



## **Mineral Palace Park**

1. The park currently works as a community park. This function is very important to Pueblo and needs to be retained.
  
2. Key elements of the park include:
  - swimming pool
  - flower gardens
  - informal use areas
  - art guild building
  - lake
  - playground
  - picnic areas
  - bicycle and walking paths
  - green house
  - maintenance facilities
  - tennis courts
  - old shade trees
  - shelter house
  
3. Key functions of the park include:
  - walking/jogging
  - bicycling
  - lunch breaks for downtown and hospital employees, etc.
  - weddings
  - dog shows
  - swimming
  - kids fishing/not stocked
  - bird watching
  - informal athletic activities
  - special events
  - picnicking
  - passive uses
  - senior citizen access
  - squirrel feeding
  - large summertime use of park
  - leisurely drives through the park
  
4. Issues in the park include:
  - noise from I-25 and the railroad
  - chain link fence along I-25 R.O.W. is ugly
  - safety of pedestrians on trail along I-25 R.O.W.
  - views into park from I-25 are important to portray the appropriate image to visitors
  - physical loss of park square footage is a problem
  - save the band shell and lake
  - current functions of the park need to be maintained
  - the northeast corner of the park seems to be disconnected from the rest of the park
  - maintain views into the park from the surrounding neighborhoods/buildings
  - connection to the Fountain Creek Greenway



## *Mineral Palace Park Impacts and Mitigation Ideas*

<b>Direct Impacts</b>	<b>Results and/or Functional Loss</b>	<b>Mitigation Ideas</b>
Land Acquisition	Loss of approximately 50 feet along the eastern edge of the park. Approximately 1.4 acres, about 3% of the park.	
	Reduction in size of an undersized community park	
	Loss of approximately 40 parking spaces	
	Loss of parking reduces the parks ability to host special events	
	Loss of vegetation along the R.O.W. (approximately 6 mature trees)	
	Loss of shade with the loss of vegetation	
	View impacts to park users due to loss of vegetation along the R.O.W.	
	View impacts from the highway to the park due to loss of vegetation along the R.O.W.	
	Physical taking of 15 –20% of Lake Clara.	
	The 15 to 20% loss of Lake Clara could render it unable to function, resulting in a total loss of the Lake.	
	Increased maintenance of Lake Clara	
	Reduced water storage in Lake Clara	
	Potential impact to historic wall	
Impacts to trail system		
Loss of maintenance yard functionality		

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Noise	Noise disruption increases in the park	
	Noise source is closer	
	Unable to host special events, such as concerts	