

### **Additional Pickleball Information**

- The 2021 Parks and Recreation Plan – ReCreate – provides guidance on level of service goals for different park and recreation amenities. The plan calls for 13 additional pickleball courts by the year 2040 to meet growing demand and to maintain equity access across the city. The level of service is based on an access standard of a 5-minute drive and a population-based standard for quantity. Other amenities, such as playgrounds, have a more intensive access standard associated with a 10-minute walk. Fort Collins Pickleball Club has 1,600 members.
- This standard was new in 2021 and will most likely be updated. Trust for Public Land monitors park feature inventories ([City Park Facts - Trust for Public Land](#)) and shows a wide range of pickleball level of service. Based on current population, the ranging service levels of .85 to 1.8 courts per 10,000 would reflect a need for 15 – 31 stand-alone courts. The City currently has 8 stand-alone courts.
- Currently, our system includes 46 striped pickleball courts on tennis courts (31 of which are fenced). Tennis remains a popular sport in Fort Collins, and the City partners with Poudre School District (PSD) to share facilities like tennis courts in exchange for access to some PSD amenities. USTA designated courts (5 or more courts together) cannot be striped for pickleball. Tennis participation has grown in the nation, the city, and in the school district the past 4 years.
- Private courts are being built. Pickleball Ventures, near Golden Meadows Park, plans on providing 11 indoor courts and 6 outdoor courts. The Picklr, near the Bucking Horse neighborhood, plans on providing 10 indoor courts and no outdoor courts. These providers typically charge \$30-\$40 per hour per court or \$100-\$120 per month for unlimited individual memberships and up to \$349 for a family membership.

### **Additional Information on Proposed Pickleball Project**

- The Fossil Creek pickleball complex proposes 12 outdoor courts and supporting amenities, such as a small shade shelter, shaded benches, individual court fencing, noise barriers, lighting and additional landscaping. The project is scalable, and options could include scaling back the amenities and/or the number of courts. Currently, the budget for the project is approximately 72% for lighted courts and site work; 20% for amenities and 8% for design.
- There is an economy of scale for the 12 courts (roughly the size of 3 tennis courts plus amenity space). The design intent is to maintain at least two accessible courts, which have a slightly larger footprint, in addition to the other ten courts. The Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation Program would be able to expand their programs and possibly hold regional and state Special Olympic tournaments.
- Space is restricted in our parks and 12 courts is an appropriate size and allows up to 48 active players plus space for standby players to wait.
- At a budget of \$2M, the project could scale back amenities and reduce the number of courts to 9. The project could also seek private contributions to help mitigate the deficit or phase certain parts of construction (such as sleeving for lighting but not installing lighting).



- A noise impact study was conducted in December 2024 to assess expected noise levels for a proposed 12-court outdoor pickleball facility at Fossil Creek Community Park. An acoustical engineer measured existing noise levels at the park and recorded live pickleball sounds at Spring Canyon Community Park to model noise projections for the new site. The noise impact study considered factors such as distance (~475' to nearest residence), topography, sound direction, 10 ft. noise barriers, and ground cover, including water bodies. Fossil Creek Community Park follows Low-Density Residential noise limits of 55 dBA from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 50 dBA from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Overall, the proposed design for the pickleball complex reduces community noise exposure. Additional design adjustments, such as noise panels will be included based on the noise impact study.
- Older asphalt courts in Fort Collins (like the Rolland Moore tennis center) take a good deal of ongoing repair and replacement. The standard in Fort Collins, as we replace courts, is to install post-tension concrete, instead of asphalt. It has a higher upfront cost, but this product exceeds a typical 30+ year life cycle and has low ongoing repair and replacement costs. Maintenance costs tend to be low for post-tension concrete courts, typically just net replacements as needed. Repairs and renovations for post-tension courts include resurfacing every 7-10 years depending on condition; fence fabric repairs as necessary; noise barrier replacement as necessary.
- Recreation would manage this facility including programming classes, tournaments and making the courts available for both reservation and drop-in use. The revenue generation would fall into the current fee structures in sports with similar cost recovery.

LINKS:

Pickleball Complex: <https://ourcity.fcgov.com/pickleball>

Pickleball Map for Fort Collins: <https://www.fcgov.com/parks/files/pickleball2024.pdf?1723067097>

