

Public Park

Overview

The construction of a 4-acre park over I-70 is a defining feature of the lowered highway concept for the Central 70 Project. As a federal mitigation measure, it's also an essential component of the Project that must be constructed. The park has been modeled on dozens of similar spaces around the nation, including Klyde Warren Park in Dallas, Texas and a series of parks built over SR530 outside of Seattle, Wash.

Planning

The concept of building a park over I-70 was originally presented to the public in 2012-2013 along with the introduction of the lowered highway alternative. Between 2013-2016, the Colorado Department of Transportation worked with local residents, the City and County of Denver and Denver Public Schools to design the public space of the park.

Three public workshops held in 2016 shaped the final design concept



reflected to the right. See additional visuals and animations here.

Park Elements

The overall intent of this community park is to provide an active and vibrant area with opportunities for sports games, outdoor movies, concerts and farmers markets. More than 100 trees will be planted in addition to open lawns, play areas and a splash park.

One part of the park will be a shared-use area with Swansea Elementary School but fully open to community use during all non-school hours and days.

See fun facts about the park.