



Golden Landmarks Association

Preserving Our Past, Protecting Our Future



Living Landmark Award 2015

Mike Bestor

For the 22 years Mike has served as City Manager for Golden, Colorado.

During Mike's tenure, he has kept the City in rock solid financial condition while building many wonderful amenities such as Fossil Trace Golf Course, miles of trails, many parks and wonderful new pedestrian friendly bridges.

Golden is one of only seven cities in the country to receive three major professional accreditations in Public Works, Police and Parks and Recreation. The Golden Parks and Recreation Department is also a recipient of the National Recreation and Parks Association Gold Medal Award. Golden has been recognized for its pedestrian and bicycle friendly amenities and is working hard to find the right balance between cars and people. Golden has a very energetic and successful downtown which preserves its history while accommodating current lifestyles. It's a fun place to be!

Mike is from Rochester, New York and holds a B.S. degree in Management from the University of Detroit and an M.S. in Management from the University of Utah. Prior to moving to Colorado, Mike's career was in Missouri where he held a variety of positions in County and State government. Mike lives in Golden and has two children, one granddaughter and a Catahoula Leopard Hound named Dixie.