



CROWN MOUNTAIN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Creating and Connecting
Community Through
Sport and Nature



CROWN MOUNTAIN

// A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Roaring Fork Valley is blessed to have one of the finest community parks in the state. With more than 300,000 visits, Crown Mountain Park continues to play an important role in the health, wellness, and quality of life of our valley residents and visitors. We are providing this Annual Report because we believe that good communication and thorough transparency are vital to our role as stewards of the park and the public's resources.

I want to commend our excellent staff, who collectively operate and maintain the 124-acre park's sports fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, natural areas, and trails. In 2019, our operations team completed dozens of projects involving facilities, maintenance, and park improvements. These included tennis and basketball court resurfacing, pond improvements, native grass area restoration, bathroom renovation, adding dog park shade, irrigation system improvements, establishing valuable new landscape management plans, and many more.

A highlight for us was last year's initiative to bring a new multi-use bike park. I'm so proud to announce that our efforts were successful in securing funding via grants and sponsors to make the bike park a reality, and today we are hard at work building the infrastructure and features. We can't wait to welcome users of all ages and abilities.

We recognize the importance of accountability and clearly articulating what we do with the valuable tax dollars and other revenues that fund the District, and how well we are delivering on those commitments. I am pleased to report that the CMPRD's finances are healthy, and that we are closely following our 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Our new website, launching mid-May, has more detail regarding CMPRD's financial information. The site will also include an interactive park map that allows the community to provide input on all aspects of the park.

As we strive to navigate a new normal, we believe recreation will continue to play a critical role in our lives. We trust that 2020 will have a silver lining that will only make our community stronger. We are learning many lessons about life that will bring us closer to friends, family, and neighbors. At CMP we have four key values - people, perspective, pets, and play - that we believe areas vital in maintaining balance in one's life, and these values will get us through the tough challenges. As we have all learned, the park plays a critical role in keeping the community healthy mentally and physically. We will continue to strive to make it better every year for passive and active users. We encourage you to give us feedback via our new website (crownmtn.org). The more feedback and community involvement in the future will only help us reach our full potential. Whatever the future holds, we are committed to ensuring that CMP serves our community in the best way possible.

Rebecca Wagner

Rebecca Wagner // Executive Director
Crown Mountain Park & Recreation District

At the core of CMPRD is our Vision and Mission, which drive our purpose and culture:



VISION

Create an environment for our community to connect and play.



MISSION

Provide year-round, broadly accessible, multigenerational health and wellness programming that best serves taxpayers, residents, and visitors.



PARK & RECREATION

// 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CMPRD continues to concentrate on meeting the needs of our residents and visitors, while exploring new ways to evolve and improve. Our focus for the future centers on maintaining Crown Mountain Park's current infrastructure and assets, bridging communities and fostering partnerships, and creating positive economic impacts on our local businesses. 2019 was a busy year; below is a look at just some of things we accomplished:

Secured \$200,000 in grants and donations for the development of a new Bike Park

Acquired \$150,000 in in-kind services for park developments

Raised \$45,500 for park events and amenities

Implemented a landscape management plan, including procedures for native grass and noxious weed management

Resurfaced basketball and tennis courts

Completed new pond landscaping and irrigation

Secured funding for and installed a new batting cage (the Valley's best!)

Completed bathroom renovations

Completed GIS mapping for all park structures, amenities, irrigation, and vegetation

Mitigated Forest Service lots

Purchased vital park maintenance equipment

Installed new volleyball nets and posts

Replaced baseball fencing on both fields

Installed new rules signage (4)

Installed new electronic signage for public communication

Upgraded all irrigation points (heads, valves, quick connects)

Installed new picnic tables (4)

Asphalted turns on the BMX track

Installed shade structures in the small and large fenced dog park



// 2020 CURRENT AND PENDING PROJECTS



Complete and launch new CMP website and Prezi interactive community feedback map

Partner with AVSC to run bike park programming for the Roaring Fork Valley

Finalize construction and host a grand opening of the new bike park

Secure funding for the addition of an airbag at the bike park

Setup community user-feedback stations on the mile loop

Establish a new tree management plan

Establish a phased landscaping, drainage, parking, and bathroom plan

Refurbish abandoned building into park maintenance equipment storage facility

Install traffic counters to collect data on usage of different park areas

Working with Eagle County, explore options for utilizing the abandoned Forest Service building (s)

Complete additional bathroom renovations

Replace outfield field fencing on both baseball fields

Add new picnic tables throughout the park

Create and execute a comprehensive public communications plan



DISTRICT

// 2019 REVENUE & EXPENSES

CMPRD's highest priority is to provide District residents with a high return on their investment, taxes, and other funding sources. Overall, CMPRD's financial position is solid.



Property Taxes	\$1,101,813	64%
Debt Service Fund	\$439,231	25%
Program Fees	\$63,423	4%
Conservation Trust	\$54,339	3%
Miscellaneous	\$48,967	3%
Interest Income	\$25,052	1%

TOTAL REVENUE // \$1,732,825

The majority of CMPRD funds are invested in general administration, recreation facilities, programs, safety, maintenance, capital repair and replacement that directly impact residents and the community.



Debt Service	\$449,616	30%
General & Administrative	\$438,480	29%
Capital	\$379,297	25%
Maintenance	\$187,162	13%
Programming	\$50,898	3%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES // \$1,505,453



// CROWN MOUNTAIN PARK'S IMPACT

Thousands of people benefit directly and indirectly from Crown Mountain Park. It adds significant value and benefits to our community in terms of health and wellness, conservation, and social equity. This community asset provides gathering places to meet with friends and family; fields to exercise, play, and compete; and open spaces to connect with nature.

The investments made to CMPRD not only help raise the standard of living in our neighborhoods, but they also spark activity that can ripple throughout the economy. The events and activities at CMP that bring thousands of park users serve as an economic engine for the entire Roaring Fork Valley.

CMP // BY THE NUMBERS



450 sq. mi. CMPRD area



124 acres of total park area

45 acres of athletic fields



11,000 people live in the CMPRD area

4,870 households are in the CMPRD area



4,000 people are within walking distance of the park

21 organizations use the park



300,000 people users per year

100,000 pet users per year



67,000 athlete users per year

144,000 dog bags used in 2019



COMING // NEW BIKE PARK

A new, one-of-a-kind bike park is coming to CMP this summer! Thanks in part to a \$168,000 Local Park and Outdoor Recreation grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and \$30,000 Neighborhood Partnership grant from Eagle County, the new 3-acre bike park will feature a beginner to expert dirt-jump progression track, a symmetrical asphalt pump track, a kids' intro to single track, a cross country skills course with a variety of features, and a bike jump landing air bag. Adding these features to the existing BMX racecourse and kids' strider racecourse will make the Crown Bike Park the most diverse bike park in the state.

Local businesses, including Alpine Bank, Mid-Valley Metro, Colorado Trust Funds, First Bank, Clearwater Construction, Heyl Construction, Glenwood Caverns, and Aspen Diggers are also supporting the effort through venue sponsorships and in-kind donations. We look forward to welcoming riders of all abilities this summer.

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