



Colorado State Parks

Sustainability

Colorado State Parks has a commitment to sustainability.

Sustainable Development

Sustainable development meets present needs without compromising the ability of younger generations to meet future needs. Applying sustainable development principles in state parks will lower long-term maintenance and operating costs and likely improve the State Parks experience. Design of new park construction, operative guidelines and efficient energy use and conservation all have tremendous impacts on the environment and on the agency's economic bottom line.



State Parks is an official member of the U.S. Green Building Council, who has a commitment to energy efficiency and environmentally friendly buildings and provides LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environment Design) standards.

Planning and Design

Developing a park in a sustainable manner that accounts for the environmental, economic, and social needs of a setting results in the least amount of human impact. At Staunton, sustainable design will be a major consideration in selecting suitable building sites and developing park infrastructure. In addition, State Parks will strive to integrate some of the following sustainability themes into the Staunton State Park Master Plan:

- Daylighting
- Protection of sensitive environment
- Local and recycled building and construction materials
- Energy efficient building systems
- Water conservation
- Renewable energy