



Chris Dropinski, CPRE

Senior Principal and Managing Member



Work Experience:

Chris is a Certified Parks and Recreation Executive who has 24 years of Parks and Recreation administration and management and over 30 years in the field to support her current consulting role. Her passion for teaching and moving the field forward has led to many successful master planning and feasibility projects across the country. She served as Director of the City of Boulder, Colorado, Parks and Recreation Department for over a decade, providing leadership for the development and provision of parks, open space, trails and recreation services. Chris has a unique and respected approach toward addressing such challenging areas as policy development, organizational development, strategic management, revenue philosophy in the public setting, building relationships with alternative providers, partnership building, cost benefit analysis, developing board/staff relationships, and establishing an effective public engagement process. Chris is a well known speaker at the local, state, and national level on many of these topics.

Management Consulting in Parks, Recreation, and Sports since 1995

- GreenPlay LLC, Co-Owner and Senior Principal: 2001 - present
- City of Boulder Parks and Recreation, Colorado, Director: 1990-2001
- Foothills Park and Recreation District, Colorado, Assistant Director: 1981-1990
- South Suburban Recreation and Park District, Colorado, Supervisor: 1977-1981

Representative Project Experience

Chris has led more than 180 projects for GreenPlay. Below is a representative sample:

Principal-in-Charge

- Baltimore Recreation and Park, MD – Services Assessment and Recreation Centers & Aquatics Study
- Forest Preserve District of Cook County, IL – Recreation Master Plan
- Fraser Valley, CO – Parks, Recreation and Golf Master Plan Update
- Glenwood Springs, CO – Park, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan Update
- Irvine County, CA – Community Services Department Cost Recovery Analysis
- Lakewood, CO – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Master Plan
- Riverside County, CA – Regional Parks and Open Space District Master Plan
- Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation, VA – Strategic Plan Update, Cost Recovery and Services Assessment
- Wimberley, TX – Blue Hole Regional Park Master Plan and Operations Plan

Project Manager

- Colorado State Parks, CO – Colorado Front Range Trail Implementation Plan
- Denver Parks and Recreation, CO – Resource Allocation Priorities Study; Recreation Center Assessment
- El Paso County, CO – Parks, Open Space, Trails, Recreation and Cultural Services Master Plan
- Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, WA – Resource Allocation and Cost Recovery Policy Development
- Manitou Springs, CO – Incline Project (Fitness Tourism)
- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation, Vancouver, WA – Organizational Assessment

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Recreation Administration/ Education, Graduated Cum Laude, May 1977 State University of New York at Cortland, Cortland, New York
- Kappa Delta Pi - National Honor Society in Education
- Essence of Leadership Program, Contegrity Program Designs, Inc., 1997
- Essential Development Programs, Conversant Solutions, LLC, 1994-99
- Graduate of Executive Development School, University of Georgia; NRPA Park Planning and Maintenance School; CPRA Recreation Facilities Design and Management School; NRPA Western Revenue Sources Management School, 1983-1988

Professional Affiliations

- Article – Writing Award, Illinois P&R Magazine, 2008
- Top 100 Women-owned Businesses, Colorado Biz, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2015
- Professional Member of NRPA
- Professional Member Colorado Parks and Recreation Association, President 1989-90
- Certified Parks and Recreation Executive
- Board and Past Chair, NRPA Rocky Mtn Revenue & Mgmt School 2004-2010
- Fellow of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administrators
- Member PLAY Boulder Parks and Recreation Foundation - 2009 - present
- GP RED – President (2009-2010), Board 2011, Advisory Board 2012-Present