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- Original Founding Partner of Design Concepts, 1981
- Bachelor of Parks Admin. and Landscape Architecture: Texas Tech University, 1978
- Registered Landscape Architect in Colorado (#297), 2008 and Texas (#795), 1979
- Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, 1989
- American Institute of Certified Planners, 1998



Axel Bishop has been at the forefront of modern efficient planning in Colorado for two decades. Looking to cost effective models from the past creates contemporary neighborhoods with profitability and livability now. Quail Ridge in Longmont was the third new urbanist community in Colorado. Noble Park (1981) in Boulder was the first. Both were designed by our firm. Axel's approach to creating new communities is based primarily on the philosophy that parks and other civic spaces are the framework upon which great places to live are built. This interestingly creates wonderful, effective marketing windows to increase sales velocity as well. Axel has been a pioneer in developing new planning and design principles to maximize pedestrian-friendly spaces, minimizing auto impact and focusing on green space. These communities work with the topography, utilize LEED™ principles, re-use water, minimize runoff and slow traffic. Minimizing urban sprawl creates efficient use of available lands. Most importantly, these communities have been easy to entitle, less expensive to build and quick to sell.



COMMUNITY PLANNING

- **Lochbuie / Ft. Lupton, CO**
Silver Peaks
Altamira (Wenzel Property)
Cottonwood Greens
- **Elbert County, CO**
Riforo
Bandera
Miller Ranch
Elkhorn
- **Longmont/Mead/Frederick/
Firestone, CO**
Highland Lakes
Quail Ridge
Saddleback
Brooks Farm
Poplar Grove
Rinn Valley
Mill Creek
Sugarmill
- **Boulder, CO**
Buena Vista Affordable Housing
Parkside Affordable Housing
Center Green
Noble Park
Pawnee Meadows
Plum Creek Homes
- **Brighton/Louisville/Lafayette, CO**
Design Concepts' Office Building
Southgate Commercial
Sunflower Meadows
Bromley Park
Bromley Park Commercial
Brighton Crossing
Brighton East Farms
Lafayette Farms
Park Villas
- **Thornton / Erie / Broomfield, CO**
Holly Street Commercial
Osprey Valley
Highlands and Commons
Saratoga
- **Fairplay, CO**
Stone River
- **Gunnison / Durango, CO**
West Gunnison Neighborhood
Grandview
- **Jefferson County, CO**
Table Rock
Riva Chase
- **Laramie, WY**
Blake Ranch
- **Scottsbluff, NE**
Five Oaks





PARKS AND RECREATION

- Utah Park - Aurora, Colorado and UDFCD
- Louisville Community Park - Louisville, Colorado
- Riverside Park - Fort Morgan, Colorado
- Challenger Regional Park - Douglas County, Colorado
- Redstone Park - Highlands Ranch, Colorado
- Van Bibber Park Open Space - Jefferson County, Colorado
- Lafayette Ballfields & Rec. Center - Lafayette, Colorado

SCHOOLS AND CAMPUSES

- Monarch K-12 Campus - Boulder Valley Schools
- Center of SW Studies - Fort Lewis College, Durango
- Campus Bikeway - Univ. of Northern CO
- Wheat Ridge MS/Stevens Elementary - Jeffco Schools
- Northglenn HS - Adams County
- Over 100 school campus sites for over 10 Colorado school districts



OTHER

- Member, American Society of Landscape Architects
- Member, National Recreation and Park Association
- Member, American Planning Association
- Member, Homebuilders Association of Metro Denver

ARTICLES

- **A Tiny Town Takes A Big Leap**
Denver Post, November 2004
- Perspective on Drought, as featured in:
Real Threat Calls For Real Solutions, Denver Post, May 2003; and
Our Thirsty Lives Need To Dry Up, Daily Camera, April 2003
- **Learning Under The Sky**
The American School Board Journal, October 1998
- **Parks: A Focus of Community or Contention?**
Urban Land, November 1997
- **Relentless Sprawl Creates Longing For Small-Town CO**
The Denver Post, Nov. 1997
- **Crafting Consensus on Controversial Parks**
Parks & Recreation Magazine, August 1997
- **New Urbanism Without Nostalgia**
Landscape Architect and Specifier News, July 1997

