

# Chatfield State Park Dog Off-Leash Area Management Plan

## Background

### Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the Chatfield State Park Dog Off-Leash Area Management Plan (Management Plan) is to establish a framework for setting priorities and provide specific management direction for the dog off-leash area within Chatfield State Park. Implementation of the Management Plan will assist Colorado State Parks in its efforts to manage and enhance this area for present and future generations. The Management Plan will supplement numerous studies that have been completed through 2010 on the dog off-leash area at Chatfield State Park. Relevant information from these studies and environmental reports has been reviewed and will be incorporated into the Management Plan.



## Draft Preliminary Preferred Alternative

### Overview

The Draft Preliminary Preferred Alternative illustrates the vision to effectively manage the Chatfield State Park Dog Off-Leash Area in order to preserve and enhance the natural resource values while providing compatible recreational opportunities. The Draft Preliminary Preferred Alternative preserves the dog off-leash area as an irreplaceable recreational amenity in the region and enhances visitor opportunities with improvements in key locations.

The improvements shown on the accompanying map address the most significant concerns stakeholders commented on after reviewing the initial alternatives presented in April 2010. The dog off-leash area planning team developed the new alternative to include:

- A 50-acre off-leash area for public use with water access at the western pond
- A 16-acre training area with water access to conduct sport dog training
- An 8.5-acre upland area for sports dog training
- Parking lot and restroom improvements at Stevens Grove
- Parking lot and restroom improvements at Owl Glen



# Budget Estimate – Chatfield State Park

## Priorities and Budget

The proposed management recommendations and a final preferred alternative will require a phased approach for implementation. A preliminary budget estimate associated with the accompanying figure is presented on the following page.

### Preliminary Cost Estimate for General Planning Purposes

Phase	Project Element	Project Amount
<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Off-Leash Areas</b>	
	Perimeter Fencing and Gates	\$75,000
	Signs	\$40,000
	Waste Removal Stations	\$10,000
	Internal Trail (10 feet wide, hardened surface)	\$50,000
	<i>Phase 1 Subtotal</i>	<i>\$175,000</i>
<b>Phase 2</b>	<b>Visitor Amenities</b>	
	Parking Lot Improvements at Owl Glen and Stevens Grove	\$10,000
	Restroom Improvements (Heat at Owl Glen and Stevens Grove)	\$40,000
	<i>Phase 2 Subtotal</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$225,000</b>



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