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New Parks and Recreation Policy Plan *City seeks public input, meeting scheduled for March 13th*

March 3, 2008 (FORT COLLINS, CO) – The City of Fort Collins, in cooperation with GreenPlay, Inc., is updating the 1996 Parks and Recreation Policy Plan and reviewing plans for the development of future parks. Options have been developed for the future build out of the parks system that will minimize operation and maintenance costs and lessen the long-term impact on limited City financial resources. Community members are invited to attend a public meeting on Thursday, March 13, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the 215 North Mason Street Community Room to learn about the options and provide feedback.

The options were developed using input from residents, community organizations, business representatives and users of parks and recreation facilities and services about the extent to which the City's existing parks, trails and recreational services meet the needs of the community. Information was also gathered on future demographics and recreation needs and trends.

Fort Collins has the parks, trails and recreation facilities we have today because of a legacy of leadership and public support from the past. It took bold action and foresight to set aside the first parks when Fort Collins was only a small town. The trail and open lands program developed from a community effort in the 1970's. Now it is time to make sure our parks, trails and recreation facilities are responsive to our community's future recreational needs. Watch for more information fcgov.com/parkplanning or contact Craig L. Foreman, Manager of Park Planning and Development, by phone at 221-6618 or e-mail at cforeman@fcgov.com.

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