

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