Applicant Project Selection Guidance

Projects that compete well in the Adams County Open Space Sales Tax grant program:

- Land acquisition (passive preferred over active)
- Conservation Easement acquisition
- Development of an open space for public access (trails, picnic facilities, fishing access, etc.)
- New park development (playgrounds, ball fields, ball courts, skate parks, picnic facilities, splash pads, landscaping, irrigation, etc.)
- Trail construction including pedestrian bridges and underpasses
- Park renovation
- Environmental education programs, scholarships, and materials
- Planning projects related to Parks, Trails, or Open Space
- Projects with a well-defined, specific scope
- Wildlife habitat restoration
- Projects that incorporate sustainability components related to native plantings, efficient use of water, or recycled/energy efficient materials
- Projects that discuss plans for preventative maintenance, actions to be taken in drought conditions, and utilize renewable water sources
- If court sport areas are proposed, use of post-tension concrete for court sport surfacing is preferred

Projects that have been less favored but are eligible to compete for funding in the Adams County Open Space Sales Tax grant program include:

- Maintenance projects
- Operations projects/requests
- Equipment
- Indoor recreation centers and enhancements
- Broad, loosely defined projects
- Golf Courses
- Projects targeted to a limited user group
- Projects with limited public accessibility

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