

# To the Residents and Patrons of Foothills Park and Recreation District

The Foothills Board of Directors is pleased to announce approval of the 2005 District Master Plan. The document represents a cooperative effort between Foothills staff, adjoining metropolitan districts, Jefferson County officials and, most important, Foothills District residents.

A majority of the policies identified in the document focus on the next five years, and provides guidance for development and program decisions. These policies can be amended as new information is available, or to address a change in community needs or circumstances. Therefore, the District Master Plan is not a stagnate document and can be amended by the Board of Directors if deemed appropriate.

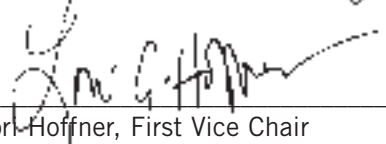
The District Vision Statement guides the Master Plan and is the foundation for all policies and goals outlined in the plan.

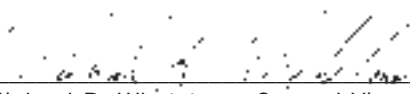
The Foothills Park and Recreation District Vision is to provide exceptional Park and Recreation facilities, programs and services to our community. We are committed to providing quality, community and service in a friendly, courteous and fiscally responsible manner.

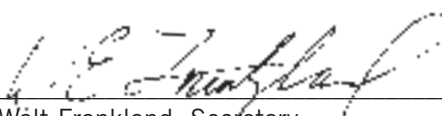
The Master Plan outlines a framework for consistent future decision-making. If respected, the plan will help balance the needs and desires of District residents and parks and facilities users, while protecting the natural resources that make the foothills neighborhoods a desirable place to live, work and recreate. The plan charts a path for Foothills Park and Recreation District that is well reasoned and economically feasible.

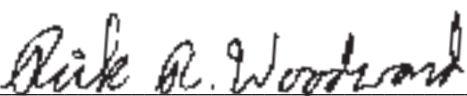


  
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# *Foothills Five Year Master Plan*

An update of the District Master Plan is part of an on-going process for planning and evaluating programs, facilities, and park and open space needs of Foothills Park and Recreation District.

The District serves a growing and diverse population of approximately 90,000 in south Jefferson County. From 2001 through 2004 the Foothills District completed the largest capital development program since its creation in 1959. Nearly \$50 million in new facilities, parks and trails are now available for use and the public response to these improvements has been very positive. With the completion of this major capital program the time is right for an update to our District Master Plan.

The need to further expand facilities, programs and our park inventory remains significant. Even with the development of new facilities many opportunities for growth and expansion of programs remain, and the District is committed to the continued expansion of services.

This Master Plan update is intended to provide a guide for growth and development over the next five to ten years. The recommended projects and programs will allow Foothills to continue to provide exceptional Park and Recreation facilities, programs and services to our community.

The recommendations contained in this Master Plan should not be considered as rigid policy but rather as a guide for growth and an outline for responding to community needs. On-going fiscal constraints, changing environmental factors, political influences and area growth influences will require that the District exercise flexibility in the interpretation and implementation of plan recommendations.

## *To Our Residents and Facility Users*

**This master plan provides a number of suggestions on future park development, land acquisitions, facilities and programs. The plan was prepared by Foothills staff and community through the public process.**

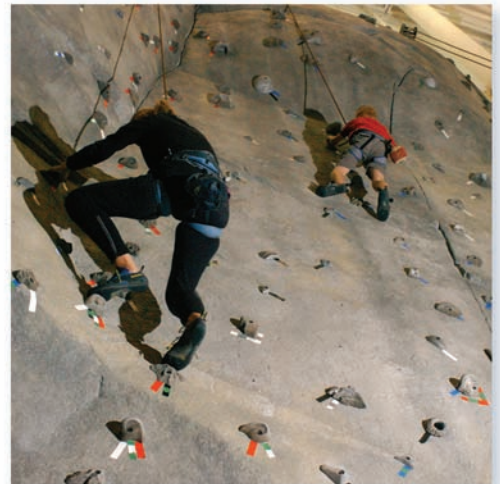
**With the completion of a number of new facilities over the past few years, the District is now in the position to evaluate our recent growth and develop plans for future needs within the south Jefferson County community.**

**We know that parks, trails, open space and recreation facilities are very important to our residents. Completion of this revised Master Plan will help us to set guidelines and priorities for future development.**

**If you have questions or comments on the plan, please contact Bill Detweiler, Director of Parks Planning and Construction at 303-409-2105.**

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# Foothills Park and Recreation District

## *Foothills' Mission*

**To provide exceptional Park and Recreation facilities, programs and services to our community.**

## *Foothills' Vision*

**We are committed to providing quality community service in a friendly, courteous and fiscally responsible manner.**

- **We consistently provide exceptional customer service in a professional and ethical environment.**
- **We operate clean, safe, and high quality facilities, parks and trails.**
- **We use modern technology to provide customer convenience, effective communication and reliable service.**
- **We effectively and responsibly manage our financial and human resources.**
- **We encourage staff development and applaud achievement.**
- **We respond positively to community needs; linking effectively with other agencies and embracing our role as the primary park and recreation service agency in South Jefferson County.**

## History and Background

Foothills Park and Recreation District was established on December 31, 1959 as South Jeffco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District and consisted of one park site.

The District was renamed Foothills in 1970 and currently maintains forty-one developed park sites, three regional parks, eight community parks, twenty miles of trails and fourteen reservoirs/conservation areas encompassing more than 2,236 acres of public park ground.

The District serves an area totaling twenty-one square miles and serves a population of approximately 90,000.

The red rocks of the hogback provide a spectacularly beautiful backdrop for our geographical boundaries, which generally are Hampden Avenue on the north, Sheridan Boulevard on the east, C-470 on the south and the hogback on the west — all within unincorporated Jefferson County.

There are 120 full time employees at Foothills. There are between 500 and 850 hourly/seasonal staff employed to fill the needs of parks, children's programs, pools and golf courses during the summer time.

Foothills offers over 2,000 classes and programs which include a wide variety of opportunities for all ages.

## The Foothills Community

Here is a profile of South Jefferson County residents:

- Foothills Park and Recreation District serves approximately 90,000 of the 132,192 South Jeffco population
- There are 45,847 households in the South Jeffco area
- The median age is 35.3
- The median household income is \$76,013
- The number of business establishments is 3,190