



Mill Levy Election Information

Foothills Park & Recreation District is requesting a 2.75 mill increase with a 9 year sunset provision on the November 2017 ballot.

- The election is a mail ballot election.
- The measure will be listed on the ballot as 5C.
- Registered voters within the Foothills Park & Recreation District will receive their ballots beginning the week of October 16, 2017.
- Ballots must be in the hands of the County Clerk by 7 p.m. on November 7, 2017 to be counted.

The following information identifies service enhancements and capital improvements that are anticipated if the Mill Levy increase is approved by voters.

- All items outlined are anticipated to occur if the Mill Levy is approved by Foothills District voters in November 2017.
- The District would receive additional funding for 9 years beginning in 2018 and would end at the completion of 2026. All items are anticipated to occur within those 9 years.
- Enhanced services and improved maintenance practices of parks, trails and facilities were developed based on public requests for additional services.
- Capital projects (parks and recreation) were selected utilizing the District's capital repairs document that can be found on the District's website. Dollar amounts listed are based on present day estimates.

For additional information
www.foothills.org/mill-levy/

Enhanced Services to Foothills' Parks System

Residents state they want 'better' park quality
. . . the District does too!

The following enhanced services have been identified as a top priority to address annually in the entire Foothills Parks System which includes 43 neighborhood/community parks, 21 greenbelts, 13.57 miles of regional trails, interior park/loop trails and 4 regional parks.

Improvements in Irrigated Parks

- Turf quality: fertilizer, over seeding and aeration
- Tree quality: pruning, inspections, removal and replacement of Green Ash (Emerald Ash Borer)
- Landscape beds: more frequent weed and bed maintenance
- Weed management: dandelion mitigation
- Playground maintenance: increase inspections and expedite repairs, add mulch
- Water conservation planning: help with turf quality and more efficient irrigation systems
- Graffiti and vandalism mitigation

Improvements in Native Non-irrigated Park Areas

- Drainage areas: vegetation removal to provide better flows
- Noxious weed removal: more treatment of noxious weeds
- Trail maintenance: inspections, more signage, repair
- Tree pruning and noxious tree removal - example: Russian Olives

Improvements in Facility Maintenance

- Preventative maintenance enhancement
- Refrigerant modifications to existing HVAC equipment
- Energy conservation measure
- Aesthetic improvements

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Parks Projects

The District has outlined a list of parks, trails and park amenities that would be scheduled to receive improvements within the first 5 years, starting in 2018. Because each park site is unique, locations identified would not receive every item under the Examples of Improvements list below. Each park would be treated on a case-by-case basis depending on criteria like; age of park, age or known failures of amenities, inefficient irrigation systems, etc. The District will work with HOAs and neighbors of each specific park site to help identify the greatest needs.

Examples of Improvements

- Conduct master planning and replacement of irrigation systems to include more efficient operations and potential to reduce irrigated turf to native turf for water efficiency
- Playground replacements to ensure accessibility for everyone
- Interior park trail/walk replacement
- Site furnishings: trash cans, picnic tables
- Tree plantings
- Tennis court/basketball court resurfacing
- Park signage replacement/refurbishment
- Park site foot bridge replacement
- Picnic shelter replacement/refurbishment

Locations of Parks Projects

would be scheduled to receive improvements in the first 5 years – starting in 2018:

- Alper's Farm Park - \$500,000
- Blue Heron Park - \$685,000
- Chaucer Park - \$300,000
- Christensen Meadows Park - \$385,000
- Columbine Hills Park - \$450,000
- Columbine Hills Sports Park - \$350,000
- Columbine Trail - \$1,000,000
- Columbine West Park - \$235,000
- Dakota Station Park - \$150,000
- Dewey Haberman Park - \$330,000
- Eagle Meadows Park - \$190,000
- Easton Regional Park - \$150,000
- Governor Grant Park - \$770,000
- Hoida Park - \$350,000
- Kipling Trail - \$150,000
- Lakehurst Park - \$650,000
- Lakehurst West Park - \$100,000
- Lilley Gulch Park - \$310,000
- Lilley Pad Park - \$200,000
- Schaefer Athletic Complex - \$200,000
- Stony Creek Greenbelt Trail - \$250,000
- Trappers Glen Park - \$500,000
- Valley View Park - \$350,000
- Victory Park - \$150,000
- West Laurel Park - \$400,000
- Westbury Greenbelt - \$100,000
- Westbury Park - \$200,000
- Westfield Park - \$350,000
- Williamsburg 1 Trail - \$250,000
- Willow Creek Park - \$350,000
- Wingate South Park - \$220,000
- Woodmar Square Park - \$650,000

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Recreation & Facilities Projects

The following projects have been identified as facilities where the District would expect to make improvements to increase customer experience, enhance aesthetics, address needed repairs, and continue to enhance areas to ensure generation of operational revenue.

Improvements and Replacements

- Clement Park batting cages renovations and improvements - \$150,000
- Foothills Sports Arena synthetic turf replacement - \$350,000
- Lilley Gulch Recreation Center
 - Install wood floor and air conditioning in gymnasium - \$150,000
 - Replace fitness equipment - \$150,000
- Peak Community & Wellness Center replace cardio equipment - \$100,000
- Ridge Recreation Center
 - Replace backboard system - \$60,000
 - Install spray ground utilizing pre-existing plumbing - \$120,000
 - Replace fitness equipment - \$120,000
 - Replace preschool playground - \$40,000
 - Replace tot slide/water feature combo in leisure pool - \$100,000
- Schaefer Athletic Complex
 - Batting cages renovations and improvements - \$150,000
 - Jason Jennings Adaptive Field synthetic turf replacement - \$80,000 (cost is 40% of District's share, remainder would be paid for by partner agency)

Facility Repairs of Existing Equipment

- HVAC equipment compressors
- Pumps and VFDs (variable frequency drives are used to aid pumps to reduce energy consumption and energy costs)
- Lighting
- Building envelope improvements: doors and windows
- Aesthetic improvements
- Parking lots (Lilley Gulch Recreation Center and Meadows Golf Club)
- Model Aquatic Health Code Requirements (if enacted by the Colorado State Legislature)

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