

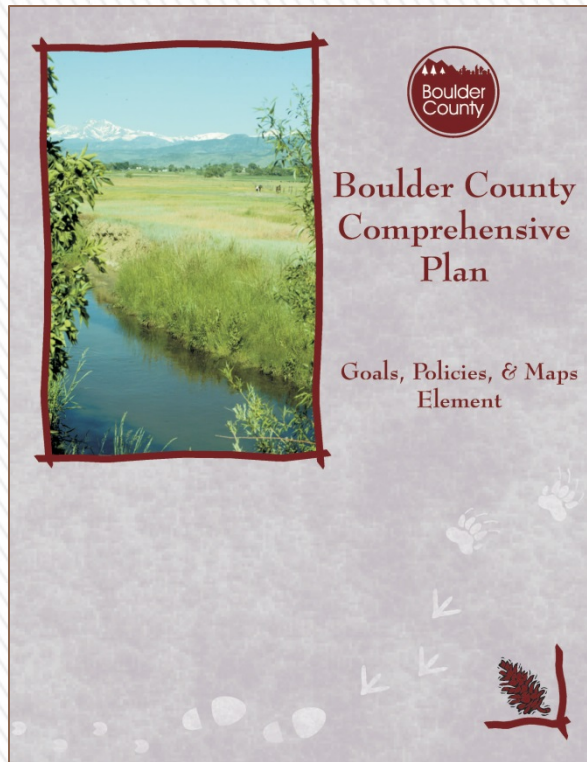
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# Open Space Element Update

Boulder County  
Comprehensive Plan



- » Adopted 1978
- » Vision for development
- » Channel growth to municipalities
- » Protect ag lands
- » Preserve environmental and natural resources

# Boulder County Comprehensive Plan





## Background

- » Legal Foundation: State Law (*C.R.S. 30-28-106*)
- » Lead Department: Land Use
- » Adopted by Planning Commission
- » Advisory Document to guide land use decisions
- » Implemented through Land Use Regulations and other planning tools

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## **BCCP Contents:**

- » Goals Section
- » Individual Elements (policies)
- » Maps

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## Elements Relevant to Parks & Open Space:

- 1) Agriculture Element
- 2) Cultural Resource Element
- 3) Environmental Resources Element
- 4) Open Space Element

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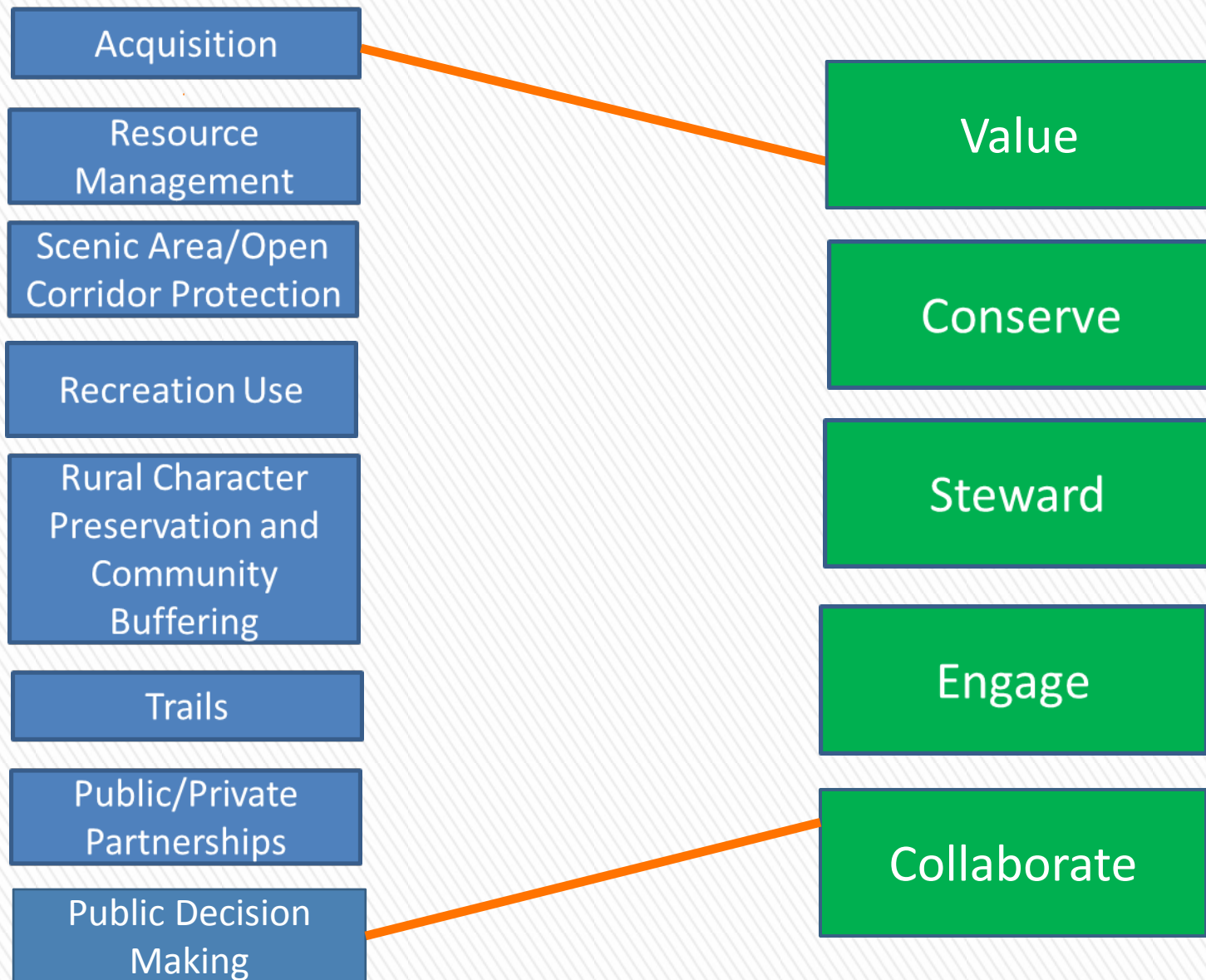


## Goals of the OSE Update:

- » 30,000 foot view
- » simplify language
- » broaden policy topics
- » clarify the goals and policies
- » eliminate reference to programs
- » eliminate redundancies
- » provide guidance for future
- » NOT to revisit the INTENT of goals and policies

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## Boulder County Comprehensive Plan

- » Open Space Element Policies and Maps (POSAC-BOCC-**PC**)
- » Management Policies (POSAC-**BOCC**)
- » Management Plans (POSAC-**BOCC**)
- » Rules & Regs (POSAC-**BOCC**)
- » Operating Plans, etc. (administrative)

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## Typical Management & Policy Planning Process

- » Internal & public scoping
- » Data collection, resource inventory
- » Develop alternatives
- » Draft Plans
- » Public Review
- » Public Hearings (POSAC, BOCC)
- » Adoption by BOCC after POSAC recommendation

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## » **8 Management Policies**

- > Cropland Policy
- > Water Policy
- > Conservation Easement Policy

## » **50+ Management Plans**

- > Betasso Preserve Management Plan
- > Walker Ranch Management Plan

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## Anticipated Timeline

- » Spring 2015: Preview to POSAC and PC
- » Summer 2015: Open House #1 (July 28)
- » Fall/Winter 2015/16:
  - > Joint study session with POSAC (Nov.)
  - > Public Hearings & Adoption

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- » Questions, Comments?
- » What would you like to see when we bring you the first draft?

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