

## 3.19 SECTION 6(f)

### 3.19.1 Existing Section 6(f) Resources

For four decades, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program of Assistance to States and Urban Parks (L&WCF) has provided funding for various parks and recreational facilities across the nation. The L&WCF program was established by the L&WCF Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578) which is now codified as 16 USC 460. Under this act, the Secretary of the Interior provides funds to the states to plan, acquire, or develop outdoor recreation facilities. Section 6(f) of the Act states in part that:

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*"No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accordance with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location."*

In the state of Colorado, L&WCF is administered by Colorado State Parks and identification of L&WCF properties for this project was coordinated through Colorado State Parks. Coordination with Colorado State Parks is documented in **Appendix B**.

Three properties within the regional study area were developed with L&WCF grant assistance:

- ▶ Pearson Park near Fort Lupton
- ▶ Grant Park in Northglenn
- ▶ Riverside Park in Evans

**Figure 3.18-1** in **Section 3.18 Parks and Recreation** shows the locations of each of these parks.

Pearson Park is located west of US 85 near Fort Lupton on approximately 13 acres. Facilities at the park include a baseball field.

Grant Park is located directly east of I-25 in Northglenn on approximately 14 acres. Facilities include a picnic area and a bicycle and pedestrian path. Grange Hall Creek is located within the park.

Riverside Park is located adjacent to US 85 in Evans on approximately 2.47 acres. Facilities at the park include a lake, trails, softball fields, playground areas, picnic tables, basketball courts, soccer fields, and restrooms.

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1 **3.19.2 Environmental Consequences**

2 **3.19.2.1 NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE**

3 There would be no impacts to any of the 6(f) properties associated with the No-Action  
4 Alternative.

5 **3.19.2.2 PACKAGE A**

6 There would be no impacts to any of the 6(f) properties associated with Package A.

7 **3.19.2.3 PACKAGE B**

8 There would be no impacts to any of the 6(f) properties associated with Package B. Mitigation  
9 for water quality will be required in the vicinity of the Grant Park property however; avoidance  
10 measures were taken to ensure that no park property would be impacted. Water quality  
11 standards will be accomplished through the inclusion of an underground stormwater treatment  
12 device at this location.

13 **3.19.2.4 PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

14 There would be no impacts to any of the 6(f) properties associated with the Preferred  
15 Alternative. Mitigation for water quality will be required in the vicinity of the Grant Park  
16 property; however, avoidance measures were taken to ensure that no park property would be  
17 impacted. Water quality standards will be accomplished through the inclusion of an  
18 underground stormwater treatment device at this location.

19 **3.19.3 Coordination and Mitigation**

20 Coordination has occurred with Colorado State Parks Department to insure that potential  
21 impacts to any Section 6(f) resources have been properly analyzed. The build Alternatives  
22 would not result in any impacts to Section 6(f) properties and therefore no mitigation is  
23 necessary.