

From Concrete Dump to Community Park

A sustainable project by Concrete Couch!

Our mission is *Creating community through creative projects*



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Summary

- Motivations
- Opportunity
- Community
- Sustainable Art Projects at Concrete Coyote
- Plans for Concrete Coyote's Future
- Concrete Couch's sustainable art projects in the community

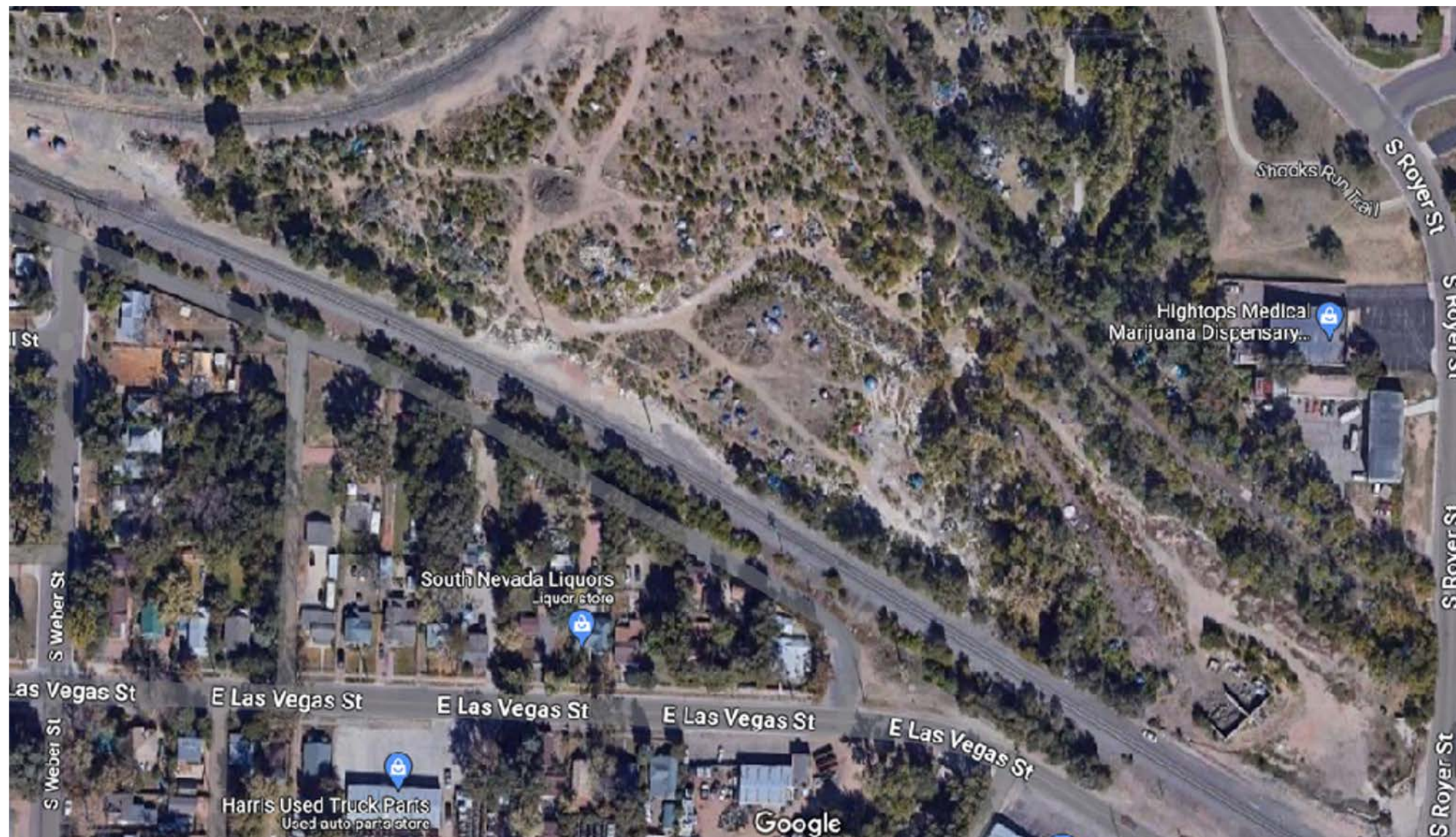


1) Motivations

- Average Temperatures are definitely following an increasing trend
- Downtown Colorado Springs has an ever-increasing “heat island effect”.
- Neighboring communities could benefit from more outdoor recreational space, including playgrounds, soccer fields, nature, hiking, and biking trails.
- Wildlife and people alike like using rivers as commuting/recreational corridors.
- The Colorado Springs area unintentionally produces too much water runoff loaded with sediments. In other words, we can all benefit from more vegetated/forested areas that can serve as water flow sinks/decelerators during heavy precipitation events. Worded differently, no one benefits from bare eroded hillsides losing valuable soil during heavy downpours.

2) Opportunity

- A “blank slate” ... or not so blank of a slate: **7.5 acres** filled with concrete, asphalt, garbage, and a “shy” Shooks Run creek running through it.
- Please take a half-minute to answer this question in your head (I’ll really appreciate your ideas during our discussion on the second half of this talk): **WHAT WOULD YOU DO** if you landed such a large urban lot?



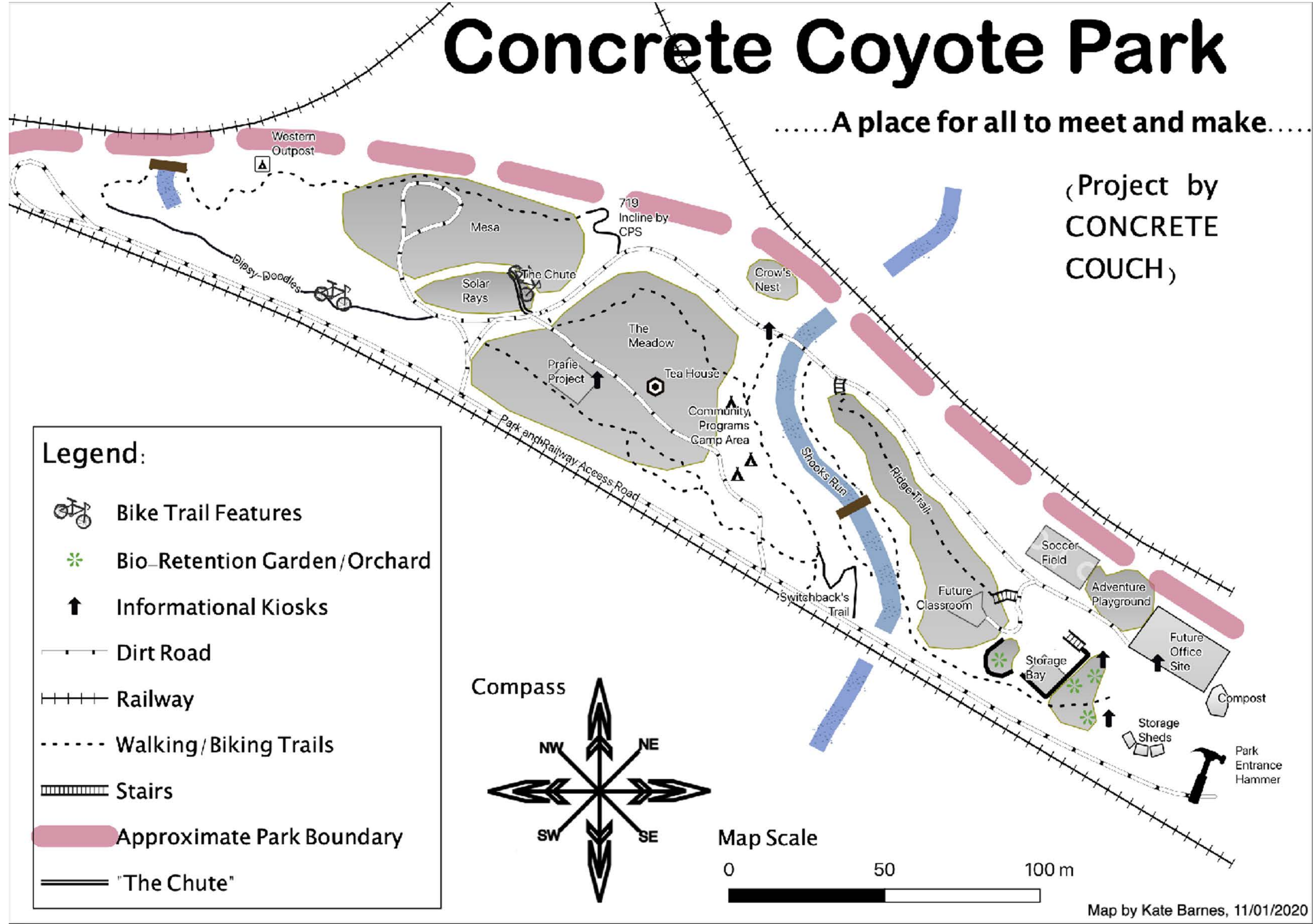


In Hillside
Neighborhood

Concrete Coyote Park

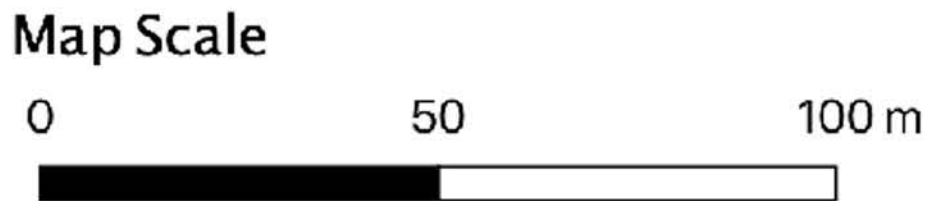
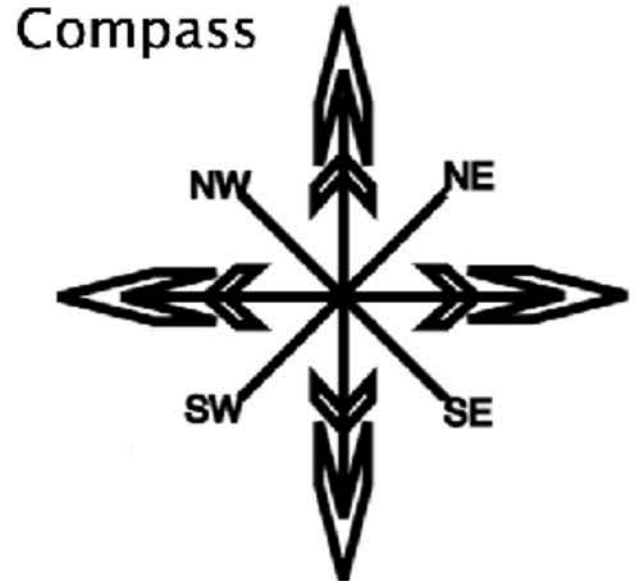
.....A place for all to meet and make.....

(Project by
CONCRETE
COUCH)



Legend:

- Bike Trail Features
- Bio-Retention Garden/Orchard
- Informational Kiosks
- Dirt Road
- Railway
- Walking/Biking Trails
- Stairs
- Approximate Park Boundary
- "The Chute"



Community





SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC ART at CONCRETE COYOTE!

Solar System Model



Live music
on stage



Council Circle
- newest art
installation!
Created by
Carmelo
Castro-Netsky

Mural Painting - using donated paint on
a donated semi-trailer





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EATING BEE STEVE
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COLORADO SPRINGS HEALTH FOUNDATION
FOUNDED IN 2003

RESIDE
Welcome





Hammer Sculpture

-Made out of 80% recycled materials

-Designed by high school student

-Built by volunteers

Flower Sculpture



Tea House





The Playground

Designed by
kids

80%
recycled
materials





Outdoor
classroom

-Built with
chalkboards
donated
from local
school
districts









Reusing
concrete
in creative
ways

















Other Concrete Couch Projects



