

Clear Creek Corridor: General Regulations

The lesson from the 2012 summer season was that resident and visitor use of the Clear Creek Corridor could be “too much of a good thing”. Going forward, the City and the community will need to make decisions about how we use the creek area, so that we can enjoy it for years to come.

Take a minute and provide your preference with your dot on the following existing or proposed strategies that the City could implement:

	Love It!	Like it	It's Okay	Neutral	DON'T LIKE
Provide specific well marked areas where creek Ingress and egress is safe and encouraged.	37	7	∅	∅	∅
Provide specific well marked picnic and assembly areas, including use of the existing ball fields.	27	4	2	∅	∅
Provide drop off and pick up areas for patrons of remote parking	25	5	1	3	∅
Consider requiring pedestrian only or “dismount” areas on the north side of the creek	18	4	7	1	7
Protect damaged or sensitive stream bank areas with fencing and access limitations.	33	2	2	∅	∅
Prohibit tents, canopies, and structures in the creek and on stream banks.	44	1	1	∅	3
Continue to prohibit all glass containers from the corridor.	43	∅	∅	∅	∅
Designate bikes and wheeled vehicles for trail use on one side of the creek.	13	2	5	7	15

Comments?

Bike dismount during peak hours only. +1

Bike path on south side of creek does not connect to Hwy 6 trail.

Would the bike/walk side alternate?

This survey has no option for negative voting. All answers are either full support of the idea or neutral. +1

This works well on Platte River Trail. I'd vote for this or widen path with dotted mid-line. Tubers make biking or walking with kids impossible. Our family is pro-bike. We use them as transportation. We live on 8th and Illinois.

Need this access

Clear Creek Corridor: Pet Issues and Regulations



Golden's residents and visitors love their pets, and often want them to be able to enjoy the same activities and attractions as we do. As the size of crowds and amount of activity increases, pet conflicts with other pets increase and the need to manage our pets' behavior becomes more critical to our overall use and enjoyment of City facilities like Clear Creek.

The pet owner's responsibility to clean up and dispose of pet waste is a "non-negotiable" requirement for all residents and visitors, and will be strictly enforced.

Dogs off leash are prohibited in the Clear Creek Corridor (Muni Code: Sec. 7.05.010)

Please answer the following survey questions by placing a dot next to your answer for each question:

1. Are you aware of the number and locations of pet waste bag dispensers and trash receptacles in the corridor?

25 → YES: There are a lot and people should use them.
They seem adequate.

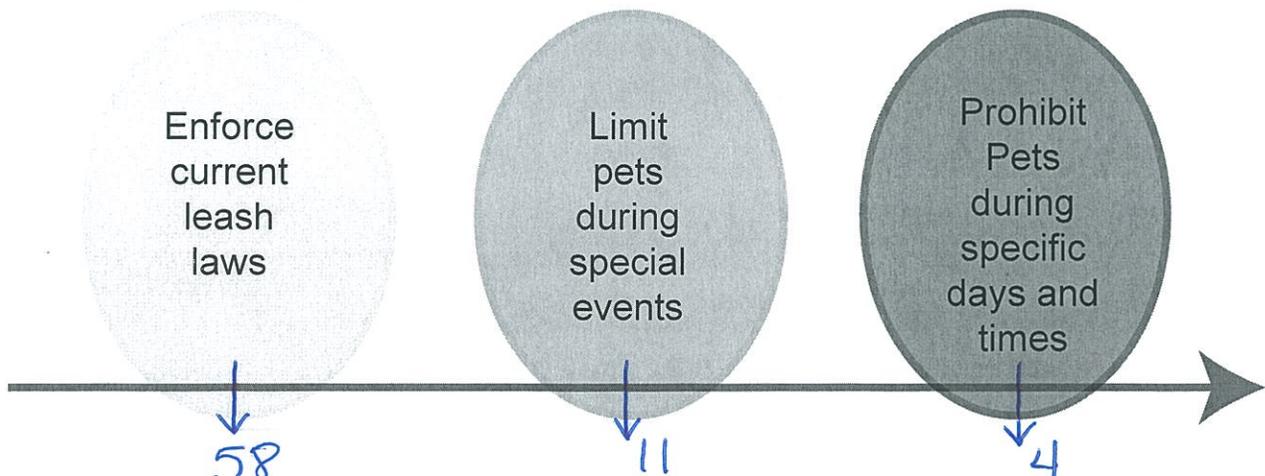
1 → NO: Need more especially on s side and need to keep them stocked with bags especially on busy weekends.

2. In 2012, did you find the number and location of trash receptacles to be sufficient?

23 → YES:

22 → NO:

In terms of physically controlling dogs in the corridor, please indicate your opinion on the below scale of enforcement of leash laws by placing your dot on the scale arrow:



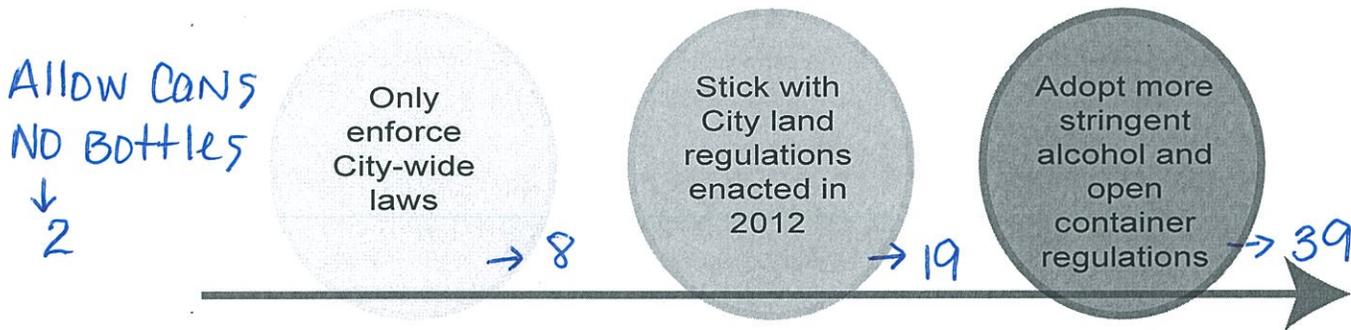
Clear Creek Corridor: Alcohol Use and Smoking

Two major areas of concern in 2012 and prior years related to the use of alcohol, and whether smoking should be limited or prohibited in certain or all city parks. The City has already enacted specific regulations for city-owned lands in addition to the laws enforced City-wide.

Alcohol Possession and Use Laws:

Based upon city-wide laws, alcohol may be possessed in public areas by persons over 21 years of age, but "open containers" of alcohol are prohibited in places like city parks, unless by a special event permit. In 2012, the City enacted regulations to further limit alcohol use in the corridor by prohibiting possession of alcohol as well as open containers and glass containers of any kind. ***Moving forward, please indicate your opinion on the following questions by identifying where on the scale of enforcement the City should focus by placing your dot along the arrows at your preferred level of enforcement.***

Alcohol Enforcement Scale of Enforcement:



Smoking Scale of Enforcement:

Currently, smoking is not restricted in outdoor privately owned areas except when the Sheriff or Police Chief imposes a fire ban. In 2012, the City prohibited smoking in the creek corridor for fire safety reasons. Currently smoking is also prohibited within 25 feet of any playground located in a city park (Muni Code: General Smoking Restrictions Section 5.11.030)



Clear Creek Corridor: Parking Management Strategies

The issue that generated the most discussion and suggestions from nearby neighborhoods in 2012 relates to managing parking by visitors to the corridor. Parking has always been an issue near downtown and the creek corridor, but seemed to escalate with the size of daily crowds last year. Certain uses, like the library and campground had to limit access to their lots to only their customers, and may need to again this year.

Take a few minutes to read the following alternatives and comment; then place your dot on which you support more than others (cont'd on next page):

- 40 → 1. *Enforce existing regulations, including overnight parking, handicap spaces, blocking drives or fire lanes, and parking in restricted city lots (RV Park, city office on weekdays, etc).*

With signage and better enforce -- won't need permit system.

Pros	Cons
It should assure access to driveways and properties	Does not lessen parking demand on adjacent residential streets.
Allows for employee and customer parking at City facilities to be maintained	Library required to address their lot separately (in all scenarios)
Would not further impact Farmers Market and events	
Would not require substantial increase in resources.	

- 25 → 2. *Institute a traditional residential permit system for weekend days (perhaps Friday included) for much or all of 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Streets west of Washington Avenue or Arapahoe Street. In order to address Farmers Market, the system would need to be "Parking by Permit OR 2 Hour Parking" like current systems in place near near 12th and Cheyenne. Enforcement would be layered above the enforcement efforts described above.*

Pros	Cons
This approach would decrease visitor parking on residential streets. Popular (in concept) with some residents.	Two hour limit seen as insufficient for Farmers Market patrons.
	Would measurably increase administrative effort and cost over two current systems (high school and GSM) due to different nature of system
	Would create ill will with visitors. Would likely impact downtown parking supply.

Why are visitors more important than residents.

Add resident satisfaction as a pro.

And connecting cross streets for Farmers Market specify Saturday 8-12 (or1).

Clear Creek Corridor: Parking Management Continued

19 → **3.** *Use traditional residential permit system as in #2, but allow visitors to buy a daily pass at a kiosk, which allows parking in permit areas or lots. Daily pass could be programmed as eligible for a discount at retailers and restaurants.*

Pros	Cons
This approach would decrease visitor parking on residential streets, but not as much as above.	Two hour limit still seen as insufficient for Farmers Market patrons.
May be a source of revenue.	Charging longer term Farmers Market patrons.
May encourage local shopping.	Likely opposed by Chamber.
	Kiosk system has up-front costs.
	System administrative costs as above, except merchant rebate system would require additional staff resources.
	Enforcement somewhat more complex.
	Ongoing Kiosk and sign maintenance costs.

7 → **4.** *Provide shuttle bus service from remote lots. This is the most costly idea by far, and probably less feasible, but is often suggested.*

Pay-permit parking in designated lots but NOT in permit-only residential areas. Do NOT provide shuttles.
When parking is full then park is full. Only want walk-in at that point.

Pros	Cons
Might accommodate visitors if a permit parking system and very aggressive enforcement campaign is instituted.	Extremely expensive and difficult to manage.
	Costs include bus operation, securing remote parking areas, directing visitors there, coordinating with drop off areas, high peak demand and sporadic demand other times.

Clear Creek Corridor: Parking Management Continued

↳ → **5.** *Seek to secure weekend parking such as in the south half of the CoorsTek parking lot at 10th and Jackson. Try to direct corridor users to available parking areas that would not impact other users. Could also allow tube rentals or purchase, compressed air filling stations etc.*

or Coors Wellness Center.
in conjunction with #2.

I AM A RESIDENT - I WANT TO PARK ON PUBLIC STREET.

This traffic also directs the foot traffic closer to the shops and businesses in downtown Golden.

Option #2 - Parking @ Ford and 11th. Lot is closer to downtown and the creek paths.

After hours parking @ Library, Museum, Visitors Center allowed?
PARKING STRUCTURE WITH MINES ON SNOW LOT.

Pros	Cons
A good location for the (relatively small) percentage of users that wish to enter the creek to the west and float down to Vanover Park.	American Mountaineering Center uses the CoorsTek lot on some weekends.
A good use of parking that is essentially vacant on weekends.	Not convenient for the larger percentage of users that wish to "picnic" in and next to the creek in the prime area west of Maple Street.

General Parking Comments?

Co-build parking structure with CSM for joint CSM (weekday) and City (weekend) use.

Expand CSM parking regs to summer!

*Ditto - Level Clear Creek commons and turn it into a parking lot!

NOT ON SPECIAL EVENTS.

Negotiate with CSM for use of 150 space lot on south side of creek.

Consider tiered parking at Community Center -- perhaps an upper entrance off 8th street.

Charge non-residents a parking fee.

Events need free parking to continue to be successful.

Consider holding some events in new Loveland Mine ark - plenty of parking at Mitchell School.

Clear Creek Corridor: Creek Flow Strategies

In most years, one of the most important variables related to how residents and visitors use the creek is the amount and velocity of water flowing in the creek (creek flow). Usually, the amount of creek flow from May through mid July is high enough that it is not safe for tubing and recreational users to be in the creek, and those authorized to use the creek are required to utilize appropriate safety equipment.

The City Police Chief has the authority and responsibility to determine when certain or all use of the creek waters is to be limited or prohibited for safety reasons.

Feel free to comment on the following creek flow related strategies:

	Love it!	Like it!	It's Okay	Neutral
Continue to restrict activities in the creek during high water for safety reasons.	54	3	2	2
<p>Concerns?</p> <p>High Water Permit: for use of river during high water levels. *Provide funding for search and rescue *Fines for rescues without permits</p> 				
Consider prohibiting certain activities at times of very low flows to prevent damage to the creek bed and lower banks.	40	13	1	3
<p>Concerns?</p> <p>Kayakers can "play" in features as low as 50 CFS. Don't limit kayakers as we don't do much harm to fish and banks. *Ditto -- kayakers stay in the river flow without damage to the river banks.</p> 				