

# Axel Bishop

ASLA, AICP, CPRP Principal RLA

- 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, Axel 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. Axel's thirty-year history designing the most loved community parks in the state keeps Colorado's parks and open space as the life of the built environment. Parks are center of western lives. Axel designs them as such.



## COMMUNITY PLANNING

- **Lochbuie / Ft. Lupton, CO**  
Silver Peaks  
Altamira  
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**  
Downtown 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
- Fly'n B Park Master Plan - Highlands Ranch, 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
- Standley Lake Park Master Plan - Jefferson County, Colorado
- Lafayette Ballfields & Rec. Center - Lafayette, Colorado
- Autumn Ash Park - Lafayette, Colorado
- Rogers Park - Fort Collins, 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

