

Parks and Recreation Facilities

Broomfield provides approximately 13.8 acres of Park land for each 1,000 residents, which is under the previous OSPRT 2005 Plan Goal of 16 acres per 1,000. This level of service is generally considered greater than other municipalities such as the Cities of Thornton, Longmont, Wheatridge, and Fort Collins.

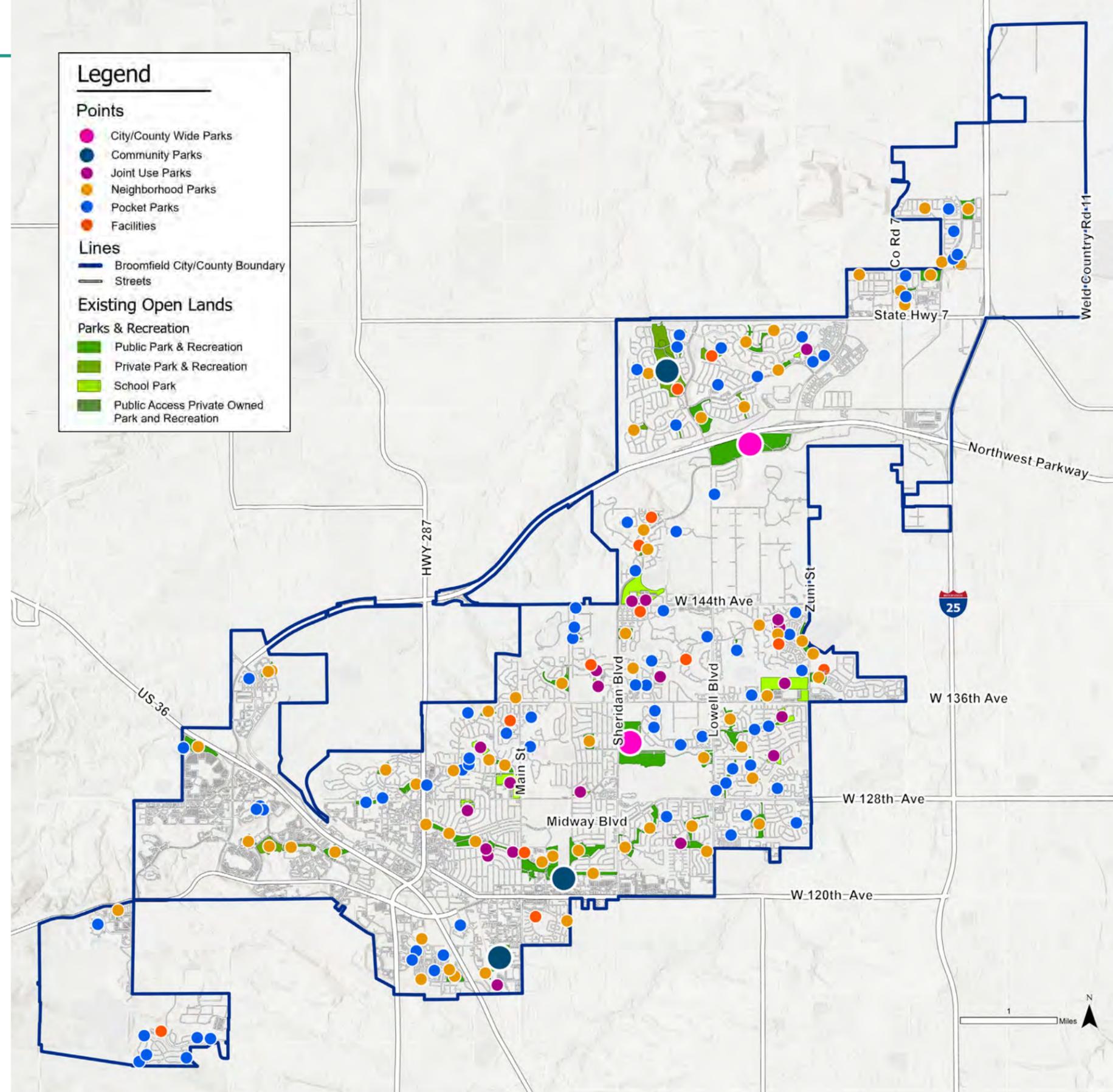
It is noted that each municipality or agency defines “Parks” and calculates level of service differently. This level of service comparison was inferred from each municipality’s existing Parks plans as of 2023.

Broomfield’s existing Parks have developed over the last five decades as the community has grown from a small town to a vibrant city and county. Broomfield has also established formal joint-use agreements with the Adams Twelve School District, Boulder Valley School District, and Jefferson Academy to use indoor and outdoor athletic courts and playing fields.

Broomfield currently has five Park types documented in the Park system: Pocket Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, Joint School Parks, and City/County Parks. Each Park type has a different design standard and purpose. Recreation Facilities (Facilities) are also documented. Map 3 shows the location of these existing Park types and Figure 4 shows the number of each type and total combined acreage associated with each Park type.

PARK TYPE	NO. OF PARKS	COMBINED SIZE (ACRES)
 POCKET PARKS	75	103
 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	63	496
 COMMUNITY PARKS	3	135
 JOINT SCHOOL PARKS	20	188
 CITY/COUNTY PARKS	2	180
 FACILITIES	13	53
TOTAL PARK LANDS	176	1,155 ACRES

Figure 4: Existing Park Types Data



Map 3: Existing Parks Map

City/County Parks

1 Anthem Community Park

Anthem Community Park is located in the north part of Broomfield. Phases 1 and 2 are complete. Phase 1 and 2 includes the Siena Reservoir, trails, a large shelter, permanent restrooms, a barbecue grill, soccer fields, and a medium-sized parking lot. Asphalt bike pump track, mountain bike skills course, pavilion, and additional parking are to the east. Phase 3 will include parking, a concrete trail, shade structures and canopy structures, ball fields, concessions, restrooms, and other gathering areas. A pedestrian bridge connecting the new Park (east) to the existing Park (west) is being planned along with improvements to the existing Northwest Parkway pedestrian underpass. The Broomfield Trail is now built along the east side of Community Ditch.

2 Broomfield County Commons Park

Broomfield County Commons is a City/County Wide Park that features the Paul Derda Recreation Center, County Commons Cemetery, and a large sports complex. The Park features 15 playing fields, including soccer, two playgrounds, a pavilion, and five picnic huts. The site's artificial turf Championship Field is truly a field of dreams for many in the recreational sports community. There is also a dog park and extensive parking areas for special recreation events.

Public Community Parks

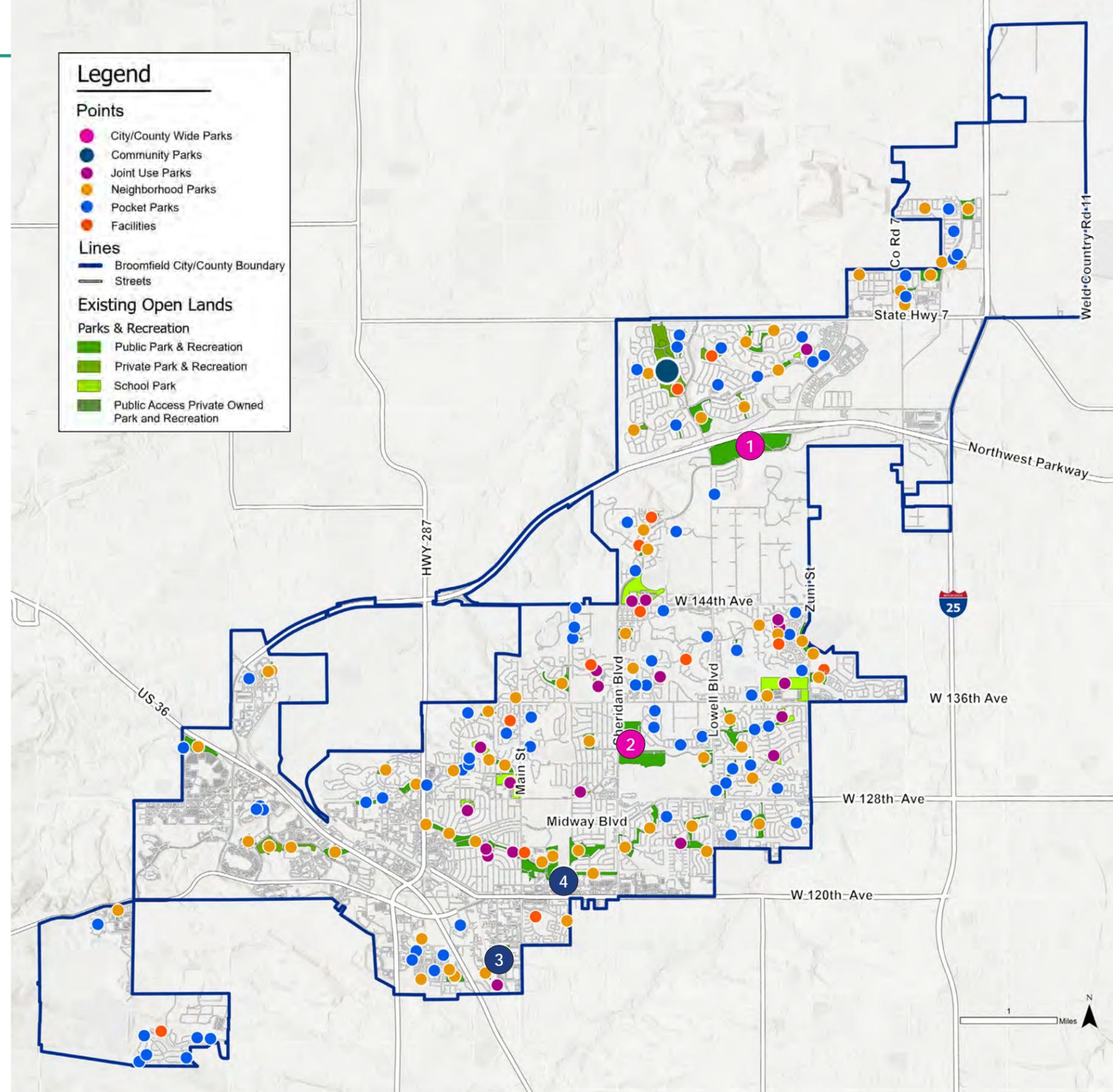
3 Broomfield Industrial Park

Broomfield Industrial Park is located in the southern portion of Broomfield. This Park features three dedicated pickleball courts, a basketball court, a baseball field, an inline skate rink, a miniature Rockies field, parking, open lawn areas, picnic tables, a playground, shelters, permanent restrooms, and a softball field.

4 Broomfield Community Park

Broomfield Community Park is one of the most programmed Parks in Broomfield with a plethora of civic oriented spaces and uses. It is home to the Broomfield Community Center, the George Di Ciero City and County Building, Library and Auditorium, the Broomfield Amphitheater, and the Police and Courts Building. This is also the home of the tree lighting ceremony, which occurs in front of the Broomfield City and County Building.

The Park also includes the Broomfield Ball Fields, The Bay Aquatic Park, four playgrounds, lighted sports fields, a swimming pool, skate park, batting cages, an inline skate park, open lawn areas, shelters, picnic tables, tennis courts, trails, and extensive parking areas. This Park is planned to be integrated into the Broomfield Town Square project to create an enhanced civic and activity center for the community.



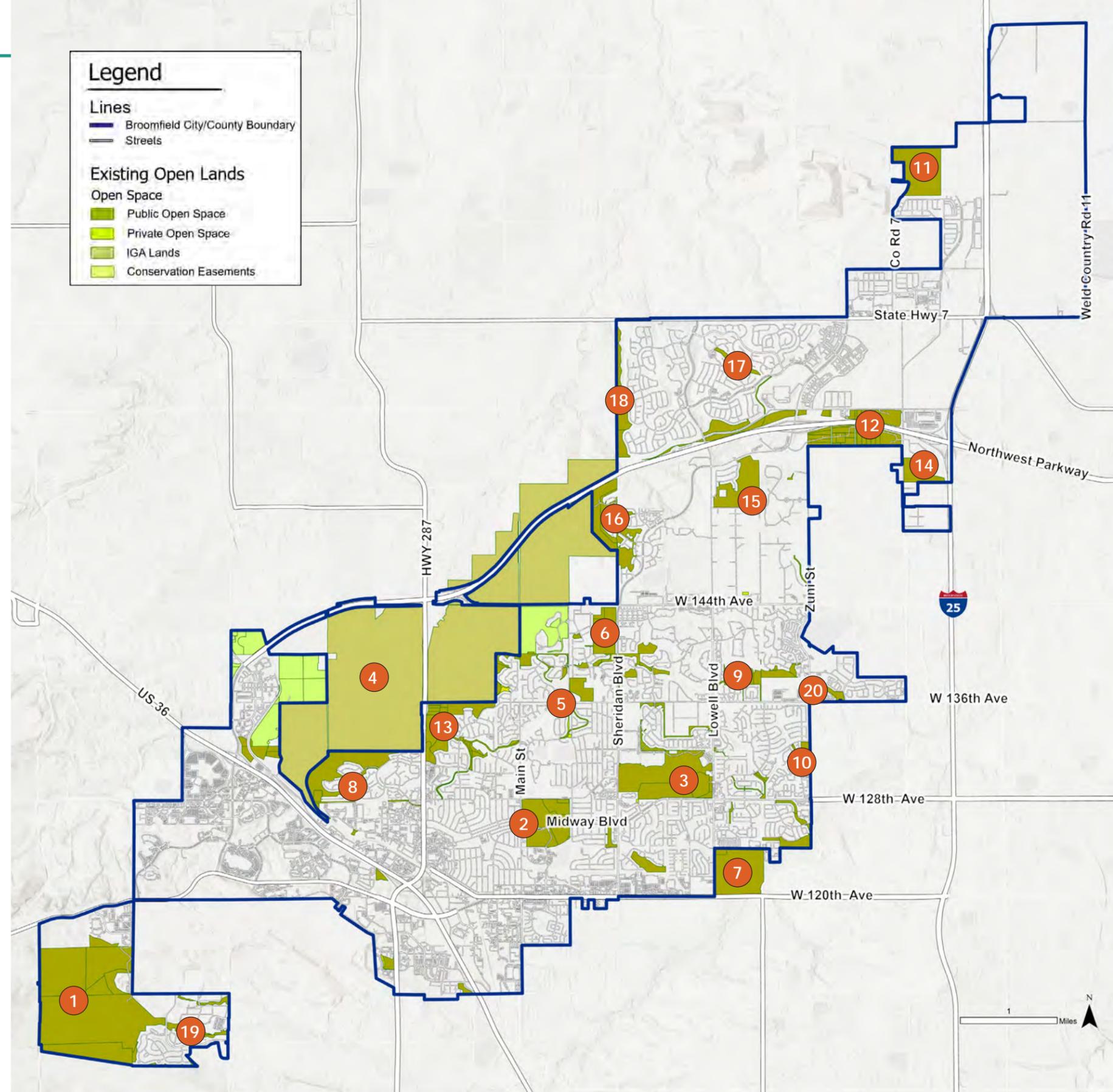
Map 4: Existing Parks Map - City/County Wide and Community Park Locations

Open Space

Broomfield's existing Open Space presently encompasses 5,465 acres.

The publicly owned major Open Spaces are larger, well known properties. The location of these Open Space areas are listed below and can be seen on Map 5.

- 1 Great Western Reservoir
- 2 The Field Open Space
- 3 Broomfield County Commons Open Space
- 4 Boulder / Broomfield Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Joint Open Space
- 5 Markel Open Space
- 6 Wottge Open Space
- 7 Metzger Farm Open Space
- 8 Lac Amora Open Space and Josh's Pond
- 9 Plaster Reservoir
- 10 Alexx and Michael's Pond
- 11 Harmer Open Space
- 12 Nordstrom/Davis Open Space
- 13 Ridgeview Open Space
- 14 Huron Open Space
- 15 Anthem Hilltop Open Space
- 16 Wildgrass Open Space
- 17 Anthem Highlands Open Space
- 18 Anthem Ranch Open Space
- 19 Walnut Creek Open Space
- 20 Quail Creek Open Space



Map 5: Existing Open Space Map

Major Open Spaces

1 Great Western Reservoir

This area encompasses over 750 acres and supports nesting and migrating waterbirds. Great Western Reservoir's open water in an otherwise dry environment contributes substantially to the wildlife value of the area. The northern portion of the site is designated as a prairie dog relocation site.

2 The Field Open Space

This area includes just over 115 acres, including the historic Brunner Farmhouse and Ellie's Pond that is named after one of the key founders of Broomfield's Open Space, trails, and wildlife initiatives. An existing plan for this area calls for the agricultural land to be converted to native grasses with trails, picnic areas, overlooks, a native plant arboretum, and a trailhead, over a period of time.

This site represents that first Open Space Broomfield purchased. In the mid-1990's, residents organized and energized a grassroots movement to protect this site from development with the cry, "Keep the Field in Broomfield." Their actions also helped to create the Open Space and Parks Sales and Use Tax to fund future acquisitions. These resident efforts also spurred the acquisition of Broomfield County Commons for both Park and Open Space purposes.

3 Broomfield County Commons Open Space

This area encompasses 237 acres and includes trails, Le Gault and Tom Frost Reservoirs, a wildlife viewing deck, and two public art sculptures. Le Gault Reservoir includes a small wetland complex, while Tom Frost provides riparian habitat and is also used for public fishing.

There is also a prairie dog preserve on-site and irrigation ditches that flow through the property. This mix of habitat provides abundant resources for wildlife, including many raptor species, that can often be spotted on the property.

4 Boulder / Broomfield Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Joint Open Space

The IGA Land is 2,422 acres in size and is protected by conservation easements. It contains properties such as the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farms and the Ruth Robert Open Space. The Regional Rock Creek Trail runs through these properties and also connects to Stearns Lake. The lake and large Open Space area provides resources and habitat for wildlife, often including a nesting pair of Bald Eagles.



Biking in Broomfield County Commons Open Space
(broomfieldopenspacefoundation.org)

5 Markel Open Space

This area is 32 acres in size and has a pond that the Markel Family had built around the time they bought the property. The pond is lined with tall cottonwoods that provide shade and beautiful colors in the fall. This land supports one of Broomfield's goals of having integrated Open Space within the community for everyone to enjoy without having to drive long distances.

6 Wottge Open Space

This 66-acre property has several large cottonwood trees that have been home to a great horned owl nest in past years. The expansive field provides habitat for a number of bird and small mammal species, as well as a migration corridor for wildlife. Broomfield Open Space and Trails purchased this land from the Wottge family in 2003 to maintain views of the mountains as well as preserve a piece of land that connects Broomfield to its agricultural history. Wottge Open Space will also eventually provide a looped trail that will connect Aspen Creek and Dillon Point to the Broomfield Trail. This site will also eventually be converted to native grasses as timing and budget allow.

7 Metzger Farm Open Space

This 152-acre property is in the city of Westminster though it is bordered by Broomfield on its north and west sides. The property was purchased jointly by Broomfield and Westminster. The Broomfield-Westminster Open Space Foundation was established by the two governmental entities to oversee the management of Metzger Farm. The site includes a fishing dock, a wildlife viewing deck, trails, and a farmstead that is designated on the National Register of Historic Places. The east pond on the property provides ample opportunities for fishing by both humans and birds alike; Cormorants, a heron rookery, and great blue herons are often seen around the pond.

8 Lac Amora Open Space and Josh's Pond

Located at the base of a hill overlooking the Front Range, Josh's Pond is named in memory of Josh Cassell. This pond is stocked with fish and is home to a variety of wildlife. A trail circles the pond and connects to the Lake Link Trail. A picnic pavilion, public art sculpture, and fishing dock are other amenities at this picturesque site. In 1977, the Lac Amora Open Space became the first dedicated Open Space property by the private sector to Broomfield.

9 Plaster Reservoir

This reservoir is a key feature of Broomfield's Open Space. It is located within the Quail Creek Drainage Basin and is adjacent to the Broadlands Golf Course. The reservoir provides stormwater detention and wildlife habitat, and is located along the Lake Link Trail. It also provides aesthetic value to the surrounding neighborhoods and golf course patrons. A wildlife viewing deck serves as a popular nature education location in the southeast corner of the reservoir. It also provides a quiet space to enjoy the many birds that frequent this area.

10 Alexx and Michael's Pond

This pond and Open Space area is located along Zuni Street and the Southeast Community Loop Trail. It is a fishing destination and home to a variety of wildlife.

This site abuts the Front Range Mobile Community and Westlake neighborhoods. This site is named in honor of two Centennial Elementary School students, Alexx Spademan and Michael Otto who passed away from rare childhood illnesses. This site is used by Centennial Elementary school children for outdoor education purposes.

11 Harmer Open Space

This 132-acre property is located east of County Road 7 and south of County Road 6. It has many great opportunities for trails and has scenic views of the Front Range. Community Ditch runs along the west side of the property and a stand of mature cottonwoods line an irrigation ditch on the south side of the Open Space adjacent to the Palisade neighborhood. A plan for the site is proposed in the coming years to allow for trails and other amenities. The site is currently farmed. Huron Street and Sheridan Boulevard may eventually extend through this site. However, similar to the Field, trails and open space amenities will be designed to accommodate this possibility.

12 Nordstrom/Davis Open Space

This area is comprised of two properties: the Nordstrom property and the Davis Property. The properties are located between Zuni Street and Huron Street and are bisected by the Northwest Parkway.

The sites are currently farmed. Three oil and gas well pads are on the property. Eventually, a trail will extend from Sheridan Blvd. to Huron Street through these two properties. In 1999, Cleo Nordstrom agreed to sell approximately 90 plus acres to Broomfield over six years. In 2004, Earl and Sandy Davis agreed to sell close to 60 acres of their farm over a 9-year period to Broomfield. Both families graciously cooperated with Broomfield to accommodate the Northwest Parkway Intergovernmental Agreement provision to line the Parkway with Open Space and to augment the early creation of Broomfield's Open Space land holdings.

13 Ridgeview Open Space

This site was originally slated for commercial development along US 287 and residential use along the east side of the parcel. In 1999, Broomfield entered into a multi-year option agreement to purchase the approximately 78-acre property. The Lake Link Trail winds through this site from Miramonte Boulevard to Crystal Pines and the Outlook neighborhood. Broomfield received a Great Outdoors Colorado grant for the purchase and also received a financial contribution from Boulder County to preserve this land.

14 Huron Open Space

This 40-acre site was provided by Extraction aka Civitas to Broomfield as part of the compensation package for the use of the Davis and Nordstrom Open Spaces for three oil and gas well pads. A small pond is located on the east end of the site. The west side of the site abuts the east side of Huron Street and the east side of the site abuts I-25. A stand of cottonwoods along Huron Street frequently provides a nesting site for raptors.

15 Anthem Hilltop Open Space

This site includes approximately 97 acres and has a winding crusher fines trail, hilltop overlook, and a trailhead just off of Lowell Boulevard and King Court.

16 Wildgrass Open Space

This site is approximately 107 acres and is situated west of Sheridan Boulevard between the Wildgrass neighborhood and Boulder County Open Space. It includes a series of trails and a pond.

17 Anthem Highlands Open Space

This 15-acre site includes a trail and pond with native shrubs and trees that provide habitat for many types of birds. When this area was proposed for development, the Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee visited the site with the developer's design team and saw an eagle fly out of the tree at the pond. This experience confirmed that the area was worthy of preservation.

18 Anthem Ranch Open Space

The site provides an Open Space buffer along the west side of Anthem Ranch and abuts Boulder County Open Space. A prairie dog colony inhabits the southern end of the site and trails connect to the Coal Creek Trail and the State Highway 7 trail.

19 Walnut Creek Open Space

Walnut Creek winds along the north edge of the Skyestone neighborhood and includes large cottonwoods that shade the concrete trail that loops around the residential area.

20 Quail Creek Open Space

This approximately 13-acre site includes trail connections along Quail Creek to Quail Park, the Lambertson Farms neighborhood, the Shops at Quail Creek and an underpass into Westminster. A pond provides wildlife habitat.



Josh's Pond in the Fall

Other Open Lands

There are an estimated 1,979 acres of Other Open Lands in Broomfield.

Examples of Other Open Lands include golf courses, cemeteries, and lands conveyed by dedication but maintained by Homeowners' Associations. The location of these Other Open Lands can be seen on Map 6. Some examples of Other Open Lands are listed below:

1 The Broadlands Golf Course

The Broadlands is an 18-hole course in the heart of Broomfield. This Par 72 course offers challenging play for golfers at every skill level.

2 Eagle Trace Golf Club

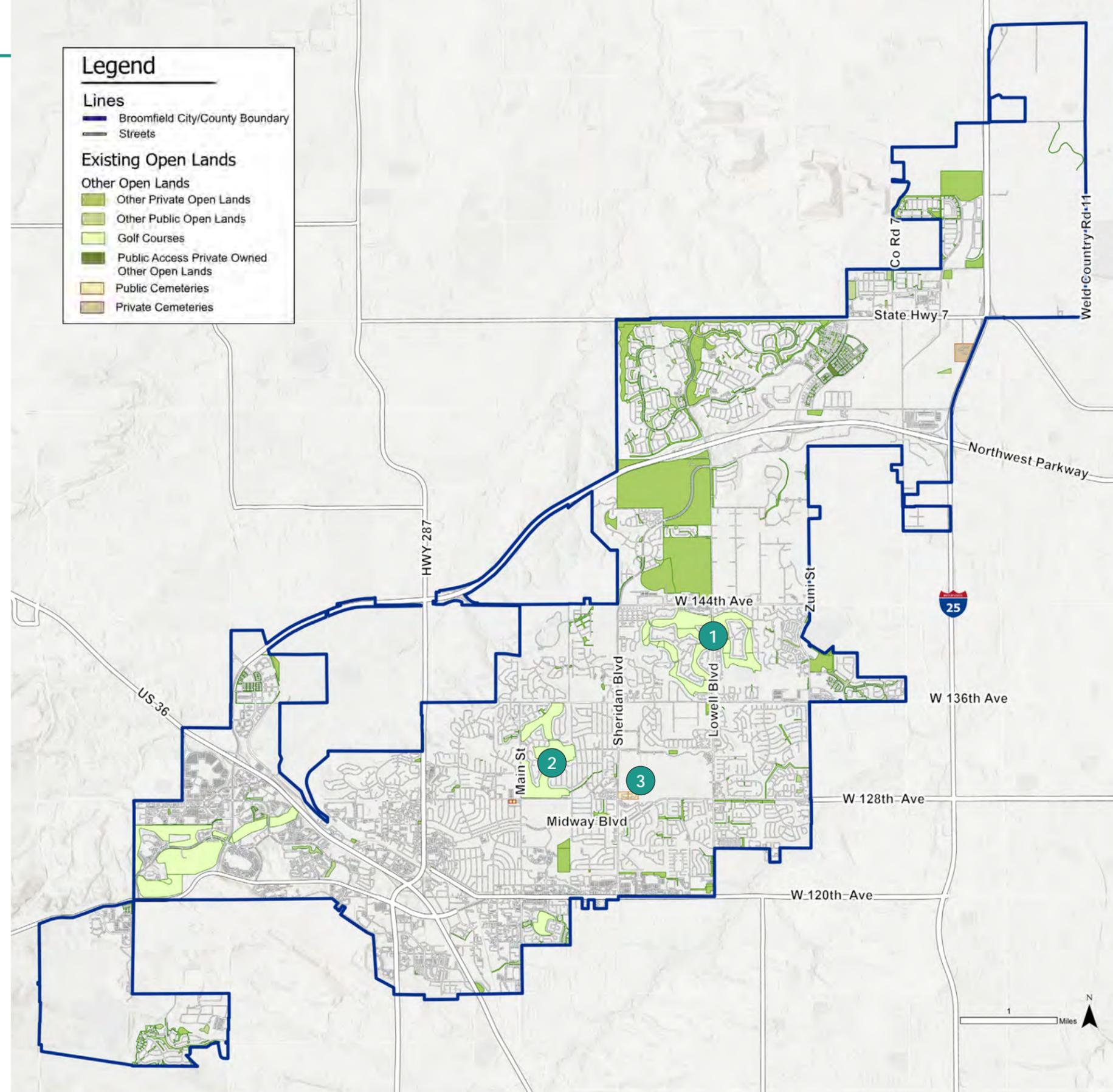
Eagle Trace is an 18-hole course designed by Dick Phelps and features 5 large lakes and a challenging but fair course design. The Nissen Reservoir is also located on this site.

3 Broomfield County Commons Cemetery

Broomfield County Commons Cemetery is located on the East side of Sheridan Boulevard at 9th Avenue and is part of the Broomfield County Commons Park and Open Space total public area. The spectacular views of the Front Range mountains to the west and of the Open Space to the north and east, along with tasteful landscaping, bring peace and tranquility to the County Commons Cemetery.



Broadlands Golf Course



Map 6: Existing Other Open Lands Map