



## Parks & Open Space

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### **RE: Annual Municipal Open Space and Trails Requests**

Dear City Managers and Open Space Managers:

Each year the County invites the municipalities of Boulder County to submit requests for open space and trail projects, per Resolution 93-174, paragraph 10:

THAT the Board of County Commissioners will annually consult the City Councils and Town Boards of the municipalities within Boulder County to assure that open space preservation and trail projects identified by municipalities are considered in setting county open space acquisition and trail development priorities for the following year.

The attached report (Attachment B) provides Boulder County's updates and responses to community requests submitted in January 2020.

Please return Attachment A: 2020 Municipal Open Space and Trails Request Form, by Friday, February 12, 2021. Our goal is to return responses to you by the end of June 2021.

We welcome this opportunity to continue exploring and expanding partnerships on open space acquisitions and trail projects. In the coming months, Boulder County staff will reach out to each community to discuss your community's priorities. County Staff is available to meet with municipal staff, advisory board, and decision makers in whatever configuration best meets your needs.

Sincerely,

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Director

Tina Nielsen  
Special Projects Manager

#### Attachments

- A. 2020 Community Open Space and Trails Request Form
- B. Boulder County Responses to 2020 Municipal Open Space and Trails Requests

## 2020 Municipal Open Space and Trails Request Form

Please return your information by **Feb. 12, 2021**. Refer to Attachment B: *Boulder County Responses to 2019 Municipal Open Space and Trails Requests* to update your requests.

Please send your response to Tina Nielsen, [tnielsen@bouldercounty.org](mailto:tnielsen@bouldercounty.org), 303-678-6279

Please include your contact information, and whether this request has been approved by your advisory board and/or city council/town board.

**Open Space requests:** Through the efforts of all of our open space programs, we have preserved a lot of open space in Boulder County. What significant parcels remain in your area in order to consider the job done? Are there trails proposals that require property acquisition? **Please list properties numbered in order of priority**, even if you have submitted them in a previous year. Please include the owner's name, street address, acreage, parcel ID and account number (from the Assessor's Office) and attach a map if possible. Include any additional information that may be relevant, such as how it fits in with municipal or county plans, approximate cost, whether or not your community can share in the cost, etc.

**Trail requests:** Boulder County is most likely to partner on trails that connect to county open space trails, or are part of identified regional trail priorities, and have been vetted through a planning process that includes input from members of the public and other interested parties. Boulder County welcomes the opportunity to further discuss these requests with your staff or boards. In cases where a specific connection or new trail would follow a fixed alignment across certain properties, please include parcel information (parcel ID and/or account number from the Assessor's Office) for those segments. **Please list projects numbered in order of priority**, even if you have submitted them in a previous year.



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## Boulder County Responses

*2019 Municipal Open Space and Trails Requests*

June 2020





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## Background

Each year Boulder County invites the incorporated communities of Boulder County to submit requests for open space and trail projects, per the county's open space tax resolution approved by voters in 1993 (Resolution 93-174):

THAT the Board of County Commissioners will annually consult the City Councils and Town Boards of the municipalities within Boulder County to assure that open space preservation and trail projects identified by municipalities are considered in setting county open space acquisition and trail development priorities for the following year.

This report provides Boulder County's responses and updates to each community's requests. These responses were prepared by staff from the Parks & Open Space Department (including Resource Planning Division and Recreation and Facilities Division) and the Transportation Planning Division of the Community Planning & Permitting Department.

In the coming months, Boulder County staff will reach out to each community to discuss your community's priorities. County Staff is available to meet with municipal staff, advisory board, and decision makers in whatever configuration best meets your needs.

## Boulder County Strategic Priorities

The Boulder County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) adopted strategic priorities in December 2018 (<https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/commissioners-strategic-priorities-2019.pdf>). Our responses to 2019 open space and trail requests reflect these strategic priorities, with particular attention to the Land & Water Stewardship Objectives 1a and 2b:

**Goal 1:** Acquire interests in real property that significantly protect natural areas for flora and fauna, maintain buffers that preserve community identity, preserve important agricultural lands, and contribute to the creation of a recreational trail system.

**Objective 1a:** Refine and continue to implement a dynamic acquisition strategy that targets key remaining properties to fulfill open space goals.

**Goal 2:** Demonstrate excellent stewardship of open space, including protection of natural resources, community access, and quality of life, through improved planning, engagement, and implementation on Boulder County Parks & Open Space land.

**Objective 2b:** Collaborate with the Transportation Department and municipalities to create more trail connectivity among municipal neighborhoods, local open spaces, and regional trails through a Regional Plains Trail Connectivity Plan.

# Boulder County Open Space and Trails Accomplishments in 2019

## 2019 Boulder County Open Space Acquisitions

### Acquisitions

Boulder County strives to acquire properties that meet one or more of the following open space purposes:

- Preserving rural areas that provide community buffers including significant agricultural land.
- Land for passive recreation including land for public access and potential trail connections.
- Land with other significant resources (cultural, scenic, and natural), including natural landmarks, archaeological sites, historically significant land and buildings, scenic view corridors, significant plant communities, riparian corridors, wetlands, and wildlife habitat.

In 2019, Boulder County invested a net of \$9,621,937.50 to acquire 468.24 acres of land and water rights, including 14 fee properties, two conservation easements, and five conservation easement amendments that improved the county's legal interests and added 14.62 acres. The county acquired important agricultural water rights (FRICO, Goodhue Ditch, Left Hand Ditch, and South Boulder and Coal Creek Ditches) in four separate transactions. In addition, the county made \$337,500 in option payments on Dowe Flats-CEMEX, Golden-Fredstrom, and Zweck, which will be purchased in future years. All acquisitions are depicted in the map below. Some highlights:

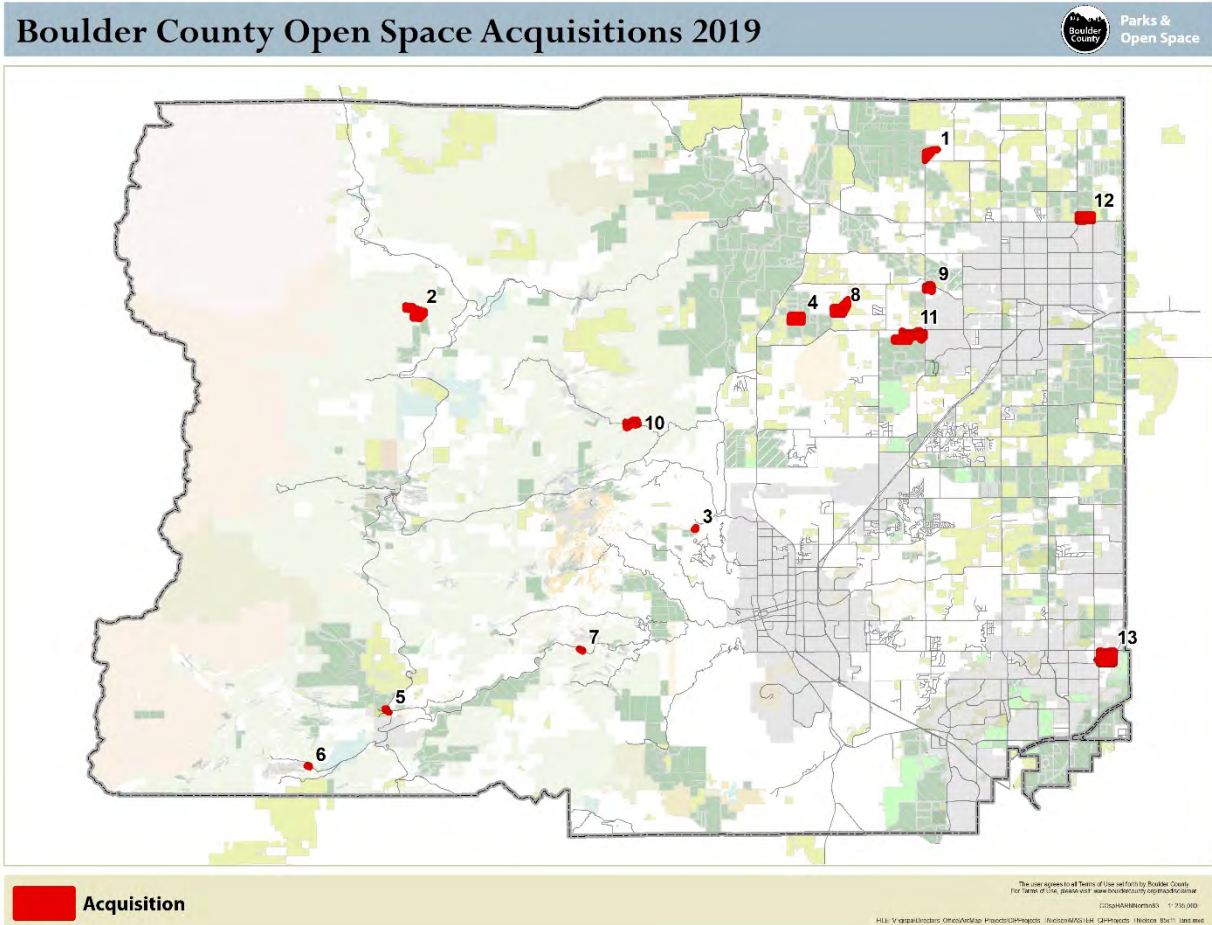
- Brand 2-Parcel 2: This acquisition completed the Brand 2 deal and added just over 35 acres to the Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain.
- Loukonen-Dairy Farm-Parcel J: This acquisition completed the 10-year Loukonen-Dairy Farm deal and added nearly 66 acres to that property.
- Nichols: The county helped the Eldora Civic Association acquire 2.5 acres of a natural area containing an important wetlands complex on the east end of Eldora.
- Waneka Centennial Farm: The county helped the City of Lafayette complete this long-standing priority acquisition of 136 acres on the east end of Lafayette.

### Dispositions

In any given year it may be necessary to dispose of some open space interest. The dispositions process follows the strictures set forth in the open space sales tax resolutions for properties purchased with sales tax revenues, including ample public notice and opportunity for petition to call a referendum on the disposition. The following dispositions were completed in 2019:

- A five-acre exchange with Wild Bear Nature Center to move the location for the center's future headquarters to a safer location at Mud Lake in Nederland.
- The county transferred the Martin flood buyout property to the Town of Lyons.

- The county fulfilled legal obligations to cooperate with Xcel Energy and the City and County of Broomfield on three condemnation transactions (also called “takings”) that brought \$150,910 in proceeds for reinvestment in future open space acquisitions.



2019 Real Estate Acquisitions Key:

- |                        |                    |                            |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Brand 2             | 6. Nichols         | 11. Suitts                 |
| 2. Engle               | 7. Phillips (Matt) | 12. Tice                   |
| 3. Lev-Ary             | 8. Pollard         | 13. Waneka Centennial Farm |
| 4. Loukonen Dairy Farm | 9. Ramey (Shadi)   |                            |
| 5. Mud Lake            | 10. Springdale     |                            |



## 2019 Boulder County Trails Highlights

Boulder County annually approves a five-year Parks & Open Space Improvement Project (POSIP). The plan helps the department prioritize and budget for improvement projects on open space and provides a structure for seeking partnerships and grant funds to help leverage our budget. The plan also provides a framework for public input on priorities and timing of new projects.

The \$775,000 POSIP budget is distributed among six project categories: Recreation & Facilities; Historic Preservation; Public Education; Agricultural Resources; Ecosystems; and Forestry. Funding comes from the Parks & Open Space sales tax approved by voters in 2010 and leveraged with partner contributions and grants.

Trails priorities are within the Recreation and Facilities category. Accomplishments in 2019 and ongoing work in 2020 include:

- **Heil 2 Improvements: 2020 POSIP.** The county purchased the 210-acre Heil 2 property in late 2012. This property lies on both the east and west sides of Geer Canyon Drive, south of the existing trailhead. A small area plan for Heil 2 was completed and approved in May 2016, with improvements that include trails, trailhead, and trailhead amenities. The Overland Loop Trail opened in 2017; the Schoolhouse Trail and Corral Trailhead opened in October 2019. In 2020, POSIP funds are earmarked for completing the Skills Trail; engineering and construction of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) trail in corral area port-a-potty enclosure at Altona Schoolhouse and upgrades to main trailhead.
- **Anne U. White Trailhead:** The Anne U. White trail has been closed since the devastation of the 2013 flood. Trailhead reconstruction was completed and opened in late 2019. In 2020, the department is exploring the potential to add a restroom structure to the trailhead.
- **Tolland Ranch Trail:** In January 2015, Boulder County partnered with the Colorado State Forest Service and Great Outdoors Colorado, with coordination by The Conservation Fund, to acquire a conservation easement over approximately 3,334 acres of the Tolland Ranch property near Eldora Ski area in western Boulder County and Gilpin County. The acquisition includes an easement for a 6.5-mile-long trail. The 2018 funding is for a Class III Cultural Resource Survey of the trail corridor. A Great Outdoors Colorado construction grant was approved in January 2020, and design work is being done in 2020, with the hope of beginning construction on a segment of the trail this summer with volunteers and staff. A significant portion of the trail will be contracted for construction in 2021 and 2022.
- **Agricultural Heritage Center:** Construction of irrigation improvements and ADA access for the McIntosh Barn to the grounds of this historic public educational facility. Irrigation will be expanded from directly around the historic farmhouse to include the entryway and irrigated grass and plantings around additional buildings and the McIntosh Barn. ADA access on the eastern side of the McIntosh barn will allow more visitors to come into this historic structure and experience the inside character of this 1881-vintage barn.

# Summary of 2019 Community Open Space and Trails Requests

## **OPEN SPACE REQUESTS**

### City of Boulder Open Space Requests

1. Parcels associated with trail requests
2. Priority parcels in Open Space & Mountain Parks (OSMP) acquisition plan

### ERIE

1. Wheeler
2. Three parcels along east side of 119th St. north of Jasper Rd.
3. Three parcels NW intersection of Baseline Rd. and East County Line Rd.
4. Six parcels along south side of Jasper Rd and north of Union Pacific RR tracks
5. Three parcels south of Jasper Rd. and south of Union Pacific RR tracks
6. Coal Creek floodplain and agricultural land

### Lafayette Open Space Requests

1. Three Leaf Farm
2. Edward Michael Serrano
3. Baseline Rd. enclave properties
4. Broida T.G. Living Trust
5. Arapahoe Rd. properties—PROST Area 9
6. Teller Lake Connector property—PROST Area 13
7. Bullhead Gulch property—PROST Area 14
8. 95<sup>th</sup> St. properties—PROST Area 15

### Longmont Open Space Requests

1. Two Parcels north and east of Union Reservoir

### Louisville Open Space Requests

1. Empire Rd.
2. Highway 42 and Coal Creek
3. 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Dillon Rd.

### Lyons Open Space Requests

1. Martin Parcel Flood Acquisition Property
2. Boulder County Flood Acquisition Properties/Apple Valley, other

### Superior Open Space Requests

1. CenturyLink Property
2. Zaharias Property
3. Bolejack Property
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Tract 919

## **TRAIL REQUESTS**

### City of Boulder Trail Requests

1. Boulder Creek Path to Chapman Dr.
2. Eldorado Canyon SP to Walker Ranch
3. LOBO Trail: Jay Rd. Segment
4. Rocky Mountain Greenway: Jeffco to north Boulder limits
5. Fourmile Canyon Creek Trail underpass to Cottonwood Trail
6. Marshall Lake Trail/Coal Creek Drive to Singletree Trail
7. Joder Ranch to Heil Valley Ranch Connection
8. Joder Ranch to Buckingham park
9. Joder Ranch to Six Mile Fold
10. OSMP (north TSA) to Lagerman Ag Preserve
11. Boulder-Lyons/Rocky Mountain Greenway
12. RTD Rail Trail

### ERIE

1. Coal Creek Trail--Reliance Park NW to Kenosha and Boulder Creek
2. Union Pacific Rail Trail—Creekside Subdivision W to SH 287
3. Boulder Creek Trail to St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail
4. Arapahoe Ridge to Compass (NEW)

### Lafayette Trail Requests

1. Link Coal Creek Trail to BNSF Rail Trail
2. 104<sup>th</sup> St. Trail
3. Link Lafayette's trail system north of Arapahoe Rd. to OSMP Teller Farm
4. Two Creeks Connector
5. Bullhead Gulch Connector
6. 287 Extension Trail

### Longmont Trail Requests

1. Dry Creek Greenway to Lagerman Ag Preserve
2. St. Vrain Greenway

### Louisville Trail Requests

1. Overlook Underpass Trail
2. 104<sup>th</sup> St. Trail
3. Warembourg Trail

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#### Lyons Trail Requests

1. Lyons St. Vrain Corridor Trail Extension-US 36 Underpass, regional connections to Lyons to Boulder, St. Vrain Greenway, east side of US 36
2. St. Vrain Greenway Trail
3. Hwy 7 trail connector from St. Vrain Corridor Trail to Old South St. Vrain Road
4. Lyons to Hall Ranch Connector Trail
5. Lyons to Rabbit Mountain Connector Trail
6. Lyons to Boulder Trail
7. Steamboat Mountain Public Access/Trails
8. Underpass/Trail Apple Valley Rd. at US 36

#### Nederland Trail Requests

1. Trails 10, 15, and 16
2. CR 130 Trail Connection to Nederland Middle Senior High School

#### Superior Trail Requests

1. Trail connection from US 36 Underpass at Davidson Mesa
2. Improve surface and safety of Coalton Trail
3. Link between Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Coal Creek Regional Trail
4. Access to Meadowlark Trail off McCaslin Blvd.
5. Trail along McCaslin Blvd. from Indiana south to Calmante neighborhood

Note: requests were not submitted by Jamestown and Ward.

## 2019 COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND COUNTY RESPONSES

### City of Boulder

#### BOULDER OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

1. **Parcels associated with trail requests:** Joder-Heil, Eldorado Canyon-Walker Ranch, etc.

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County continues to work with the City of Boulder on trail connections in the areas mentioned: Joder-Heil (POS, through the North Trail Study Area process); Eldorado Canyon to Walker Ranch (POS), Boulder Creek Path extension (POS and Transportation), and Rocky Mountain Greenway (POS and Transportation). Boulder County will continue considering partnership opportunities for trail connection acquisitions in these areas if opportunities become feasible.

2. **Parcels in priority areas identified in the OSMP Acquisition Plan** or that may satisfy the strategies identified in the upcoming OSMP Master Plan which are ideal or appropriate for partnership with Boulder County.

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to discuss the city's Acquisition Plan and to consider partnering to fulfill the city's acquisition goals if opportunities become feasible and funding is available.

## BOULDER TRAIL REQUESTS

The trails listed below connect into Boulder County POS lands and are in approved plans. The approach for prioritizing was to list them according to and in the following order:

- Projects where we are currently collaborating with Boulder County—continue/complete.
- Projects called out in previous Trail Study Area plans—Marshall Lake is the sole item.
- Projects called out in the North Trail Study Area—much of our current implementation efforts are focused.
- All others that have Boulder County partnership or interest.

### 1. **Extension of Boulder Creek Path to Chapman Drive**

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (Transportation Planning Division): Construction of the Boulder Creek Path extension to Chapman Drive is currently under way. Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is completing the work as part of its reconstruction of SH 119 between Boulder and Nederland. Construction is scheduled to be complete late 2020. However, if weather affects the schedule, paving will be done in spring 2021. In addition, extending the trail to Tunnel #1 is not feasible at this time but may be in the future.

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/boulder-creek-path-extension/>  
<https://www.codot.gov/projects/co-119-boulder-canyon-improvements>

### 2. **Eldorado Canyon State Park to Walker Ranch Connection**

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): After receiving Boulder County Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) approval in January 2019, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) recommended holding off considering a connecting trail until a broader planning process for Eldorado Canyon State Park is completed—the Visitor Use Management Plan (VUMP). This process has included the formation of a task force composed of approximately 20 stakeholder representatives, as well as an interagency team with staff from both BCPOS and the county’s Transportation Planning Division of the Community Planning & Permitting Department (CP&P). A variety of access and transportation topics are being reviewed, including issues related to capacity and parking at the state park. As part of the VUMP planning process, CPW intends to further analyze a potential multi-use connection that would allow mountain biking within the context of projected increases in visitation and other potential future uses of the park. However, given the volume of study and public comment already collected on the Walker Ranch multi-use trail, the VUMP process will focus first on alternatives for addressing the current situation at the park. A draft of the VUMP was expected in June 2020, with the process concluding later this year. This timeframe is likely delayed because of COVID-19.

### 3. **Longmont to Boulder (LOBO) Trail: Jay Road Segment**

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (Transportation Planning Division): The Longmont-to-Boulder Trail is a proposed 12-mile trail connecting the City of Boulder trail system with the City of Longmont trails. Much of the trail as originally proposed has been completed. One of the more prominent segments yet to be completed is the Jay Road Connection.

Boulder County, in partnership with the City of Boulder, evaluated options for a multi-use path connection between the LOBO Trail at Spine Road and the Cottonwood Trail at Jay Road. Trail users currently travel on narrow bike lanes on Jay Road and Spine Road to make this connection. Boulder

County conducted an extensive public outreach process in March – July 2018 and presented a report with preferred route options. The feasibility of each potential option was studied as part of the Jay Road Connections Project. Next steps include final design of the preferred trail route.  
<https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/trails/jay-road-connections-project/>

**4. Rocky Mountain Greenway: Jefferson County Line to northern City of Boulder limits**

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Radionuclide testing, per the approved Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), was completed for both greenway crossings that were part of the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant. The results validated that the project sites for construction of the Rocky Mountain Greenway are well within legal and regulatory guidelines for refuge workers and recreational visitors. Staff anticipates that Jeffco Open Space will draft a new FLAP Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) this year and both the City of Boulder and Boulder County will have an opportunity to review and determine our participation level in the project at that time.

**5. Fourmile Canyon Creek Trail underpass to Cottonwood Trail**

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (Transportation Planning Division): Designs have been completed and approved, Boulder County is working through the permitting process for the underpass structure and continues to work with the BNSF Railway Company and the Public Utility Commission to complete a crossing agreement for Four Mile Creek Trail underpass.  
<https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/four-mile-creek-bikeway/>

**6. Marshall Lake Trail and connection alongside Coal Creek Drive to the Singletree Trail**

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): The county has not recently reviewed this proposed trail from the city’s 2005 Marshall Mesa—Southern Grasslands Trail Study Area plan. Given the city’s management authority for the Superior Associates/Telleen Property, the county anticipates the city’s taking the lead on the project.

**7. Joder to Heil Valley Ranch Connection**

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): In 2020 a new trail access (Schoolhouse Loop) was provided off Lefthand Canyon Drive to Heil Valley Ranch. BCPOS is exploring with OSMP additional land access in order to complete this connection.

**8. Joder Trail to Buckingham Park via Olde Stage Road**

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (Transportation Planning Division): The county is interested in coordinating and working with the City of Boulder to explore trail connection options from Joder Trail to Buckingham Park adjacent to Olde Stage Road.

**9. Joder Ranch to Six Mile Fold**

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): There is no plan for new recreation infrastructure at Six Mile Fold. The county will continue to monitor use of this area to determine if future development in this region (e.g., North Sky Trail) will change use patterns and warrant consideration of trail development on the county property.

## 10. OSMP North Trail Study Area (TSA) to Lagerman/Imel/AHI

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): A southern connection from Lagerman Agricultural Preserve (LAP) to Oxford Road is approved in the 2012 Management Plan. The construction of this connection is not currently in the six-year POSIP. City OSMP has designated a trail in the North TSA plan that heads north of the Boulder Reservoir (Talon Trail) reaching the intersection of 55<sup>th</sup> Street and Niwot Road. Both the city and county will need to work together to bridge the gap between the two trail systems (LAP and North TSA), including the acquisition of trail corridors or the designation of rights-of-way. There are significant challenges for off-road connection, including road crossings and a crossing of Lefthand Creek. Currently, no planning is scheduled to formulate this trail connection.

## 11. Boulder to Lyons/Rocky Mountain Greenway (RMG)

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (Transportation Planning Division): Boulder County worked to develop a master plan for the proposed Lyons to Boulder Regional Trail (formerly known as the Feeder Canal Trail) in 2008 and 2009, developing three alternative alignments with extensive public input. The County Commissioners suspended the planning process in Fall 2009 after the Northern Colorado Water Conservation District rescinded its trail development guidelines, making it clear that it was unlikely to grant permission in the near future for use of the Feeder Canal for any part of the Lyons to Boulder Trail (from 2013 Response to Open Space and Trail Requests). Trail planning is not prioritized for this segment of the RMG at this time. More information is at this link: <https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/trails/lyons-boulder-trail/>

## 12. RTD Rail Trail

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (Transportation Planning Division): Boulder County, in partnership with the City of Boulder and Town of Erie, is evaluating options for the creation of a new soft-surface regional trail connection along the RTD-owned rail corridor linking the City of Boulder and Erie. This connection was identified in the county's regional trails prioritization process in 2003 and is eligible for funding through the Countywide Sales Tax Ballot passed by voters in 2007. Boulder County is currently conducting a master planning process to identify needs, opportunities, and constraints of constructing the regional trail. This process began in spring of 2019, and the master planning process is anticipated to be complete by the mid-2021. <https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/union-pacific-trail/>

## Town of Erie

### ERIE OPEN SPACE REQUESTS (submitted in 2017)

1. Open Space Map B. Confluence of Boulder and Coal Creek, Jack & Donna Wheeler (now the Estate of Jack Wheeler): The 230 acres located at the southwest corner of East County Line Road and SH 52 are adjacent to lands owned by Boulder County for conservation/preservation. Confluence of Coal Creek and Boulder Creek: The acreage provides land for a critical trail connection from Erie's trail network to the St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail. Portions of the property rank very high in Erie's Natural Areas inventory and are identified among the highest value land for potential open space values in the PROST Master Plan. Access to this property for the creek corridor is essential to the completion of a continuous section of trail connecting the Rock Creek/Coal Creek

Regional Trail to the St. Vrain Legacy Trail. Erie seeks to partner financially with Boulder County on acquisition and/or preservation efforts. Erie is also interested in collaborating with Boulder County in pursuing grant funding opportunities or conservation donations to facilitate the preservation of this property. Boulder County Assessor's Valuation: Actual—\$739,900; Assessed —\$91,613

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County acquired this property on June 30, 2017, and it remains in an agricultural open space use.

2. Open Space Map S. Three parcels along east side of 119th Street., north of Jasper Road. Allan Farms, LLC; Gene Wade Revocable Trust; Sharon Norton. Agricultural lands on the east side of N. 119th Street and north of Jasper Road. Parcels are actively farmed. The Wise Open Space and historical museum and other Boulder County open space lie directly west of these parcels and are not annexed to the town. The Erie Comprehensive Plan designates the land use of the two northern parcels as Rural Residential and the southern parcel as Low Density Residential. The parcels are prime candidates for agricultural preservation, as all parcels are highly productive, and the site is recognized as having "Nationally Significant Agricultural Land." The parcels offer significant advantages in that they contain one of the most scenic views available in this area and may provide critical trail linkage between the Kenosha Gravel Pit Wetland Reclamation area and the Wise Open Space and other existing Boulder County open space along Boulder Creek. Erie seeks Boulder County assistance in acquiring conservation easements over these properties. Erie is also interested in collaborating with Boulder County in pursuing grant funding opportunities or conservation donations to facilitate the preservation of these parcels.

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Erie has asked Boulder County to invest \$400,000 in Erie's acquisition of the Allan Farms property. The county is willing to invest that amount of funding in exchange for a conservation easement over the property. If Erie acquires fee title to any of the other properties, Boulder County would be willing to consider partnering on funding in exchange for conservation easement interests. Those properties may instead be good candidates for conservation easements (purchases, donations, or bargain sales). Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Erie and to consider partnering in the purchases if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available.

3. Open Space Map M. Three parcels NW intersection of Baseline Road and East County Line Road: Linn McDonald; Millicam Revocable Living Trust; Lafayette 7 General Partnership. This wetlands area is a continuation of a larger wetland area south of the Highway 7, which is under one ownership. This wetlands area is well known and has been designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a "National Priority Wetland." Both Lafayette and Boulder County have expressed interest in the past for joint acquisition and preservation of these wetlands, as they provide critical nesting habitat for many species of birds.

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County acquired a large portion of this wetland in partnership with the City of Lafayette in the Waneka Centennial Farm deal that closed on November 19, 2019. Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Erie and to consider partnering in purchases if opportunities become feasible and funding is available.

4. Open space Map R. Parcels along south side of Jasper Road and north of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks: Wise Homestead LLC; Viola Carlisle; Annie Pearl Johnson; David and Cari Nicolas. Multiple properties designated Rural Residential lie north of and adjacent to the UPRR corridor. The land is a significant, undeveloped, agricultural, scenic area, providing unique opportunities for the

future UPRR trail. Open space values are present on these lands in addition to the critical trail opportunities. Erie is interested in participating with Boulder County to preserve these unique properties. Erie is also interested in collaborating with Boulder County in pursuing grant funding opportunities or conservation donations to facilitate the preservation of these parcels.

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Erie and to consider partnering in purchases if opportunities become feasible and funding is available.

5. Open Space Map Q. Three parcels south of Jasper Road and south of UPRR tracks: Wise Homestead LLC; Ronald, Scott and Michael Jasper; Elizabeth Kissel. Similar to Map R above, these parcels lie to the south of the UPRR corridor. This significant scenic area provides a unique setting for the UPRR trail. Open space values are present on these lands in addition to the critical trail opportunities. Erie is interested in participating with Boulder County to preserve these unique properties. Erie is also interested in collaborating with Boulder County in pursuing grant funding opportunities or conservation donations to facilitate the preservation of these parcels.

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Erie and to consider partnering in purchases if opportunities become feasible and funding is available.

6. Open Space Map F. Coal Creek floodplain and agricultural land. Michael and Wink Jackson. A portion of the property north of Coal Creek only (54 acres). Adjacent to Coal Creek (in floodplain) and existing 45-acre town open space parcel on the east boundary. Provides critical connection for Coal Creek Trail, St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail. Acquired by current owner through foreclosure for \$635,000 in January 2010. Town has made initial offer to acquire the property (rejected by the landowner); negotiations are continuing. Erie seeks to partner financially with Boulder County on acquisition/preservation efforts.

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Erie and to consider partnering in purchases if opportunities become feasible and funding is available.

## ERIE TRAIL REQUESTS (submitted in 2017)

1. Map T1. Coal Creek Trail—Reliance Park northwest to Kenosha Wetland Reclamation Area and Boulder Creek. Erie's section of the Coal Creek Trail is completed from Vista Point north to Reliance Park. This request continues the existing Coal Creek Trail from Reliance Park (WCR 1-1/2) north to the confluence with Boulder Creek. This is a critical connection for Erie and all of the trail users of the Coal Creek and Boulder Creek Trails. This trail corridor has been designated a Spine Trail by the Board of Trustees, indicating that it provides significant connections to activity centers in Erie, as well as other regional trails. Erie seeks assistance from Boulder County for completion of this critical trail segment. Erie is also interested in collaborating with Boulder County in pursuing grant opportunities to facilitate completion of the trail. (See also open space lands for this corridor in the open space requests listed above - Map F.)

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County will work with the town (and other stakeholders) to update the Lower Boulder Creek Management Plan starting in the next year.



2. Map T2. UPRR Trail—Creekside Subdivision West to US Highway 287. Erie seeks to participate in the planning and construction efforts for the UPRR trail in relation to the segment between our Creekside Subdivision and US Highway 287. Some of the lands adjacent to this trail corridor, both north and south, are prioritized above in our open space requests. This future trail alignment provides unique opportunities for an east-west regional trail to connect with communities to the west of Erie and serves to complement the significant north/south Coal Creek Trail through Erie.

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (Transportation Planning Division): Boulder County, in partnership with the City of Boulder and Town of Erie, is evaluating options for the creation of a new soft-surface regional trail connection along the RTD-owned rail corridor linking the City of Boulder and Erie. This connection was identified in the county's regional trails prioritization process in 2003 and is eligible for funding through the Countywide Sales Tax Ballot passed by voters in 2007. Boulder County is currently conducting a master planning process for the RTD Rail Trail (formerly the UP Rail Trail) to identify needs, opportunities, and constraints of constructing the regional trail. This process began in spring of 2019, and the master planning process is anticipated to be complete by mid-2021.

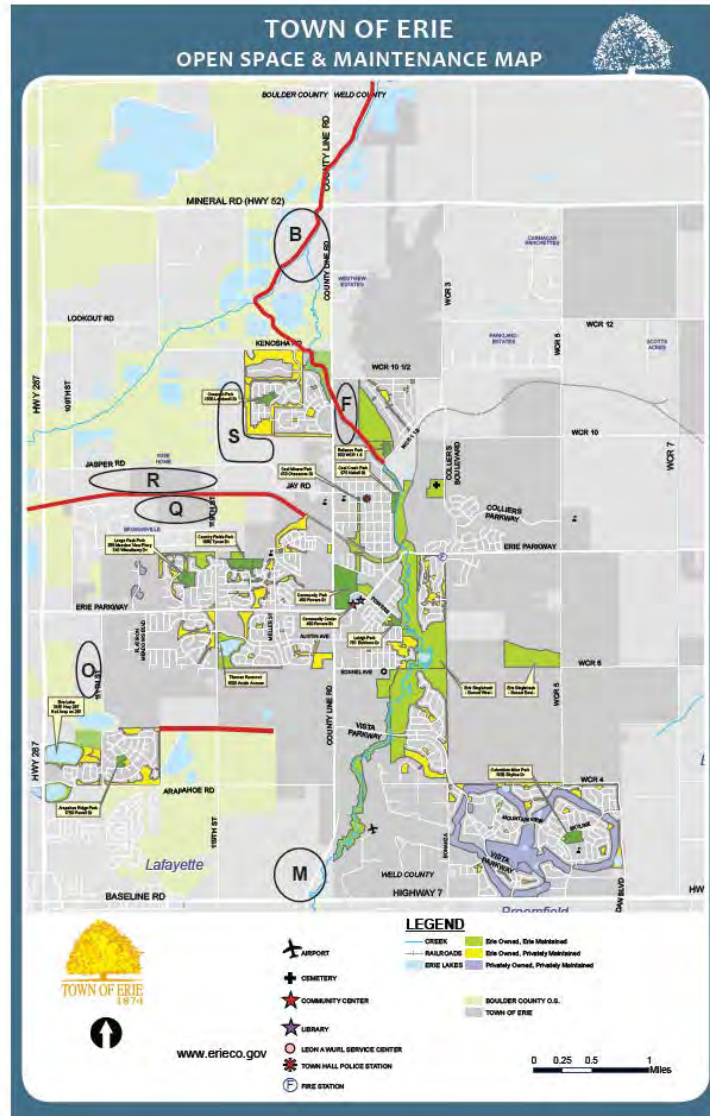
<https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/union-pacific-trail/>

3. Map T3. Boulder Creek Trail to St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail—Kenosha northwest to WCR 16-1/2 (to Frederick, Longmont and beyond). Erie seeks to participate in the planning and construction efforts for the Boulder Creek Trail segment from Kenosha, continuing northwest to connect with the St. Vrain Legacy Trail and Colorado Front Range Trail. This area is the next logical segment to be completed after T1 listed above, as it continues from the confluence of Coal Creek and Boulder Creek.

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): Boulder County will work with the town (and other stakeholders) to update the Lower Boulder Creek Management Plan starting in the next year.

4. Map T4. Arapahoe Ridge to Compass (across county open space parcels). Erie residents continually request safe routes to access amenities. This trail addition would allow for East/West connectivity along a major thoroughfare, likely Arapahoe Road. Access in this parcel would allow for residents to access the Coal Creek Trail (to the East), as well as Boulder County open spaces (to the West). This connection has continually been requested by residents for many years.

2020 Boulder County Response/Update (POS): County has discussed a trail crossing along the north boundary of the CMN-Kirsch property in conjunction with a water line proposal. The county will continue to work on this proposal with Erie this year.



## City of Lafayette

### LAFAYETTE OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

1. Three Leaf Farm LLC. 447 South 112th Street, Lafayette, Colo., 80026. Acres: 16.68. Current Agricultural and Horse pasture property owned by Three Leaf Farm LLC, with good access to Coal Creek. This property is now the highest rated parcel of land from Lafayette's Parks Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Current landowners are excellent land stewards, and Lafayette Open space partners in annual programming onsite. Lafayette's interest would be in protecting the property from future development by working with the landowners, initiating conversations surrounding a Conservation Easement over the land or potentially a Fee Simple purchase. Because this property

contains unincorporated land and is adjacent to jointly owned property of Boulder County and Lafayette, partnering on any future conservation with the county is desired.

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Lafayette and to consider partnering in the purchase if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available.

2. Edward Michael Serrano, 12109 South Boulder Road. Acres: 28.70. Coal Creek Properties along South Boulder Road extension—Area 5 from the PROST Plan. As South Boulder Road dead ends into the Two Creeks Prairie Open Space, land buffering the creek and potential trail connections exist. Lafayette desires to connect two major trail systems in the BNSF and Coal Creek Trails. These properties provide excellent access and a straight shot, utilizing a current powerline corridor for a future trail connection to a regional trail system. The property itself has good habitat value and rangeland potential. The City of Lafayette desires to partner with Boulder County to add to the Two Creeks Prairie ecosystem recreation area.

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Lafayette and to consider partnering in the purchase if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available.

3. Baseline Road enclave properties (3)
  - a. Area 7 from PROST, 2.63 acres
  - b. Rebecca P. Klymkowski, 10302 Baseline Road, 2.46 acres
  - c. Dale Sebring, 10328 Baseline Road, 10328 Baseline Road, 0.65 acres

These three properties, together, represent an enclave of unincorporated properties in the heart of Lafayette. Anchored on three sides by Lafayette open space property at Thomas Organic Farm and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, these properties represent a valuable buffer to Baseline Road and movement corridor for local wildlife in an important region of the city. This land would provide valuable property toward any potential pedestrian/wildlife underpass that has been discussed for this stretch of Baseline Road. Lafayette desires to work with Boulder County to protect this resource for future opportunities.

2020 Boulder County Response: These properties are within Lafayette’s urban growth boundary and are surrounded by development. Boulder County focuses its partnership funding outside of the city’s urban growth boundary, so these properties are of lower priority for county partnership than other city priorities outside of the growth boundary that have been designated for rural preservation.

4. Broida T. G. Living Trust. 29.43 acres. Acct. # R0103836, Parcel # R0103836. Baseline Road near Nyland and County Open Space – Area 8 from the PROST Plan. This property lies along Baseline Road west of 95th Street. Boulder County, Louisville, the City of Boulder, and Lafayette, all own open space property adjacent to 8600 Baseline Road. The property owners have contacted to inquire about open space interests in the property. Lafayette requests that all partners come together to discuss this opportunity in the short term, to gauge potential interest on a Conservation Easement or Fee Simple purchase. Other opportunities for preservation exist through the annexation process.

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Lafayette and to consider whether partnering in the purchase would be appropriate. Boulder County focuses its partnership funding outside of the city’s urban growth boundary; however, this property is adjacent to existing jointly owned open space, so discussion about this property is appropriate.

5. Arapahoe Road properties, Area 9 from PROST.
  - a. Richard Rollins, 10038 Arapahoe Road  
Acct # R0105595, Parcel #146533101005 Acres: 21.9  
Acct # R0105594, Parcel # 146533101004, Acres: 17.89
  - b. Gary Calderon, 2291 Arapahoe Road., Acres: 12.32  
Acct # R0037114, Parcel # 146533100009
  - c. 9960 Arapahoe LLC., 6661 Arapahoe Road STE 2, Acres: 12.26  
Acct # R0036757, Parcel # 146533100011

These properties provide a significant connection for city patrons in several large residential areas by connecting patrons north of Arapahoe Road to trails and amenities south into Indian Peaks and the Waneka Lake subdivisions. The city has made great strides toward this effort through public land dedication and by obtaining trail corridors that lead to these properties. Lafayette would like to work with Boulder County in potential preservation of these properties through Fee Simple, Conservation Easement, or Trail Easement opportunities and will continue to look for additional land preservation through development review.

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Lafayette. These properties are within Lafayette’s urban growth boundary and have been developed for residential use. Boulder County focuses its partnership funding outside of the city’s urban growth boundary, so these properties are of lower priority for county partnership than other city priorities outside of the growth boundary that have been designated for rural preservation. However, land in this area may be suitable for county partnership on Conservation Easements or Trail Easements if land in Area 14 lying adjacent to county open space can also be acquired for the city’s desired open space purposes.

6. Teller Lake Connector Property, Area 13 from PROST, Acres: 55.02  
Joseph and Veronica Horn, 9191 Tahoe Lane  
Acct # R0037153, Parcel # 146529000022

Lafayette residents have a strong desire to connect to the City of Boulder trail system at Teller Lake. One specific property exists that could bridge the gap to this connection. Lafayette would like to come together with Boulder County and the City of Boulder to inquire about a partnership for acquiring or protecting this property and make this long overdue connection a reality. Fee Simple, Conservation Easements, and Trail Easements are all options for this parcel.

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Lafayette and to consider partnering in the purchase if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available.

7. Bullhead Gulch property, Area 14 from the PROST Plan. Acres:18.92  
Joyce W. Kuegler Revocable Trust, 10251 Arapahoe Road  
Acct # R0036715, Parcel # 146528400015

This area has connectivity to the City of Lafayette’s Bullhead Gulch riparian habitat and existing trail corridor and is just south of the city/county jointly owned Echternacht property. The city would like to continue the riparian habitat restoration through Bullhead Gulch and utilize the property to connect our trail system into Echternacht, through current county agriculture land, providing future opportunities for possible connections to the county’s planned UPPR Trail to the north. Feedback from the county is requested to ensure this land is the preferred route for connecting to the UPPR Trail.

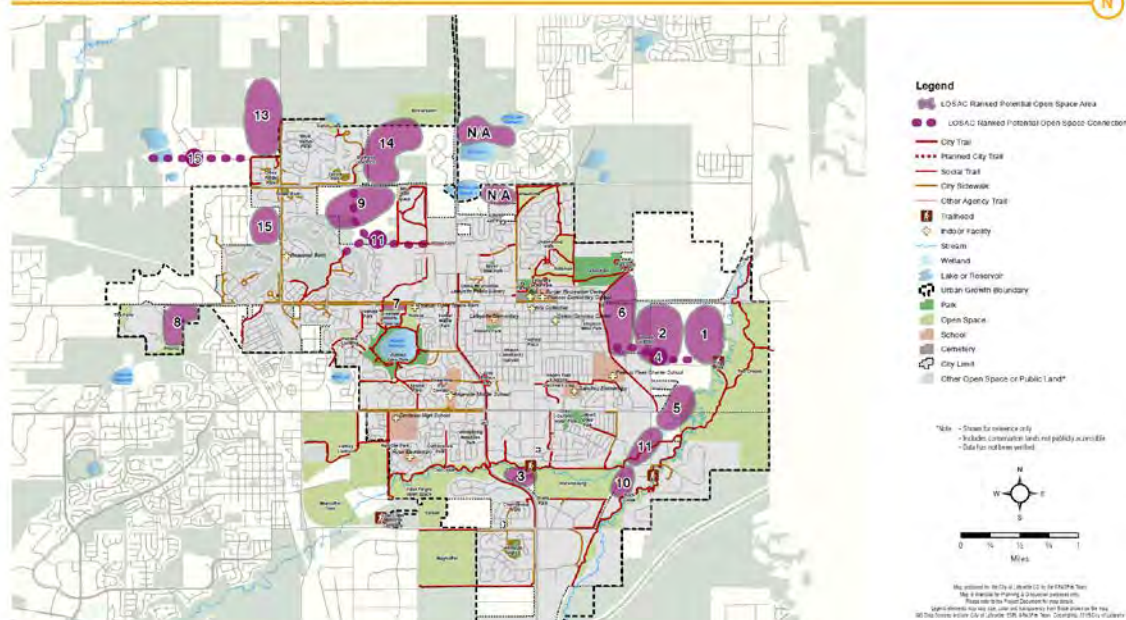
2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Lafayette. This property is within Lafayette’s urban growth boundary and has been developed into residential use. City priority properties outside of the city’s growth boundary that have been designated for rural preservation are of higher priority to the county; however, the potential trail connections and adjacency to county open space (which is, in turn, adjacent to jointly owned open space) may make this property suitable for consideration of a Conservation Easement and/or Trail Easement. The county does not currently have a potential trail corridor identified from Bullhead Gulch to Echternacht and beyond to the RTD Rail Trail (formerly the UPPR Trail). However, with Lafayette, the county will review and examine the need to add such a route during the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan (BCCP) Trail Element update.

8. 95th Street Properties, Area 15 from PROST
  - a. Portobello Road Partners LLC., 1319 N. 95th Street, Acres: 35.05  
Acct # R0146006, Parcel # 146532100005
  - b. Robert D. and Carol L. Affleck, 1341 N. 95th Street, Acres: 2.58  
Acct # R0036384, Parcel # 146532100004
  - c. Paul A. and Shirley I. Crews, 1385 N. 95th Street, Acres: 11.53  
Acct # R0035405, Parcel # 146532100003

These properties, together, form a solid community buffer of agricultural land between residential and commercial property in the Northwest region of Lafayette. Historical farmsteads, wildlife habitat and community buffer exist onsite, and Lafayette is interested in preserving all three parcels to some degree.

2020 Boulder County Response: These properties are within Lafayette’s urban growth boundary, and the desired buffer would be between developed uses within the city. Boulder County focuses its partnership funding outside of the city’s urban growth boundary, so these properties are of lower priority for county partnership than city priority properties outside of the growth boundary that have been designated for rural preservation.

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**Map N: Potential Open Space (LOSAC Ranked)**



## LAFAYETTE TRAIL REQUESTS

1. Trail link across Coal Creek connecting BNSF Rail Trail to the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Trail system. Lafayette has completed a new section of trail along the old BNSF Rail line, the first of its kind connecting Old Town Lafayette. This new trail runs North/South along the eastern edge of Old Town Lafayette, currently connecting to the Great Park and Rothman Open Space to the North and 120th Street to the south, with a CDOT-approved crossing constructed over Baseline Road. Heading south and east, working together with Boulder County and property owners along the Coal creek, Lafayette is interested in connecting over Coal Creek, providing trail patrons in Old Town the opportunities to recreate on the Two Creeks Prairie Trail and Open Space. South Boulder Road extension is the area this important trail connection could happen, with County support and partnership.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): The county shares Lafayette’s goal of an Old Town trail connection to the Two Creeks Open Space area and the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail System. Since portions of this request are within Lafayette’s planning boundary and designated for future industrial land uses in the city’s comprehensive plan, the county will rely on the city to take the lead on planning, designing, and funding the sections of this improvement that are outside jointly owned open space. For the sections on the existing jointly owned open space, the county can provide guidance and leadership, with the town as a partner, for planning the east portion of the trail route by updating the Two Creeks Open Space Master Plan. As described above, the route would enter the Two Creeks Open Space in the Wildlife Preserve—a challenge for property management planning. Following successful land acquisition and planning efforts, the county and city can collaborate on future funding opportunities for design and construction.

2. Trail on the western boundary of Esmail, Mayhoffer 15, and Boulder County Land Ventures Open Spaces and the southwestern boundary of Fingru Open Space down to Rock Creek Farm along 104th Street. This approximately two-mile trail would connect southwest Lafayette to the regional Coal Creek and Rock Creek Farm. This segment forms a nice connection from the Coal Creek Trail to the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm. This addition would allow visitors (from both Louisville and Lafayette) to remain on a trail from popular Coal Creek in order to reach the Stearns Lake trailhead. Lafayette has constructed connections to 104th Street with two one-mile trails that extend to the east on the north and south boundaries of Mayhoffer 15. This trail will offer additional connections and routes now that these connectors are completed. This is Lafayette’s #2 regional trail priority, and we are excited about the TIPS Grant opportunity to work in collaborating with our partners on a timeframe and agreement. This project is planned and funded.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): Project is moving forward with Lafayette, Louisville, and the county as partners on design and construction. Louisville received the grant and has agreed to manage the planning and construction of this project, with the assistance of both Lafayette and Boulder County.

3. Lafayette has interest in a trail connecting Teller Farm on City of Boulder open space with Lafayette’s trail system north of Arapahoe Road. This connection will also involve the City of Boulder. Currently, zero trail connections exist directly between Boulder and Lafayette. This is an important trail that will link the northern portion of the Lafayette’s trail system (and corresponding neighborhoods) to established trail systems to the west at the City of Boulder’s Teller Farm. This East/West community trail link was an area of high community interest during the PROST Master Plan public process.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): A variety of approved county plans support trail concepts that link Lafayette, Louisville, and Erie to City of Boulder open space and the Teller Farm/East Boulder Trail. Plans include the Regional Trail program in the Boulder County Transportation Master Plan, the trail plan in the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan, and the county’s Trail Map in the BCCP. The proposed alignment above differs from the approved corridors; however, as the county updates the Trails Element of the BCCP, staff will engage with all the partner agencies to refine this corridor and work to schedule the establishment of a master planning process that can further define the project and begin to identify grant and funding opportunities. One challenge that will need to be addressed is planning a trail on county agricultural properties not covered by an existing land management plan. In addition, this project is complex and far-reaching and will involve multiple agencies, including the Cities of Boulder and Louisville, along with Lafayette, as well as the Town of Erie. Finally, the physical constraints to the project are challenging—crossings of two busy, high-speed roads (US 287 and N. 95th Street), numerous agricultural fields and irrigation ditches, and one regulated 100-year flood plain (Bullhead Gulch). This project will be very large in scope and will require a large budget for full completion. Although it is approved conceptually in a variety of plans, there is no staffing or funding beyond the planning work described above.

NOTE: The Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail System does provide several continuous trail links from Lafayette to Boulder via the US 36 Bikeway, and the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail to Marshall Mesa.

4. Two Creeks Connector to Broomfield under Northwest Parkway. This newly identified connector will link the Two Creeks Trail under the Northwest Parkway connecting into Broomfield’s trail system near Wild Grass subdivision. This section of trail is in the planning process, and both Boulder County and Broomfield have initiated talks and planning efforts with Lafayette to make the trail a reality. Projected timeframe is to plan and design in 2020-2021, with proposed construction in 2022. Lafayette, Broomfield and Boulder County, together, can move this project forward.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): This trail was approved in the Rock Creek Grasslands Management Plan in 2011. Broomfield had previously earmarked \$375,000 in its budget for this year to do design and engineering around the approaches to the existing underpass. The plan recommends that the three parties develop an intergovernmental agreement to govern cost-sharing and management responsibilities. Boulder County recommends developing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and pursuing grant funding for the design and construction of this trail by the three parties.

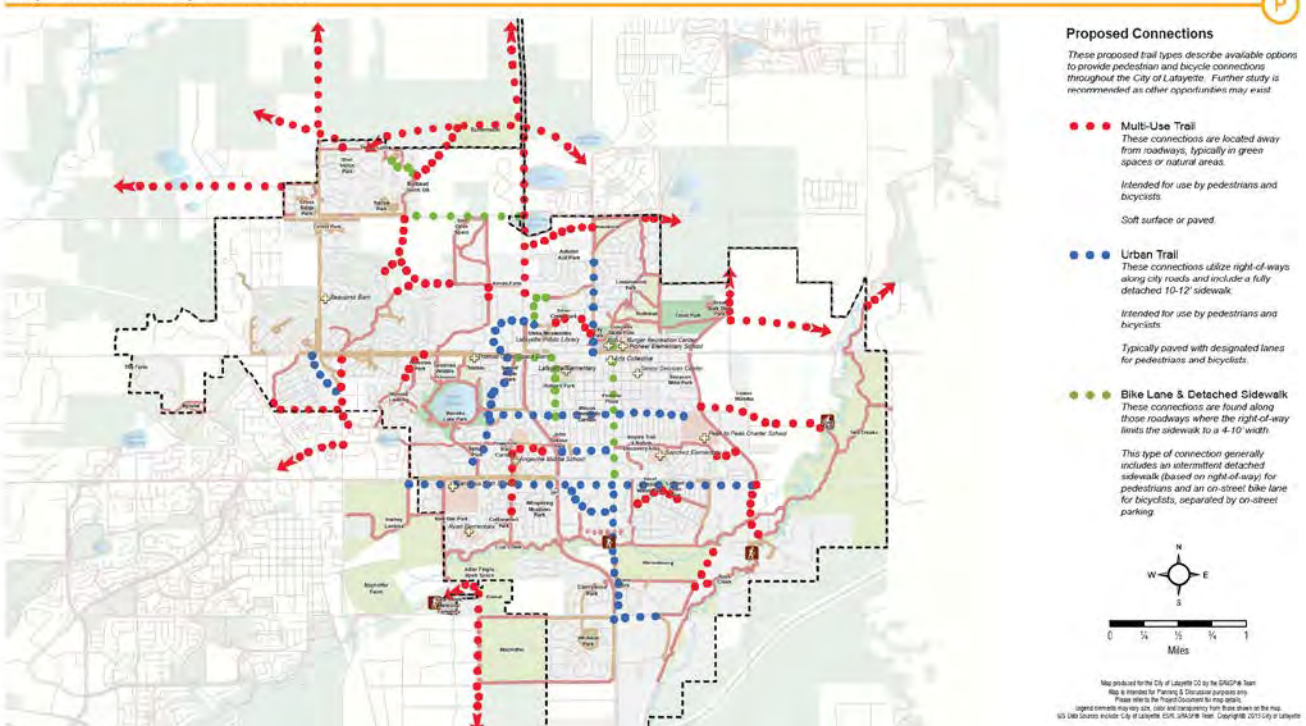
5. Bullhead Gulch connector trail to Echternacht Open Space. This trail could allow the rapidly growing residential area adjacent to Arapahoe Road more recreational and wildlife viewing opportunities. The trail would potentially connect up with a future Highway 287 extension trail heading north out of Lafayette. Because of the joint-property ownership of land required to make this trail a reality, Boulder County and Lafayette would need to collaborate on specific locations and land uses.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): the county can best assist with the portion of this alignment north of the city limit—i.e., the jointly owned, agriculturally leased Echternacht Open Space property. The county can initiate a management planning process for citing a trail alignment on the Echternacht Property as the city determines destinations and directions for this trail. Perhaps this spur trail could connect to the broad “northern link” (see #2 above). This trail is not included in the county’s POSIP plan.

- Highway 287 Extension Trail. From Diamond Circle, in Lafayette, along Highway 287, the idea is to invest in future extension of the Highway 287 multimodal trail, eventually linking up to the UPPR Trail (now known as the RTD Rail Trail) planned between Erie and Boulder. Lafayette's Urban Growth Boundary maintains a finger up Highway 287 into the Goose Haven region, and future trails and habitat improvements may be possible in collaboration with Lafayette Public Works Department and Boulder County.

2020 Boulder County Response (Transportation Planning Division): The county's Transportation Master Plan includes a conceptual multi-use trail corridor heading north from Lafayette to Longmont. This trail segment will be best planned in conjunction with the county's Transportation Planning Division and in association with regional and state transportation agencies.

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**Map P: Connectivity Framework**





# City of Longmont

## LONGMONT OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

1. Two Parcels north and east of Union Reservoir. The City of Longmont would request Boulder County's assistance in acquiring these two parcels that include the Dorothy Olander Family Trust property, as well as the Double Six Ranch LLC property. These properties lie south of Ute Highway (SH 66) and just west of Weld County Road #5. The city has an interest in these properties for the purpose of enhancing the community buffer on the east side of the City of Longmont, as well as the preservation of agriculturally significant lands in this area. These sites would secure a community buffer from encroaching communities in Southwest Weld County. These acquisitions would include approximately 225 acres. See Map #1.

2020 Boulder County Response: Longmont has purchased the Double Six Ranch LLC property on its own and is pursuing the Olander property as well. Boulder County is willing to consider partnering and making a limited financial commitment in select Weld County properties.

## LONGMONT TRAIL REQUESTS

1. Dry Creek Greenway to Lagerman Reservoir/AHI. The city is requesting the trail development between the City of Longmont's Dry Creek Greenway and the county's Lagerman Reservoir/Imel/AHI property. The county's adopted Master Plan of the AHI property reflects a community trail connecting the Dry Creek Greenway with Lagerman Reservoir and a proposed AHI Loop Trail, which borders Swede Lakes. The city believes that a box culvert along Dry Creek, under North 75th Street, would accomplish this regional trail connection and prove to be an asset to the citizens of Longmont, as well as those citizens of eastern unincorporated Boulder County. The city is requesting that BCPOS incorporate this box culvert in its 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). If the city and county were to acquire the McLachlan property (formerly the Johnson property), the city would be willing to take on the responsibility of the box culvert under North 75th Street and would ask the county to be responsible for the box culvert to connect the AHI property to Clover Basin Reservoir and the McLachlan property.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): The county is partnering with Longmont to acquire the McLachlan property with closing scheduled for spring 2020. In addition, Boulder County is willing to work with Longmont on a process to coordinate trail planning in this area to connect the north end of the Open Sky Trail to the new subdivision on the east side of 75th Street.

The potential future connection to Longmont around Dry Creek and North 75th Street was identified in the 2012 Lagerman-Imel-AHI Open Space Complex Management Plan. The county is supportive of this trail connection, as it assists with regional plains trail connectivity. As there is currently not a viable option to cross Nelson Road to connect to Clover Basin, we would consider a connection only to the Open Sky Loop Trail in this area. The county would like to work with Longmont to identify a process for planning this trail connection project and associated need for funding (cost sharing with Longmont, potential grant funding), design, construction, and long-term maintenance and management agreements. The county has not identified staffing or funding availability for this project within the next POSIP planning horizon (i.e., currently, this project would be further out than five years).

2. St. Vrain Greenway. The City of Longmont would request continued development of the St Vrain Greenway in a westerly direction; in particular, providing financial support for trail development west of Golden Ponds to Airport Road and eventually to Pella Ponds. Currently, the city has funding for the extension of the St. Vrain Greenway west of Golden Ponds and under Airport Road. Funding for the trail connection on the western side of Airport Road has not been appropriated to make the connection to the planned county trail between Airport Road and Pella Ponds. Therefore, the City of Longmont is requesting trail funding be incorporated into the County's 2017-2022 CIP program to make this connection along Airport Road a reality.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS, Transportation Planning Division): Boulder County Transportation, POS and Longmont Natural Resources Division are continuing their work to develop a trail connection between the city's Golden Ponds and the county's Pella Crossing. The City of Longmont is working with the developer of the Golden Ponds property to design the section of trail between Golden Ponds and Airport Road and to construct a hard-surface section along the west side of Airport Road, from St. Vrain Creek north to Westview Middle School. Boulder County is working to acquire necessary Trail Easements and to develop a feasible alignment for a soft-surface trail from Airport Road to Pella Crossing.

## City of Louisville

### LOUISVILLE OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

Recommended by the City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board.

1. Empire Road. This area is approximately 35 acres in size and is located on Empire Road east of 96th Street and north of Highway 42. This property is adjacent to two existing, jointly owned properties, including the Mayhoffer and Adler Fingru Open Spaces, the regional Coal Creek Trail, and the city-owned Aquarius Open Space. Benefits of acquiring this property include protection of the Coal Creek riparian corridor, creation of a larger contiguous open space property, and the potential for future trail connectivity.

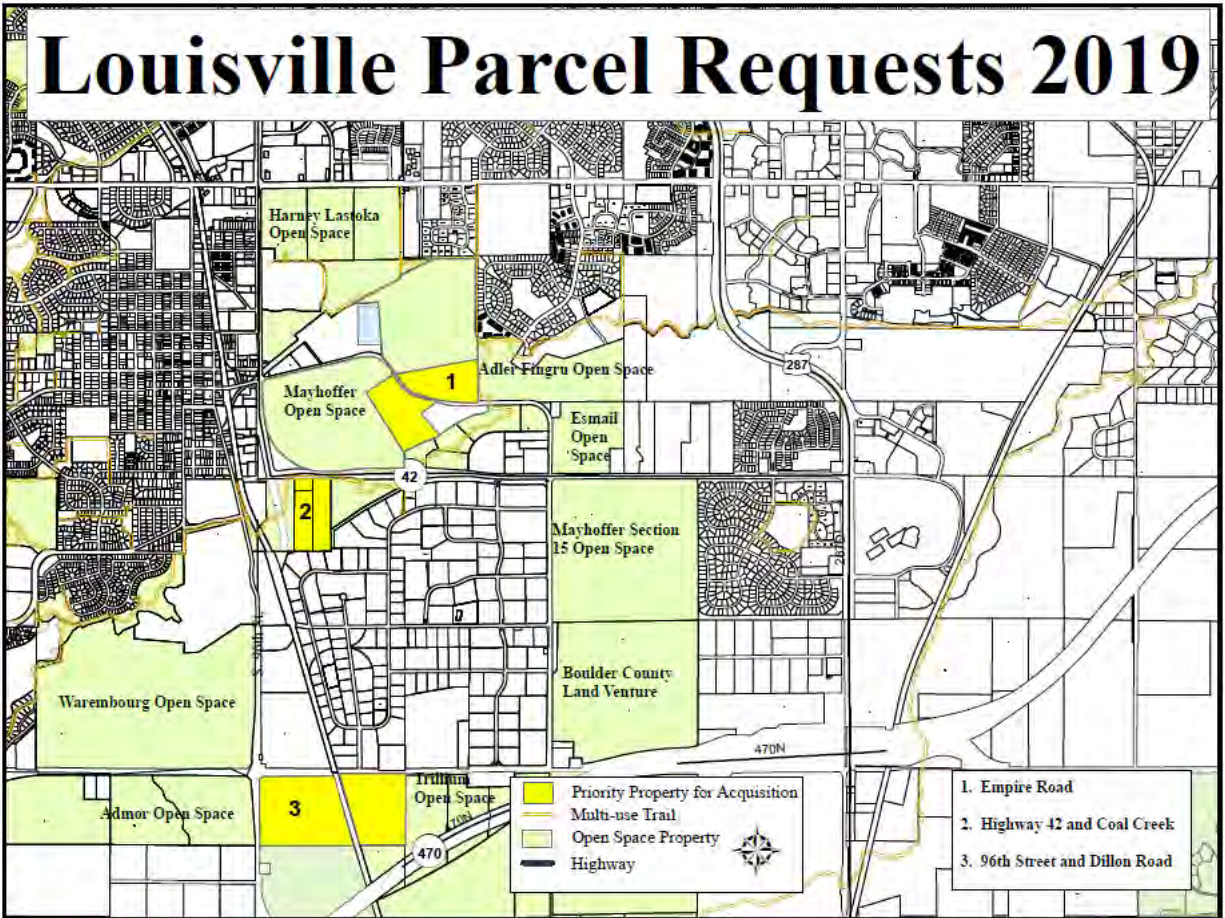
2020 Boulder County Response: This area is comprised of three house lots. Boulder County, Lafayette and Louisville partnered to acquire restrictions over these lots in 2017 as part of the Mayhoffer Farm deal, in which a route for a future trail connection was also secured. Routing a trail through the lots themselves is difficult because of practical space constraints, and routing a trail through the lots, while protecting the creek corridor, is also difficult. Both priorities are important to all three partners; however, it has not been possible to acquire these properties at fair market prices. Boulder County will continue working with the city partners in case the dynamics change.

2. Highway 42 and Coal Creek. This area is approximately 18 acres in size and is located south of Highway 42 between two existing Louisville open space properties. The property is also adjacent to the regional Coal Creek Trail and is within the Coal Creek riparian corridor, which is identified as a "Significant Riparian Corridor" in the BCCP. Benefits of acquiring this property include protection of the Coal Creek riparian corridor, creation of a larger contiguous 47-acre open space property, and potential future trail alignment improvements to the regional Coal Creek Trail.

2020 Boulder County Response: This area is located within Louisville's influence area in the Super IGA. Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Louisville and to consider partnering in the purchase if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available.

- 96th Street and Dillon Road. This area is approximately 76 acres in size and is located southeast of the intersection of 96th Street and Dillon Road between the jointly owned Admor and Trillium Open Space properties. This parcel is identified as agricultural “Lands of National Importance” in the BCCP. Additionally, this is the last parcel needed to complete the buffer zone between Louisville and Broomfield.

2020 Boulder County Response: The landowner has sold the eastern 30 acres, and none of the property is available at this time. Boulder County is willing to consider partnering in the purchase if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available.



## LOUISVILLE TRAIL REQUESTS

Recommended by the City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board.

- Overlook Underpass Trail—Connecting Davidson Mesa to the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail. The Highway 36 Bikeway underpass enables citizens’ safe access across Highway 36, allowing an opportunity for connecting from the city-owned Davidson Mesa Open Space Trail System to the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail System. This connection would allow citizens to access the Cowdrey Draw, Marshall-Mesa, Community Ditch, and Doudy Draw Trails, along with other City of Boulder trails in the foothills. Louisville would like to continue to work with Boulder County, Superior, and

other partners to identify a potential timeline for implementation and finalize selection of a trail alignment in order to prepare cost estimates for consideration in Boulder County’s next POSIP planning process.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): Boulder County has recommended a potential alignment to Louisville for this trail request through county-owned and agriculturally leased open space. Although the county will work with Louisville on this request, the county has not identified staffing or funding availability for this project within the next POSIP planning horizon (i.e., this proposal is not projected within the next five years). Once the city agrees to an alignment, the county will take any necessary management plan changes to POSAC and the BOCC. Following that approval, we expect that the city will formally approach the county to establish a budget and schedule for the design and implementation of the project.

2. 104th Street Trail—Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm. The total trail length would be approximately two miles. This trail would connect the regional Coal Creek trail to the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm, the regional Rock Creek Trail and the Sterns Lake trailhead. Once signalized lights are installed, the city would like to work with the county, Lafayette, and other partners on this trail connection until implementation is complete.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): Project is under way with Lafayette and Boulder County. (See Lafayette Trail Request #3. Louisville – grant, etc.)

3. Warembourg Trail—Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm. This trail would provide a second connection between the regional Coal Creek and Rock Creek trails. This segment would be a more direct connection for Louisville residents, as it departs from a more central location within the community. This connection would also provide a nice loop experience by connecting into the proposed 104th Street Trail. Although this concept is identified as a conceptual trail corridor in the BCCP, additional discussions are necessary to determine potential trail alignment impacts on agricultural and wildlife, as well as complexities with road crossings and privately-owned parcels.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): Although reflected in the BCCP Trail Map, as noted above, this requested alignment would require an amendment to the adopted Jointly Owned Lafayette and Louisville Open Space Management Plan. As part of that management plan update/review, there would be concerns related to potential trail impacts to wildlife (bald eagle nest east of 96th Street and south of Dillon Road) and ag management of the properties. Other challenges include major road crossings (96th Street, Dillon Road, and the Northwest Parkway), along with crossings of irrigation ditches and the BNSF railroad. Given these challenges, county staff would like to work with Louisville staff to understand the request better—is there user demand for this trail that could be met by alternative routes? Finally, the redevelopment of the P66 site by Louisville does show a potential trail connection that might modify this request a bit.



## Town of Lyons

### LYONS OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

1. Martin Parcel Flood Acquisition Property

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County conveyed this property to Lyons on December 4, 2019.

2. Boulder County Flood Acquisition Properties/Apple Valley, other

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is working with Lyons and the community to determine the most appropriate ownership and management framework.

### LYONS TRAIL REQUESTS

1. Lyons St. Vrain Corridor Trail Extension-US 36 Underpass, regional connections to Lyons to Boulder, St. Vrain Greenway on east side of US Highway 36 at SH 66.

2020 Boulder County Response (Transportation Planning Division): Project remains on the Boulder County Regional Trails Program project priority list. Boulder County Transportation Planning

Division of CP&P is interested in coordinating and working with the Town of Lyons to explore trail connection options.

2. St. Vrain Greenway Trail

2020 Boulder County Response (Transportation Planning Division): See response to #1 and to Longmont's #2.

3. Highway 7 trail connector from St. Vrain Corridor Trail to Old South St. Vrain Road

2020 Boulder County Response (POS) Similar to and included in #4. Because of terrain and floodplain issues, even though this is a short trail segment, it would require considerable design and permitting. The town and county should determine the importance and priority of this segment and decide whether it is timely to apply for a grant to complete this work. Since most of the segment is within the CDOT right-of-way, perhaps a transportation grant is best suited. The town and the county's POS and CP&P departments could develop a process to review this situation and determine the best course forward.

4. Lyons to Hall Ranch Connector Trail

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): In a past staff conversation between the county and town, the town supported the previous planning process that identified using Old St. Vrain Road as the cornerstone of a potential trail connection between the town and Hall Ranch. In this case, the POS and the Transportation Division of CP&P need to determine the best route for connecting trail visitors from Old St. Vrain Road to Hall Ranch.

5. Lyons to Rabbit Mountain Connector Trail

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): Planning associated with this trail request will be part of a broader management plan update for the Rabbit Mountain group of open space properties. Currently, staff anticipates restarting this effort within the next year. The county trails map in the comprehensive plan depicts a proposed alignment from Rabbit Mountain along 53rd and 55th Streets to SH 66.

6. Lyons to Boulder Trail

2019 Boulder County Response (Transportation Division): Project remains on the Boulder County Regional Trails Program project priority list. However, trail planning is not prioritized for this segment of the Rocky Mountain Greenway (RMG) at this time. (From 2013 response: "Boulder County worked to develop a master plan for the proposed Lyons to Boulder Regional Trail (formerly known as the Feeder Canal Trail) in 2008 and 2009, developing three alternative alignments with extensive public input. The County Commissioners suspended the planning process in Fall 2009 after the Northern Colorado Water Conservation District rescinded their trail development guidelines, making it clear that they were unlikely to grant permission in the near future for use of the Feeder Canal for any part of the Lyons to Boulder Trail.")

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/transportation/plans-and-projects/trails/lyons-boulder-trail/>

7. Steamboat Mountain Public Access/Trails

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): At the time of the purchase of Steamboat Mountain, the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) expressed a desire for public access to the site. However, since Steamboat Valley Road is private, it is not available for public use. Access to the

property is complicated by terrain, cliffs, neighbor concerns, parking, and private property. This proposal is not identified in our POSIP or planning schedules. Until legal access is acquired, this is not a priority project for the county.

8. Underpass/Crosswalk/Trail for Apple Valley Road at US 36

2020 Boulder County Response (Transportation Division): The Transportation Planning Division staff will work with the town to understand the nature of this request within the town limits that include CDOT facilities.

## Town of Nederland

### NEDERLAND TRAIL REQUESTS

1. Trails 10, 15, and 16 as identified on the attached map. Trails 10, 15, and 16 are part of Nederland's system of trails that connect to Boulder County open space to the north of town. Nederland is currently planning the construction of a park immediately adjacent to these trails and upgrading these trails has been a goal of Nederland's Parks and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSTAB). The combined length of these trails is approximately 2,300 feet of soft surface trails that serve as part of a connection from Barker Reservoir to Mud Lake Open Space. Nederland would like to resurface and widen this popular walking trail with a crusher fine material and make it more user friendly for all those that utilize it. This request has been approved by PROSTAB, and the town looks forward to partnering with Boulder County to make these much-needed improvements.

2020 Boulder County Response: The county resolution referenced for this community request specifies that Boulder County consider municipality-identified open space and trail projects in setting county open space acquisition and trail development priorities. The Boulder County staff's understanding of this request is that the town's request is for the county to fund trail improvements within the Town of Nederland boundaries and does not involve BCPOS property. The county believes these proposed trail improvements are under Nederland's jurisdiction and would not be a county open space trail development project. However, Boulder County is happy to coordinate with Nederland in support of potential connectivity to county properties, such as Mud Lake, Reynolds Ranch, and the Tolland Ranch Trail, and is available to meet with town staff and/or PROSAB to discuss opportunities to coordinate efforts.

2. Proposed trail along County Road 130 that connects to an existing sidewalk at the intersection of Highway 72 and County Road 130 to Nederland Middle Senior High School. The trail would be approximately 1,700 feet long. The town has long sought to have a safe trail for middle and senior high school kids but has been stymied by stubborn property owners that are not interested in working with the town to create this pathway for the safe travel of the town's residents and visitors. In addition to connecting with the Middle Senior High School, the trail would connect directly to trail heads that access the West Magnolia Trails and open space. One way to alleviate this bottleneck is to incorporate the trail within the county's right-of-way along County Road 130 and avoid negotiations with the neighboring property owners. It would also be beneficial to make this a bike-friendly path that would not only serve children riding to school but also access the many biking trails in the West Magnolia area. Thank you for your consideration. The town is eager to creatively find a way to add this much needed connection to the county's open space and the town's Middle Senior High School.

2020 Boulder County Response (Transportation Planning Division):

Boulder County looks forward to partnering with the Town of Nederland and other project stakeholders to continue the planning and design of this trail connection. Project coordination will resume in the summer of 2020.

## Town of Superior

### SUPERIOR OPEN SPACE REQUESTS

#### 1. CenturyLink Property

**Location:** This property lies at the southernmost edge of Superior, north of Highway 128. It lies between McCaslin Blvd. on the west and Eldorado Blvd. on the east. Its northern edge borders on the south edge of the town's subdivisions. It encompasses approximately 195 acres.

**Description:** This property is an expanse of steep, gullied, mixed-grass prairie receiving little human use. A narrow drainage, containing a small cattail wetland (approximately 0.03 acres) trends through the eastern portion of the property. A primitive trail runs from the town's trails into the southeast portion of the parcel.

**Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) Observations:** Observations showed this parcel to have a fair buffering potential and good air and noise quality. From this parcel, there are excellent views of downtown Denver, Longs Peak, the Continental Divide, and the Front Range. This ridgeline is visible throughout Superior. Nighttime light pollution is better than many other parcels. This parcel has no known historic value. It is a very large tract with a medium level of threat to existing resources. It contains no surface water, but it does have a small wetland area. There are only a few mature trees, and the majority of the parcel is mixed prairie grass and mostly pristine. It has a diverse wildlife habitat, and it is very likely used by wildlife as a migration corridor. It has the potential to be a high regional draw and would be ideal for passive use for its ridgeline views.

**Smith Wildlife Survey:** The survey found the property to be 96% mixed-grass prairie, with some small weedy/disturbed areas and a cattail marsh. Smith Environmental performed the survey of this property on December 15, 2003 and did not observe wildlife of any kind. However, that day was reported to be very cold with wind gusts on the ridge of 30 miles per hour. The survey noted that several species would normally inhabit this parcel, including prairie dogs, cottontail rabbits, and coyotes.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): Boulder County is partnering with the Town of Superior to acquire this property in June 2020. The town will acquire Fee Title, and Boulder County will hold a Conservation Easement interest. The county's payment and receipt of the Conservation Easement interest will occur after Superior's purchase of the property and will be timed to coincide with possible participation by Jefferson County. If Jefferson County contributes funding, it will receive a partial interest in the Conservation Easement. The City and County of Broomfield may also become a financial partner in the future; and if that partnership occurs, Broomfield will also receive a partial interest in the Conservation Casement. Boulder County will manage the Conservation Easement interest only; Superior will manage the property and determine appropriate open space uses.

#### 2. Zaharias Property

**Location:** The Zaharias property borders 88th Street to the west and is located between U.S. 36 and the Saddlebrooke Townhomes. It encompasses approximately 28 acres in the northeast portion of town.



Description: This property is a weedy vacant lot receiving little human use. A large drainage dominated by a cattail wetland crosses the northern portion of the property. Prairie dog activity has been prominent on the upland portion of this site.

OSAC Observations: Observations showed this parcel to have a fair buffering potential, fair views, poor air and noise quality, and considerable nighttime light pollution. It is not likely to have compatibility with adjacent land uses and has no known historic value. It is a medium-sized tract. There are few mature trees and a cattail marsh, but no real surface water. However, the majority of the parcel is weedy and not particularly pristine. It has a diverse wildlife habitat and has an active avian and migratory population, as it is adjacent to the Hodgson-Harris Reservoir. This area could be used by wildlife as a migration corridor and could have a fairly high regional draw for passive use. Smith Wildlife Survey: The survey describes this parcel as 94 % weedy/disturbed and about 5% cattail marsh. Several types of small birds were observed, primarily near the cattail marsh. Also noted were prairie dogs and cottontail rabbits.

2020 Boulder County Response: This property is located within the Town of Superior. Since this property has been annexed and is within Superior's influence area, Boulder County has no acquisition plans in this area. Since the owner has applied to develop the property, it is Boulder County's understanding that the Town of Superior is in control of how much of the property will be approved for development versus required for open space.

### 3. Bolejack Property

Location: The Bolejack Property lies west of McCaslin Blvd. and southeast of the Verhey open space property. It encompasses approximately 25.5 acres in the southwestern portion of town.

Description: The primary uses of this property include private residential, horse pasture, and an industrial equipment repair business.

OSAC Observations: Observations showed this parcel to have a fair buffering potential, good views, and somewhat poor air and noise quality because of its proximity to McCaslin. Nighttime light pollution is moderate. This parcel has no known historic value. It is a medium-sized tract with no mature trees. The parcel is primarily grass prairie, so it is fairly pristine and has a somewhat diverse wildlife habitat. It may be being used by wildlife as a migration corridor but probably would not have a very high regional draw.

Smith Wildlife Survey: found the property to be 83% grass prairie, with the remainder being buildings, weedy/disturbed ground, and a pond. Many species of small birds were observed along with cottontail rabbits.

2020 Boulder County Response: Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Superior and to consider partnering in the purchase if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is available. Current information indicates the property is closer to 13 acres in size.

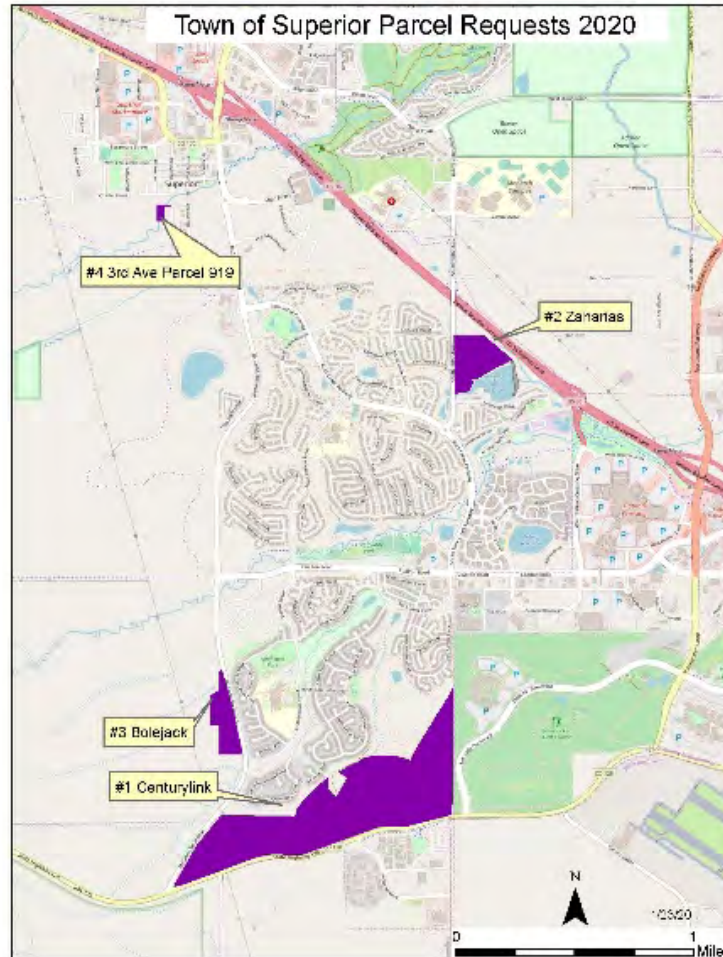
### 4. 3rd Avenue Tract 919

Location: The Tract 919 property is to the west of 3rd Avenue in original town. Town of Superior property borders the property to the west and south, which is adjacent to Boulder County open space. Individual home lots border the property to the east and north. It encompasses approximately 1.4 acres and is split in the middle by Coal Creek.

Description: Coal Creek runs through the middle of the property, with mature trees lining the creek on both sides.

2020 Boulder County Response: Since this property is within Superior's influence area, Boulder County has no acquisition plans in this area. Boulder County is willing to discuss this request with Superior and to consider partnering in the purchase if the opportunity becomes feasible and funding is

available. If the owner applies to develop the property, it is Boulder County’s understanding that the Town of Superior is in control of annexation and how much of the property will be approved for development versus required for open space.



## SUPERIOR TRAIL REQUESTS

1. Trail connection from the US 36 Underpass at Davidson Mesa, with a crossing at Marshall Road to link to Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and to the larger regional trail system. The trail will ensure a safe, direct connection between Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Davidson Mesa trail system. This connection will enhance access to the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail system and the US 36 Bikeway.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): Staff understands this request to be the same as Louisville’s #1. Boulder County has recommended a potential alignment to Louisville for this trail route through county-owned open space. While the county will work with Louisville on this request, the county has not identified staffing or funding availability for this project within the next POSIP planning horizon (i.e., currently this project would be further out than five years).

2. Improve surface and safety of Coalton Trail to a standard consistent with Meadowlark Trail. This project will include changing the former roadbed to a more typical trail profile by re-grading and re-vegetating this long, straight trail segment. This will enhance the user experience by changing the character of the segment to be similar to surrounding trails.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): Boulder County agrees with the need to upgrade this trail. In 2019, BCPOS completed design work for potential improvements to the Coalton Trail. If Coalton Trail becomes part of the designated Rocky Mountain Greenway, the county may still have access to outside funding for this improvement. If it is not designated as part of the greenway, the county and the town will need to plan for including the project in a future CIP schedule.

3. Link between Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Coal Creek Regional Trail (CCRT). The Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Meadowlark Trail meet at 3rd Avenue in Original Town Superior, with an interim link to the CCRT near Town Hall, via a soft-surface trail along the rail bed that scales the berm up to McCaslin Blvd. and then north along the roadway to the bridge over Coal Creek. The town and Boulder County have coordinated in the past to plan a permanent link to CCRT via the rail bed and north below McCaslin Blvd. and across the creek. The interim link has proven to be very popular, getting users from the Marshall-Superior-Coalton Trail system to the CCRT system. The town has budgeted to build a pedestrian bridge as part of this overall plan.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS and Transportation Planning Division): Boulder County Transportation Planning Division is still interested in this project moving forward and willing to coordinate with Superior on a permanent trail connection.

4. Add access to the Meadowlark Trail off McCaslin Blvd. near High Plains Drive. This short trail connection will follow an existing social trail that leads from High Plains Drive to the existing Meadowlark Trail.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS): This trail is not identified as a neighborhood connection in the “Marshall-Superior-Coalton Trail Corridor Management Plan,” approved in 2007. Additions and changes would need to be evaluated through an amendment process for this plan. BCPOS has, in the recent past, provided the town with a modified potential connection that could be considered for an amendment to the plan if the town would like to move forward. The county does not have staff or funding identified for design or construction of this improvement.

5. Trail along McCaslin Blvd. from Indiana south to the Calmante neighborhood.

2020 Boulder County Response (POS and Transportation Planning Division): Staff understanding of this request is that it is within Town of Superior limits and Superior road right-of-way, thus it would be under Superior’s jurisdiction.

