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# Congress Park

One of Denver's most popular older neighborhoods, Congress Park began its residential boom between the late 1890s and the 1940s.

The actual Congress Park, which serves as the anchor of the neighborhood, was created on the site of an old cemetery that had fallen into disrepair. Because the land was owned by the United States by virtue of an 1860 treaty with the Arapaho, the change of land use from cemetery to park required approval by Congress, which is how the park and neighborhood got their name. This park, located at 9th and Elizabeth, now features beloved green space as well as a playground and renovated outdoor swimming pool.

That initial boom in residential development yielded a variety of architectural styles, including Denver Squares and brick bungalows as well as Mission, Mediterranean, Dutch Colonial and charming Victorians along the historic Seventh Avenue Parkway. Early Art Deco apartment buildings and 1960s high-rises round out the mix. Charming stores and restaurants are within walking distance, and the Cherry Creek shopping district is also quite near. The Denver Botanic Gardens is just west of the neighborhood, offering a garden oasis, summer concerts and holiday events.

