphitheater

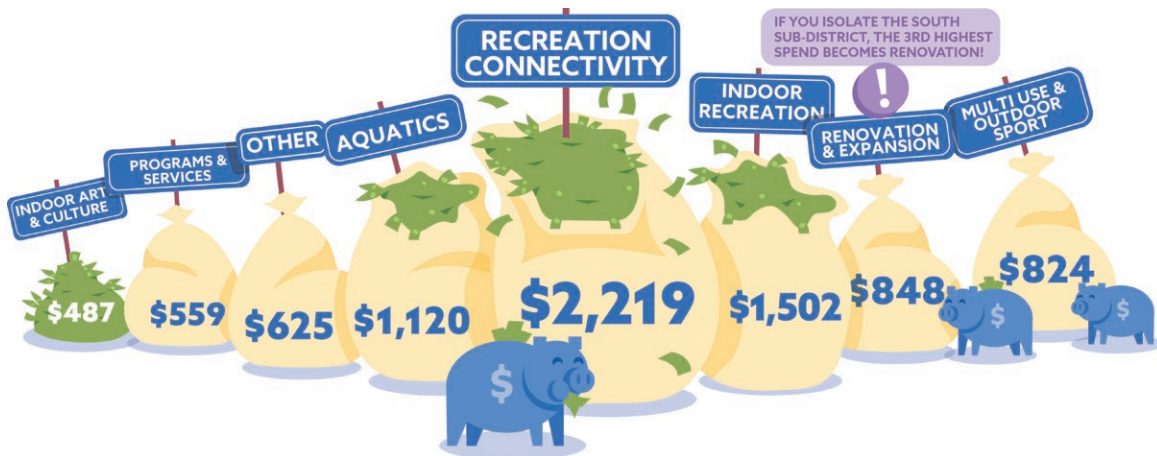
*It should be noted that a bowling alley has been discussed as potentially more appropriate as a private amenity.

823 RESPONDENTS



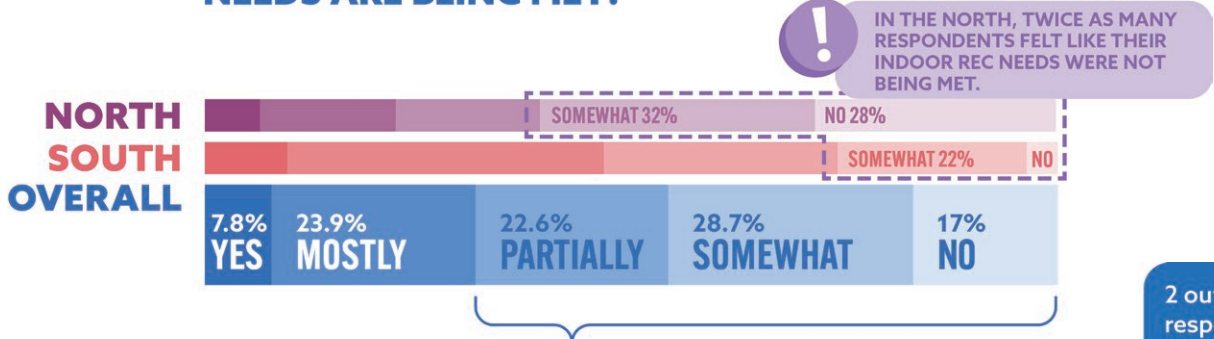
WHAT WOULD YOU SPEND ON?

RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED HOW THEY WOULD SPEND \$10 ON RECREATION PROGRAMMING & FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT- HERE ARE THE RESULTS!



INDOOR RECREATION

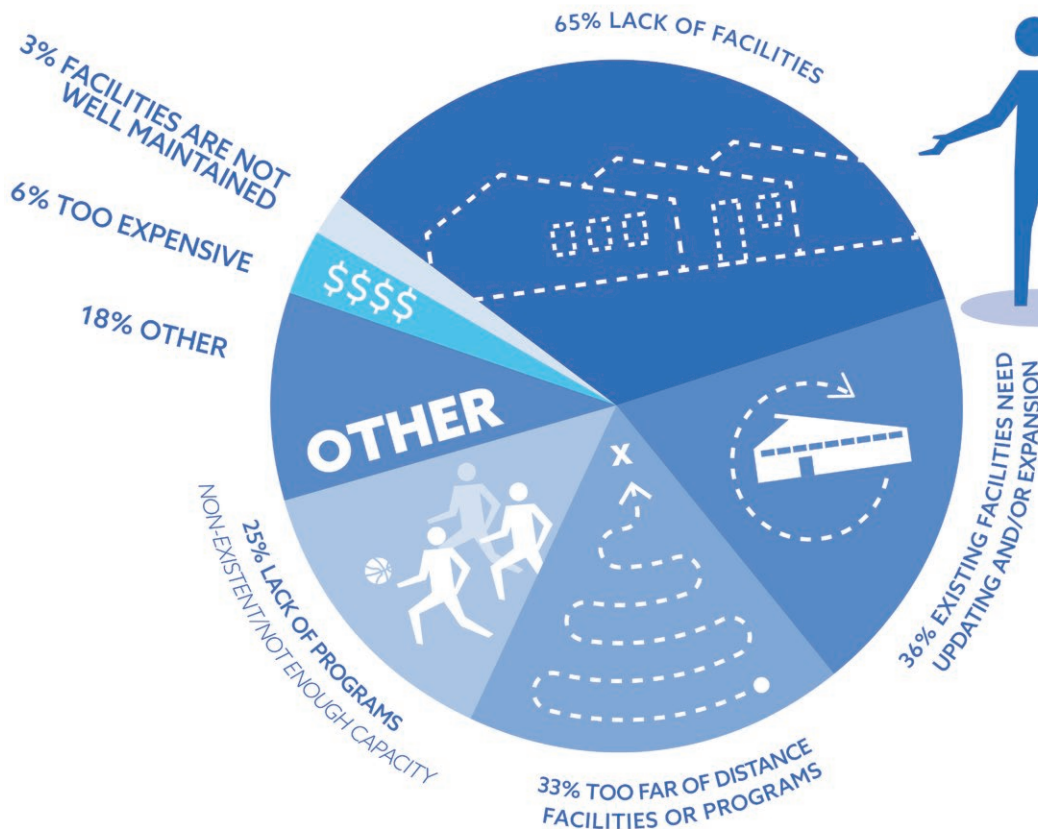
DO YOU FEEL YOUR INDOOR RECREATION NEEDS ARE BEING MET?



THE TOP 8 REASONS RESPONDENTS FELT THEIR NEEDS WERE NOT BEING MET

respondents were asked to select all that may apply- percentages reflect percent of respondents that selected a reason among others

2 out of 3 respondents listed lack of facilities as a reason for their needs not being met!



INDOOR RECREATION

26 INDOOR AMENITIES WERE PUT FORWARD:
THESE TOP 8 EMERGED


#1 **FITNESS AREAS**
FREE WEIGHTS, CIRCUIT WEIGHTS, CARDIO EQUIPMENT
#3 NORTH #1 SOUTH



#2 **TEEN ZONE**
TEEN GATHERING & ACTIVITY SPACE
#4 NORTH #3 SOUTH



#3 **LAP SWIMMING**



#1 NORTH #8 SOUTH

#4 **WARM WATER ACTIVITY POOL**
PLAY FEATURES, SLIDES, SWIM LESSONS, ETC.
#2 NORTH #6 SOUTH



#5 **YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & CLASSROOM AREAS**
#6 NORTH #4 SOUTH



#6 **GROUP EXERCISE ROOM**
GROUP EXERCISE ROOMS AEROBICS, DANCE, & YOGA
#9 NORTH #2 SOUTH



#7 **DEDICATED SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**
#7 NORTH #5 SOUTH



#8 **INDOOR CLIMBING WALL/GYM**
#5 NORTH #12 SOUTH



Worth noting, #7 for the south was an indoor ice rink!

OUTDOOR RECREATION

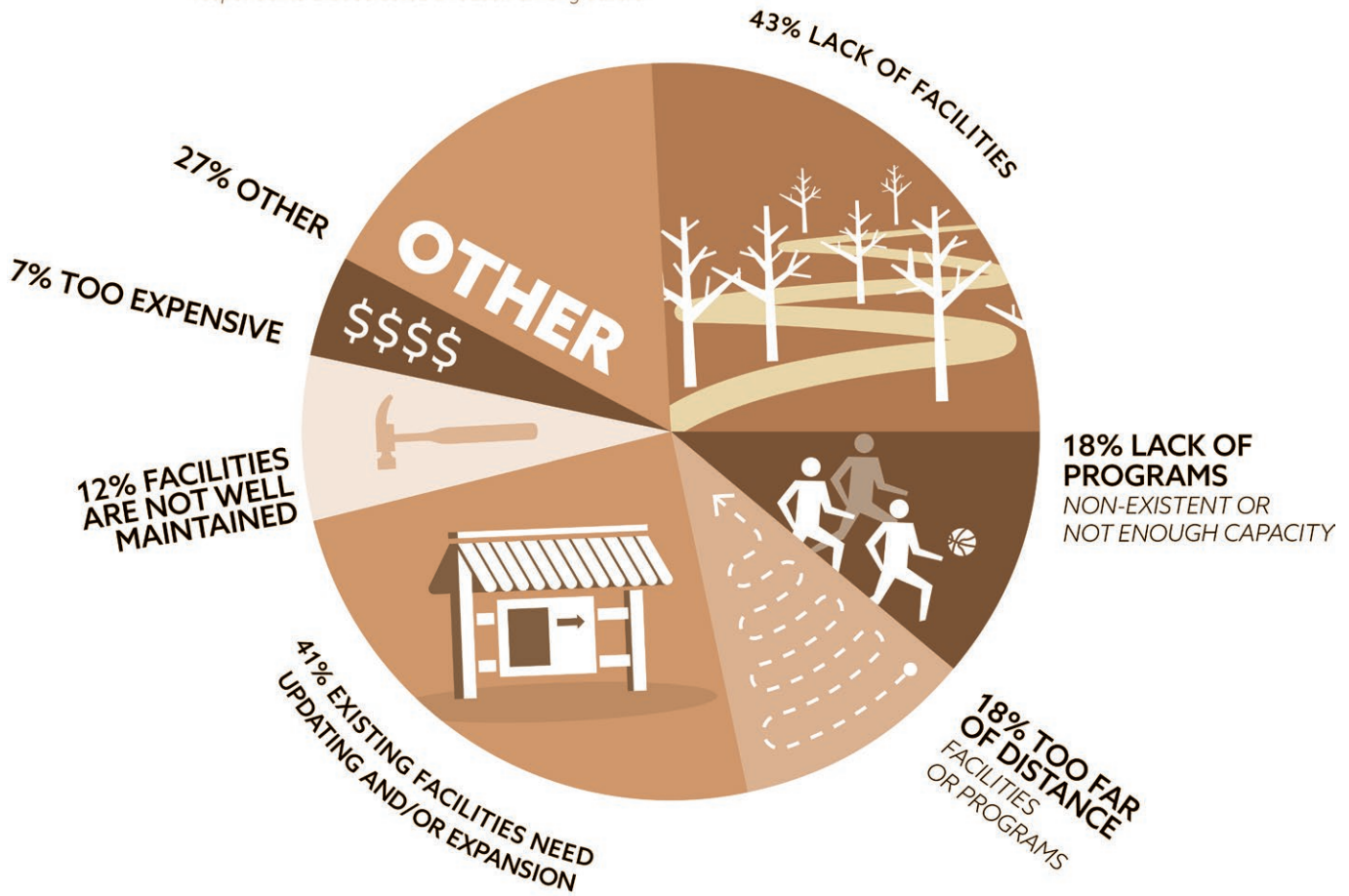
DO YOU FEEL YOUR OUTDOOR RECREATION NEEDS ARE BEING MET?

! North and South agreed that the outdoor amenities present are, for the most part, quite effective!



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respondents were asked to select all that may apply- percentages reflect percent of respondents that selected a reason among others



OUTDOOR RECREATION

The top three responses really illustrate the desire for recreation connectivity!



25 OUTDOOR AMENITIES WERE PUT FORWARD: THESE TOP 8 EMERGED

#1 REC PATH
HARDENED ALL WEATHER TRAIL
GRAVEL/NON-PAVED
#1 NORTH
#4 SOUTH

#2 REC PATH
HARDENED ALL WEATHER TRAIL
MULTI-USE PAVED
#2 NORTH
#2 SOUTH

#3 SOFT SURFACE TRAIL
DIRT/NATURAL SURFACE
SINGLE TRACK
#4 NORTH
#1 SOUTH

#4 RIVER ACCESS
#5 NORTH
#3 SOUTH

#5 WINTER TRAILS
NORDIC SKIING,
SNOWSHOEING, FAT
BIKING, ETC
#3 NORTH
#5 SOUTH

#6 PARK AMENITIES
SHADE SHELTERS, PICNIC TABLES,
RESTROOMS, ETC
#7 NORTH
#6 SOUTH

#7 MULTI-USE FIELDS
SOCCER, LACROSSE,
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL,
FOOTBALL, ETC.
#6 NORTH
#10 SOUTH

**#8 PLAY AREAS /
PLAYGROUNDS**
2-5 AGE AND 5-12 AGE
#9 NORTH
#7 SOUTH



INDOOR MOST VITAL

WE ASKED WHICH THREE AMENITIES WOULD BE MOST VITAL TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

OVERALL

#1 FITNESS AREAS



#2 LAP SWIMMING



#3 WARM WATER ACTIVITY POOL



4. MULTI-ACTIVITY GYMNASIUM
5. INDOOR ICE RINK/MULTI USE ARENA
6. TEEN ZONE
7. INDOOR CLIMBING
8. PICKLEBALL COURTS

NORTH

#1 LAP SWIMMING



#2 WARM WATER ACTIVITY POOL



#3 MULTI-ACTIVITY GYMNASIUM



4. FITNESS AREAS
5. INDOOR CLIMBING
6. TEEN ZONE
7. INDOOR ICE RINK/MULTI USE ARENA
8. INDOOR MULTI-USE FIELD

SOUTH

#1 FITNESS AREAS



#2 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES / CLASSROOMS



#3 TEEN ZONE



4. GROUP EXERCISE ROOMS
5. INDOOR ICE RINK/MULTI USE ARENA
6. PICKLEBALL COURTS
7. DROP-IN CHILD WATCH
8. HOT TUB / SPA

OUTDOOR MOST VITAL

WE ASKED WHICH THREE OUTDOOR AMENITIES WOULD BE MOST VITAL TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

OVERALL

#1 REC PATH (HARDENED ALL WEATHER TRAIL)



#2 SOFT SURFACE TRAILS



#3 MULTI-USE FIELDS



4. RIVER ACCESS
5. WINTER TRAILS
6. RECREATION PATH (HARD SURFACE)
7. OUTDOOR AQUATIC FACILITIES
8. PLAY AREAS/PLAYGROUNDS

NORTH

#1 REC PATH (HARDENED ALL WEATHER TRAIL)



#2 MULTI-USE FIELDS



#3 SOFT SURFACE TRAILS



4. OUTDOOR AQUATIC FACILITY
5. RECREATION PATH (HARD SURFACE)
6. WINTER TRAILS
7. RIVER ACCESS
8. DOG PARK

SOUTH

#1 REC PATH (HARDENED ALL WEATHER TRAIL)



#2 SOFT SURFACE TRAILS



#3 WINTER TRAILS



4. RIVER ACCESS
5. RECREATION PATH (HARD SURFACE)
6. MULTI-USE FIELDS
7. PLAY AREAS/PLAYGROUNDS
8. PARK AMENITIES

ONLINE COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY (CONT.)

PROGRAM MOST VITAL

WE ASKED WHICH THREE PROGRAMS OR SERVICES WOULD BE MOST VITAL TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

NORTH

#1 YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMPS



#2 YOUTH SPORTS



#3 AQUATICS



4. OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING
5. FITNESS / WELLNESS
6. TEEN PROGRAMS
7. SENIOR PROGRAMS
8. ADULT SPORTS

SOUTH

#1 FITNESS / WELLNESS



#2 YOUTH SPORTS



#3 OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING



4. YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMPS
5. TEEN PROGRAMS
6. SENIOR PROGRAMS
7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ENRICHMENT CLASSES
8. AQUATICS

The response to 'Most Vital Programs and Services' support what we heard from the community about needing more indoor recreation facilities, including multi-generational multi-use areas.



LET'S TALK PROGRAMMING!

OF PROPOSED PROGRAMMING OPTIONS, THE FOLLOWING TOP 8 EMERGED

- #1 AQUATICS
- #2 TEEN PROGRAMS
- #3 YOUTH SPORTS
- #4 OUTDOOR RECREATION
- #5 YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMPS
- #6 SENIOR PROGRAMS
- #7 FITNESS & WELLNESS
- #8 ADULT SPORTS



ONLINE COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY COMMENT THEMES

Major Themes

- Recreation Path Connectivity
- White Water Park Amenities - Surf Wave
- North Rec Center/Community Center
- Expansion of Existing Rec Center in the South
- Indoor Ice Rink
- Year Round Ice
- Bowling Alley* ❄️
- Aquatics

What was missing from survey results ❄️

*It should be noted that a bowling alley has been discussed as potentially more appropriate as a private amenity.

Minor Themes

- Indoor Youth and Senior Spaces
- Disk Golf ❄️
- More Trails
- OVH Trails
 - » For and Against
- Pickleball ❄️
- Music Venue - Outdoor Amphitheater ❄️
- Roller Rink
- Mountain Bike Park
- Adult Rock Climbing and Classes



ONLINE COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY - INTERACTIVE MAP

Interactive Map Results

The interactive map provided with the community survey gave people the opportunity to place amenities in specific geographic locations within the Gunnison Valley.

The top map themes were:

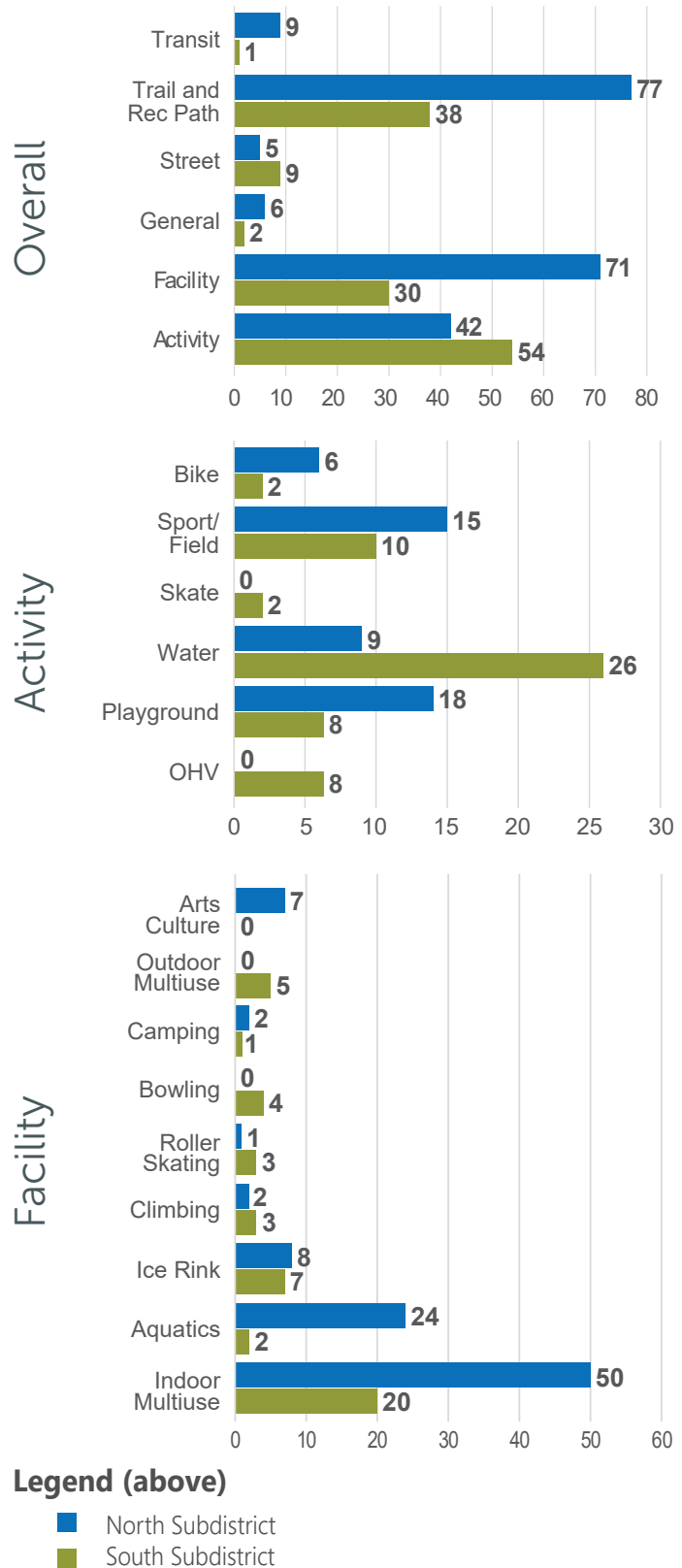
- #1 – Rec Paths & Trails
- #2 – Indoor Recreation Facilities
- #3 – Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Overall, the mapping exercise showed an identified need for an indoor, multi-use recreation facility in the North Subdistrict, and a need for improvements to the existing indoor recreation facilities in the South Subdistrict.

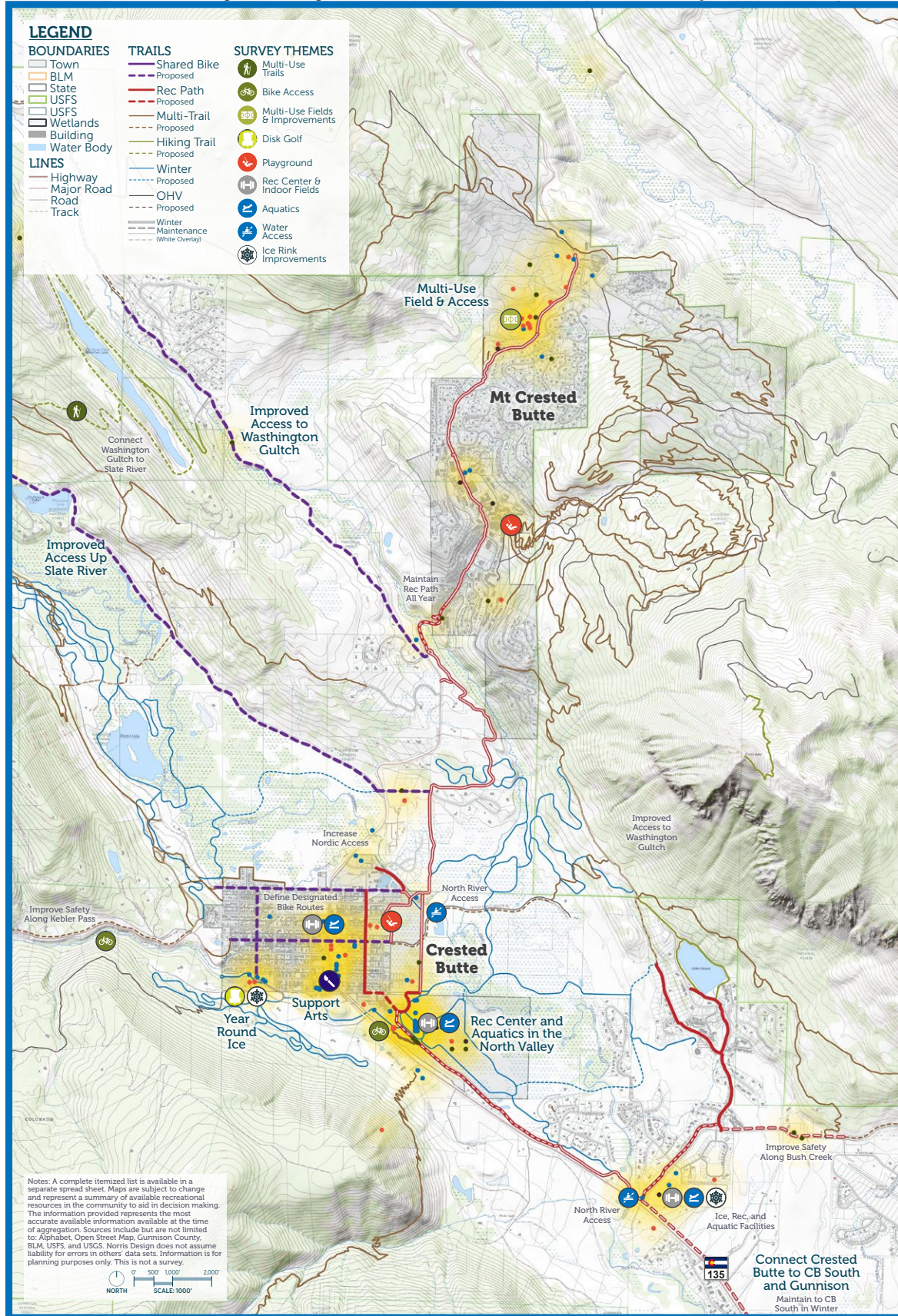
Other key input identified needs for:

- Improved river access in the North and South Subdistricts;
- River activity (i.e., whitewater park / surf wave) in the South Subdistrict / Gunnison area;
- A playground on the south side of Hwy 50 in Gunnison;
- Enhanced / increased playgrounds and gathering spaces in the North Subdistrict;
- Improvements to existing playgrounds throughout the District.

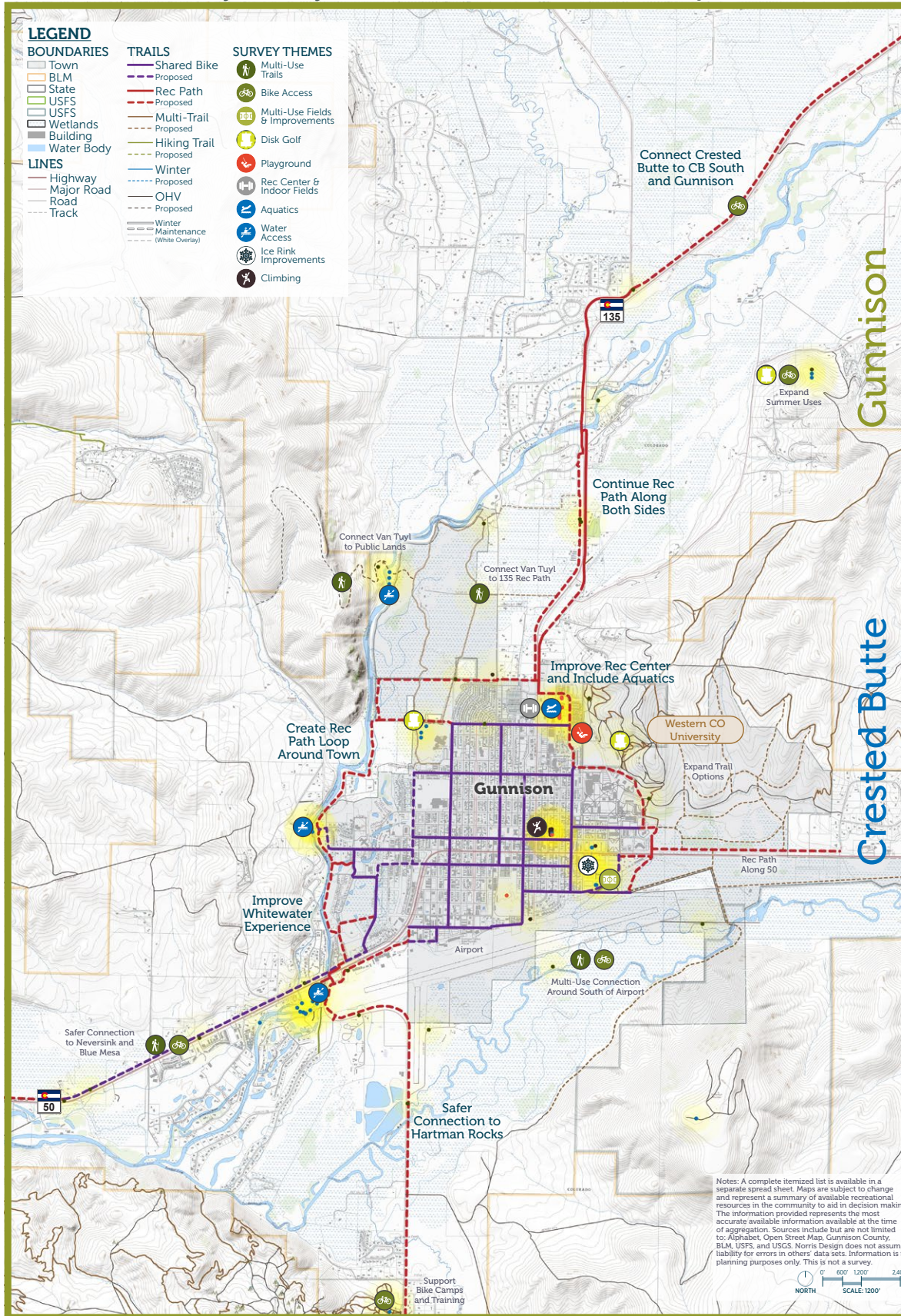
Interactive Map Themes



Online Community Survey: North District Interactive Map Results



Online Community Survey: South District Interactive Map Results



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Community Outreach Event Results

In June 2024, the planning team attended two community concert events, Sundays @ 6 in Gunnison and Alpenglow in Crested Butte. At these events, the team talked with District residents and gathered input on the community's top recreation priorities through interactive dot and money voting activities. The input and major themes from these community events are illustrated below.

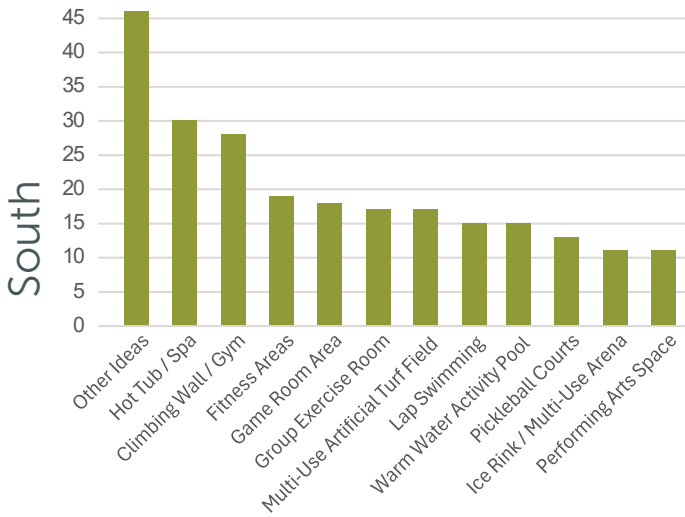
Crested Butte Outreach Major Event Themes

- » Aquatics
- » Indoor Recreation Amenities
- » Recreation Connectivity
- » River Access, Dog Park, & Ice Rink
- » Indoor & Outdoor Multi-Use Fields (poll and comments)

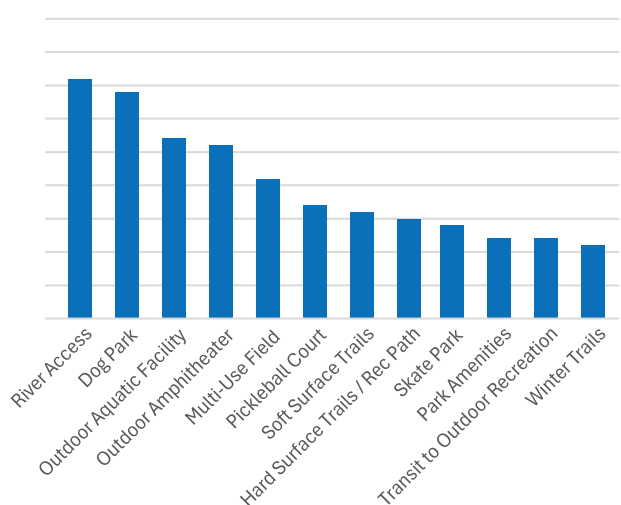
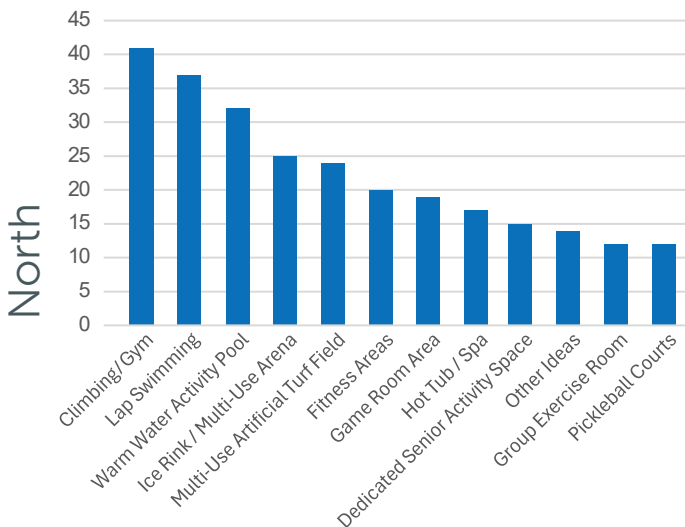
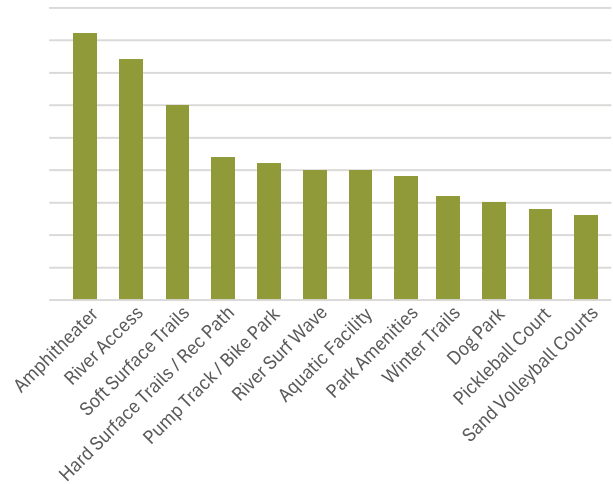
Gunnison Outreach Major Event Themes

- » Recreation Connectivity
- » Indoor Recreation Amenities (including Aquatics, Fitness Areas, Climbing Walls, and Arts & Culture Spaces)
- » Bowling and River Access/ Surf Wave
- » Outdoor Amphitheater

Indoor Amenities

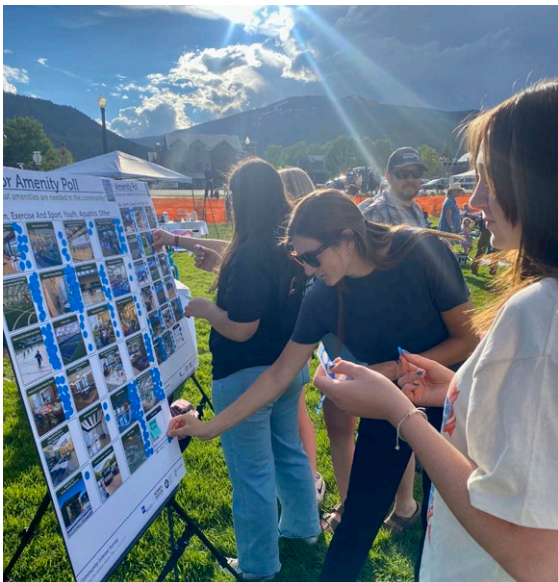
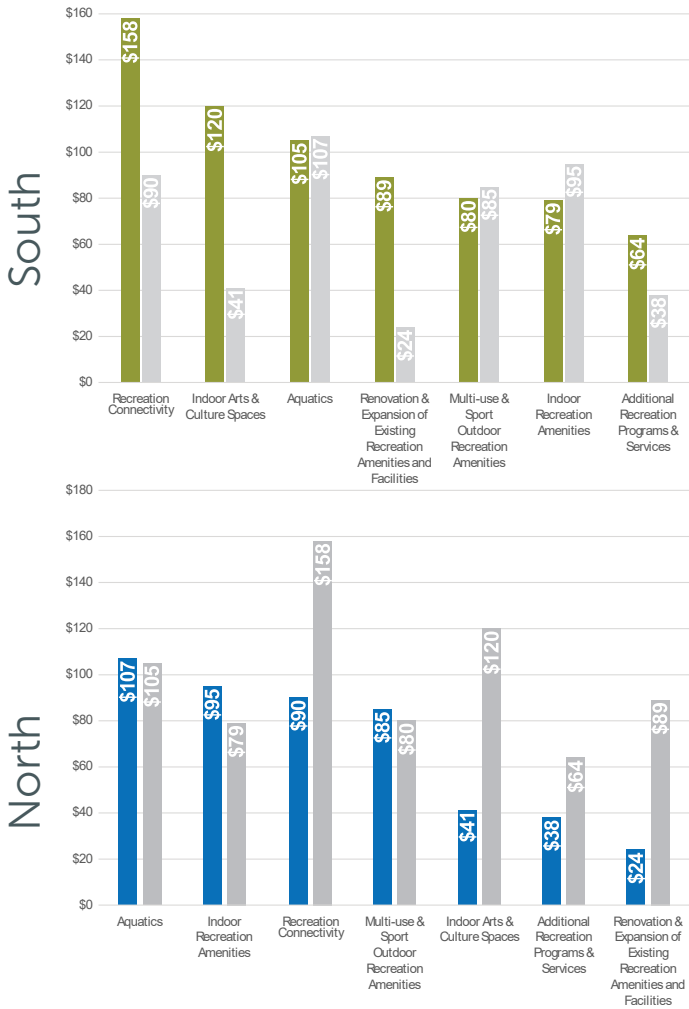


Outdoor Amenities



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

The Money Question



COMMUNITY OUTREACH KEY THEMES

Key Themes Heard from the Community:

Overall, there was a lot of continuity with the input received across all the input gathering platforms described above. **Rec path** connections (particularly from Crested Butte to Crested Butte South and Crested Butte to Gunnison), and **indoor recreation and aquatics** emerged as the top needs overall.

Indoor Recreation Amenities

Most of the top results for Indoor Recreation Amenities could be accomplished by adding a **multi-use indoor recreation center** in the North Subdistrict and expanding/renovating the **existing rec center** in the South Subdistrict. Including amenities like a fitness gym, multi-use gymnasium, aquatics pool, multi-use community rooms, and an indoor climbing wall within a Rec Center could accomplish all top eight needs. The only outlier would be the addition or renovation of a **year round indoor ice rink**, which was also identified as a top indoor recreation amenity needed.

Outdoor Recreation Amenities

For Outdoor Recreation Amenities, overall, the top need identified was pathways, with **rec path** connections identified as the highest need in all the pathway categories. **River access** also came in as a top need and one of the top themes in the comments was the request for **white water park amenities** (e.g., a surf wave) in the South Subdistrict. Other community input points to a need for enhanced/increased **park spaces with multi-use field(s), park amenities and playground(s)**.

Programs

The top program needs are also consistent with the top amenity needs identified, with spaces for programs like **aquatics, youth, seniors and fitness** appearing at the top of the list. Of the proposed programming options, the following top eight needs emerged:

Top Eight Programing Needs Identified:

1. Aquatics
2. Teen Programs
3. Youth Sports
4. Outdoor Recreation
5. Youth After School & Summer Camps
6. Senior Programs
7. Fitness & Wellness
8. Adult Sports

Key findings from the programs and services analysis include:

- There are a substantial number of service providers, especially from non-profit organizations.
- Although there are a limited number of aquatic providers.
- Currently, Senior programming is mainly found at the Gunnison Senior Center (South District) and lacking in the North District.
- Indoor Fitness programming is not prevalent.
- There is currently a strong focus on youth-based programming, but less programming is available for teens.

How Community Input is Informing the Plan:

The key findings and themes gathered through community and stakeholder outreach have been used to shape the Plan priorities and recommendations provided throughout the remainder of the Plan. The next chapter presents Conceptual Planning recommendations to help address the top needs identified by the community during the community outreach phase of the project.

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3 | REC PATH PLANNING



REC PATH PLANNING

REC PATH NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During the community outreach process, **Rec Path connections** (particularly from Crested Butte to Crested Butte South and Crested Butte to Gunnison) emerged as a top need overall. In response to community input emphasizing Rec Path connectivity as the **#1 recreation priority for the District**, the MetRec Board added preliminary Rec Path planning to the scope of this master planning effort.

It should be noted that the Rec Path analysis included in this plan is not a comprehensive recreation path master plan. Rather, the purpose of the Rec Path analysis conducted during this master planning process was to provide discovery and policy guidance to inform future Rec Path planning efforts.

Methodology

During the conceptual planning process, mapping and analysis of existing recreational paths was completed, and additional community input on rec path needs and priorities was gathered at an additional in-person community meeting hosted on September 30, 2024, at Legion Park in Gunnison. This event focused on gathering community input on desired Rec Path connections.



Rec Path Planning Priorities

The following Rec Path planning priorities have been identified, based on the mapping and analysis completed and the community and stakeholder input received.

Future Rec Path Connections should focus on:

- Connecting communities
- Connecting existing fragmented rec paths
- Connecting to well used trailheads, parks and other outdoor spaces

Priority Rec Path Connections: Overall District Priority

- Connect Gunnison to Crested Butte

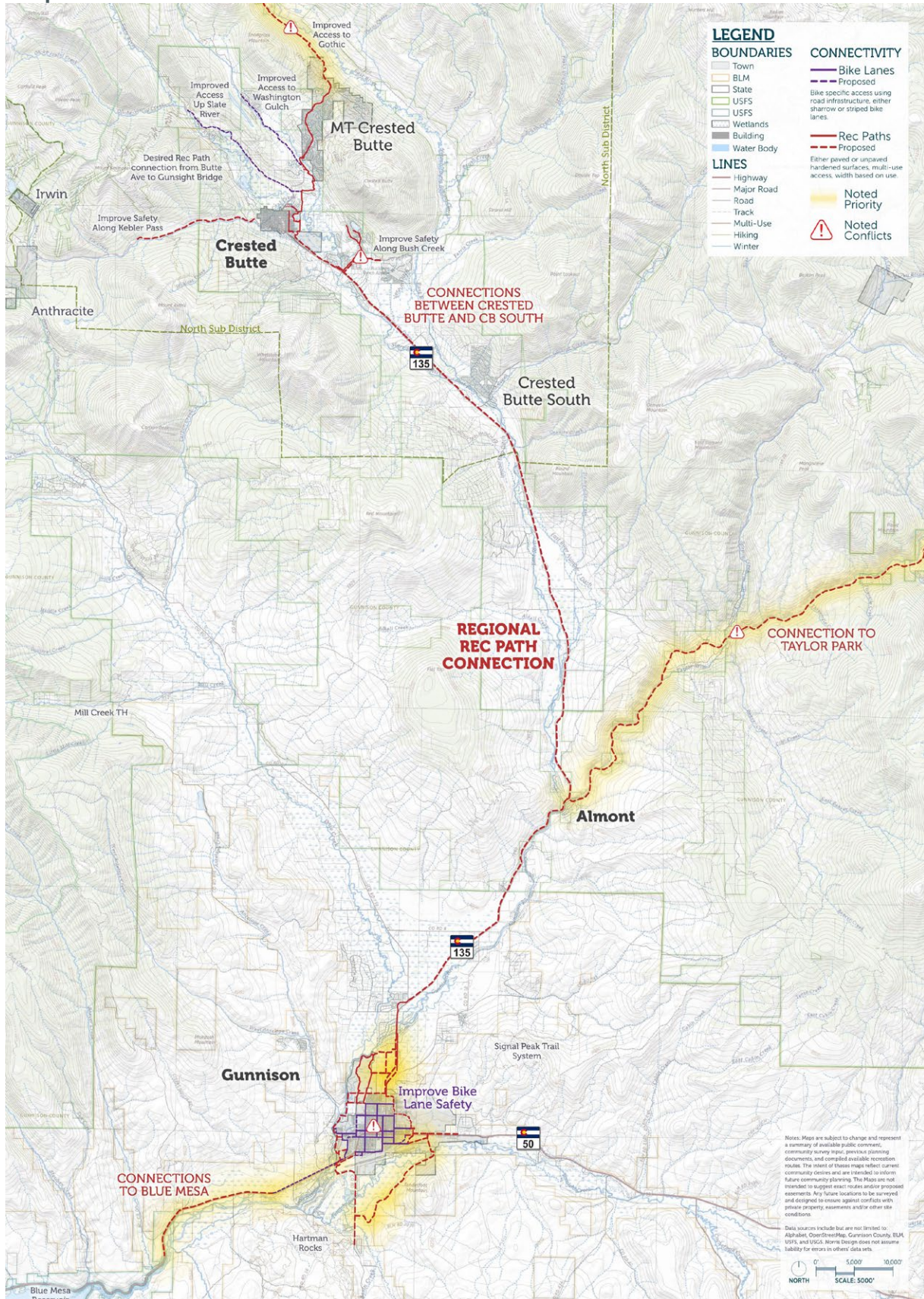
South Subdistrict Priorities

1. Gunnison to Hartman Rocks
2. North Gunnison to Van Tuyl & School
3. Gunnison to Almont
4. Taylor Canyon
5. Gunnison Rising / I-Bar to Hartman Rocks
6. Gunnison to Blue Mesa
7. Eastside to Westside of Town (school to school)
8. Trail around RV pump station by Airport

North Subdistrict Priorities

1. Crested Butte to Crested Butte South
2. Mt Crested Butte to Gothic
3. Butte Ave to Gunsight Bridge

Map of District Rec Path Priorities



REC PATH PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Access & Safety Improvements:

Community input has identified the following priorities for access and safety improvements.

South Subdistrict Priorities

- Improve safety for bicycles at Colorado St. and Hwy 135
- Provide a safe crossing of Hwy 50
- Provide a safer connection to Neversink and Blue Mesa
- Provide a safer connection to Hartman Rocks
- Provide safe East/West connections through Gunnison County

North Subdistrict Priorities

- Improve safety along Brush Creek Road and Kebler Pass
- Improve access up Slate River and Washington Gulch
- Provide connection from Crested Butte to Crested Butte South

Overall District Priorities

- Overall long term goal of achieving a rec path connections between Crested Butte and Gunnison

Maintenance & Operations:

The community desires a rec path system that is maintained year-round.

Recommendations / Next Steps:

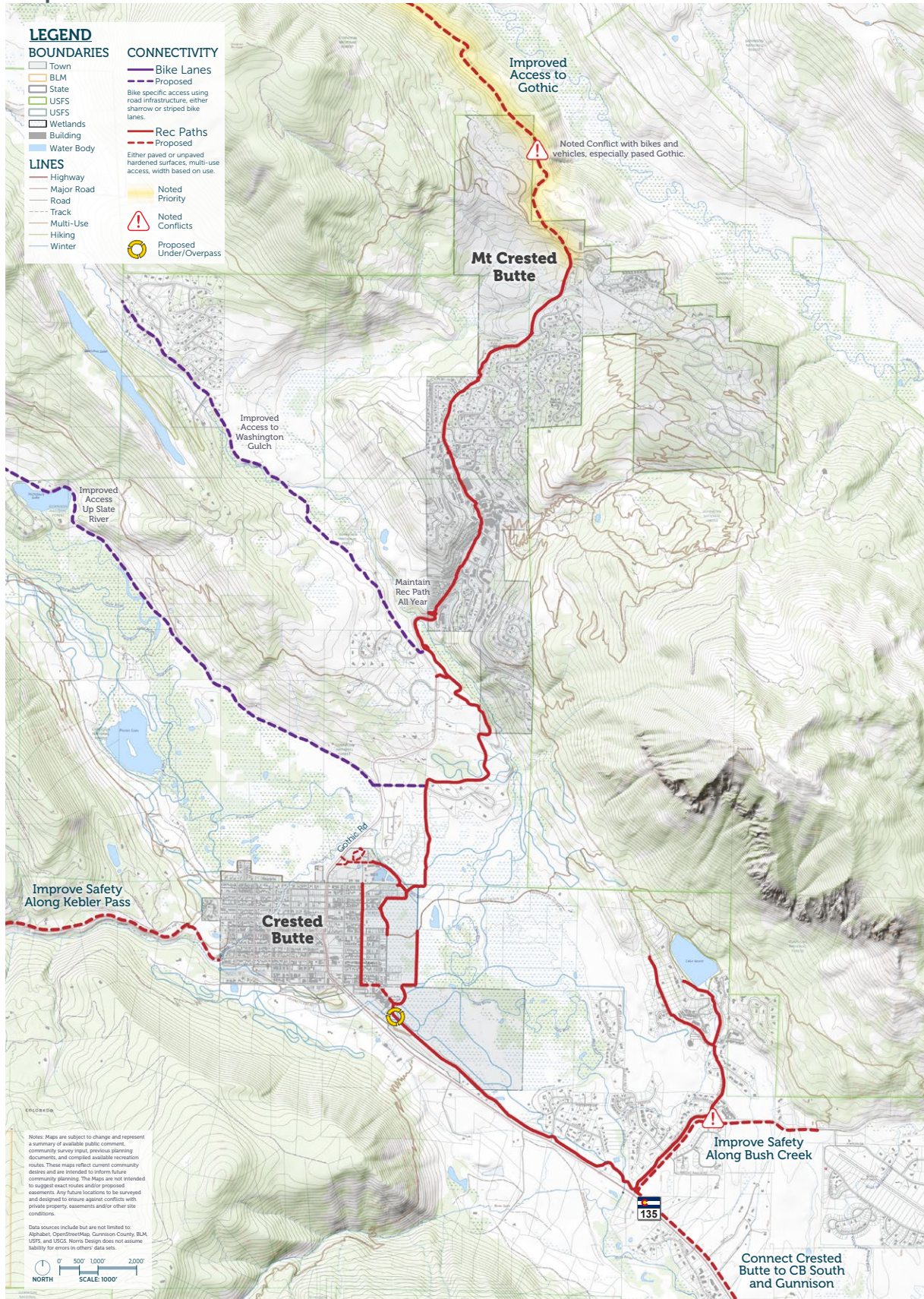
1. MetRec can continue to lead regional rec path planning within the District by performing a focused Rec Path Master Plan for the District in 2025.
2. Strategic Alignment partners to engage in the Rec Path Master Plan process include, but are not limited to:
 - » Gunnison County
 - » City of Gunnison
 - » Town of Crested Butte
 - » Town of Mt. Crested Butte
 - » Crested Butte South Property Owners Association
 - » Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association
 - » Crested Butte Land Trust
 - » Crested Butte Nordic
 - » Gunnison Nordic
 - » Gunnison Trails
 - » National Forest Foundation
 - » Gunnison Ranger District



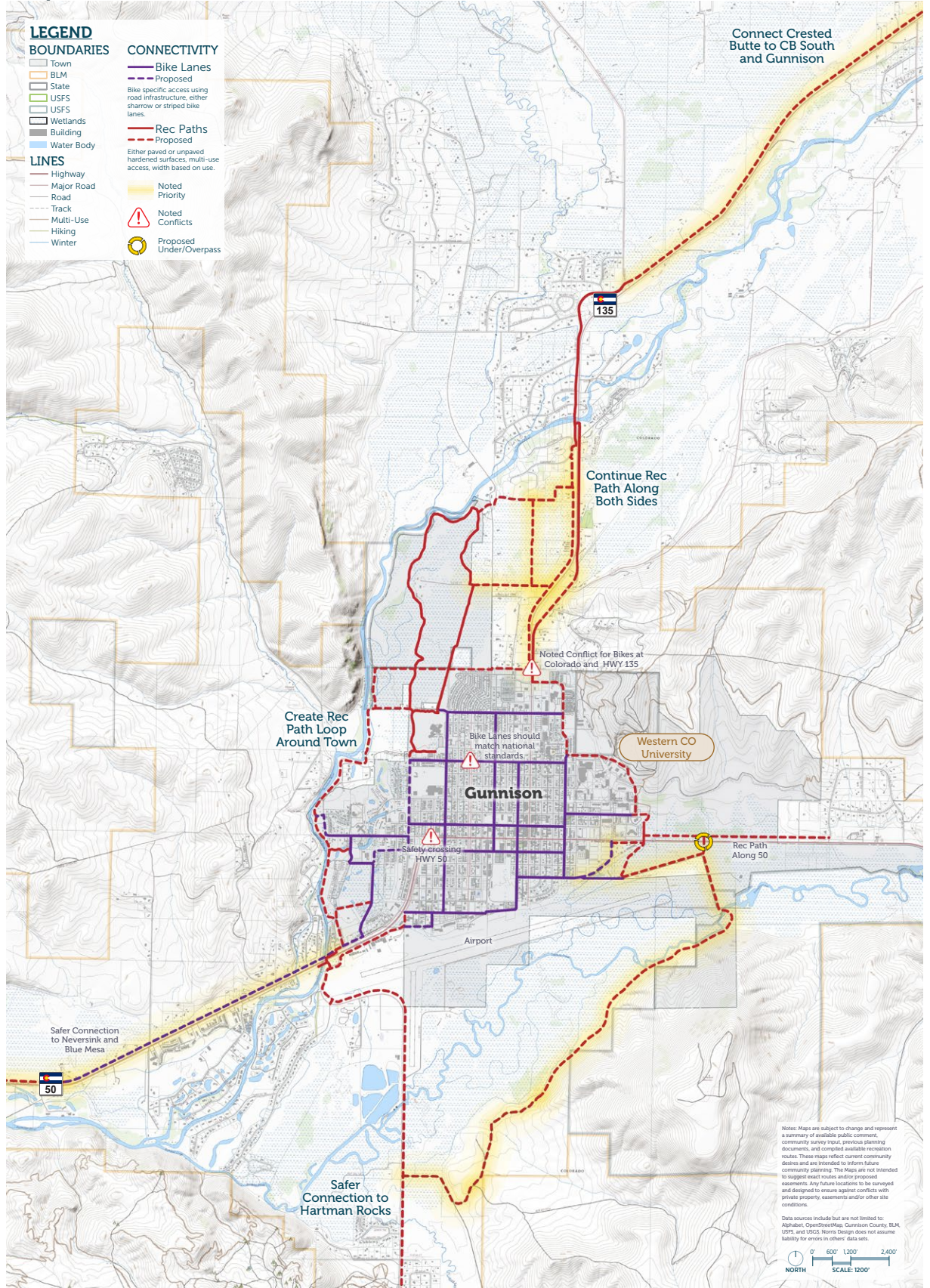
CONNECTIVITY PRIORITY

REC PATH CONNECTION	VOTE
Gunnison to Hartman Rocks	<div style="width: 90%;"></div>
North Gunnison to Van Tuyl & School	<div style="width: 75%;"></div>
CB to CB South	<div style="width: 25%;"></div>
Mt CB to Gothic	<div style="width: 15%;"></div>
Gunnison to CB	<div style="width: 85%;"></div>
Write in... Gunnison to Almont	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>
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Write in... Eastside to Westside of Town (School to School)	<div style="width: 5%;"></div>
Write in... Trail around poop dump by Airport	<div style="width: 5%;"></div>
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Map of North District Rec Path Priorities



Map of South District Rec Path Priorities



4 | CONCEPTUAL PLANNING



CONCEPTUAL PLANNING

CONCEPTUAL PLANNING SUMMARY

The Conceptual Planning section of the Plan provides recommendations for the physical form and spatial dimensions needed to accommodate the priority needs identified by the community. The recommendations are also intended to inform MetRec and the community of the costs associated with the priority needs. These recommendations include:

- Rec Path Connectivity
 - » MetRec to embark on Rec Path Master Plan in 2025
- Multi-use Outdoor Fields, Parks and Playgrounds
 - » North and South Subdistricts: Multi-Use Fields, Parks and Playgrounds
- Multi-use Indoor Recreation Facilities
 - » A North Subdistrict Recreation Center
 - » Expansion or renovation of the South Subdistrict Recreation Center
- Outdoor Amphitheaters
 - » North and South Subdistricts: Outdoor Amphitheaters in the North and South Subdistricts





OUTDOOR FIELDS , PARKS, AND PLAYGROUNDS

fields currently in planning for the District, including:

- 1 renovated full-size field at Crested Butte Community School
- 1 added practice field being planned at Whetstone
- 1 renovated full-size field at Crested Butte South
- 1 added full-size field and 1 renovation practice size field at Gunnison Middle School

Filling the gaps:

To fill the gaps and meet the community's overall needs for outdoor multi-use fields, in addition to the fields already being planned, the following additional fields and parks are recommended:

- At least one (1) additional full-size field in the North Subdistrict is recommended to meet identified programming needs.
- Additional fields, beyond those already being planned for in the South Subdistrict, are not a top priority.
- A park and playground in the South Subdistrict, south of Highway 50.
- Parks and playgrounds in unincorporated communities.
- Improve accessibility for existing outdoor recreation facilities (parks, playgrounds, trailheads, etc.).



Outdoor Multi-use Fields Spatial Understanding

Standard Multi-use Field Sizes and Parking:

- Full Size Field (11 vs 11 – High School Soccer)
 - » Dimensions: 80 yards wide x 120 yards long
 - » Size: 8,400 sq. ft. (~2 acres)
 - » Parking Needs*
 - i. 45 – 60 parking spaces minimum
 - ii. 120 parking spaces recommended (for tournaments, etc.)
- Practice Field (7 vs 7)
 - » Dimensions: 45 yards wide x 65 yards long
 - » Size: 26,325 sq. ft. (~0.6 acre)
 - » Parking Needs*
 - iii. 30 parking spaces minimum
 - iv. 60 parking spaces recommended

Multi-use Fields Cost Implications

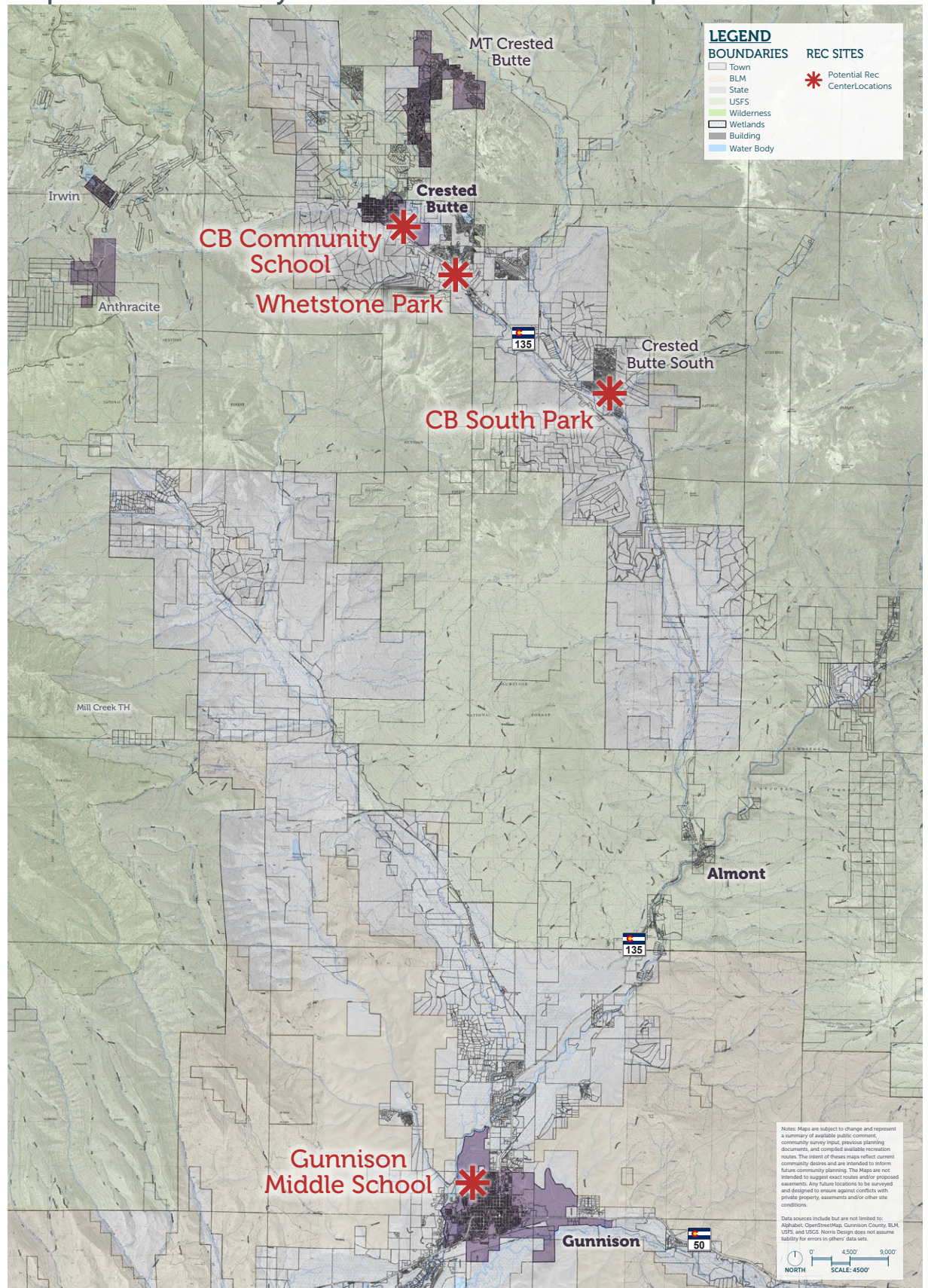
- Artificial Turf Field: ~ \$16 - \$25 / sq ft**
- Irrigated Sod Field: ~\$9 - \$13 / sq ft**

*Parking could be greatly reduced by locating facilities where they are walkable / bikeable from population centers and have access to transit.

**These numbers are approximate and can go up or down based on site, water cost, soils, turf type, etc.



Map of Fields Currently Planned for Renovation or Expansion



MULTI-USE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

A conceptual plan for indoor recreation amenities was developed based on the community input process. These amenities were further defined by MetRec District staff and North and South project advisory groups. The district seeks to meet the needs of a wide range of interests, age groups, and abilities. While the indoor recreation spaces represent what a new community center may include, it's important to note that some of the spaces could be part of a Gunnison Recreation Center renovation or expansion. Other options include a new standalone recreation center that could be built in a phased approach, or enhancing existing facilities.

Indoor Recreation Goals

Along with the physical spaces, programming priorities identified in the community input process will go hand in hand. Together they will create a synergy that will provide holistic opportunities such as:

- Wellness
- Socialization
- Sustainability
- Integration with the local indoor recreation offerings
- Multi-generational opportunities

Indoor Recreation Concepts

The following indoor recreation spaces were identified as needs by the MetRec Community. The first column in the table right (pg 41) shows the base amenities that would have the greatest impact to district residents. A lap pool, leisure pool and indoor turf field were also identified as a priority and should be considered as an additional opportunity to the base program. The installation of a multi-use indoor recreation facility has the potential to be phased.

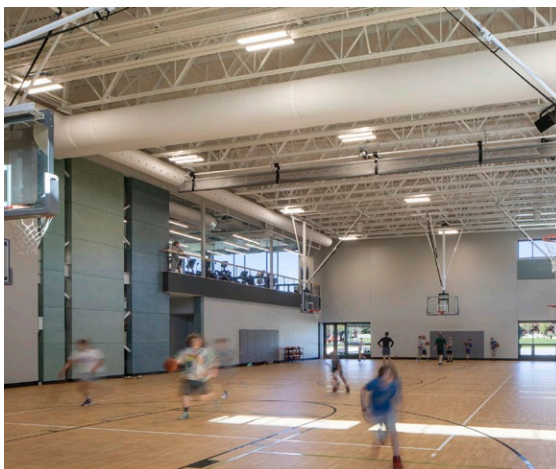
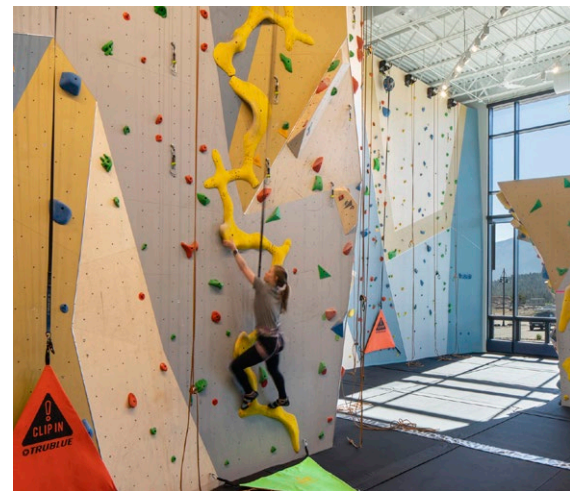
Indoor Recreation Community Priorities

Required Spaces (Base Facility Requirements)

- Admin, Lobby, Support Spaces
 - Locker Rooms
 - Multi-Use Rooms
 - Multi-Use Gym
 - Indoor Elevated Track
 - Fitness
 - » Weight/Cardio Area
 - » Group Exercise Room – 30-40 person aerobics/dance studio
 - Climbing Wall
 - » 5-6 person climbing wall
 - » Bouldering wall (option)
- + Aquatics**
- Recreation Activity Pool and 4 x 25 yard Lap Pool
 - » (including aquatic support spaces and 4 additional cabana lockers)
- + Indoor Turf**
- » Indoor Practice Turf Field

INDOOR RECREATION COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Base Spaces	+Aquatics	+Indoor Turf
Required Spaces (lobby, admin, locker rooms)	Leisure Pool	Indoor Practice Turf Field
Teen Space	Lap Pool	
Senior Space	Larger Locker Rooms and Family Cabanas	
Classroom (multipurpose)		
Gymnasium		
Indoor Track		
Fitness (weight, cardio, group exercise)		
Climbing Wall		



MULTI-USE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY CONCEPT COSTS

Concept Costs (High Level Order of Magnitude Cost)

Estimating future potential costs for an indoor recreation facility that, if built, is not an easy task. Even in the best-case scenario, a new facility wouldn't open until 2030. With that, the cost opinion expressed in the table below is preliminary and is based on current historic cost data escalated to the mid-point of construction. We recognize that the costs can change based on unknown future escalation rate differences, site requirements, and other factors.

Recommended Next Step:

A feasibility study should be conducted in 2026 to further refine the planned amenities, right size the facility, and provide more specific cost estimation. The feasibility study needs to help determine the potential user base/group as well as the impact of a new facility in the North Subdistrict upon existing facilities throughout the entire District.

Concept Cost Assumptions

The total project cost assumptions are as follows:

- Hard construction costs are based on BRS historic project database.
- Costs have been escalated to a spring 2029 mid-point of construction.
- Site costs **do not include** land acquisition.
- Soft cost include the following:
 - » Architecture/Engineering design fees
 - » Owner contracted professional services & agencies fees
 - » Technology/security/av equipment
 - » Furnishings, fixtures & equipment (FFE)
 - » Owner's contingencies

Recreation Center Concept Space Area Costs	Base Spaces	Base Spaces + Aquatics	Base Spaces + Aquatics + Indoor Turf
Total Gross Square Footage	~40,000 SF	~57,000 SF	~71,000 SF
Construction Costs	\$25,600,000	\$46,500,000	\$55,000,000
Site Costs (add 15%)	\$3,900,000	\$7,000,000	\$8,300,000
Soft Costs (add 30%)	\$8,900,000	\$16,000,000	\$19,000,000
Total Cost	\$38,400,000	\$69,500,000 + \$31,100,000	\$82,300,000 + \$12,800,000

Note: Final details and costs are subject to change.

*Based on the Conceptual Spaces Presented | Does Not Include Land Acquisition

COST PER SPACE ANALYSIS

	Space	Size	Estimated Cost	Program Options
Required Spaces	Admin, Lobby, Support Spaces	6,900 sq ft	\$4,500,000	
	Locker Rooms (includes two family cabanas)	3,100 sq ft	\$3,200,000	
	Teen Zone			
	Multi-Use/Multi-Generation Room	1,700 sq ft	\$1,100,000	Teens, older youths
	Senior Lounge			
	Multi-Use/Multi-Generation Room	1,300 sq ft	\$900,000	Seniors, Drop-In
	Multi-Use/Multi-Purpose Classroom			
	Multi-Generation Room	1,700 sq ft	1,100,000	Adult / Youth / Seniors / Special Needs / Non-Sport & Rentals
	Multi-Use Gym	13,800 sq ft	\$8,100,000	Indoor athletics (all ages), summer camps, special needs, drop-in
	Indoor Elevated Track	3,900 sq ft	\$1,200,000	Drop-in use
	Weight / Cardio Area	4,800 sq ft	\$3,000,000	Drop-in, fitness instruction, personal training
	Group Exercise Room	2,300 sq ft	\$1,500,000	30-40 person studio for fitness, dance, aerobics, etc.
	Climbing Wall (5-6 person)	500 sq ft	\$1,000,000	Drop-in, all age programs
+ Aquatics	Recreation Activity Pool and 4 x 25 yard Lap Pool	13,800 sq ft	\$20,900,000	Aquatics (all ages), special needs, drop-in (all ages)
+ Indoor Turf	Indoor Practice Turf Field	14,300 sq ft	\$8,500,000	Athletics (all ages), camps, special needs, drop-in (all ages)

Note: Costs have been escalated to a spring 2029 mid-point of construction.

PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS ESTIMATES

Preliminary Operations Estimates

A preliminary operations estimate has been completed for a proposed new MetRec Recreation Center, based on the following parameters.

- An operations estimate has been developed for three different facility options:
 - » **Base Recreation Center**
A center that includes multipurpose room, gym, track, group exercise room, weight cardio space, climbing wall, teen room, senior space and administrative area, lobby, and locker rooms. **Approximately 40,000 SF**
 - » **Recreation-Aquatic Center**
A center that includes a **leisure pool with 4-lap lanes**, multipurpose room, gym, track, group exercise room, weight cardio space, climbing wall, teen room, senior space and administrative area, lobby, and locker rooms. **Approximately 57,000 SF** (includes all the base and the addition of aquatics.)
 - » **Fieldhouse**
The fieldhouse includes a small turf area, lobby, and restrooms. **Approximately 71,500 SF** (includes all the base, aquatics and the addition of the Fieldhouse - 14,500 SF)



PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS ESTIMATE (BASED ON 2030)

Recreation Center Operations Est.	Base Spaces	Base Spaces + Aquatics	Base Spaces + Aquatics + Indoor Turf
Expenses			
Personnel	\$1,500,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,700,000
Supplies	\$140,000	\$210,000	\$252,000
Contractual	\$300,000	\$450,000	\$540,000
Capital Replace	\$60,000	\$90,000	\$108,000
Total	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,600,000
Revenues			
User Fees	\$900,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,612,500
Program Fees	\$276,000	\$414,000	\$494,500
Other	\$24,000	\$36,000	\$43,000
Total	\$1,200,000	\$1,800,000	\$2,150,000
Difference	(\$800,000)	(\$1,200,000)	(\$1,450,000)

Note: The operations estimate for the Base Spaces + Aquatics option and the Base Spaces + Aquatics + Indoor Turf option includes the base cost and revenues.

This is a very preliminary operations estimate that will need to be finalized when a concept plan is developed for the center and again when the facility is under construction.

Operations Estimate Assumptions

- A conservative approach to estimating expenses (to the high side) and revenues (to a mid-range) has been undertaken.
- This operational estimate represents full expenses and revenues.
- The first year of operation will be 2030 or later.
- The presence of other providers in the market will remain the same.
- The center will be operated by a public entity.
- This operations estimate is based on a program plan for the facility only.
- There will be a high level of programming in the center.
- The center will be open 7 days a week, 50 weeks a year and between 80-90 hours per week.
- User fees will be market-driven and include daily, extended visit, and annual passes.
- The center will draw well from the north area of Gunnison County, including: the permanent population, second homeowners, visitors to the area for facility use, programs, and rentals.

EXPANSION OR RENOVATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES

In addition to providing indoor recreation amenities at a single comprehensive center, MetRec may also consider renovating or repurposing existing structures within the District. The scope and scale of the potential renovations will need to be evaluated through site-specific feasibility studies for each structure to determine its suitability for transition into specific indoor recreation uses.

Renovation and repurposing costs will be assessed during these studies as there is a wide range of potential considerations based on how significantly the facilities will need to be renovated to meet the programming goals of the District.

Operational considerations will need to be evaluated as part of these studies to understand the impact on staffing, supplies, and services as it will likely result in recreational offerings being distributed through multiple sites. Inefficiencies in staffing and increased operational costs may occur when services are hosted in separate facilities. In addition, the studies will need to specifically address how different interests and age groups can be accommodated at each facility.

For the North Subdistrict, the consideration of renovation or expansion of existing facilities could be considered during the feasibility study of the North Indoor Recreation Multi-use Facility. The Town of Crested Butte is also planning to conduct an update to their recreation master plan in the upcoming year. MetRec should consider information that is made available during the recreation master plan update when reviewing potential service facilities.

The South Subdistrict has completed studies that show the existing City of Gunnison Rec Center may be in need of renovation or expansion within 5-10 years. Repurposing existing square footage to meet immediate needs is currently being considered, along with the possible expansion of the existing aquatics center. The City of Gunnison is also planning to conduct an update to their recreation master plan next year and will explore these possibilities further. The future updated Master Plan should be considered by MetRec to help inform capital projects. The areas, operations estimates and cost implications that are presented within this section will be used to guide decisions and encourage the completion of a full feasibility study. There are several outdoor multi-use

MULTI-USE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY

SITE PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

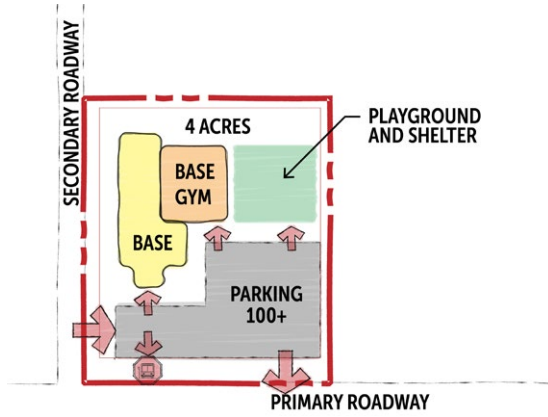
The table below provides preliminary estimates of the facility size, minimum site area, and parking required for different indoor multi-use facilities. The Base Facility would require the smallest footprint with each additional tier requiring additional increases

in required space. The assumed areas should be utilized when vetting possible sites as suitable for facility development. The areas provided are based on County Development Standards and requirements for open space, access, parking, setbacks, etc.

	Facility Size	Minimum Site Area	Parking Needs*
Required / Base Spaces	~40,000 sq ft	3.5+ acres	80 – 120 parking spaces
Base Spaces + Aquatics	~57,000 sq ft	4.5+ acres	140 – 180 parking spaces
Base Spaces + Aquatics + Indoor Turf Field	~71,000 sq ft	5.5+ acres	180 – 220 parking spaces

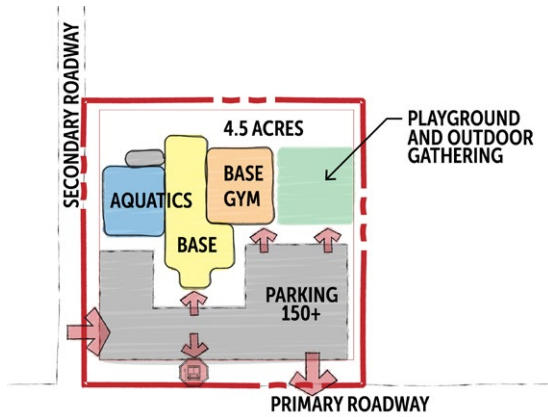
Note: *Parking could be greatly reduced by locating facilities where they are walkable / bikeable from population centers and have access to transit.

REC CENTER / INDOOR MULTI-USE FACILITY PARTI LAYOUTS



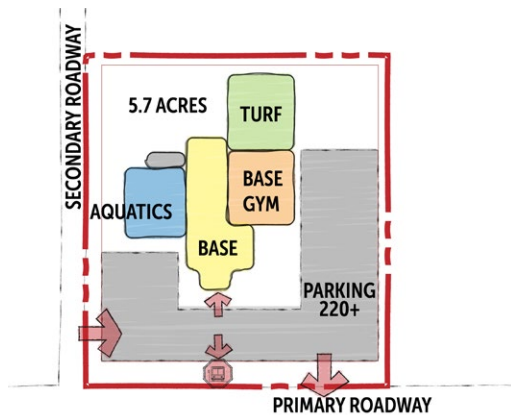
Base Program

4 acres



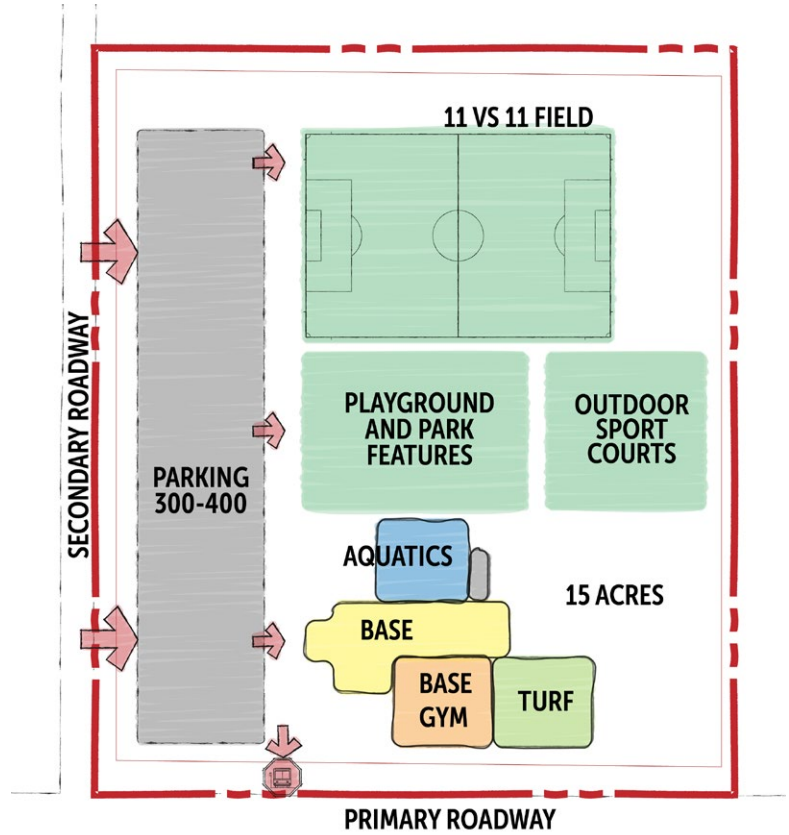
Base + Aquatics

4.5 acres



Full + Aquatics + Turf

5.7 acres



Full + Aquatics + Indoor Turf Field +

Outdoor Programming

15 acres

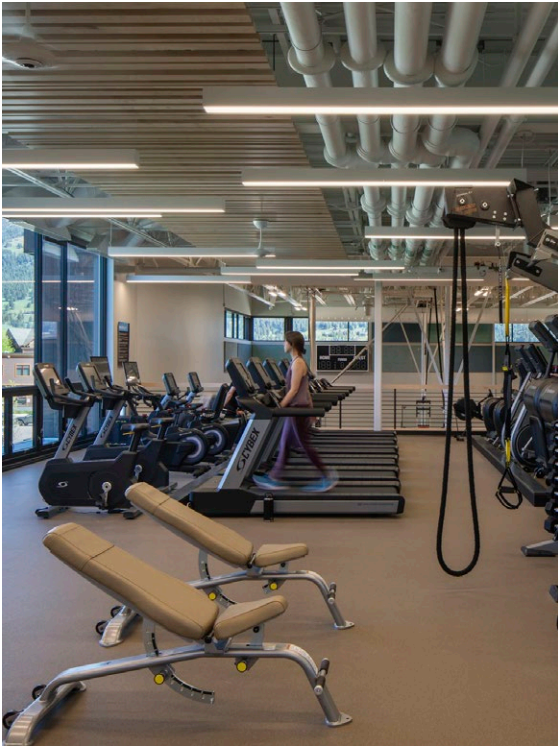
NEXT STEPS

Feasibility Study

The indoor recreation amenities and costs included in this Plan are conceptual, and further studying will need to be completed. It is recommended that the next step would be a feasibility study which is a comprehensive analysis to determine what is the “right size” of the indoor recreation amenities. This will be based on realistic funding opportunities and constraints, site availability and size, long term operational consideration and additional community input.

A feasibility study is recommended as a short-term implementation action, to be completed within 1-3 years following completion of this Plan.





OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER

Two new outdoor amphitheaters are recommended (one in the North Subdistrict and one in the South Subdistrict), to serve the arts and cultural needs both. The planning team evaluated numerous outdoor amphitheaters as examples, and recommends a semi-formal layout, sized in between the Salida and Montrose examples described below.

Salida Riverside Park Pavilion:

- Layout:** Informal Outdoor Amphitheater
- Capacity:** Under 500 people
- Site Area:** Less than 1 acre
- Parking:** 50+ parking spaces recommended



Montrose Cerise Park Amphitheater:

- Layout:** Semi-formal Outdoor Amphitheater
- Capacity:** 5,700 people
- Site Area:** Approximately 6 acres
- Parking:** 300+ parking spaces recommended



Key planning recommendations for outdoor amphitheaters include:

- Locations:** one in both the North and South Subdistricts
- Size & Layout:** Semi-formal layout, sized between Salida and Montrose examples
- Accessibility:** ADA accessibility should be provided and is an important consideration to be incorporated into the facility design.
- Parking:** Parking spaces can be greatly reduced if transit access is provided, and the amphitheater is located within walking and biking distance of a population center.
- Implementation:** Consider renovation of existing spaces and partnerships with current entities surrounding outdoor music, theater groups, wedding venue operators, etc.
- Cost:** Depending on location, size, formality, grading and access, amphitheater costs can range greatly from approximately \$3-10 million. Planning / budgeting for the mid to upper portion of the range (\$6 -10M) is recommended.



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5 | RECREATION PROGRAMMING



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RECREATION PROGRAMMING

RECREATION PROGRAM INVENTORY

As part of the MetRec Regional Recreation Master Plan process, an **inventory of recreation programs and services** that are currently being provided by agencies and organizations within the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District was completed.

This process started with a list of over 50 organizations that were identified as possibly providing recreation programs and services in the area. This included governmental as well as non-profit providers. Research was then conducted to identify the specific programs and services that were being offered by each organization, and this information was placed into program categories that are typically utilized in the recreation industry. Once this was completed, each organization was emailed a copy of the inventory that had been developed for their review and comment. After consolidating some information from different facets of the same provider and eliminating a few organizations that were not true recreation program or service providers, a total of **44 different organizations were verified.**

Inventory Survey

Recreation programs and services were inventoried utilizing a program template with the following categories:

- Sports
- Fitness
- Cultural Arts
- Aquatics
- Youth
- Education
- General Interest
- Special Needs
- Special Events
- Outdoor Recreation
- Seniors
- Teens
- Self-Directed
- Social Services



RECREATION INVENTORY FINDINGS

Below is a summary of the overall findings from this recreation program and services providers' inventory. It is important to note that this inventory represents a point-in-time assessment and relies on research conducted by the consultants and verified by most of the organizations. However, there could be programs and services that are not listed, and some that no longer are offered.

- For a county that has less than 20,000 permanent residents there are a substantial number of providers of recreation services, especially from community based non-profit organizations.
 - Most of the program categories had a number of providers of recreation services.
 - A lot of the major providers are in the southern portion of the county where the largest population is found.
 - The limited number of aquatic providers is because there are only two indoor public pools in the county.
 - Special events are particularly numerous as are a vast number of outdoor recreation-based programming opportunities.
 - Having an adapted sports program is unique and serves a traditionally underserved community.
 - There are multiple performing arts programs offered.
 - Sports programming can be found at schools, sports associations, and municipalities.
 - Senior programming is mainly found at the Gunnison Senior Center, with some programming scattered throughout Gunnison County. Suggest coordination of senior services among the various municipalities / service providers, and regionally between the North and South subdistricts.
 - There are not a lot of organizations that are offering social services as an aspect of their recreation programs.
- Indoor fitness programming is not as prevalent in the area. This may be due to the number of outdoor fitness opportunities that are offered but also because of limited indoor facilities.
 - Educational programming is really the role of the schools and libraries.
 - There is a strong emphasis on youth-based programming but fewer that focus on teens.
 - Self-directed recreation opportunities are numerous for outdoor recreation activities but much less so for indoor focused



PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE

Program Areas	Low Level	Medium Level	High Level
Sports			
Fitness			
Cultural Arts			
Aquatics			
Youth			
Education			
General Interest			
Special Needs			
Special Events			
Outdoor Recreation			
Seniors			
Teens			
Self-Directed			
Social Services			

RECREATION PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following are specific recommendations for the delivery of recreation programs and services in the future for the community based on the inventory of existing programs and needs information gathered from the community.

Community Needs:

The public process identified the following top eight program areas as a need throughout the district.

- Aquatics
- Teen programs
- Youth sports
- Outdoor recreation
- Youth after school and summer camp programs
- Senior programs
- Fitness & wellness
- Adult Sports

Within the two regions of the district, the three top priorities for programs were identified as:

North

- Youth after school and summer camps
- Youth sports
- Aquatics

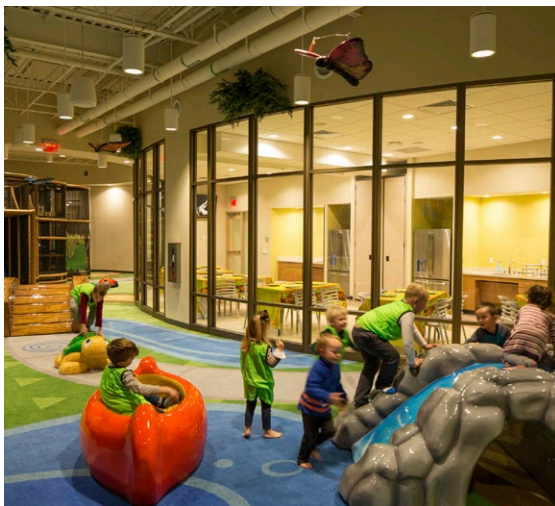
South

- Fitness/wellness
- Youth sports
- Outdoor recreation

ROLE OF METREC:

With the identification of community needs, MetRec will need to determine what role it wants to take in the enhancement of recreation programs and services in the future. This decision should be based on the following:

- The need for additional facilities (both indoor and outdoor) to increase the level of recreation programming in the areas of need.
- Recognizing that there are different needs in the north and south areas of the community.
- There are a significant number of organizations present that are already providing recreation programs to the community.
- Additional funding for programs and services will likely be required if the types and depth of programming is to increase.
- Future recreation programming in the district would benefit from improved coordination of providers and resources.



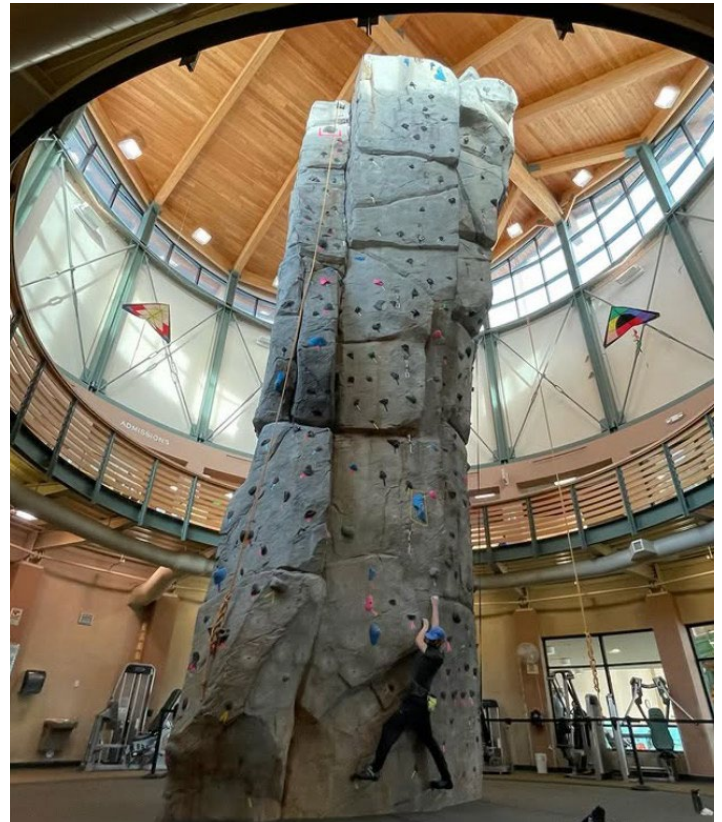
RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that MetRec take a more active role in the provision of future recreation programs in the following manner.

- Prioritize the development of additional parks and recreation facilities that will promote the recreation programs and service needs that have been identified. Continue to provide capital funding for these indoor and outdoor facilities.
- Continue to update and keep current the existing inventory of the recreation program and service providers in the District, and make this list accessible online as a community resource. This should identify areas of program focus and the depth of programming in these areas.
- Continue to update program needs and priorities of the community as well as the subdistricts on a regular basis.
- Continue and elevate the existing recreation grant program platform (use of 6B funding) that provides a level of on-going funding for organizations that will provide the identified program priorities for the future. This should be based on the following:
 - » MetRec commits to a level of funding for programming assistance on an annual basis to ensure the success of the program.
 - » Encourage existing recreation organizations to apply for funding for programs that meet the identified program needs.
 - » Determine the funding limits for new or expanded recreation programs.
 - i. The percentage of program costs that will be covered.
 - ii. Length of time (months/ years) for funding.
 - » Establish eligibility requirements such as:
 - i. Public and non-profit designation of the organization.
 - ii. Established mission/vision statement that aligns with the

- mission and values of MetRec.
- iii. An overall program plan is in place for the organization for the next 3-5 years.
- iv. A program specific proposal that outlines the program's goals and framework.
- v. Geographic area of program delivery focus (North or South Subdistricts).
- vi. Availability of the required facilities to support the program.
- vii. Program leaders or instructors that are qualified to provide the program.
- viii. Outline of specifically how the funds will be used to provide the required programming.
- ix. Annual report that has metrics and outcomes documented for the program.

For future recreation program demands that cannot be adequately provided by existing providers, determine if it is part of MetRec's mission to provide the program itself and has the funding, staff and other resources to commit to the activity.



6 | IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS



IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES, POLICIES AND ACTIONS

IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS

Implementation priorities, policies and actions are provided below, to guide the District's decision making and implementation efforts over the next 5-10 years to achieve the Plan Vision and Goals, which are set forth in the Plan Introduction.

MetRec Implementation Priorities:

During this planning process, the following implementation priorities have been established by the MetRec Board, and the policies and actions set forth in this section have been crafted to prioritize and guide short-term implementation of these priority efforts within the first 1-3 years following completion of the Plan.

ELEVATE THE METREC GRANT PROGRAM

Continue to improve and evolve the MetRec grant program and clarify MetRec's policies on allocation of grants and capital funding.

PROVIDE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

MetRec will provide regional leadership, convene stakeholders, and lead collaborative work with the strategic partners identified in this Plan, to address the community's recreational needs.

IMPROVE REC PATH CONNECTIVITY

Guide regional efforts to plan and implement rec path and connectivity improvements throughout the District. Start by initiating a MetRec Regional Rec Path Master Plan in 2025.

SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF FIELDS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Support renovation and implementation of fields, parks and playgrounds, including those already in process/planning by strategic partner agencies.

SUPPORT RECREATION PLANNING AND LAND USE

Support recreation master planning efforts being initiated by strategic partner agencies in 2025 (e.g., Town of Crested Butte and City of Gunnison).

PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-USE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

Support implementation of recreation master plan recommendations, which are anticipated to include the following key actions:

- » Expansion/renovation of South Subdistrict recreation facilities
- » Exploring implementation of a multi-use indoor recreation facility in the North Subdistrict. This may include expansion/renovation of existing facilities and/or construction of new facilities, as determined to be most appropriate by future feasibility studies.

POLICES AND ACTIONS:

MetRec Policies and Actions:

This section outlines recommended policies and implementation actions to be pursued in the short-term (within the first 1-3 years following completion of the Master Plan), mid-term (3-5 years), and longer-term implementation strategies to be pursued during a 10-year planning timeline. Implementation of the Regional Recreation Master Plan will involve a series of actions to be initiated by the District and the various strategic partners listed.

1. **Strategic Partnerships & Resource Efficiency**

Policy 1.1.

MetRec will strive to bring the community together and work collaboratively with the strategic partners identified in this Plan to address the community's recreational needs.

Policy 1.1.a.

Met Rec will provide regional leadership in this effort, including convening stakeholders and leading strategic partner working groups to address community needs.

Policy 1.2.

MetRec will serve as a willing partner and will pursue strategic partnership opportunities to efficiently leverage the District's resources and expedite delivery of the recreational amenities and programs recommended in this Plan.

Policy 1.2.a.

Potential partners to engage in various aspects of Plan implementation include local governments, Crested Butte South POA, Western Colorado University, Local Nonprofits, Federal and State Land Managers, School Districts and others.

Policy 1.3.

MetRec will strive to maximize the efficient use of existing resources, facilities, and amenity areas to the greatest extent possible in all District decision making.

2. **Recreational Grant Programs and Capital Funding**

Action 2.1.

Elevate, improve and evolve the MetRec recreation grant programs.

Action 2.1.a.

Implementation Action Short-term: Refine and streamline MetRec grant programs to align with Master Plan priorities.

Action 2.1.b.

Implementation Action Short-term: Clarify MetRec's policies on allocation of grants and capital funding. Identify how decisions are made for investing capital, including but not limited to: ensuring sustainable maintenance and operations plans and budgets, viability and function / synergy, accessibility, etc.

3. **Rec Paths and Connectivity**

Policy 3.1.

Improve rec paths and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the District, focusing on the following priorities:

- » Connecting communities
- » Connecting existing fragmented rec paths
- » Connecting to well used trailheads, parks and other recreation destinations and outdoor spaces.

Policy 3.2.

Facilitate discussions with strategic partners to provide Rec Path connections from major residential centers to town centers, campuses, base areas, popular trailheads and other major recreation destinations.

Policy 3.2.a.

Priority Rec Path Connections to be further evaluated and implemented with partner entities include:

POLICES AND ACTIONS (CONT):

- Overall District Priority
 - » Connect Gunnison to Crested Butte
 - South Subdistrict Priority Connections
 - » Gunnison to Hartman Rocks
 - » North Gunnison to Van Tuyl & School
 - » Gunnison to Almont
 - » to Taylor Canyon
 - » Gunnison Rising to I-Bar to Hartman Rocks
 - » Gunnison to Blue Mesa
 - » Eastside to Westside of Town (school to school)
 - » Trail around RV pump station by Airport
 - North Subdistrict Priority Connections
 - » Crested Butte to Crested Butte South
 - » Mt Crested Butte to Gothic
 - » Butte Ave to Gunsight Bridge
- Policy 3.2.b.
Priority access and safety improvements to be further evaluated and implemented with partner entities include:
- South Subdistrict Priorities
 - » Improve safety for bicycles at Colorado St and Hwy 135
 - » Provide a safe crossing of Hwy 50
 - » Provide a safer connection to Neversink and Blue Mesa
 - » Provide a safer connection to Hartman Rocks
 - North Subdistrict Priorities
 - » Improve safety along Brush Creek Road and Kebler Pass
 - » Improve access up Slate River and Washington Gulch

Policy 3.3.

MetRec will continue to lead regional Rec Path planning within the District by performing a focused Rec Path Master Plan for the District in 2025.

Action 3.3.a.

Implementation Action, Short-term: Initiate MetRec Regional Rec Path Master Plan in 2025. Strategic Alignment partners to engage in the Rec Path Master Plan process include, but are not limited to:

- » Gunnison County
- » City of Gunnison
- » Town of Crested Butte
- » Town of Mt. Crested Butte
- » Crested Butte South Property Owners Association
- » Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association
- » Crested Butte Land Trust
- » Crested Butte Nordic
- » Gunnison Nordic
- » Gunnison Trails
- » National Forest Foundation
- » Gunnison Ranger District

4. Support Recreation Planning and Implementation

Policy 4.1.

Support recreation master planning efforts being initiated by strategic partner agencies in 2025 (e.g., Town of Crested Butte and City of Gunnison) and implementation of the resulting master plan recommendations.

Action 4.1.a.

Implementation Action Short-term: Support and provide coordination between strategic partner entities during upcoming recreational master planning.

Action 4.1.b.

Implementation Action Mid-term: Review the City of Gunnison and Town of Crested Butte Recreation Master Plans when completed, and discuss how MetRec can support implementing the goals and recommendations of the Master Plans.

5. **Outdoor Recreation Amenities - Fields, Parks & Playgrounds**

Policy 5.1.

Support the renovation and expansion of existing fields, parks and playgrounds, and the development of new fields, parks and playgrounds to meet identified community needs.

Action 5.1.a.

Implementation Action, Short-term:
Support renovation and implementation of fields, parks and playgrounds in the North and South Subdistricts, including those which are currently being planned and built in conjunction with ongoing construction projects to maximize the cost efficiency of these capital improvements. These include:

- » 1 renovated full-size field at Crested Butte South
- » 1 renovated full-size field at Crested Butte Community School
- » 1 added practice field being planned at Whetstone
- » 1 added full-size field and 1 renovation practice size field at Gunnison Middle School

Action 5.1.b.

Implementation Action, Mid-term:
Support the addition of one (1) additional full-size field in the North Subdistrict to meet identified programming needs.

Action 5.1.c.

Implementation Action, Mid-term:
Facilitate discussions to implement a park and playground in the South Subdistrict, south of Highway 50.

Policy/Action 5.2.

Seek opportunities to serve the parks and recreational needs of unincorporated communities.

Policy/Action 5.3.

Work collaboratively with local governments to establish appropriate parks and recreation requirements in local land use codes.

Policy 5.4.

Support efforts to provide accessible outdoor recreation amenities that comply with ADA requirements and other relevant accessibility standards. This includes renovation of existing outdoor recreation amenities and/or implementation of new amenities that are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all.

6. **Indoor Multi-use Recreational Facilities**

Policy 6.1.

Explore the potential to provide indoor multi-use indoor recreation facilities within the North Subdistrict to meet identified community needs for indoor recreational amenities.

Policy 6.1.a.

Feasibility studies should explore the potential to renovate and/or expand existing properties and facilities, as well as the potential to develop a new facility or facilities. Factors to consider when evaluating and selecting the preferred alternative include land and resource efficiency, overall project cost, operational implications, long term functionality and sustainability.

Policy 6.1.b.

Feasibility studies should evaluate the impact of any new facilities upon existing facilities throughout the District, including the existing Recreation Center in the South Subdistrict, and identify solutions that will achieve the ideal balance, fit, and synergy between the various Master Plan goals (i.e., community needs, community health, sustainability, and financial viability).

POLICES AND ACTIONS (CONT):

Action 6.1.c.

Implementation Action, Short-term:
When determined to be appropriate, following completion of the Town of Crested Butte Recreation Master Plan, move forward with feasibility studies to further evaluate and plan for development of priority improvements, as determined to be appropriate. This includes initiating feasibility studies to explore the potential to provide a multi-use indoor recreation facility (or facilities) within the North Subdistrict, in accordance with Policies 6.1.A. and 6.1.B.

Policy 6.2.

Support the expansion/renovation of the existing South Subdistrict recreation facilities to meet identified community needs for indoor recreational amenities in the South Valley.

Action 6.2.a.

Implementation Action, Short-term:
Support the City of Gunnison's effort to update the Gunnison Recreation Master Plan, currently planned to occur in 2025. After the Master Plan is complete, facilitate discussions with the City of Gunnison on how MetRec can best serve as a partner to help implement the Plan goals and recommendations for renovation and expansion of existing recreation facilities.

Action 6.2.b.

Implementation Action, Short-term:
Move forward with feasibility studies to further evaluate and plan for development of priority improvements, as determined to be appropriate.

Policy/Action 6.3.

Implementation Action, Mid-term:
Work collaboratively with strategic partners to fund and implement the recommended improvements outlined in Recreation Master Plans and future feasibility studies.

7. **Outdoor Amphitheaters**

Policy/Action 7.1.

Long-term: Work collaboratively with strategic partner entities to support the implementation of an Outdoor Amphitheater in the North Subdistrict and the South Subdistrict, to serve the arts and cultural needs of both the North and South Subdistricts.

8. **Programs and Services**

Policy/Action 8.1.

Ongoing: Work collaboratively with strategic partner entities to provide recreation programs to meet identified community needs, focusing on the identified priority needs of the District and Subdistricts, which include:

- Top 8 District-wide Program Area Priorities
 - » Aquatics
 - » Teen programs
 - » Youth sports
 - » Outdoor recreation
 - » Youth after school and summer camp programs
 - » Senior programs
 - » Fitness & wellness
 - » Adult Sports
- Top 3 North Subdistrict Program Area Priorities
 - » Youth after school and summer camps
 - » Youth sports
 - » Aquatics

- Top 3 South Subdistrict Program Area Priorities

- » Fitness/wellness
- » Youth sports
- » Outdoor recreation

Policy 8.2.

Prioritize the development of additional parks and recreation facilities that will promote the recreation programs and service needs that have been identified. Continue to provide capital funding for these indoor and outdoor facilities.

Policy 8.3.

Continue to elevate the existing recreation grant program platform (use of 6B funding) that provides on-going funding for organizations that will provide the identified program priorities for the future. This should be based on the following:

- » MetRec commits to a level of funding for programming assistance on an annual basis to ensure the success of the program.
- » Encourage existing recreation organizations to apply for funding for programs that meet the identified program needs.
- » Determine the funding limits for new or expanded recreation programs.
 - i. The percentage of program costs that will be covered.
 - ii. Length of time (months/years) for funding.
- » Establish eligibility requirements such as:
 - i. Public and non-profit designation of the organization.
 - ii. Established mission/vision statement that aligns with the mission and values of MetRec.
 - iii. An overall program plan is in place for the organization for the next 3-5 years.
 - iv. A program-specific proposal that outlines the program's goals and framework.
 - v. Geographic area of program delivery focus (north or south area).

- vi. Availability of the required facilities to support the program.
- vii. Program leaders or instructors that are qualified to provide the program.
- viii. Outline of specifically how the funds will be used to provide the required programming.
- ix. Annual report that has metrics and outcomes documented for the program.

Policy 8.4.

Continue to update and keep current the existing inventory of recreation program and service providers in the District, and make this list accessible online as a community resource. This should identify areas of program focus and the depth of programming in these areas.

Policy 8.5.

Continue to update program needs and priorities of the community as well as the north and south regions on a regular basis.

Policy 8.6.

For future recreation program demands that cannot be adequately provided by existing providers, determine if it is part of MetRec's mission to provide the program itself and has the funding, staff and other resources to commit to the activity.

Policy 8.7.

Provide programming efficiency and coordination of senior services both among the various municipalities / service providers, and regionally between the North and South subdistricts.

POLICES AND ACTIONS (CONT):

Policy 8.8.

Facilitate affordability and accessibility of recreation programs and amenities for all residents of the District through the provision of subsidized rec fees, ADA accessibility, etc.

Policy 8.9.

Support efforts to provide local and regional transportation services for recreation programs within the District (e.g., after school activities, senior programs, etc.)

9. MetRec Strategic Planning

Policy/Action 9.1.

Develop MetRec Strategic Plan Recommendations, including:

- » Outlining a strategy for sustainable growth to achieve the goal of becoming a traditional recreation district. Develop an Organizational / Business Plan to define what this looks like and how to achieve it.
- » Creating a decision-making framework for Capital Improvement projects and grant applications.
- » Defining MetRec policies on grants vs capital improvements.
- » Determining the role of MetRec in implementation of capital improvements and long-term operation of recreational facilities and amenities (e.g., if MetRec should be an owner/operator?)

Policy/Action 9.2.

Implement Strategic Plan recommendations to evolve MetRec's role in implementing and operating parks and recreation amenities.

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IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

The following phased implementation plan outlines the recommended action items to be pursued in the years ahead, to implement the vision, goals, and policies set forth in this Plan.

1-3 YEARS

Short-Term Implementation Priorities

Exploring, Planning, and Laying the Foundation for Success

Priority Item	Action
Elevate MetRec Grant Programs	Action 2.1.A. Refine and streamline MetRec grant programs to align with Master Plan priorities.
	Action 2.1.B. Clarify MetRec’s policies on the allocation of grants and capital funding. Identify how decisions are made for investing capital, including but not limited to: ensuring sustainable maintenance and operations plans and budgets, viability and function / synergy, accessibility, etc.
Rec Paths and Connectivity	Action 3.3. Initiate MetRec Regional Rec Path Master Plan in 2025.
Support Recreation Planning and Implementation	Action 4.1.A. Support and provide coordination between strategic partner entities during upcoming recreational master planning.

Potential Partners	Plan Goals Implemented	Plan Policies Implemented
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximize Existing Resources 2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 4. Ensure Long-Term Sustainability 5. Financial Viability 6. Collaborative Implementation 	<p>Policy 2.1. Elevate, improve and evolve the MetRec recreation grant programs.</p>
<p>County, Towns, Crested Butte South POA, Crested ButteMBA, Crested Butte Land Trust, Crested Butte Nordic, Gunnison Nordic, Gunnison Trails, National Forest Foundation, Gunnison Ranger District, private landowners</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 6. Collaborative Implementation 	<p>Policy 3.3. MetRec will continue to lead Regional Rec Path planning within the District by performing a focused Rec Path Master Plan for the District in 2025.</p>
<p>County, Towns</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Collaborative Implementation 	<p>Policy 4.1. Support recreation master planning efforts being initiated by strategic partner agencies in 2025 (e.g., Town of Crested Butte and City of Gunnison) and implementation of the resulting master plan recommendations.</p>

IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN (CONT.)

Priority Item	Action
Fields, Parks and Playgrounds	Action 5.1.A. Support renovation and implementation of fields, parks and playgrounds in the North and South Subdistricts, including those which are currently being planned and built in conjunction with ongoing construction projects.
Indoor Multi-use Recreational Facilities	Action 6.1.B. When determined to be appropriate, following completion of the Town of Crested Butte Recreation Master Plan, move forward with feasibility studies to further evaluate and plan for the development of priority improvements, as determined to be appropriate. This includes initiating feasibility studies to explore the potential to provide a multi-use indoor recreation facility (or facilities) within the North Subdistrict, in accordance with Policies 6.1.A. and 6.1.B.
	Action 6.2.A. Support the City of Gunnison’s effort to update the Gunnison Recreation Master Plan, currently planned to occur in 2025. After the Master Plan is complete, facilitate discussions with the City of Gunnison on how MetRec can best serve as a partner to help implement the Plan goals and recommendations for renovation and expansion of existing recreation facilities.

3-5 YEARS

Mid-Term Implementation Priorities

Funding and Implementation

Priority Item	Action
Support Recreation Planning and Implementation	Action 4.1.B. Review the City of Gunnison and Town of Crested Butte Recreation Master Plans when completed, and discuss how MetRec can support implementing the aligned goals and recommendations of the Master Plans.

Potential Partners	Plan Goals Implemented	Plan Policies Implemented
School Districts, Towns, County, Crested Butte South POA, Ohio City, private landowners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximize Existing Resources 2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 4. Ensure Long-Term Sustainability 5. Financial Viability 6. Collaborative Implementation 	Policy 5.1. Support the renovation and expansion of existing fields, parks and playgrounds, and the development of new fields, parks and playgrounds to meet identified community needs.
Towns, County, Crested Butte Mountain Resort	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximize Existing Resources 2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 4. Ensure Long-Term Sustainability 5. Financial Viability 6. Collaborative Implementation 	Policy 6.1. Facilitate feasibility studies to explore the potential to provide a multi-use indoor recreation facility within the North Subdistrict to meet identified community needs for indoor recreational amenities.
		Policy 6.2. Support the expansion/renovation of the existing South Subdistrict recreation facilities to meet identified community needs for indoor recreational amenities in the South Valley.

Potential Partners	Plan Goals Implemented	Plan Policies Implemented
City of Gunnison, Town of Crested Butte	6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 4.1. Support recreation master planning efforts being initiated by strategic partner agencies in 2025 (e.g., Town of Crested Butte and City of Gunnison) and implementation of the resulting master plan recommendations.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN (CONT.)

Priority Item	Action	
Fields, Parks, and Playgrounds	Action 5.1.B. Support the addition of one (1) additional full-size field in the North Subdistrict to meet identified programming needs.	
	Policy/Action 5.2. Seek opportunities to serve the parks and recreational needs of unincorporated communities.	
	Action 5.1.C. Facilitate discussions to implement a park and playground in the South Subdistrict, south of Highway 50.	
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	Policy/Action 5.2. Seek opportunities to serve the parks and recreational needs of unincorporated communities.	
	Policy/Action 5.3. Work collaboratively with local governments to establish appropriate parks and recreation requirements in local land use codes.	
	Policy /Action 5.4 Support efforts to provide accessible outdoor recreation amenities that comply with ADA requirements and other relevant accessibility standards. This includes, the renovation of existing outdoor recreation amenities and/or the implementation of new amenities that are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all.	

Potential Partners	Plan Goals Implemented	Plan Policies Implemented
County, Towns	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 5.1. Support the renovation and expansion of existing fields, parks and playgrounds, and the development of new fields, parks and playgrounds to meet identified community needs.
County	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy/Action 5.2. Work collaboratively with local governments to establish appropriate parks and recreational requirements in local and use codes.
City of Gunnison, Gunnison County	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 5.1. Support the renovation and expansion of existing fields, parks and playgrounds, and the development of new fields, parks and playgrounds to meet identified community needs.
City of Gunnison, Gunnison County	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 5.1. Support the renovation and expansion of existing fields, parks and playgrounds, and the development of new fields, parks, and playgrounds to meet identified community needs.
County	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 5.2. Seek opportunities to serve the parks and recreational needs of unincorporated communities.
County, Towns	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 5.3. Work collaboratively with local governments to establish appropriate parks and recreation requirements in local land use codes.
County, Towns	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 4. Ensure Long-Term Sustainability 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 5.4 Support efforts to provide accessible outdoor recreation amenities that comply with ADA requirements and other relevant accessibility standards. This includes renovation of existing outdoor recreation amenities and/or implementation of new amenities that are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN (CONT.)

Priority Item	Action	
<p>Indoor Multi-use Recreational Facilities</p>	<p>Policy/Action 6.3. Work collaboratively with strategic partners to fund and implement recommended improvements outlined in Recreation Master Plans and future feasibility studies.</p>	
<p>MetRec Strategic Planning</p>	<p>Policy/Action 9.1. Develop MetRec Strategic Plan Recommendations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outlining a strategy to achieve the goal of becoming a traditional recreation district. Define what this looks like and how to achieve it. - Creating a decision-making framework. - Defining MetRec policies on grants vs capital improvements. - Determining the role of MetRec in the implementation of capital improvements and long-term operation of recreational facilities and amenities (e.g., if MetRec should be an owner/operator?). 	

Potential Partners	Plan Goals Implemented	Plan Policies Implemented
County, Towns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximize Existing Resources 2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 4. Ensure Long-term Sustainability 5. Financial Viability 6. Collaborative Implementation 	<p>Policy 6.1. Explore the potential to provide indoor multi-use indoor recreation facilities within the North Subdistrict to meet identified community needs for indoor recreational amenities.</p> <p>Policy 6.2. Support the expansion/renovation of the existing South Subdistrict recreation facilities to meet identified community needs for indoor recreational amenities in the South Valley.</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximize Existing Resources 2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 4. Ensure Long-Term Sustainability 5. Financial Viability 6. Collaborative Implementation 	<p>Policy 9.1. Develop MetRec Strategic Plan Recommendations</p>

IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN (CONT.)

10+ YEARS

Long-Term / Ongoing Implementation Priorities

Sustaining Long-Term Success

Priority Item	Action
Outdoor Amphitheaters	Policy/Action 7.1. Long-term: Work collaboratively with strategic partner entities to support the implementation of an Outdoor Amphitheater in each of the North Subdistrict and the South Subdistrict, to serve the arts and cultural needs of the North and South Subdistricts.
Programs and Services	Policy/Action 8.1. Ongoing: Work collaboratively with strategic partner entities to provide recreation programs to meet identified community needs.
	Policy/Action 8.9 Ongoing: Support efforts to provide local and regional transportation services for recreation programs within the District (e.g., after school activities, senior programs, etc.).
MetRec Strategic Planning	Policy/Action 9.2. Strategic Planning Implementation Implement Strategic Plan recommendations to evolve MetRec's role in implementing and operating parks and recreation amenities.

Potential Partners	Plan Goals Implemented	Plan Policies Implemented
County, Towns, Center for the Arts Crested Butte, Gunnison Arts Center	2. Meet Community Needs 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 7.1 Support the implementation of an Outdoor Amphitheater in the North and South Subdistrict.
County, Towns, Non-profit Organizations and Program Providers	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 8.1. Provide recreation programs to meet identified community needs.
County, Towns, School Districts, Non-profit Organizations and Program Providers	2. Meet Community Needs 3. Support Community Health 4. Ensure Long-Term Sustainability 6. Collaborative Implementation	Policy 8.9. Provide local and regional transportation services for recreation programs within the District.
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