

## **PAC Mission and Objectives for Benedict Park**

### **Mission Statement**

Benedict Park has been the only neighborhood park and recreational opportunity for the neighborhood east of I-25, in the Northern/Mesa area. Historically the Park has also served the St. Mary's Church school. The new locations for the park should continue to make it easy for the residents to use the Park on a daily basis and support the school's recreational needs. The Park should accommodate adults and children of all ages by creating a safe inviting park as a focal point within the neighborhood and a gateway into the neighborhood.

### **Objectives**

Develop a park planned by the community and consistent with the overall Pueblo Parks System.

Develop guidelines and incentives to relocate acquired 'neighborhood' houses within the neighborhood.

Develop Benedict Park within a larger regional plan for local parks surrounding the Steel Mill. Provide several park opportunities to these historically connected neighborhoods. This plan should develop specific guidelines for historic themes and individual park focus.

Develop Benedict Park within a larger park connectivity plan. Through trail connections these options for recreational activities will work to keep single parks from becoming overused. Improve connections to and from the neighborhoods, plan new connections to the westside of I-25, and develop a trail plan to connect Benedict Park to regional recreational opportunities, such as H.A.R.P. and Runyon Field.

Create partnerships between the City, the State, and the neighbors, both businesses and residents that support and promote the park mission, uses and maintenance.