## **2017 Ballot Question**

Shall the Golden City Council be authorized to revise the City's lease with the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners for the Rooney Road Sports Complex lease parcel to allow the use of up to fifteen acres of the parcel that are not currently developed or used for sports field purposes, for the future installation and operation of renewable energy facilities, including solar energy?



This aerial photo shows the boundaries of the Rooney Road Sports Complex. The area is currently leased from Jefferson County and is designated for recreational use and houses a number of athletic fields. The County is open to discussing a modification to the lease agreement for the Rooney Road Sports Complex to expand the allowable land uses to include a renewable energy facility.



Ballots Mailed Oct. 16
VOTE by Nov. 7

Planting the Seeds for

# City of Golden's Community

Solar Garden

On the 2017 ballot, Golden citizens will have the opportunity to vote for a future Community Solar Garden.



For more information visit: www.cityofgolden.net/solargarden

#### Or contact:

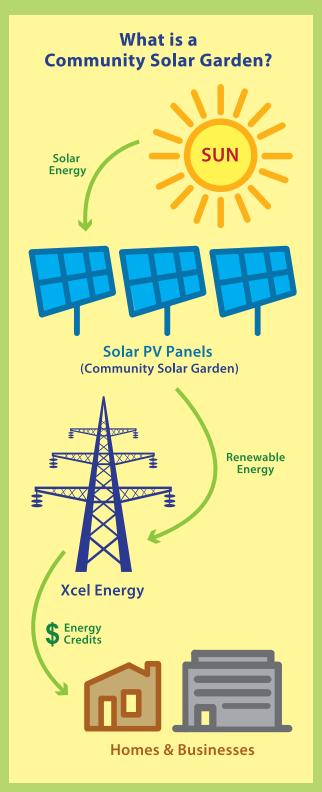
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## Golden's Commitment to a Community Solar Garden

It may be years before Golden develops a Community Solar Garden. Golden has established guiding principles to ensure that any solar garden project will benefit the community and advance progress towards our renewable energy goal. Any future Golden Community Solar Garden must:

- Prioritize participation of Golden citizens and businesses
- Provide renewable energy benefits to subscribers
- Fairly direct any financial gain to Golden taxpayers and organizations
- Collaborate with affected recreational entities on the placement of solar arrays
- Prioritize local vendors in bidding and construction
- Be developed under a competitive bidding process overseen by City staff and Council
- Provide for long-term ownership by Golden on behalf of its citizens rather than a third-party entity

## How Does Community Solar Benefit Homeowners and Businesses?

With community solar, those enrolled get credit on their electric bill for energy produced on a remote solar garden. Customers purchase the energy and save on their utility bills.

### **Who Can Benefit?**

- · Anyone with an electric bill
- Homeowners with shaded roofs or roofs that lack the structural support for a solar racking system can invest in a solar garden
- · Renters can invest in a solar garden
- Solar shares in a Golden project will be affordable and can be sold at anytime



