

Green Book Scavenger Hunt

Eastbridge/Bluff Lake Neighborhood—BIKING VERSION

CLUE 1: Invest some sweat equity and receive the payoff of looking and feeling great. The largest of Denver's many facilities, this one also boasts the most amazing views.

Answer: Central Park Rec Center LEED platinum

[Environmental Responsibility, Principle 8: Support development of environmental technologies, products and services as a significant component of the site's and the region's economic base]

CLUE 2: A healthy and environmentally friendly way to commute to work, school and play is made more convenient by these handy storage options.

Answer: Bike-shaped bike rack at CP

[Social Equity, Principle 1: Create a community that accommodates a diversity of people -- ages, income, races, occupations and lifestyles -- and reinforces and enhances the cultural, ethnic and racial diversity of adjacent neighborhoods.]

CLUE 3: Swallows, snakes and salamanders all coexist alongside this body of water that serves as a natural water filtration system, cleaning storm water runoff, feeding the landscape and creating a healthy natural habitat. Many of the neighborhood parks serve this same purpose, filtering the water through sand and special pipes before sending it on its way.

Answer: Westerly Creek – flow path.

[Physical Design; Natural Systems & Landforms, Principle A1: Use the pre-existing environment for the basis of change. The site's topography, drainage flows, stream corridors and historic channels will give shape, form and structure to the basic site plan.]

CLUE 4: It's not safe to drink, but this reclaimed water source provides plenty of environmental benefits. Think purple!

Answer: Dayton St. and E 32nd – Recycled water sign and the view

[Environmental Responsibility, Principle 1c: Minimize demand for resources (on-site requirements for water, energy, materials, etc.) and maximize opportunities for on-site supply of resources. A) eliminate the need B) reduce the use C) reuse resources D) recycle resources.]

CLUE 5: This high-quality, eco-friendly, four-story residential community offers 92 thoughtfully planned apartments located near employment, shopping services, parks and recreation. Fifty percent of the units are reserved to assist families transitioning from homelessness.

Answer: Bluff Lake Apartments

[Social Equity, Principle 5: Facilitate the development of affordable housing as well as attraction of middle and upper income families to the northeast area through provision of a broad mix of housing types, densities and price ranges.]

CLUE 6: This 14-mile public greenway connects the High Line Canal in Aurora with the South Platte River Greenway in Commerce City. Along the way, it passes through northeast Denver and Stapleton.

Answer: Sand Creek Regional Greenway – Havana & Florence sign because of construction

Physical Design/Transportation Systems and Corridors, Principle B2: Establish an intermodal facility on site which will ultimately be capable of serving light rail, heavy rail, bus, auto, truck, bicycle and pedestrian traffic.]

CLUE 7: Roast some marshmallows and sit around the fire while learning about the animals and ecosystems of this neighborhood gem.

Answer: Bluff Lake Fire Side program – bulletin board with flyer

[Social Equity, Principle 3: Provide quality neighborhood schools and life-long training and education opportunities.]

CLUE 8: Take time to explore this nature center just minutes away from urban living. From this sign you can see Denver and the Front Range, and witness a spectacular view of the 123-acre refuge park.

Answer: Bluff Lake Take Time/Toma Tiempo sign by The Pergola

[Environmental Responsibility, Principle 3: Restore and enhance existing natural systems to achieve optimal health and viability.]

CLUE 9: Named for a well-educated English explorer, author and naturalist, this dynamic building anchors the Bluff Lake Neighborhood and features an immersion program for students new to the country.

Answer: Isabella Bird School – Newcomer Program

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CLUE 10: If patience is a virtue, then East Bridge residents are certainly known for their high morals. Progress is coming to this much-anticipated center of commerce.

Answer: Shiny Happy Carwash, Dentist & Future Eastbridge TownCenter
[Economic Opportunity, Principle 2: Insure public investment in infrastructure, site amenities and institutional support that will attract private investment and the presence of businesses, institutions and residents.]

CLUE 11: This park becomes an outdoor classroom just steps from Westerly Creek and Bill Roberts where students can study the habitats for aquatic, avian, and terrestrial species. The park includes a bat house near one of the two bridges in this area.

Answer: Westerly Creek Park, bat house near bridge closest to 26th Ave.
[Environmental Responsibility, Principle 4: Promote natural, economic and social systems that are diverse and durable. Seek design solutions and development opportunities that integrate systems to produce greater efficiencies and benefits.]

CLUE 12: This art installation is composed of 19 earthcast vessels on their sides representing the delicate balance between human interaction and nature. Or, they could be alien pods.

Answer: Chorus Cones located throughout the Westerly Creek Park

[Social Equity, Principle 6: Benefit Stapleton and surrounding neighborhoods through the integration of services, public facilities and amenities.]

CLUE 13: Staplestone, chunks of crushed recycled runway, form the banks of Westerly Creek under bridge along the primary east/west arterial roadway at Stapleton.

Answer: Recycled Runway Westerly Creek by MLK bridge
[Environmental Responsibility, Principle 7: Include consideration of potential reuse of facilities and improvements over time in site, system and building designs.]