



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

YEAR-END 2019

A new park where the community can gather. Improved intersections along Founders Parkway. A campus that allows students to earn bachelor's degrees right in Castle Rock. All of these enhancements came to the community during 2019. This brief annual report highlights these and other successes from 2019, and throughout the last decade, and details some initiatives to expect in the year ahead.



What was accomplished

Following is a selection of the Town's top accomplishments from 2019, organized by key community priority:



Ensuring our public safety

- Added two officers and three civilian positions to the Police Department and one division chief to the Fire Department
- Updated the multiyear strategic plans for the Police and Fire departments, the latter of which is anticipated to be adopted in early 2020
- Began construction on the final building at the Town's Public Safety Training Campus



Maintaining strong Parks and Recreation

- Completed Deputy Zack S. Parrish III Memorial Park and a 2-mile southward extension of the East Plum Creek Trail, to Crystal Valley Parkway
- Converted the ballfields at Metzler Ranch Community Park to synthetic turf to conserve 6 million gallons of water annually
- Hosted 14 paddle days at Rueter-Hess Reservoir and engaged the community on the design of the Town's next regional park in Cobblestone Ranch



Enhancing our transportation

- Improved intersections on Founders Parkway at Allen Way and Crowfoot Valley Road, the latter of which will be fully completed in spring
- Completed annual pavement maintenance within The Meadows and installed a new traffic signal near Castle Rock Adventist Hospital
- Completed a Downtown Mobility Master Plan with solutions for improving transportation within Downtown Castle Rock
- Developed a plan to, by the end of 2022, set aside \$20 million in resources toward construction of the Crystal Valley Interchange if partner funds are available



Supporting economic development

- Contributed \$2 million toward Arapahoe Community College's Sturm Collaboration Campus – a partnership among ACC and Douglas County Schools, Castle Rock Economic Development Council, the Town and Colorado State University that opened in fall 2019 with over 600 students



Securing our water future

- Completed construction of groundwater wells in the Lanterns/Montaine area
- Installed a reuse waterline from Plum Creek Water Reclamation Authority to Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course so nonpotable water can be used to water the course, saving 60 million gallons in nonrenewable groundwater each year
- Began constructing an advanced water treatment process at the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility and building a pipeline and pump station to the Town's new water diversion north of Sedalia to further use of reuse water
- Completed upgrades to Chatfield Reservoir to begin storing water in 2020



Managing Town finances conservatively

- Adopted the 2020 Budget – with a slight decrease in the Town's mill levy and in residential wastewater rates – and adopted the 2020-2024 Balanced Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Program

More achievements are in the 2020 Budget, available at CRgov.com/2020budget.

Key priorities for 2020

Public open houses were held, and multiple Town Council discussions occurred, before Town Council approved six key priorities for 2020. Listed under each priority are key 2020 action items.



Ensure outstanding public safety

- Add three positions in Police – a detective, a school resource officer and a training officer
- Replace Fire's self-contained breathing apparatus equipment
- Complete construction of the North Building at the Town's Public Safety Training Facility; construct an addition to the Police Department's parking lot; and remodel the apparatus bays at Fire Stations 154 and 155
- Adopt and begin implementation of Fire's 2020-2024 master and strategic plans



Enhance our transportation

- Widen Plum Creek Parkway east of Gilbert Street to Eaton Circle, including constructing two new roundabouts
- Continue the annual Pavement Maintenance Program, focused in 2020 on central Castle Rock
- Complete a Transit Feasibility Study
- Improve certain Downtown alleys and begin work on a Downtown Alley Master Plan
- Acquire the remaining right of way needed and set aside funds toward the future Crystal Valley Parkway interchange with Interstate 25



Secure our water future

- Complete upgrades to the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility so the Town can provide purified reuse water, and complete construction of the pump station and reuse pipeline from the Town's diversion and reservoir north of Sedalia to deliver reuse water to the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility
- Continue the WISE, Box Elder and Chatfield Reallocation renewable water projects, as well as consider purchase of Cherry Creek renewable water rights
- Add and improve Denver Basin groundwater supply wells
- Construct water, sewer, stormwater and street improvements in the Craig & Gould neighborhood and complete additional water line rehabilitations and replacements
- Invest in projects at the Plum Creek Water Reclamation Authority, which treats the Town's wastewater, and rehabilitate/replace some of the Town's aging sanitary sewer pipe
- Continue stream and drainageway and stormwater infrastructure projects
- Construct a new water tank in Liberty Village/Cobblestone Ranch



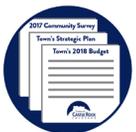
Maintain strong Parks and Recreation

- Design and initiate phase one construction of a neighborhood park in Cobblestone Ranch, which will be completed in 2021
- Complete a master plan for the new park site in Plum Creek
- Complete a Recreation Facility Feasibility Study
- Continue development of recreation opportunities at Rueter-Hess Reservoir
- Replace playground equipment and other amenities within existing parks, including Butterfield Crossing, Mitchell Gulch and Plum Creek parks



Support economic development

- Improve customer service efforts through the Small Project Success Team and other activities
- Continue facilitating the urban renewal authority to enable development of the Miller's Landing project and working with the Redbarre team to explore opportunities in the southwest quadrant
- Implement policy documents including the Craig & Gould Neighborhood Plan and the I-25 Corridor Study



Manage Town finances conservatively

- Complete the 2021 Budget, along with the annual five-year financial plan and Capital Improvement Program
- Study and present to Council recommendations for ensuring the Town's long-term fiscal sustainability

Please contact the Town Manager's Office if you have comments or suggestions on how to improve this report, 720-733-3552 or TownManager@CRgov.com.

It's no secret that Castle Rock is a growing community, which means there are many newcomers.



With the start of the new decade, it's a good time to review some major accomplishments pre-2019.

2010

- Implemented a “water budget” for residents to continue to encourage conservation
- Opened Rhyolite Bike Park
- Established the Design Review Board to ensure responsible Downtown development



2011

- Launched a transparency section on the Town website, including live broadcasts of Town Council meetings, and began conducting biannual community surveys to obtain feedback about the Town's performance
- Supported the opening of the Castle Rock Adventist Health Campus, now Castle Rock Adventist Hospital



2012

- Opened Wrangler Park and renovated Burgess Pool and Castle North Park
- Castle Rock Fire and Rescue earned international accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, and Parks and Recreation won the national Gold Medal Award
- Rueter-Hess Reservoir was completed – a significant partnership project in the Town's long-term water plan

2013

- The Plum Creek Water Purification Facility opened, treating renewable surface water in Castle Rock for the first time
- Added six positions to Castle Rock Police Department and adopted the department's first strategic plan



2014

- Opened the first phase of Philip S. Miller Park, including the Miller Activity Complex
- Began providing enhanced holiday lighting in Downtown Castle Rock, including the addition of the tree in Festival Park



2015

- Added roughly 6,000 square feet to the Police Department; completed an operations and maintenance building for Castle Rock Water; and opened the Fitness Garage and Mind Body Studio at the Recreation Center
- Began providing additional special events to enhance the Town's community character

2016

- Opened Castle Rock Parkway/North Meadows Drive
- Public Works earned accreditation from the American Public Works Association
- Opened the Amphitheater, Millhouse and Plaza at Philip S. Miller Park and renovated Butterfield Crossing Pool
- Improved the Town's fire risk rating (ISO) to 2 on a scale of 1-10 where 1 is the best

2017

- Opened the reimagined Festival Park
- Adopted the Town's 2030 Comprehensive Master Plan and updated the 20-year transportation plan

2018

- Opened Fire Station 152 in Crystal Valley and added 12 positions needed to staff the station
- Began receiving Water Infrastructure Supply and Efficiency (WISE) water in Castle Rock
- Reconstructed Meadows Parkway between U.S. Highway 85 and Prairie Hawk Drive



- Parks and Recreation won National Recreation and Park Association's Gold Medal Award