



Melissa Chew, CPRP

Project Consultant

Work Experience:

Melissa is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional with 35 years of experience at the national, state, county, municipal, special district and private levels in parks, trails, open space and forestry management as well as recreation programs and amenities, aquatic facilities, cemetery operations, historic preservation, interpretive nature/museum/cultural programs and special events. Additionally she has experience in communications, staffing, budgeting, volunteer management, project funding, project/construction management, evaluations, crisis response and marketing/branding. She participated in successful bond campaigns resulting in capital construction of three recreation centers. Melissa also completed several successful grant campaigns, bringing in over \$1M for local projects and over \$5M on the Poudre River Initiative, a multi-agency collaborative project. She has participated in long range and master planning processes.

- Project Consultant, GreenPlay, LLC, Colorado/Arizona (2015 – present)
- Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Town of Windsor, Windsor, Colorado (2006-2015)
- Department Manager, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Littleton, Colorado (1997-2005)
- Recreation Supervisor, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Littleton, Colorado (1994-1997)
- Park Supervisor, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Littleton, Colorado (1990-1994)
- Interpretive Naturalist, Jefferson County Open Space, Jefferson County, Colorado (1985-1990)
- Park Ranger / Naturalist, City of Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge, Colorado (1981-1985)

Representative Project Experience

Similar GreenPlay Projects

- Berthoud, CO – Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan Update
- Blue Springs, MO – Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Coconino County AZ – Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Eaton, CO – Recreation Center Feasibility Study
- Encinitas, CA – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan
- Golden, CO – Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Jefferson County, CO – Community Services Dept. Cost Recovery Analysis
- Lakewood, CO – Bear Creek Lake Park Programming Plan
- LaPorte, TX Organizational Audit of the Parks and Recreation Department
- Littleton, CO – Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan
- Louisville, CO – Recreation Center Feasibility Study
- Lyons, CO – Land Use and Management Plan

Government

- Town of Windsor, CO
 - Strategic Planning
 - Legacy Plan: Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Culture
 - Feasibility Study for a Community Recreation Center
 - Trails Master Plan
 - Communications Plan
- Town of Windsor, South Suburban Parks and Recreation – Master Planning
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation – Open Space Management Plan
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation – South Platte Park Management Plan

EDUCATION

- B.S. Natural Resources Management, Colorado State University, 1981
- Certificate, Parks and Recreation Professional, National Recreation & Park Association
- Certificate, Public Administration, Metro State College
- Certificate, Volunteer Management, University of Colorado
- Certificate, Western Revenue Management School, NRPA
- Certificate, Citizen Participation, Institute for Participatory Management & Planning
- Certificate, Federal Emergency Management, ICS 100,200,700

AWARDS

- Young Professional Award, CPRA
- Our Town, Our People-Windsor Tribune
- Fellow Award, Colorado Park & Recreation Association
- Cambridge Who's Who Honors

PROFESSIONAL / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Board of Directors, Poudre Heritage Alliance
- Secretary and Section Chairman, CPRA
- Technical Advisory Committee, Douglas County Recreation & Tourism
- Open Space Task Force, City of Littleton
- Long Range Planning Committee, Clearview Library District
- Focus Group, Shea Homes, Highlands Ranch