



Boulder County **Parks & Open Space**

East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan *for Prairie Run Open Space*



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Letter from the Director & Plan Adoption

Dear Community Members:

I am excited to share with you this East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan for Prairie Run Open Space. The original ideas for this open space were outlined in the 1998 Lower Boulder and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan. While we were busy opening Heil Valley, Hall, and Caribou ranches, the area of East Boulder Creek patiently waited for our attention. Now it is coming to life as we continue extensive restoration and establish new, well-placed trails and trail connections.

This property is located along one of our most valuable water resources in our county, Boulder Creek. It was significantly altered over the past 140 years by intensive gravel mining, creek straightening, and agriculture. These activities left the land highly disturbed and not functioning as a vibrant river should. We can do better, and this plan outlines how!

We propose to restore miles of stream corridor, protect critical wildlife habitat, and continue to provide sustainable agriculture and associated water. It will also allow our community to enjoy the views of the Front Range, see wildlife, and experience the peace and tranquility of open space. We are planning trails, a picnic shelter, an area for large family gatherings, and access to water for every age and ability in our community. We're also providing nature programs and signage in Spanish.

I very much look forward to visiting this open space in the future knowing that we are making it a better natural environment and providing opportunities for our community, our whole community, to connect with nature.



Therese Glowacki, Director, Boulder County Parks & Open Space

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Chair, Board of County Commissioners

June 18, 2024

Date





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Boulder County Parks & Open Space Vision and Mission



Vision:

Leading the way to exceptional open space.



Mission:

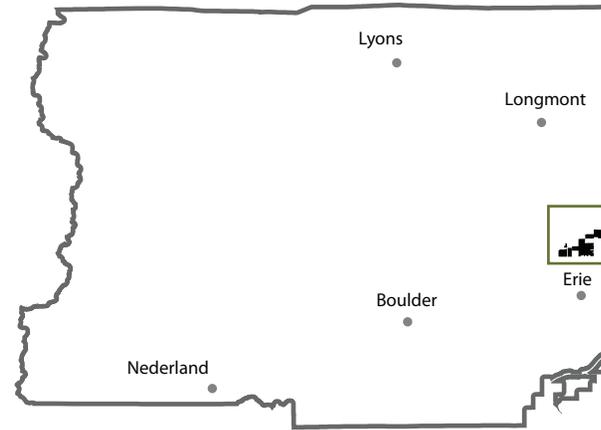
To conserve natural, cultural, and agricultural resources and provide public uses that reflect sound resource management and community values.

Introduction

A New Park for the Community

This plan embodies the vision that the Boulder County community shares for a new 1,377-acre open space on the eastern plains of the county. The East Boulder Creek (EBC) area, heavily affected by past mining, is in the process of recovery. As a result, Boulder County Parks & Open Space (the department) has a unique opportunity to restore natural ecosystem diversity while welcoming the community to explore a special place. This plan details the management actions the department will implement over the next several years to continue restoration and open the park.

Water, including Boulder and Coal creeks and approximately 13 additional open water bodies, has shaped the East Boulder Creek area. This plan's management actions will preserve the site's relationship to water by protecting riparian (creekside) areas while restoring eroded stream beds and narrow, unsustainable creek channels. The stream restoration projects will involve reestablishing native vegetation and stabilizing creek



The East Boulder Creek (EBC) site is located on the east side of the county, adjacent to the town of Erie, Colorado.

banks that currently erode Agricultural Land of Statewide Importance, as designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan (BCCP).

This plan addresses the other water bodies on the property, including wetlands from naturally occurring flood processes and ponds left over from past gravel mining. The department will restore wetlands that are impaired but reparable, especially where they serve vital ecosystem functions including wildlife habitat. The department will enhance some ponds created by past mining in support of appropriate water activities, such as fishing.

The department will provide public access and supporting infrastructure in locations that minimize impacts to wildlife. The department will be constructing visitor amenities that you, the community, expressed desire for during the community surveys released in the winter of 2022 and the summer of 2023. These include trailhead



Kenosha Pond is an on-site example of a previous gravel mine that was restored and now provides such valuable habitat that it's designated as Critical Wildlife Habitat in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan.

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parking, accessible trails to the restored Boulder Creek corridor, angler access, resting spots, shade, and a nature play area.

A crucial part of this management plan is protecting wildlife habitat and important ecosystem values. There will be restrictions on public access in sensitive areas and critical wildlife habitats, such as Kenosha Pond, the heronry (a nesting colony of herons), and segments of Boulder and Coal creeks. Sustainable agriculture leases will continue on the site where it aligns with environmental values and resources by safeguarding riparian corridors with fencing.

The department will collaborate with Native and Indigenous Communities. The department has engaged with Tribal Leaders and Native Americans about potential activities and uses at places on EBC. The plan supports a continuation of that work. This site and plan offer the department an opportunity to engage with Indigenous people, Native Americans, and tribal members to honor Indigenous history and culture.

The department recognizes the importance of being a good neighbor to the adjacent landowners and nearby community. In this plan, the



Creating an accessible trail near water was the highest priority expressed by those who participated in the public engagement activities and surveys.



Seed collection volunteer events are one of the many ways the public can participate in site restoration.

department has prescribed regulatory and behavioral measures to minimize the impacts of visitors on the nearby community. Through the EBC site, the department will establish connections with the community to provide a secure space to enhance physical and mental well-being, generating recreational possibilities for children and families, and offer volunteers an opportunity to participate in the site's restoration. Everyone will have the ability to learn about this site, this region, and the people who have lived here.



The heronry on EBC will remain protected and closed to public access.

This Plan is Organized to Align with the Goals of Boulder County Parks & Open Space



Goal 1: To preserve rural lands and buffers.

The county will continue to conserve the lands of EBC in a manner that is consistent with the rural context of this region, in accordance with the purposes for which they were purchased, and in a way that provides a transitional buffer between adjacent agricultural lands and areas with existing or future municipal development.



Goal 2: To preserve and restore natural resources for the benefit of the environment and the public.

A cornerstone of this management plan is conducting land stewardship so environmental resources and natural processes continue to function in a manner that contributes to landscape health.



Goal 3: To provide public outreach, partnerships, and volunteer experiences to increase awareness and appreciation of Boulder County Parks & Open Space.

The EBC site creates opportunities for the department to connect the community to the natural and cultural features that make the area unique.



Goal 4: To protect, restore, and interpret cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations.

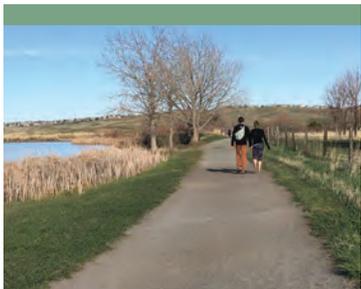
At this time, the department does not have a complete understanding of the cultural resources at EBC and will conduct additional work to understand their extent at the site.





Goal 5: To provide quality recreational experiences while protecting open space resources.

This management plan offers new places for visitor amenities that are not typically found in other open spaces and could attract a more diverse group of visitors. Recreational experiences will be placed where they minimize environmental impacts.



Goal 6: To promote and provide for sustainable agriculture in Boulder County for the natural, cultural, and economic values it provides.

Maintaining agriculture in Boulder County remains one of the principal purposes of the open space program. Agricultural tenants have stewarded the properties of EBC since the county acquired them, and this plan proposes continuing this partnership.



Goal 7: To develop human resources potential, employ sustainable and sound business practices, and pursue technological advancements.

The department actively pursues this goal in all its efforts related to the development and execution of this plan. Since this goal is not exclusively relevant to EBC, it will not be discussed further in the document.



How to Read this Plan

Boulder County Parks & Open Space has seven equally important goals (see left) that were developed to guide the work of the department to achieve its mission. To demonstrate how this plan relates to these department-wide goals, plan content has been organized according to each goal's area of focus. Each of these sections provide a high-level overview of the site today, a vision for tomorrow, and management actions that explain how that future will be realized. Appendix A contains the technical and detailed information the department used to develop the management actions for this site.

Relationship to Other Plans and Policies

Existing department plans and policies guide and complement the land management detailed within this plan and include:

- The Boulder County Comprehensive Plan (BCCP) Agricultural, Cultural Resources, Environmental Resources, and Open Space Elements
- The Cropland Policy, Water Policy, The Prairie Dog Habitat Element of the Grassland and Shrubland Policy, and the Noxious Weed Policy
- The Cultural Responsiveness & Inclusion Strategic Plan (CRISP)
- The 2020 Boulder County Construction and Maintenance Handbook
- Note, although this plan incorporates some of the same concepts, this plan replaces the 1998 Lower Boulder and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan.

See Appendix A for more detail

Site Overview

A Recovering Landscape

As you stand in the water of Boulder Creek and gaze upstream to the west, where the Indian Peaks mark the Continental Divide, the entire county unfolds before you, with plains, foothills, and mountains that send water eastward until it flows right past your feet. This watershed sustains the streamside plants and riparian-adapted animals of Boulder Creek. It also provides for the people who reside here. This area, the Boulder Creek Valley, holds profound significance for Indigenous people and Native Americans. It is the same stream, along with its tributaries, that yielded the gold that forever altered this region in 1859. It is also the stream that supported early irrigated agriculture in the Boulder Valley. The EBC site possesses the lifeblood of Boulder County flowing through its banks.

This lifegiving water forms the main artery of the Boulder Creek valley between Boulder and Longmont. East of Boulder, the valley widens and encompasses a mix of agricultural lands, natural features, and rural development. Wildlife like white-tailed deer and birds such as yellow warblers, along with plains residents, have

established their habitats and homesteads along the creek fed by melting snow. This fertile area has been a desirable place for people to live and to make a living. Beyond the importance of the place itself, the site holds regional significance for its riparian connectivity, its safeguarding of floodplain functions, and its protective role for the fertile agricultural lands extending north.



The county reclaimed this gravel pit as Kenosha Pond Critical Wildlife Habitat.

Spanning a total of 1,377 acres, the East Boulder Creek site endured significant impacts from aggregate mining during the latter half of the 20th century. Prior to the county's acquisition of the properties within the EBC site, most gravel pit operators and owners conducted minimal reclamation efforts. Instead, the open pits naturally filled with groundwater, and non-native grasses and weeds overtook the disturbed upland areas. In certain areas, mine owners and operators channeled Boulder Creek into a straight course.



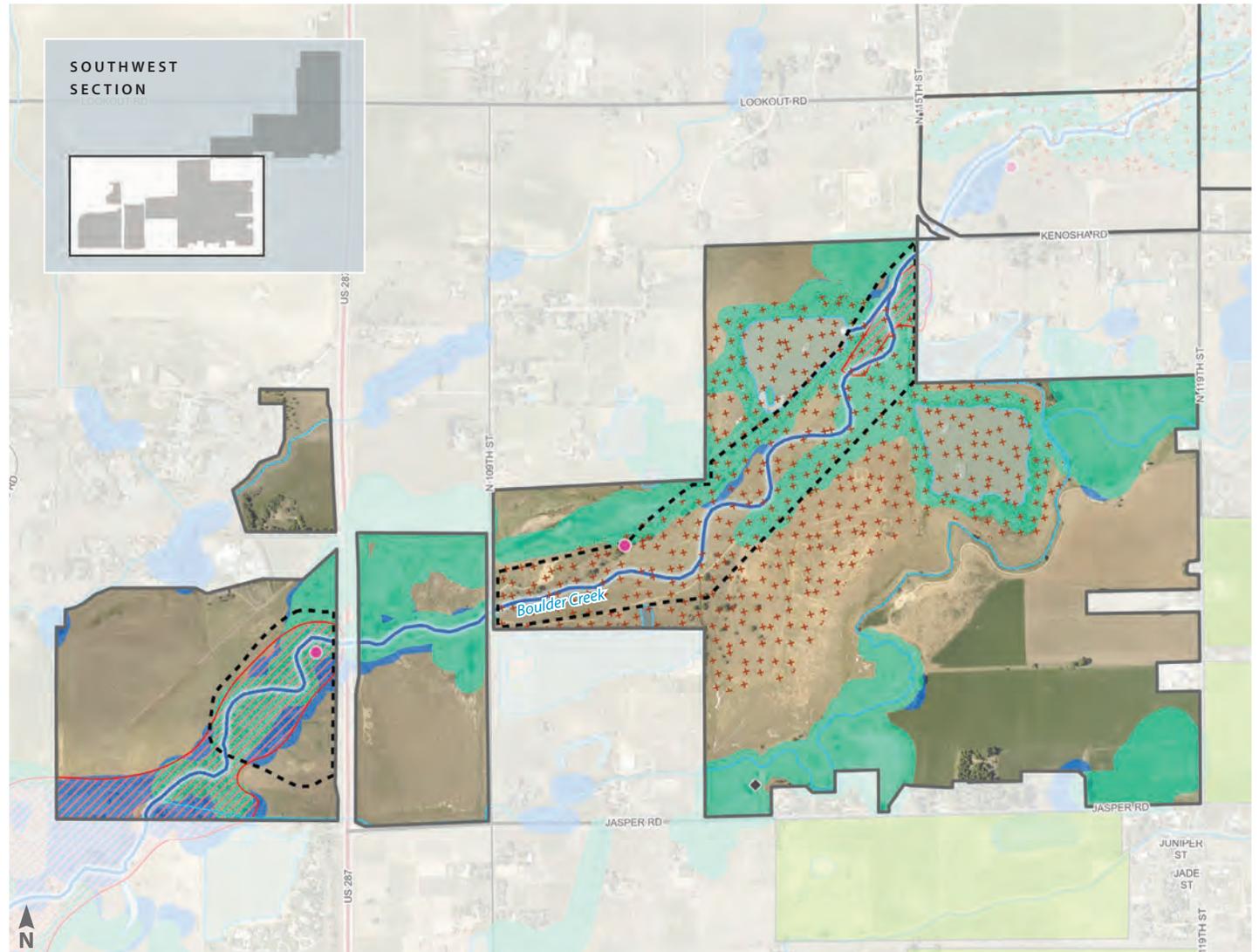


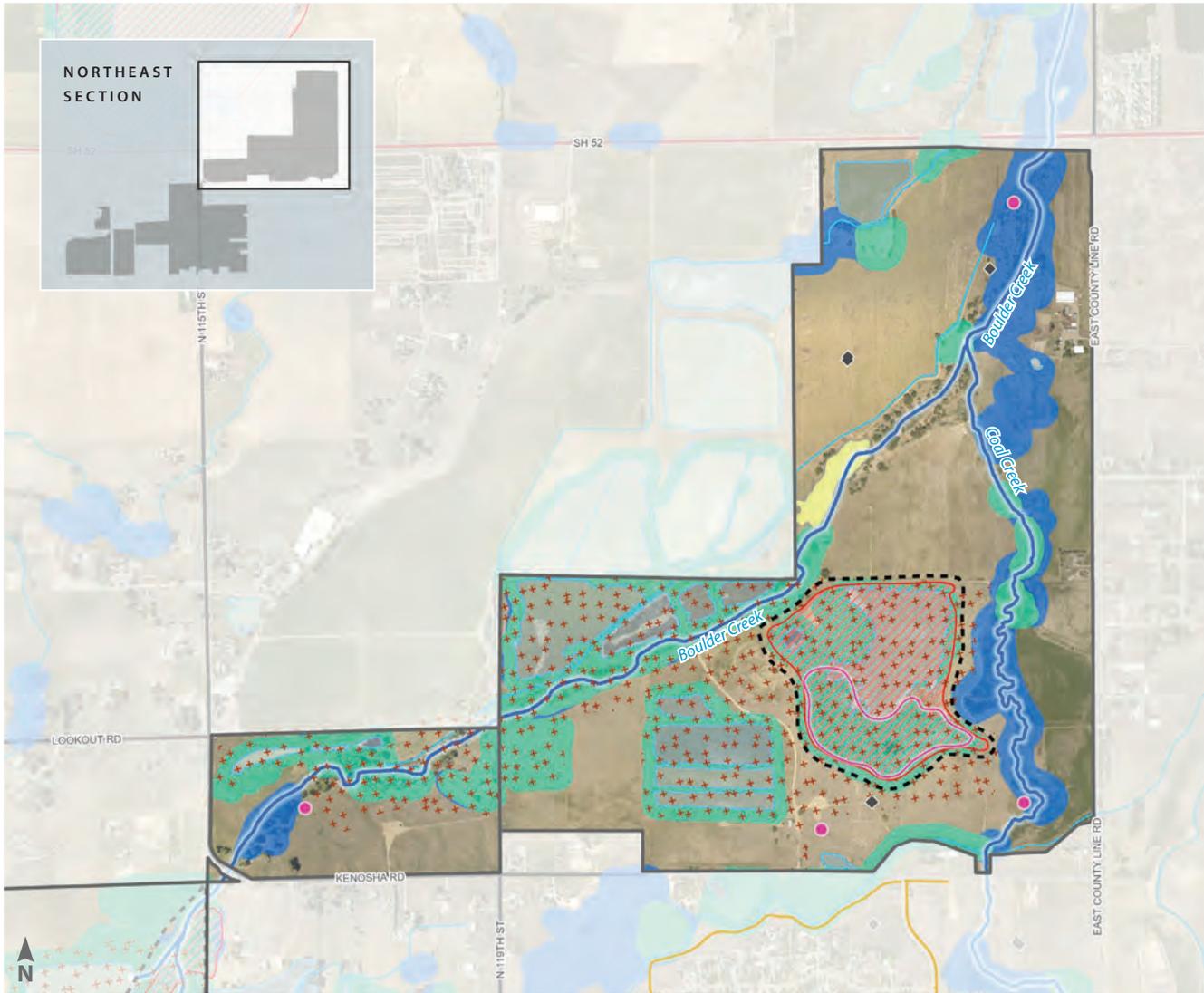
Restored section of Boulder Creek looking west toward Indian Peaks.

Southwest Map

MAP LEGEND:

- Active Raptor Nests (2022 - 2023)
- Critical Wildlife Habitat (BCCP)
- Previously Restored Areas
- Town of Erie Open Space
- Areas Disturbed by Mining Activity (approx.)
- ◆ Producing Oil & Gas Wells
- ~ Perennial Stream
- ~ Main Ditch
- Wetlands
- Riparian
- Lake or Reservoir





Northeast Map

MAP LEGEND:

- Active Raptor Nests (2022 - 2023)
- Northern Harrier Nesting Area
- Active Heronry
- Critical Wildlife Habitat (BCCP)
- Previously Restored Areas
- Town of Erie Open Space
- ★ Areas Disturbed by Mining Activity (approx.)
- ◆ Producing Oil & Gas Wells
- Boulder Area Trails
- ~ Perennial Stream
- ~ Main Ditch
- Wetlands
- Riparian
- Lake or Reservoir



Site Overview

The department has managed these former mining pits using various approaches. Some were left as open water bodies to serve as wildlife habitats, while others saw efforts to create wetlands with distinct plant communities. Remarkably, one of these ponds has rebounded so effectively that it has earned designation as one of the county's Critical Wildlife Habitats—Kenosha Wetlands.

Nearly all of the EBC site falls within the regulatory 100-year floodplains

of Boulder and Coal creeks. The September 2013 flood had a significant impact on much of the site. Since then, the county and partner organizations have restored portions of the site. In 2016, the county collaborated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete an extensive restoration project for Lower Boulder Creek. This project involved altering the corridor by removing the old, straightened stream channel and expanding the floodplain's capacity. The outcome was the creation of 6,000 linear feet of "re-meandered" waterway, accompanied by the planting of thousands of riparian and wetland species.

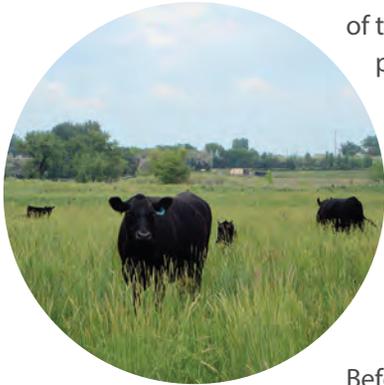


The water of Boulder Creek flows through the re-meandered waterway for the first time in 2016 (above); seven years later, the vegetation has reestablished (right).



In other parts of the site, the department has worked to reestablish native grasslands through integrated weed management and seeding. The susceptibility of the area to flooding, combined with the disturbances from past mining, has given rise to soil and water issues in many parts of the site. As a result, the department's agricultural tenants primarily lease

their lands for livestock grazing and reserve only a few of the least-affected acres for irrigated crops and pasture. Although this region poses challenges for agriculture, these tenants are highly valued as partners due to their stewardship of the county's open space. Their on-the-ground management contributes to the site's ecological values, rebuilds soil health, and strengthens the site's connection to the agricultural community.



Before the county acquired the site, previous owners granted permission to oil and gas companies to establish wells and infrastructure. These companies retain the right to continue their extraction activities on these lands. Additionally, there are several easements for electric transmission lines running across the site. The department has been and will continue to manage these lands while respecting these property rights and encumbrances. The features for visitors detailed in this plan accommodate these pre-existing land uses.



Some oil and gas operations will remain active on the EBC site.



Public Engagement Summary

A New Approach to Engage a Diverse Community

During this management plan process, the department updated the public engagement approach, which allowed it to reach many more people than in previous efforts. This engagement occurred in two phases, and the department made efforts to incorporate many of the objectives outlined in the Cultural Responsiveness & Inclusion Strategic Plan (CRISP) to promote engagement with the Latinx community and other underserved populations. All printed materials, the EBC website, and videos were transcreated into Spanish to ensure accessibility and inclusivity.

The department began outreach with a dynamic website that featured high-interest content, such as aerial drone videos of the site. Recognizing that Spanish-speaking individuals had not been adequately included in prior management planning, the project team ensured that the community had multiple avenues for providing feedback on this plan, including surveys, in-person feedback, and an interactive bulletin board that allowed individuals to share their preferences.

To gather feedback, the department carried out various outreach activities. This outreach included emails, social media, press releases, postcards to neighbors, involving the public and volunteers at Education & Outreach events, and setting up tables at trailheads. Additionally, the department used new outreach initiatives, such as participating in Longmont farmers markets and Pridefest, as well as organizing two public on-site visits to enable people to visit the site in person.

Public feedback has shaped this plan. The department carefully considered community feedback provided through all EBC public surveys, as well as *Use Preferences and Visitor Experiences of People With Disabilities on Parks & Open Space (2020)*, *Annual Visitation Report (2022)*, *The Five Year Visitor Study (2021)*, and *Latino and Hispanic Preferences (2008)*. The plan uses the ★ symbol to draw attention to sections that reflect the voice of the community. For a comprehensive overview of community engagement reports, please refer to Appendix B.



Public outreach materials were distributed to encourage public participation in the EBC planning process.



The department used this poster at one of the public engagement events on-site at EBC.



Community members enjoy tacos at the July 2023 EBC site visit.

By the Numbers

4,916

Website views

60

Spanish page views

1041

Phase I surveys

446

Phase II surveys

543

In-person responses

187

Total attendees for both on-site open houses

1097

In-person contacts at markets and events

Words from the Public

“As our local populations continue to rise and more and more land is being developed for housing, these riparian areas are going to be increasingly more important conservation areas and critical wildlife habitat.”



“Restoration of the land does not mean people must stay out of it completely, but it does mean that activities should be ones that lead to appreciation of the natural landscape, vegetation, and wildlife.”



“I’d like to see some of the area farmed as it has been for the last few decades and protect the heron rookery”



“Please hire Native American consultants to offer information about how their peoples have used this area historically, also their plant and ecological knowledge. It would be wonderful to hear the Arapaho language spoken and see interpretive signs that share Indigenous knowledge, history, and language.”



“I have children now. I want it to be a good place to take my kids. Trails that are set back from the water. Places to enter the water safely.”





Goal 1

To preserve rural lands and buffers



By preserving open space and rural lands, views of the Front Range mountains, such as Longs Peak, are maintained.

East Boulder Creek: Overview

In the late 1990s, Boulder County wanted to protect lands in the lower Boulder and Coal creek valleys. These lands were recognized for their dual significance, for agricultural value and environmental resources. Simultaneously, the nearby Town of Erie was experiencing growth and expansion, particularly to the north and west of its original townsite. To achieve its conservation objectives, the county employed various land use and planning mechanisms, such as intergovernmental agreements (IGAs), conservation easements, and the acquisition of open space through purchase. These measures aimed to preserve the creek corridors and create a protective buffer for the Agricultural Land of National Importance located to the west and north, specifically in the Gunbarrel Hill and Standley Hill areas. The goal was to shield these rural lands from the encroachment of development pressures originating from the south and east. Within the East Boulder Creek site, public open space funding

was invested to ensure the permanent protection and preservation of these rural lands. This approach allowed agricultural producers and land managers to continue their stewardship of this landscape in a manner that sustains natural processes and environmental features.

East Boulder Creek: The Vision

The department will continue to manage the EBC site consistent with open space and rural uses, ensuring that it remains a space of undeveloped lands where nearby residents and visitors can engage with agricultural and natural areas. This management plan prescribes actions that will significantly improve the natural ecosystem while inviting the public onto the space.



Expansive views of the Indian Peaks from EBC.



Goal 2

To preserve and restore natural resources for the benefit of the environment and the public.

This section of Boulder Creek will be restored as part of the implementation of this plan.

East Boulder Creek: Overview

Upon acquisition of East Boulder Creek, the county inherited the management of a site that had been disturbed by gravel mining and affected by previous agricultural practices. These alterations to the landscape introduced non-native pasture grasses and other invasive weeds, which resulted in changes to the plant and animal composition and the deterioration of ecosystem functions.

Since taking responsibility for managing the site, the department has worked to enhance ecological function and increase native plant diversity. This has been achieved through treatments to control noxious weeds, the improvement of grasslands through seeding, and the restoration of Boulder Creek in the southwestern part of the site. Additionally, small patches of native plants and wetlands, as well as riparian habitat, are still present throughout the site. Despite the prevalence of non-native vegetation, significant wildlife populations inhabit areas with intact habitat.

Wetlands

In 2021, a comprehensive mapping effort was conducted to identify and assess the wetlands on EBC for their ecological function and integrity. The assessment found that all the wetlands are in fair condition. Additionally, they have critical characteristics of soils and water that would allow the wetlands to improve in their function if restored further.

Riparian Habitat

Boulder Creek and Coal Creek provide important riparian habitat and wildlife migration corridors. The 2016 restoration of Boulder Creek in the southwestern part of the site involved restoring the natural features of the creek, including meanders, riffles, pools, and connections to the floodplain. The department planted native species of grasses, wildflowers, shrubs, and trees along this stretch of the creek, enhancing diversity and complexity. While the restoration project repaired more than a mile of the stream, many other segments of Boulder and Coal creeks within the site remain in degraded condition.

Noxious Weeds

In 2023, the department conducted an inventory and mapping of the extent of noxious weed infestations on the site. During this mapping effort, staff identified 31 noxious weed species. The Colorado Department of Agriculture mandates the elimination of 10 of these noxious weed species as per the Noxious Weed Act. The department has been actively treating the site for noxious weeds since assuming ownership. These treatments follow integrated pest management (IPM) principles and have involved methods such as herbicide applications, mowing, and revegetation. All of these efforts have and will continue to improve the overall vegetative structure in specific areas.

Wildlife

Staff and volunteers documented 149 different species of birds and mammals during field surveys. This documentation includes observations during spring and fall migration, the summer breeding season, and the winter months. Among these species, 20 are designated as Species of Special Concern for Boulder County. In response to these findings, the county has designated three locations on EBC as Critical Wildlife Habitats in the updated Environmental Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan (see Critical Wildlife Habitat areas mapped on pages 22 and 23).

Despite the heavy impacts resulting from past human use and alterations to the natural environment over time, numerous areas within the East Boulder Creek site continue to provide habitat for wildlife. The department's management strategies, which aimed to mitigate the impacts of mining, achieve habitat improvements, and limit access, have contributed to the creation of isolated and tranquil spaces that support a variety of bird, mammal, and aquatic wildlife species. Due to wildlife sensitivities no dogs will be allowed on Prairie Run Open Space.



Goal 2

Land Management Priorities and Management Actions

PRIORITY: PRESERVE AND RESTORE WETLANDS

ACTION: Restore wetlands

DETAILS: The department will increase native plant diversity and enhance plant and wildlife habitat by restoring high priority wetlands identified in the recent baseline inventory.

BENEFIT: Wetlands offer essential ecosystem services and valuable habitat for plants and wildlife. Restoring and enhancing wetlands holds significant potential for sequestering carbon, which is crucial for climate resilience efforts.

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ACTION: Improve wetland plant diversity

DETAILS: As part of the restoration work following aggregate mining and other earth disturbing activities, the department will perform ongoing adaptive management. This entails removing non-native trees and adding more native plants or seeds to maintain the success of the initial efforts.

BENEFIT: Ongoing maintenance and adaptive management are essential for the success of ecological restoration once it's completed, especially during the first 3-5 years. Restoration represents a significant investment undertaken by the county, and maintenance through adaptive management protects the initial investment in earthwork, soil amendments, plant materials, and staff time.

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PRIORITY: IMPROVE RIPARIAN HABITAT

ACTION: Maintain riparian plant diversity

DETAILS: The department restored 6,000 feet of Boulder Creek in 2017. We will continue adaptive management near the stream by removing non-native trees and adding additional native plantings. We will also install fencing to support controlled cattle grazing when it benefits riparian health.

BENEFIT: Ecological restoration is an ongoing process that can take many years to achieve ecosystem maturity and stability. Continued adaptive management not only protects our previous investment in this restoration area but also promotes long-term improvement in ecosystems and habitats.

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ACTION: Increase riparian plant diversity

DETAILS: The department will enhance riparian health by planting additional native species and installing fencing to facilitate controlled cattle grazing.

BENEFIT: Planting additional native species will support the riparian corridor. Fencing is necessary because unrestricted cattle grazing in riparian areas can result in significant vegetation loss and erosion issues. Robust riparian zones function as crucial wildlife pathways, substantial carbon storage areas, and pleasant recreational spots for people.

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ACTION: Restore perennial streams

DETAILS: A 2,200 foot section of Boulder Creek and a 5,000 foot section of Coal Creek will be restored. Both creeks are currently heavily incised and restoration will reconnect the streams with their floodplains. The old bridge on Boulder Creek will be removed. Native plants and trees will be installed, and each restoration will connect to other restorations already underway by the department and the Town of Erie.

BENEFIT: Creek restoration offers many ecological uplifts while also safeguarding public infrastructure. By reconnecting the creek to a floodplain, water slows and drops sediment, posing less of a threat to human life and infrastructure downstream during flood events. This floodplain reconnection also provides opportunity for planting native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous vegetation. Once mature, this vegetation creates wildlife habitat and bolsters migration corridors, facilitating plant and animal movement throughout the landscape.

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ACTION: Improve riparian tree diversity

DETAILS: In 2023-2024, the department will remove non-native Russian olives from a section of the Coal Creek riparian corridor. Once removed, the department will plant native plains cottonwood and install fencing to exclude cattle. Cattle will be allowed to graze the corridor at times appropriate for the benefit of riparian health.

BENEFIT: The removal of Russian olives will significantly improve the function and structure of this stretch of creek. Replacing Russian olives with native cottonwoods will ultimately restore the canopy structure, which is crucial for various wildlife species and overall stream health. Installing fencing in the riparian corridor will contribute to the establishment of cottonwoods and long-term riparian health.

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A coyote swims in Boulder Creek

PRIORITY: PRESERVE WILDLIFE HABITAT

ACTION: Protect sensitive wildlife areas

DETAILS: The department will restrict public access to sensitive wildlife areas and critical wildlife habitat.

BENEFIT: Kenosha Pond is a unique habitat and one of the few Critical Wildlife Habitats on the plains of Boulder County. Limitations on public access along the Lower Boulder Creek project result from agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and further enhancements could enhance riparian habitat for wildlife in the future. Research supports the growing concern among resource managers about the negative effects of recreation on wildlife. Reducing human impact on this high-quality, distinctive habitat will safeguard seasonal migratory bird habitat and the native wildlife in the area.

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ACTION: Monitor wildlife

DETAILS: Staff will conduct sitewide surveys to fill gaps in the current baseline data and update existing datasets. They will also determine which proposed actions for the site might affect habitat and wildlife resources and then choose or refine survey methods to efficiently collect data before, during, or after these actions. Additionally, they will define targets or indicators to detect changes in the trajectory or trends of wildlife species.

BENEFIT: Some of the proposed actions will probably have both positive and negative effects on wildlife habitat, but measuring or interpreting these impacts can be challenging without rigorous data collection methods. The department will work to minimize impacts as much as possible and continuously monitor the effects of changes and impacts to ensure that significant resources are minimally degraded.



PRIORITY: IMPROVE GRASSLANDS

ACTION: Restore and maintain grasslands

DETAILS: After mining, the department has been actively restoring grasslands. The department will continue to seed and maintain the disturbed areas as needed to continue restoration.

BENEFIT: Grasslands are an endangered ecosystem nationally and worldwide. In Boulder County, most native grasslands were lost to European settlement and ongoing development. Healthy grassland ecosystems support numerous species of plants and animals, some of which are endangered or considered rare. They also play important roles in mitigating impacts of climate change as they are known to sequester large amounts of carbon from the atmosphere as well as facilitate species movement and survival in changing climatic patterns. Returning to native grasslands is an ecological improvement and a better experience for visitors.

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Public feedback has shaped this plan. The plan uses this symbol to draw attention to sections that reflect the voice of the community.



Management action will be implemented at the location identified on the EBC Preservation and Restoration Map (next page).

Goal 2

EBC Preservation and Restoration Map

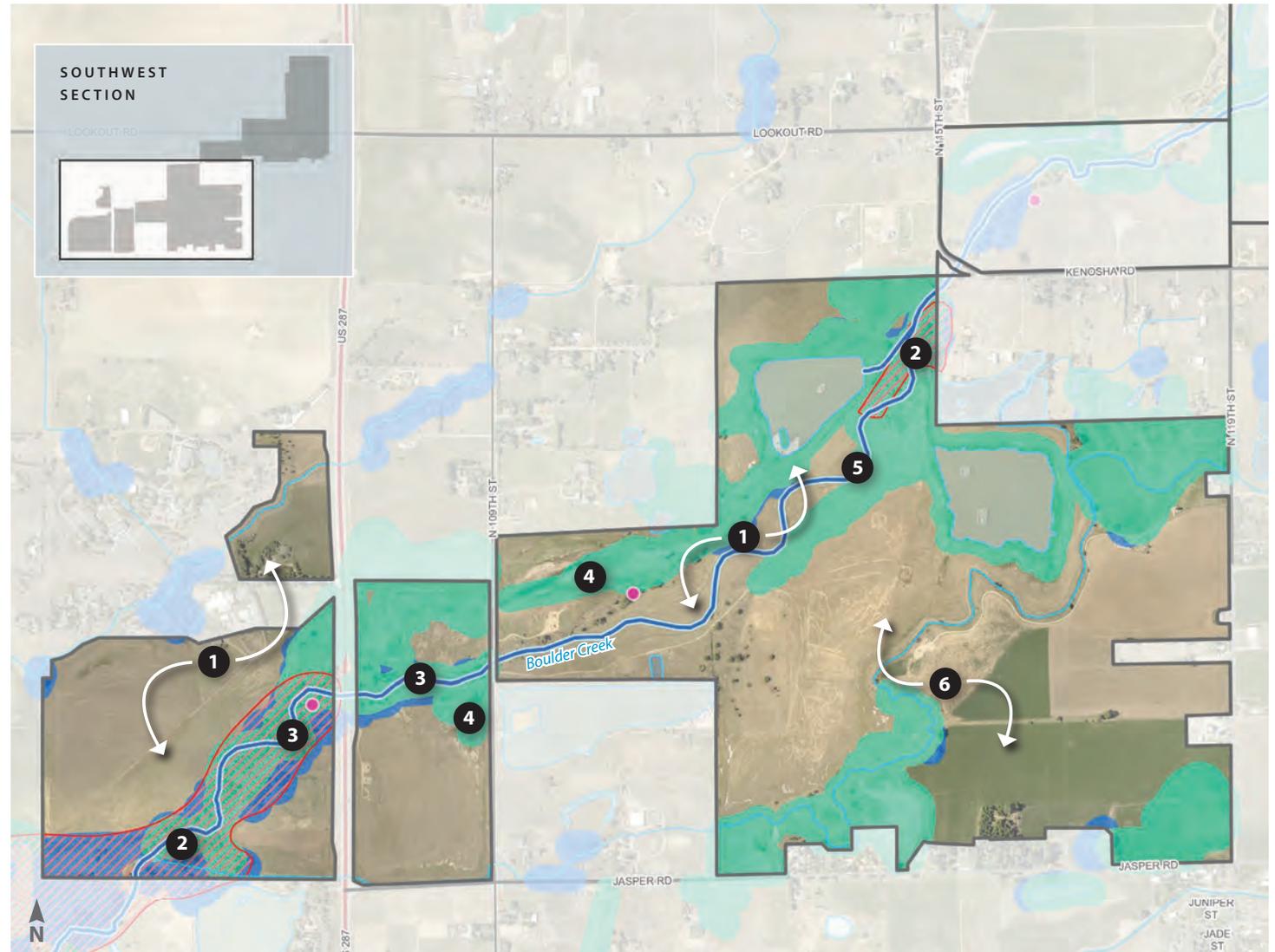
Southwest Map

MAP KEY:

1. Wildlife habitat & agriculture preservation area: closed to public uses
2. Protect Critical Wildlife Habitat: closed to public uses
3. Increase riparian plant diversity
4. Restore wetlands
5. Maintain riparian plant diversity
6. Improve grasslands and soil health (see Goal 6 for details)

MAP LEGEND:

- # General Area of Management Action
- Active Raptor Nests (2022 - 2023)
- ▨ Critical Wildlife Habitat (BCCP)
- ~ Perennial Stream
- ~ Main Ditch
- ~ Wetlands
- ~ Riparian
- ~ Lake or Reservoir



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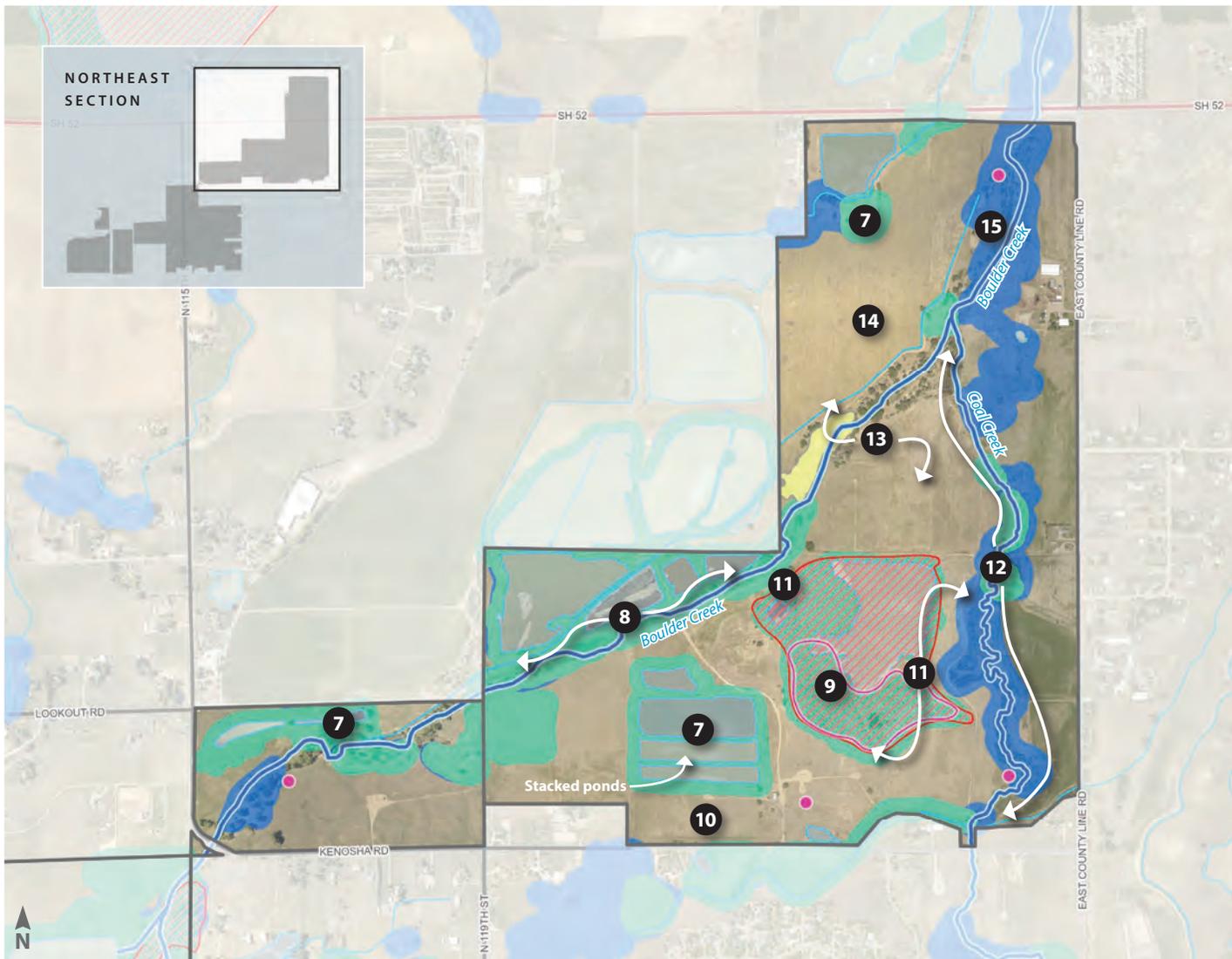
Northeast Map

MAP KEY:

7. Improve wetland plant diversity
8. Restore Boulder Creek
9. Protect Critical Wildlife Habitat: closed to public uses
10. Restore and maintain grasslands
11. Wildlife habitat preservation area: closed to public uses
12. Restore Coal Creek
13. Wildlife habitat & agriculture preservation area: closed to public uses
14. Improve grasslands and soil health (see Goal 6 for details)
15. Improve riparian tree diversity

MAP LEGEND:

-  General Area of Management Action
-  Active Raptor Nests (2022 - 2023)
-  Northern Harrier Nesting Area
-  Active Heronry
-  Critical Wildlife Habitat (BCCP)
-  Perennial Stream
-  Main Ditch
-  Wetlands
-  Riparian
-  Lake or Reservoir



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Goal 2

East Boulder Creek: The Vision

By implementing this plan, the department will restore wetlands, riparian habitat, and native grasslands at the site. These improvements will serve to support ecological functions, enhance resiliency, and promote connectivity, all of which will ultimately benefit wildlife populations and their movement within and through the site. Monitoring of wildlife populations will facilitate management changes if species start to decline in significant or critical wildlife areas.

Volunteers train to monitor waterfowl at Kenosha Pond in 2014.



The restorations will encompass several measures for wetlands, such as the removal of noxious weeds and the planting of native herbaceous and shrubby vegetation. Stream restorations along both Boulder and Coal creeks will incorporate designs featuring elements that mimic natural habitat, including meanders, riffles, and pools. A diverse array of native plant species including coyote willows, native shrubs, and trees will stabilize the re-meandered streams. The department will take additional ecological management actions for the site such as using fencing to safeguard the establishment of native plants and reduce the reintroduction of noxious weeds. Limiting public access to important wildlife areas will reduce the impacts to migratory birds and other sensitive species.

Volunteers install plant materials into a newly stabilized creek bank.



A department staff member plants native vegetation as part of a restoration project.

This plan provides clear guidance to the department for minimizing the impacts of human disturbances. This, in turn, will facilitate the enhancement, protection, and ongoing maintenance of the regional native biodiversity that relies on these improved habitats. Overall, these improvements will elevate ecological functions, bolster resiliency, and enhance connectivity, thereby better supporting the natural movement of wildlife within the site.



Goal 3

To provide public outreach, partnerships, and volunteer opportunities to increase awareness and appreciation of Boulder County's open space.



Interpretive signs and on-site educational programs offer opportunities for visitors to connect with the landscape.

East Boulder Creek: Overview

With an overall size of two square miles, the EBC site can accommodate several miles of multi-use trails and provide opportunities for the public to access water. Visitors of all ages will find chances to explore, exercise, relax, and observe nature. These features also make this site an excellent location for the department to offer educational programs, field trips, and guided hikes that share information about the resources in the area. This educational focus encompasses topics such as local wildlife, flora, wetlands, agricultural practices, and the historical significance of the region. Likewise, volunteer partnerships and work projects will give the community opportunities to participate in the ongoing restoration of the landscape. Volunteers will learn about the property and how their work supports the overall management goals of the property.

Similar to other park properties, East Boulder Creek will include informational kiosks at its trailheads. These kiosks will provide brochures, a welcome panel, a property map, and a designated area for flyers that announce special events or conditions at the park. Additionally, a comprehensive recreation page on the website will feature the map, highlights of the site's natural and cultural aspects, permissible uses, an



overview of agriculture, and the property's historical background. Pertinent information for visitors regarding the site, along with details about programs and hikes, will be shared through channels, such as the website, emails, social media, and on-site at the park. Interpretive signs, presented in both English and Spanish, will be strategically placed along the trails to facilitate visitors' connections to the site and enrich their learning experience.



The department will collaborate with Native and Indigenous communities to understand the Indigenous history and principles associated with East Boulder Creek. This exploration could result in the creation of interpretive materials and stewardship opportunities within the site, developed in conjunction with the community.

Taking advantage of the expansive views of the Front Range and Indian Peaks mountains, a peak finder sign will be installed, to help visitors gain insights into the distant mountains visible from the trails. Staff members from the department will make regular visits to the site to engage with visitors and offer educational tabletop displays at trailheads. These displays will create opportunities for visitors who might not participate in formal programs to gain a deeper understanding of the park, its wildlife, and the trail system. While considering the final trail alignment, our team is exploring options for a designated viewing area or the installation of a spotting scope, which will allow for the observation of the heron rookery from a distance that ensures minimal disturbance to the birds.

EBC will support school field trips similar to ones that have occurred on other properties managed by the department.

Goal 3

People Priorities and Management Actions



PRIORITY: PROVIDE INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITIES

ACTION: Install interpretive signage

DETAILS: All interpretive signs will feature bilingual content in Spanish and English. The department will strategically position these signs in prominent and easily accessible locations such as within the first mile of the trailhead. Signs will focus on pertinent site-related topics and collaborate with resource specialists to ensure the accuracy of the information included.

BENEFIT: Interpretive signs offer an opportunity to connect people with their natural and cultural heritage. They also allow the department to share information about the park's natural resources, history, and management practices. Research indicates that this messaging enhances the public's knowledge, behavior, and support for land management activities.

ACTION: Provide community learning opportunities

DETAILS: The park will have kiosks that include brochure boxes, welcome panels, and space for flyers at each trailhead. Trailhead displays will periodically also be offered on weekends during peak-use hours, offering an opportunity for park visitors to learn about topics such as wildlife and sharing the trail. Educational posters will be posted as needed regarding topics related to visitor safety, trail etiquette, warnings, and regulations.

BENEFIT: Brochures and flyers, as well as signs and maps, provide visitors with logistical, safety, regulatory, and interpretive information. Trailhead displays provide an opportunity for visitors that may not participate in formal programs to learn more about the park they are visiting.

ACTION: Co-create with Native American and Indigenous Communities

DETAILS: The department will reach out to Native American and Indigenous communities to build relationships and work to co-create an opportunity on East Boulder Creek.

BENEFIT: Boulder County's interpretive history portfolio is heavily skewed toward white colonist settlement and occupation and does not currently do justice to elevating and honoring the history of Indigenous Peoples on this land. It is crucial for the department to present an accurate and comprehensive representation of the history of this land and its inhabitants. The EBC site offers an excellent opportunity to showcase Indigenous history and culture. This approach also provides an opportunity to shift the perspective away from humans and interpret the land according to Indigenous principles, aligning with the ongoing learning and development within the department and community.



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PRIORITY: PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

ACTION: Provide educational amenities

DETAILS: The department will create an opportunity for visitors to safely observe birds in a suitable viewing location. If there is a chance of disturbing the birds, we will also install a bird blind. Additionally, we will install a peak finder for visitors to view mountains in areas visible from the trail.

BENEFIT: A spotting scope or bird blind will offer visitors an informal chance to observe and interact with wildlife on the property. The peak finder will identify the prominent peaks visible in the distance from the property.



ACTION: Celebrate the opening of East Boulder Creek as Prairie Run open space

DETAILS: The department will host ribbon cutting ceremonies, one at each trailhead.

BENEFIT: Ribbon-cutting ceremonies serve as a great way to inform the community that a new open space is ready to be visited. As decided by the public and department volunteers, the EBC area will be known as “Prairie Run Open Space” when the site is opened to the public.

ACTION: Update and inform the community about East Boulder Creek

DETAILS: The department will update the website and share social media postings to provide the community a high-level timeline with all management actions. We will update this timeline as management actions are completed and whenever adjustments are made.

BENEFIT: Sharing information will increase understanding of the timeframe for East Boulder Creek, which will require several years of preparation before opening to the public.



ACTION: Use East Boulder Creek as a learning space

DETAILS: The department will offer programs for schools, volunteers, and the community that place a strong emphasis on sharing information about resource management (wildlife, plants, wetlands, etc.), agricultural activities, and history.

BENEFIT: The department presently delivers a range of programs and resources designed to cater to the needs and interests of individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and ability levels throughout the county. Programs are customized to align with the specific interests of the requesting group, covering subjects like local ecosystems, wildlife, plants, and geology.

East Boulder Creek: The Vision

Upon opening, East Boulder Creek will be named “Prairie Run Open Space.” Prairie Run open space will be used as a center of learning and engagement, and visitors and the community will gain an understanding and appreciation for the natural resources and cultural history found on the site. Staff will build relationships with a wide variety of local community groups, county residents, and park visitors. This will be achieved through a range of activities including programs and hikes, presentations, volunteer opportunities, trailside interpretive panels, print media, social media, and informal conversations. These opportunities will meet the needs and interests of people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.



School children learning about mountain lions during an educational program.



Goal 4

To protect, restore, and interpret cultural resources for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations.



The Wise Homestead Museum, on neighboring Town of Erie's property, features a barn that was originally on the EBC site. The barn is in the lower right of this photo.

East Boulder Creek: Overview

Since time immemorial Indigenous people have lived in Colorado with their own unique cultures, relationships, and histories. Eastern Colorado was home to Indigenous tribes that include the Apache, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Comanche, Crow, Kiowa, Sioux, Pawnee, and Ute. Their presence on the land is known today through Indigenous oral tradition, recorded history, photos, writings, and mapping of explorers, non-Native stories, and archaeological investigation.

At the East Boulder Creek management plan area, the record of Indigenous and non-Indigenous presence through the cultural materials left behind is incomplete due to the lack of cultural resource surveys for the entire area or has been disturbed by the previous gravel mining activities or the cyclical flooding of Boulder Creek. The now out-of-date cultural resource surveys also affects our understanding of the resources in the management plan area. These factors affect the cultural resource record in the plan area and leave it incomplete.

Previous cultural resource surveys performed in just portions of the site found few features beyond the historic irrigation ditches that are still in use. Adjacent to the management plan area is the Wise Homestead Museum that interprets the 1870 Oliver Wise house and the family's long agricultural history in the Erie area.

What are cultural resources?

Cultural resources are any prehistoric or historic remains or indicators of past human activities, including artifacts, sites, structures, landscapes, and objects of importance to a culture or community for scientific, traditional, religious, or other reasons. Because of their significance to the community, the county's comprehensive plan contains policies for the protection of cultural resources. The department abides by those same policies.

People Priority and Management Action

PRIORITY: IDENTIFY AND ASSESS SIGNIFICANCE OF CULTURAL RESOURCES

ACTION: Conduct a cultural resource survey

DETAILS: Conduct a cultural resource survey on the areas of East Boulder Creek that mining has not disturbed.

BENEFIT: To adequately preserve cultural resources within the EBC planning area, the department will conduct an intensive cultural resource survey for the entire planning area that has not undergone prior mining or reclamation. Surveying the entire EBC area will provide the department with a comprehensive understanding of the available resources or their absence. The intensive cultural resource survey will include a historic context overview for the area that extends from the Indigenous period through European-American migration into the area. This information can be valuable for future plan adjustments, changes, and unforeseen projects or disaster recovery initiatives that might arise.



East Boulder Creek: The Vision

Through the identification and recording of cultural resources at EBC, the department will have the baseline information to make sound management decisions for any projects in the future. The survey results will also highlight interpretation opportunities that can create connections to the area for visitors.





Goal 5

To provide quality recreational experiences while protecting open space resources.



Photo visualization of a possible accessible fishing pier overlooking the stacked ponds.

East Boulder Creek: Overview

The EBC site holds important environmental, agricultural, and cultural values for the community. This plan is designed to preserve and enhance these values as the site opens to the public for recreation. Within the site, visitors will explore a range of features, including ponds, streams, grazing lands, irrigated pastures, and wetland habitats interwoven with rehabilitated grasslands. Given its location and relatively flat topography, the site provides breathtaking views of the majestic mountains and foothills of western Boulder County.

In response to public feedback and staff recommendations, this plan includes recreational features such as regional trail connections, internal trails, fishing opportunities, and interpretive facilities. The department has taken great care in selecting the locations for park infrastructure with the goal of minimizing any negative environmental impacts while highlighting educational opportunities and enjoyment for park users.



Visitors will experience trails of varied surfaces, including concrete, boardwalks, and soft-surface trails.



This plan directs the department to simultaneously conduct the ecosystem restoration and beneficial land management practices in coordination with the construction of the recreational features. This integrated approach positions the EBC site as a valuable educational center at the eastern gateway to Boulder County that showcases ecological restoration interwoven with appropriate visitor infrastructure. Through this approach, the department aims to enhance biodiversity, restore the connection between the floodplain and the creek, bolster resilience, and provide public access to the water. It serves as a tangible representation of the county's dedication to preserving its rich environmental and cultural heritage.



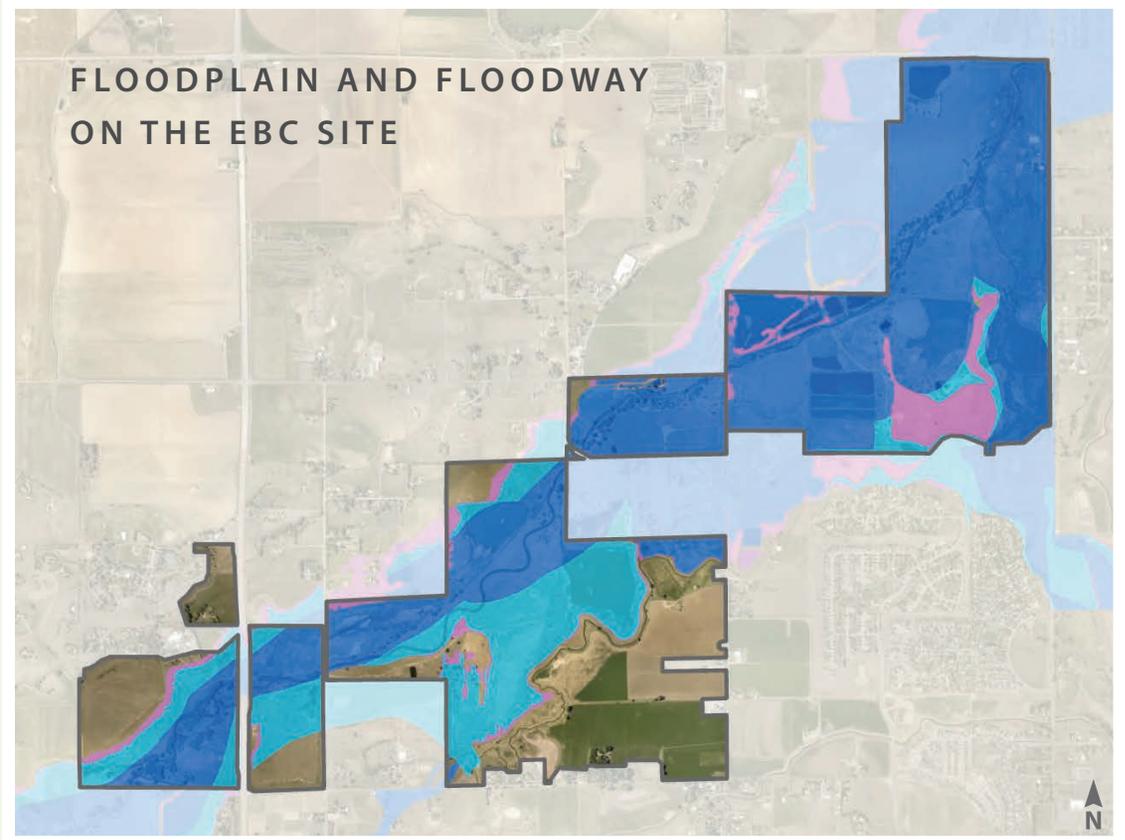
Eroded banks of a section of Boulder Creek will be restored, allowing visitors to enjoy views from a nearby trail.

Goal 5

Given the site conditions at EBC, the department does face some challenges to implement the management actions in this plan. Two specific constraints, namely floodplain designations and oil and gas facilities, will demand diligent planning, design, and permitting. By applying comprehensive engineering and design best practices, the department will effectively work through these restrictions and prioritize public safety and functional infrastructure throughout the process.

To protect resources while allowing public access and recreation at the site the department will set and enforce rules and regulations. The department's standard rules and regulations will apply to EBC, and the park will be open from sunrise to sunset. As stated in Goal 2, no dogs will be allowed on Prairie Run open space due to wildlife sensitivities. Park rangers and sign specialists will develop and implement an appropriate signage plan that will add regulatory and safety signs throughout the area that is open and accessible to the public. The department intends to use automatic gates to restrict after-hours use at the two trailheads, and each will be monitored by live camera streams that can also be viewed by the public for trip planning purposes.

Park rangers will conduct regular patrols by foot, bike, and motor vehicles in open and closed areas of the park. Enforcement will be provided 24/7 in combination with Boulder County Parks & Open Space Park Rangers and the Boulder County Sheriff's Office.



The floodplain and floodway cover most of the EBC site, which dictates where infrastructure can safely be located on the site.

MAP LEGEND:

-  Floodway
-  100-Year Floodplain (Zones AE, A, AO, AH)
-  500-Year Floodplain (Zone X500)

People Priorities and Management Actions

PRIORITY: PROVIDE TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY

ACTION: Design and construct a multi-use trail system throughout the property with a connection to the Town of Erie and the planned Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT)

DETAILS: The department will build two types of 8-foot wide trails: 3 miles of soft-surface trail and 1 mile of concrete accessible trail. The accessible trail will connect to the eastern trailhead and run adjacent to the restored section of Boulder Creek and facilitate access for visitors with a range of mobilities. These trails will be designed to enable two connections to the potential Boulder Erie Regional Trail (BERT). When the BERT is constructed, others will be responsible for completing the connection. Additionally, the trail offers the potential to link up with trail systems supported by the Town of Erie, such as the Coal Creek Trail; the department is currently working on an Intergovernmental Agreement with the town to formalize these connections. Coordination with Boulder and Weld County Ditch Company will be required, as well.

BENEFIT: Multi-use trail systems are the most environmentally friendly trails to construct on conserved land, as they minimize the trail system's footprint. The trails will have sufficient width to accommodate hiking, biking, and equestrian use with minimal conflict between user groups. Additionally, supporting the accessible trail will allow visitors with mobility limitations to enjoy the open space and provide the opportunity to enjoy flowing water, nature viewing, and picnicking. Connectivity of the trail system is important to maximize recreational opportunities throughout the area, to provide alternatives to vehicular travel, and to connect the southwest and northeast sections of the EBC site.

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Management action will be implemented at the location identified on the EBC Conceptual Trails and Infrastructure Map (next page).

PRIORITY: PROVIDE VISITOR AMENITIES

ACTION: Provide visitor amenities

DETAILS: Amenities will be provided that support on-trail passive recreation such as hiking, biking, fishing, and equestrian uses. Opportunities for gathering, respite, and wildlife viewing will also be supported. The department will construct large and small picnic shelters, benches, restrooms, a nature play area, angler access in Boulder Creek, bike fix-it stations, and provide EV parking and drinking water for visitors. The department is also exploring automatic gates at trailheads to prohibit access after hours to increase the security of the site. Accessibility will be considered for grades of the concrete trail and for distances between resting benches. **East trailhead** will support a maximum of 65 parking spaces, 3 ADA, and 6 horse trailer spaces, with room for a school bus and will initially be built smaller (25-30 spaces) and can be expanded to maximum capacity in the future, if needed. **West trailhead** will support a maximum of 30 parking spaces (2 ADA will be included for a total of 30). Staff will continue conversations and negotiate with the Town of Erie to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for future parking opportunities on Erie's open space. If an IGA with Erie is reached before construction of this referenced trailhead parking infrastructure, staff must bring the management plan back to BOCC to reconsider the size of parking on 109th Street.

BENEFIT: Using sustainable and low impact construction techniques, visitor amenities and trails will support responsible, enjoyable public use of the property. Visitors can explore a diverse range of features including ponds, perennial streams, grazing lands, irrigated pastures, wetland habitats, rehabilitated grasslands, and views of the mountains and foothills of western Boulder County.

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ACTION: Investigate ability to allow for paddleboarding/kayaking and fishing in stacked ponds.

DETAILS: The department will research the water quality and fish stock of the stacked ponds to determine if they can support fishing and non-motorized watercraft use.

BENEFIT: Before constructing visitor amenities to access the stacked ponds, the department will verify the safety of the water and the sustainability of the fish stock. If testing and research yield positive results, the ponds will accommodate an accessible fishing pier/dock and a ramp for non-motorized craft access.

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PRIORITY: ENSURE SAFETY OF VISITOR

ACTION: Fence oil and gas facilities adjacent to public use areas

DETAILS: Several oil and gas wells are located on EBC. The department will install oblique fencing around the facilities that are near public use areas.

BENEFIT: Fencing oil and gas wells will ensure visitors remain a safe distance from the facilities.

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ACTION: Create and install inclusive regulatory signage

DETAILS: Inclusive regulatory signage in both English and Spanish will be installed as directed by park rangers throughout the site.

BENEFIT: It is important to post regulatory signage that is inclusive and gives clear guidance to the community on activities that are appropriate and activities that are not permitted in an open space. These also serve to educate on topics critical to visitor use and resource protection, such as minimizing the spread of New Zealand mudsnails and keeping visitors out of closed areas.

ACTION: Patrol site and respond to emergency conditions. Coordinate response with local emergency agencies as appropriate.

DETAILS: Park rangers will patrol EBC as part of their regular park rotation. Rangers will coordinate with other agencies to ensure any emergency response outside the department's purview is handled by the appropriate agency.

BENEFIT: Park rangers patrol open spaces to interact with visitors, provide educational opportunities, and ensure the safety of visitors and resources. Coordination with other emergency response agencies ensure a unified, appropriate response to any emergency situation on the site.



Goal 5

EBC Conceptual Trails and Infrastructure Map

Southwest Map

MAP KEY:

1. Wildlife habitat & agriculture preservation area: closed to public uses
2. Protect Critical Wildlife Habitat: closed to public uses
3. Potential future B.E.R.T. connection
4. Trailhead (includes parking area)
5. Fishing access
6. Bench/rest area
7. Agriculture preservation area: closed to public uses
8. Potential future connection to Town of Erie trails and future northeast trailhead

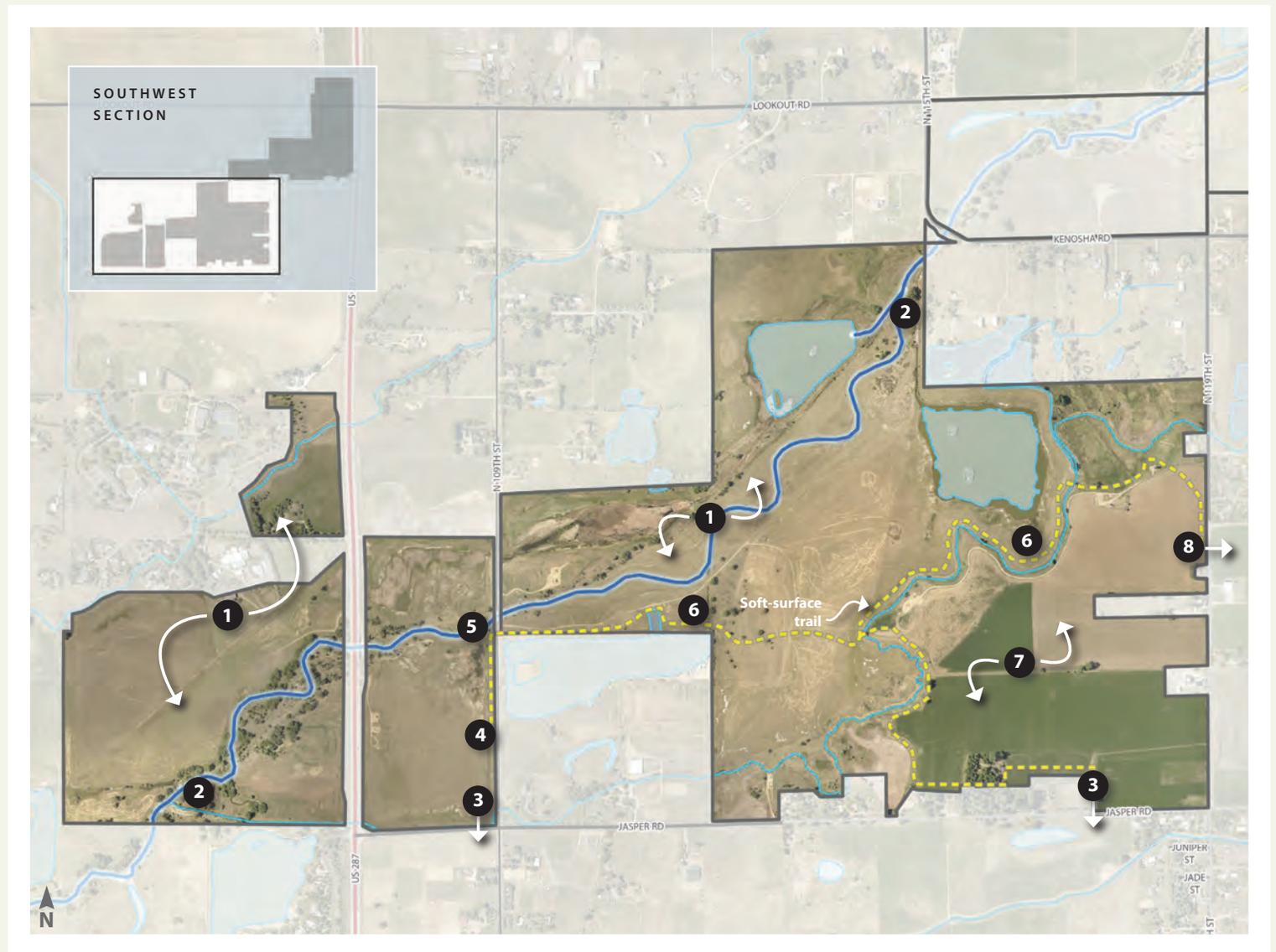
MAP LEGEND:

-  General Area of Management Action
-  Soft-Surface Trail
-  Perennial Stream
-  Main Ditch
-  Lake or Reservoir

Allowed Uses

-  Hiking
-  Equestrian
-  Biking
-  Fishing

Open sunrise to sunset
On-trail use only



All trail and amenity locations are approximate and subject to change based on cultural resource survey, final design, and engineering.

Northeast Map

MAP KEY:

- 9. Wildlife habitat & agriculture preservation area: closed to public uses
- 10. Small shelter
- 11. Large shelter and nature play area
- 12. Potential fishing pier and watercraft access
- 13. Existing oil & gas well will be fenced
- 14. Trailhead (includes parking area) and future connection to future southwest trailhead and Town of Erie trails
- 15. Protect Critical Wildlife Habitat: closed to public uses
- 16. Wildlife habitat preservation area: closed to public uses

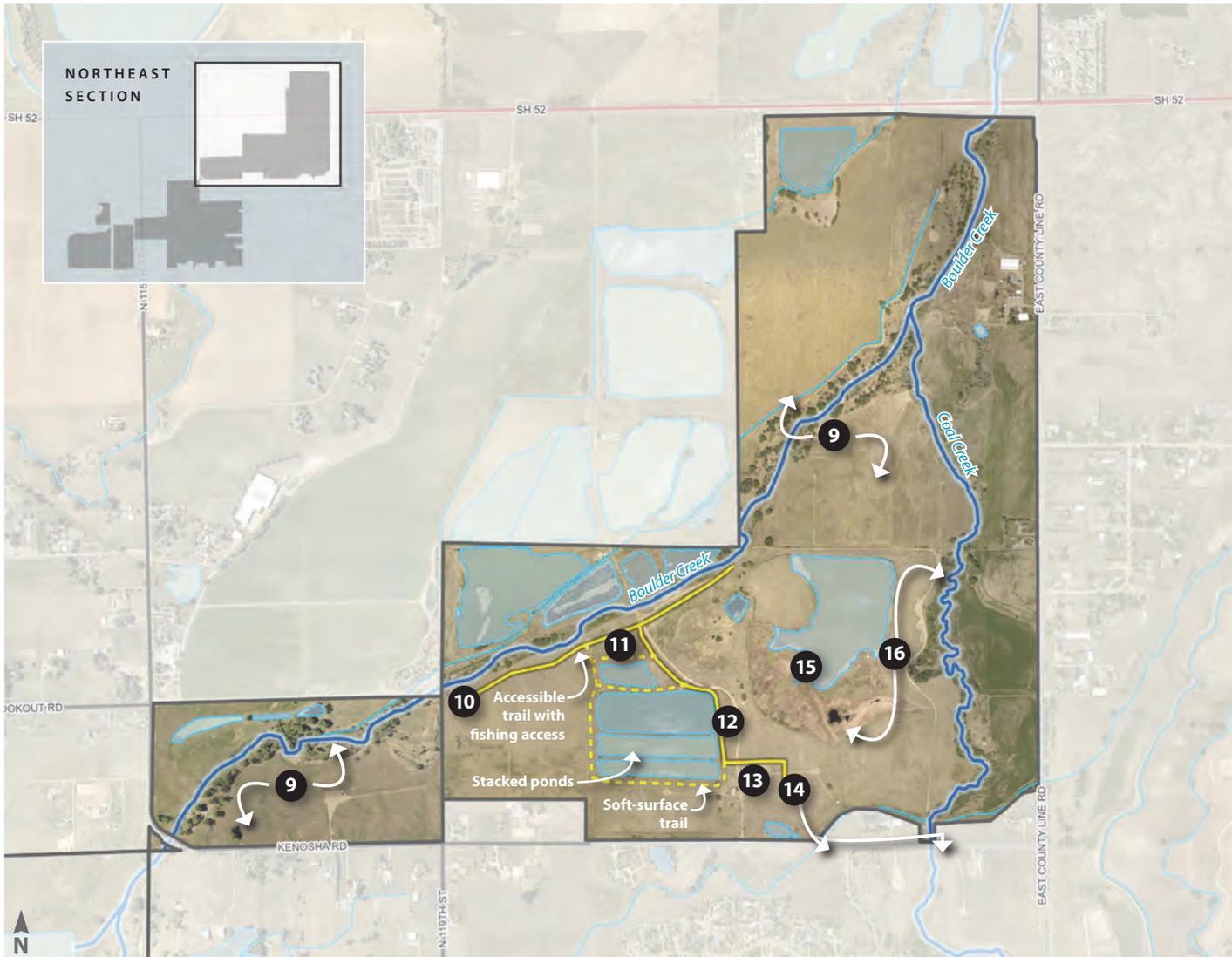
MAP LEGEND:

- General Area of Management Action
- Accessible Trail
- Soft-Surface Trail
- Perennial Stream
- Main Ditch
- Lake or Reservoir

Allowed Uses

- Hiking
- Biking
- Fishing
- Paddling
- Equestrian

Open sunrise to sunset
On-trail use only



All trail and amenity locations are approximate and subject to change based on cultural resource survey, final design, and engineering.

Goal 5



Examples of recreational activities the community will be able to enjoy at EBC include walks by water (above), a nature play area and wildlife viewing for all ages (right).

East Boulder Creek: The Vision

The implementation of this plan will result in the creation of healthy and vibrant stream systems along Boulder Creek and Coal Creek. These restorations will reestablish successional river processes and sustainable riparian ecosystems. This leads to the diversification of native plant communities and wildlife habitats throughout the stream corridor and allows for public access and recreation, including fishing amenities, water access, and a nature play area.

This plan will grant the public access to three miles of soft-surface trail, one mile of accessible trail, public access to water, regional trail connections, diverse viewing experiences of landscapes and wildlife, and accessible parking, picnicking, and gathering facilities. Park rangers will ensure the safety of visitors while protecting resources. All these components combine to offer a unique opportunity to experience a diversity of land uses that complement the rural character of the region and promote a healthy, sustainable future for the Boulder Creek system. It will facilitate the restoration of two severely incised reaches of Boulder Creek and Coal Creek, providing desired public amenities in a section of the county where they have been lacking. The department is committed to creating built environments that encourage visitor interaction, connectivity, and stewardship while integrating ongoing maintenance needs, sustainable materials, and climate considerations.

What is a nature play area?

A nature play area is a defined space with textures and elements from natural materials, such as tree logs, tree stumps, sticks, and boulders, instead of structures and materials found in a traditional playground. It is a place where visitors can connect with nature through play and discovery.





Park rangers work to engage the public and ensure safety of visitors while protecting the natural resources they steward (above). EBC will provide accessible trail and fishing opportunities for the community (below).





Goal 6

To promote and provide for sustainable agriculture in Boulder County for the natural, cultural, and economic values it provides.



The legacy of agriculture on open space lands will continue on EBC.

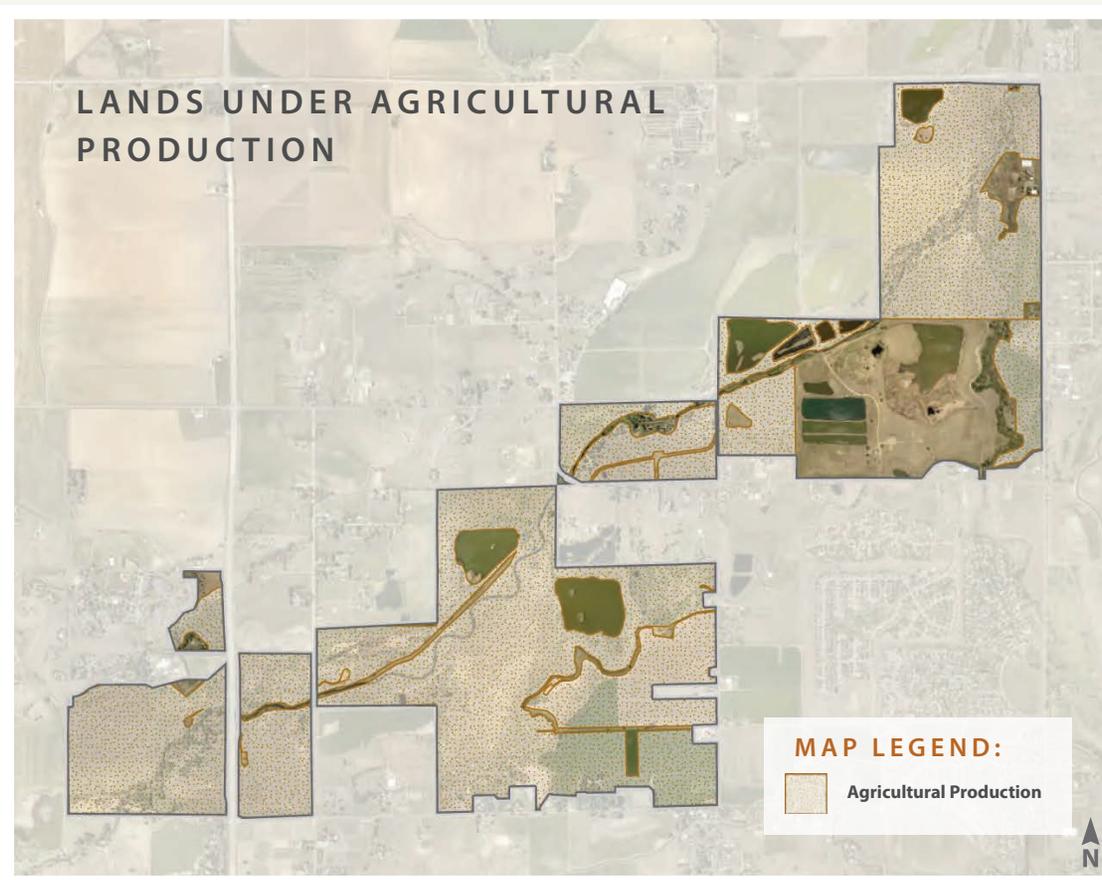
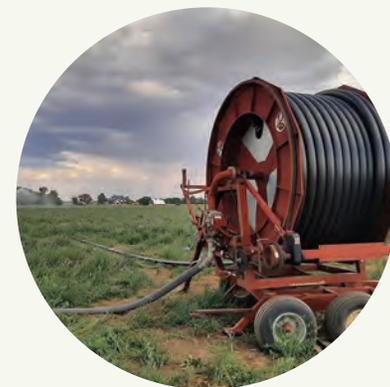
East Boulder Creek: Overview

Most of the landscape within the EBC site is leased by agricultural tenants who produce forage for livestock or actively graze it with cattle. These tenants have a history of caring for the land through sound management decisions and the improvement of farming operational infrastructure. However, past gravel mining and flood events have altered the vegetation, soils, and water infrastructure of the site's grasslands creating challenges for the department and tenants. The aftermath of mining left poor-quality topsoil that is shallow and lacks good structure and nutrients. The flood of 2013 had major impacts on all agricultural tenants due to the massive flow of water, changes in stream beds, fluctuation of groundwater levels, and the destruction of valuable infrastructure.

Since those events, agricultural producers have been working to improve soil health and productivity through various management actions. They have reseeded dryland pastures with native and specialty species to enhance forage quality and availability, especially in areas where the old introduced pasture species were no longer productive. Producers also manage cattle movements across the landscape and deliver grazing impacts selectively through rotational grazing, focusing on stocking densities, timing, duration of use, and vegetation regrowth periods. Another example of vegetation improvement is the placement of winter feeding areas in the grassland pastures that were affected by aggregate mining. This helps increase organic matter, surface cover, water-holding capacity, and biological activity in the soil due to the addition of manure and hay residue.

In irrigated portions of EBC, producers and the department collaborate throughout the year to actively manage the full allocation of water rights across these landscapes. Routine coordination with ditch companies

ensures the precise timing of water delivery for optimal plant health and productivity. Additionally, the department and tenants actively manage water for ecological purposes in Kenosha Pond and wetland areas to benefit wildlife species. The department also contributes to in-stream flows in Boulder and Coal creeks, which enhances the ecosystem on the site and downstream.



Goal 6

Land Management Priorities and Management Actions

PRIORITY: SUPPORT AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

ACTION: Create an agricultural operations plan

DETAILS: We will create an agricultural operations plan that examines the site's productivity potential, ecological health, and economics to establish management objectives. We will integrate soil health, accessibility, and navigability into this process.

BENEFIT: Agricultural operations plans establish measurable goals that are essential for guiding the changes in operations when the property is open to the public. This plan will ensure both visitor safety and the ability of the agricultural tenant to maintain productivity.

ACTION: Protect sensitive water infrastructure

DETAILS: We will protect water infrastructure with security measures.

BENEFIT: Unauthorized manipulation of water control and measurement devices could lead to negative impacts on irrigated land, non-compliance with state regulations, expensive equipment repairs, or pose risks to public safety due to swift water currents and confined spaces.

ACTION: Improve soil health

DETAILS: Fields across the site will be enhanced and improved with soil health practices such as compost, biochar, cover crops, and inter-seeding.

BENEFIT: With the history of gravel mining in the area, many of the soils are low in organic matter and have shallow topsoil. Improving soil health increases plant diversity and supports ecosystem health.



ACTION: Provide agricultural storage

DETAILS: The department will provide an agricultural storage building for the tenants because their existing on-site storage will be removed to develop visitor infrastructure.

BENEFIT: By relocating agricultural storage operations away from public use areas, safety for both visitors and agricultural tenants will be enhanced. This will also support improved efficiency for tenant operations.

PRIORITY: PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ACTION: Install and maintain agricultural fencing and watering infrastructure

DETAILS: The department will install new fencing and watering infrastructure following the creation of the agricultural operations plan.

BENEFIT: New fences will grant access and enhance property use once trails and amenities are installed. Livestock watering infrastructure is required to facilitate cattle operations in fields where existing water access is being eliminated or disrupted due to trail alignments or protection of riparian habitats. Additional fencing will also protect riparian areas and restoration projects by controlling cattle access and prohibiting visitor encroachment.



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East Boulder Creek: The Vision

The department’s agricultural tenants will continue to steward EBC, sustaining environmental resources and wildlife habitats while also contributing to the area’s agricultural community. This plan will introduce changes to the landscape to accommodate trails and amenities. The department will carefully plan, design, and install fences to ensure the safety of the public, the producers and their livestock. To reduce pressure on riparian areas, the department will install upland livestock water sources, improving cattle operations and movements across the landscape. The trail plan will provide the public with opportunities to observe and learn more about the site’s agricultural operations. Together, the department and tenants will create new agricultural operation plans for each of the leases within the EBC site. These plans will guide active management across each property in conjunction with public access.

Management objectives will aim to enhance the property’s productivity potential, ecological health, and overall farm economics. The department and tenants will continue to enhance the agricultural fields within the site by improving soil health, resulting in more sustainable agricultural operations for the tenant.

With the improved water management infrastructure outlined in the plan, Boulder County and agricultural producers will have greater control over the delivery of irrigation water. This enhanced control will improve the safety of individuals managing water infrastructure and ensure a stable water supply to support riparian and wetland ecosystems.



Implementation

The department will implement the management actions outlined in this plan over the next 8 to 10 years (from 2024 to 2034) in two phases.

Phase I will concentrate on implementing this plan in the southwest section of the planning area with the goal of initially opening this portion of the property to the community.



The public will be able to enjoy serene views such as this in the next 8-10 years at EBC.

A note about planning and permitting:

This project will require over 500 cubic yards of earthwork; however, the department has consulted with Community Planning & Permitting (CPP) about impacts and mitigation measures related to the creek restorations, trails, and trailheads / parking areas and pursuant to Article 4-516.0 and 4-513.D.4.b of the Land Use Code, normal grading activity associated with trail or road construction by a governmental entity on publicly acquired open space land in accordance with an open space management plan approved by the Board of County Commissioners is exempt from planning review at CPP.

Floodplain development and building permit requirements will still apply.

Phase II will focus on the northeast section of the planning area. Due to the complex site conditions, the restoration and infrastructure work will require several years for permitting, engineering, and construction before it is completed. Once finished, the department will open that section of the park, making the entire site available for the community to enjoy.



For updates throughout the implementation process, please visit the Boulder County East Boulder Creek website.

Conclusion

The Plan Process

While the department has incorporated traditional planning methods into this site management plan, staff has updated the process and the document to make them both more inclusive. Highlights of this updated effort include having staff:

- 1) Create an interactive project website where the public could submit input and comments through surveys;
- 2) Provide opportunities for the public to visit the land during the planning process; and
- 3) Generate outreach and plan materials in both Spanish and English. The result of these changes is a plan that is both responsive to community interests and reflects the goals of the department.

The Result

Prairie Run open space will be a park where the public interacts with nature. Visitors use three miles of soft-surface trails to enjoy views, watch wildlife, and get exercise. Children will enjoy nature play and picnicking. People with disabilities and health impairments will enjoy visiting Boulder Creek in a restored floodplain on a one mile accessible trail.

It will be an open space where the department and tenant partners steward the environmental and agricultural resources on the site. Improved livestock management and soil enhancements will enrich the vegetation and soil health of the site. Additionally, portions of the site will remain closed to public access to protect wildlife from disturbances from recreation.

This plan provides the vision and guidance to the department to balance visitor access with ecologically focused management. These actions will restore a significant portion of Boulder Valley, bolster environmental resources, and increase the resiliency of the landscape. Through intentional introduction of amenities intended to serve people of all abilities and diverse backgrounds, this park will be a welcoming space for the community to connect with nature and each other.







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Appendix A: Baseline Conditions Document

East Boulder Creek: Today

Introduction

In preparation for the site management planning process for the East Boulder Creek (EBC) Site, staff gathered existing information about the area and the county's properties that make up the site. Several county open space properties encompass the area: Alexander Dawson, Bailey-Kenosha Ponds, Doniphan, Wheeler, and Wise. The total acreage of the combined properties is 1,337 acres. The county acquired most of the properties during the 1990s, and Wheeler Ranch was bought in 2017. While forming one site for management planning, the individual properties form two groups: a NE cluster of Bailey-Kenosha, Doniphan, and Wheeler and a SW cluster of Alexander Dawson and the Wise property. This document will refer to individual properties when appropriate for accuracy.

Site Summary

Land Use History

Since time immemorial Indigenous people have lived in Colorado with their own unique cultures, relationships, and histories. Eastern Colorado was home to a variety of Indigenous tribes that include the Apache, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Comanche, Crow, Kiowa, Sioux, Pawnee, and Ute. Their presence on the land is known today through Indigenous oral tradition, recorded history, photos, writings and mapping of explorers, non-Native stories, and archaeological investigation. Between the 1860s and early 1880s Indigenous people in eastern Colorado and the central mountains were forcibly removed by the United States government from their traditional homelands identified as belonging to them in the 1851 Treaty of Fort Laramie. In addition to the forced removal from their traditional homelands to unfamiliar and inferior lands far away, Indigenous people also suffered great trauma with the suppression of their language, history, beliefs, and culture through numerous measures and laws well into the 20th century.

The traumatic measures and laws established by the United States government that resulted in the forced removal of Indigenous people from their traditional homelands simultaneously set the stage for the great westward expansion. Domestic and foreign migrants, as well as railroad companies and states, utilized the various federal land acts to claim for themselves what was once Indigenous land. For the part of the county where the EBC site lies, these people developed their lands for agriculture to support the mining communities in the county (including the Boulder-Weld Coalfield which lies just to the south).

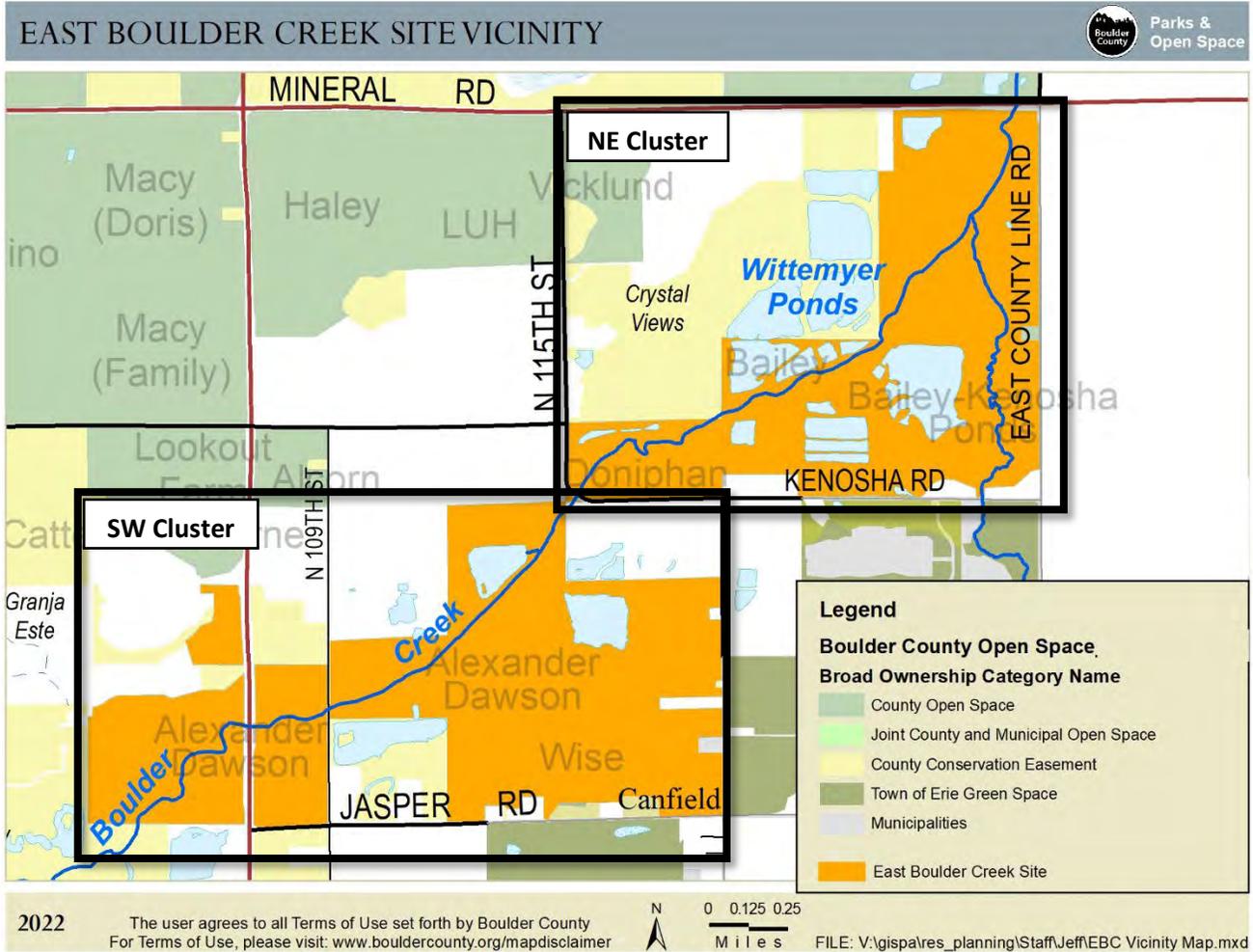
Agriculture led to some of the first major landscape changes to the site. For example, several of the first ditches in the area traverse the property and continue to irrigate farmlands to this day. During the 1970s, as residential development boomed along the Front Range, the aggregate resources of the site were exploited, and Boulder Creek was straightened. Mining on parts of EBC continued into the 2000s. The post-mining land uses had to contend with open water bodies, disrupted irrigation patterns, and disturbed soils.

Recent Land Use

While the area has been Agriculturally zoned in the county for decades, land just to the south has been residentially developed in the Town of Erie since annexation in the late 1990s. Increasing pressure for potentially expanding the town north was one of the drivers for acquiring the EBC open space properties

in the past. At this time, according to the Town of Erie’s 2015 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map, the EBC is within Erie’s influence area as public open space. Unincorporated Weld County private lands border East County Line Road.

The Alexander Dawson property has a Conservation Easement on it from a 2000 funding agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) that named the City of Boulder as the easement holder and stipulated constraints on the property’s development include limitations on new structures, trails, etc. Improvements are allowed but must be reviewed by City of Boulder and GOCO.



Adjacent Land Use Context

NE Cluster of the site:

- **South:** Kenosha Road forms the southern boundary of this property group and at the east side of this southern boundary there is a 500-800 foot buffer of Town of Erie open space parcels between the road and residential lots in the Kenosha Farms subdivision in Erie. West along Kenosha Road, large lot residential lots adjoin the road. Kenosha Road averaged 1,070 vehicles per day in 2020 (Average Annual Daily Trips—AADT—per the 2023 Boulder County Motor Vehicle Traffic Count Map).

- **East:** East County Line Road/Weld County Road 1 (boundary of Boulder and Weld Counties) borders this cluster of properties on the east. Rural residential and agricultural private properties lie along the east side of the road as well as 140 acres of land owned by the City and County of Broomfield. East County Line Road has become a busy north-south roadway in this intercounty region with 5318 AADT as measured just north of Mineral Road in 2020.
- **North:** Mineral Road/State Highway 52 is a very busy roadway (15,000 AADT in 2021), especially during peak hours of the weekday commute with heavy volumes heading west into Boulder County in the mornings and east back into Weld in the evenings. North of Mineral Road is more Boulder County Open Space—the Canino 7M Ranch. North of the Doniphan and Bailey-Kenosha Properties is the City of Boulder’s Wittemeyer Ponds property which the City of Boulder uses for its water storage program.
- **West:** While N. 115th Street forms the west boundary of Doniphan, the agriculturally-managed Boulder Creek Farms properties and more rural residential lots border most of the property cluster.

SW Cluster of the site:

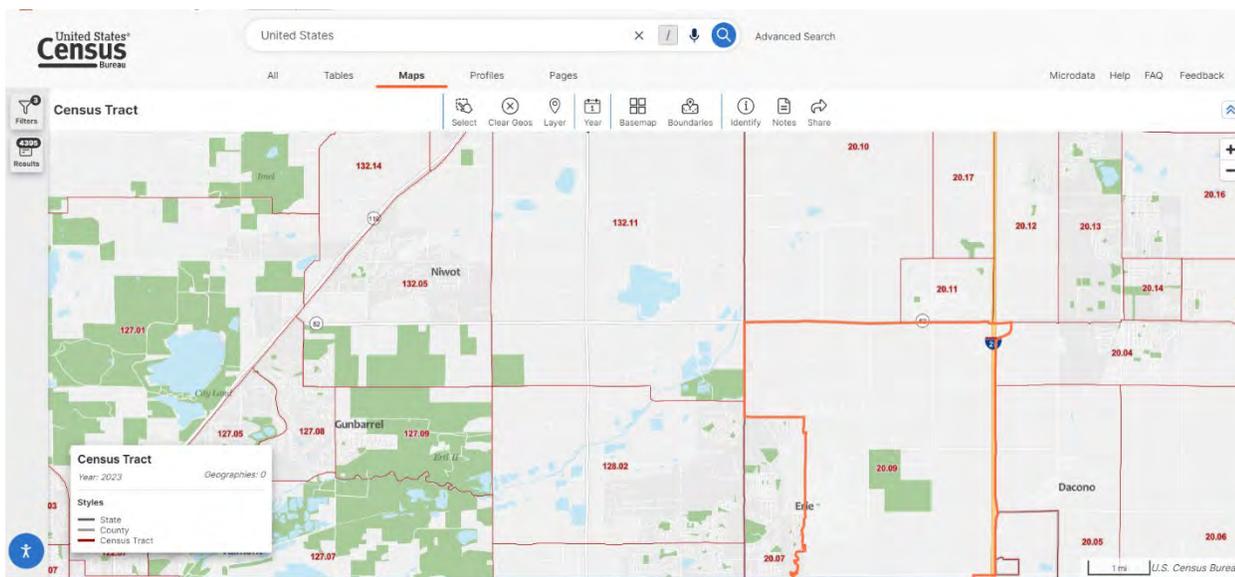
The Alexander Dawson and Wise property group is dissected in the west by two north-south roadways, N 109th Street (a county road with very low traffic volumes of 90 AADT in 2020) and US 287 which is one of the busiest roads in the county (27,000 AADT in 2021).

- **South:** Jasper Road (1720 AADT in 2020) and rural residential lots form the southern boundary of the property group. Several open space properties lie just south of Jasper Road in the Town of Erie.
- **East:** North 119th Street forms the east boundary of the property group along with several large, rural residential lots. Just east of 119th Street is property incorporated in the Town of Erie include several open space parcels.
- **North:** Rural residential and agricultural properties border Alexander Dawson as well as the private K-12 Dawson School on a 107-acre campus.
- **West:** To the west of Alexander Dawson is the City of Boulder’s Farm in Boulder Valley open space property, which also has a Boulder County conservation easement. It is currently closed to the public.

Census data

There are five census tracts within one mile of the East Boulder Creek Site boundary. Per the 2020 Census, there was a total of 28,310 people living in these tracts. Consistent with the county’s focus on racial equity and the department’s Cultural Responsiveness and Inclusion Strategic Plan, staff examined the racial and ethnic demographics of the tracts using the terms from the 2020 census. The summary table below combine the data from the tracts in order to better understand and serve to the neighboring community.

Race and Ethnicity	Population	Percentage
American Indian and Alaska Native	148	< 1
Asian	1117	4
Black or African American	196	1
Hispanic or Latino	4629	16
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	18	< 1
Not Hispanic or Latino	20976	74
Some other Race	1577	6
Two or More Races	3218	11
White	22036	78



Land Management Opportunities

1. Long stretch of East Boulder Valley managed by BCPOS. While some restoration and recovery has been conducted, there is the potential for more. There are approximately 13 ponds and five miles of perennial streams.
2. Due to the site's position in the East Boulder Valley at the confluence with Coal Creek it is within the Mile High Flood District (MHFD) and is thereby subject to floodwater management and study. Currently, changes and improvements have been planned and funded for Coal Creek just upstream of Kenosha Road in Erie and MHFD is partnering with Boulder County to examine potential stream channel improvements on the site. The county and MHFD are also working on a section of Boulder Creek in association with the Howell Ditch on the Doniphan property.

Land Management Challenges

1. Despite its location at the confluence of two permanent streams, the site lacks irrigation water on Bailey-Kenosha and Doniphan. Alexander Dawson and Wheeler Ranch have more water available through irrigation rights.
2. Not only is the site constrained of available water, but the streams themselves have water quality issues, both being on the EPA's 303(d) impairment list for a number of qualities (Aquatic Life, Recreational Use) and for a number of pollutants.
3. Mining and reclamation have impacted the site's soils and while recovering, the area is notably a formerly mined landscape with existing oil and gas facilities and activity.
4. The PPA (Project Partnership Agreement) that BCPOS signed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stipulates that the project area cannot be developed.
5. Access to the property for both agricultural tenants and BCPOS staff for management activities remains difficult in some places due to impacts from the 2013 flood, fencing, and restoration projects.

Existing Management Plan Review

The Board of County Commissioners approved the Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan in 1998 which covered much of the East Boulder Creek site and many of the general themes of the plan remain valid. Proposed actions related to 1. protection of environmental resources, 2. locations for public access opportunities, 3. agricultural management, and 4. restoration areas remain valid. However, there are important updates. BCPOS partnered with USACE to restore the floodplain of Boulder Creek on Alexander Dawson east and downstream of 109th Street. Additionally, aggregate mining concluded on the Bailey-Kenosha property and the subsequent reclamation resulted in the creation of a wetland area. (However, due to water rights constraints, a portion of the Kenosha ponds and wetlands were filled and modified because the county did not have adequate augmentation water to offset the exposed groundwater in the initial pond.) The department has primarily worked to continue restoration efforts on the properties from either mining or long-term ground disturbance patterns. The full plan and appendices are available on the public web: <https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/lower-boulder-creek-and-coal-creek-master-plan.pdf>

Wildlife

As noted above, BCPOS has worked to successfully restore the area after mining and creek channel straightening.

The created wetlands and riparian habitat have created opportunities for wildlife use of the site. The department staff has collected wildlife monitoring data.

Environmental resource occurrences identified in the Environmental Resource Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan are found in the EBC Site parcels. The East County Environmental Conservation Area (ECA #13) contains Kenosha Wetlands Critical Wildlife Habitat (CWH #65), Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area (CWH #27), Kenosha Heronry (CWH #92) and the length of Boulder Creek identified as Riparian Habitat Connectors for wildlife. The White Rocks/Gunbarrel Hill Environmental Conservation Area (ECA #12) encompasses the western portion of the planning area. There is also a BCCP designation for Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse along Boulder Creek. More detailed descriptions of the BCCP ERE occurrences follow below.

Critical Wildlife Habitat #27 Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area was established in 1978 and retained in the 2013 revision due to continued use by historically documented species, a large, historical heronry, and the known occurrence of species of special concern. The full summary for CWH #27 includes an extensive list of species supported by this vital habitat, including aquatic species documented in historical data from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Critical Wildlife Habitat #92, Kenosha Heronry, was established in 2013 in the updated Environmental Resources Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. This site has specific habitat characteristics to support a small colony and contribute to available nesting habitat when overall risk to heron nest sites is high due to human encroachment. The site was active and expanding from the mid 2000's until 2015, after which the herons relocated to an adjacent site along Boulder Creek. CWH #92 continues to provide structure as an alternate nest site that could be utilized again in the future. The heronry site is monitored annually.

Critical Wildlife Habitat #65, Kenosha Wetlands, was established with the 2013 ERE update due the valuable habitat resulting from this man-made wetland. The wetland serves as a densely occupied nesting area for migratory songbirds and secretive marsh birds, a migratory stopover during fall and spring migration, and it is utilized by a broad range of avian species but especially waterfowl. Protection of CWH #65 and adjacent upland habitat is imperative to preserve the breeding, foraging, and seasonal migratory bird activity and habitat that supports over 142 species of birds including 20 avian Species of Special Concern. This CWH supports the adjacent heronry as potential staging, loafing, and foraging habitat for the nesting colony.

The East County Environmental Conservation Area (ECA #13) was designated using criteria which identified and centered on undeveloped landscape areas. ECAs contain habitat components that meet the needs of wide-ranging species, allow for natural disturbance regimes, contain unique or high-quality natural characteristics, and preserve areas where habitat fragmentation and edge effects can be minimized. The EBC Site is located on the edge of the East County ECA and is included in the eastern portion of the White Rocks/Gunbarrel Hill ECA. The site provides habitat for a diverse array of species due to its riparian corridors, waterbodies, low level of human presence and limited adjacent development. The designated ECAs and the wildlife-supporting elements of the CWH and adjacent riparian corridors would likely be diminished without maintaining human impacts at low intensity.

Raptors

The EBC site hosts extensive riparian corridors along Boulder Creek and Coal Creek which have nesting Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Swainson's Hawk's, Great-horned Owls, and American Kestrels. The EBC Site serves as foraging area and home range territory for two pairs of nesting bald eagles. The Kenosha Ponds and Wittemyer area to the north is part of the established and occupied territory of one pair utilizing nearby Panama Reservoir Critical Wildlife Habitat #17 and CWH #27. Both adults and young offspring of this pair, and wintering migrant eagles and other raptors, use this space for foraging, loafing, and courtship. Public access and a network of trails could irreversibly diminish the regular, long-term use of this location by eagles.

Heronries

Overall, age structure of limited cottonwood stands along our creeks is skewed to older, decadent stages due to the disruption or cessation of mechanisms that promote cottonwood recruitment. Furthermore, the high sensitivity to disturbance of colonial nesting birds such as herons, and the reduced riparian habitat with suitable age/structure/maturity to sustain nest sites along our creeks, warrants elevated concern for protecting current nest sites and promoting future ones.

The Wheeler parcel has a growing Great-Blue Heron rookery (or heronry), a species known for sensitivity during the breeding season. A recent review of the effect of non-consumptive recreation on wildlife identified a minimum threshold distance of 100m to reduce behavioral change in wading and passerine birds, for shorebirds the threshold is lower at 50m. Heronries are sensitive to human presence and disturbances and rely on a specific combination of requirements to be successful. Heron colonies establish in locations where riparian structure and configuration is appropriate for nesting and raising young, and in close proximity to a productive food source. Great Blue Heron colonies usually exist in tall, connected tree canopies and occur in the same location for many years. Herons nest in high densities, but colonies may fluctuate in span and number from year to year. Temporal Buffers are February 15- July 30. This timing is based on local observations of heron colonies within Boulder County, and review of literature and recommendations made by other entities across this species range.

Kenosha Road heronry was monitored from 2008-2019. It remained small due to limited nesting in this area along Boulder Creek. Following the 2013 flood, there was a reduction in available streamside nesting habitat and herons redistributed across the watershed. Some sites remained intact, others were reduced in number, or sites were abandoned. At the Kenosha Rd./Boulder Creek location (partially on private land), the number of nesting pairs increased just prior to the flood and the site retained 6-10 nest sites until 2016, when the site was abandoned. Also following the flood, as heron rookery locations and numbers of individuals occupying new locations increased, a small colony developed on the adjacent Wheeler Ranch property and has since been expanding.

Waterfowl

The most recent wildlife data collected across the EBC site is related to waterfowl and migratory songbird presence from 2012-2017. Annual avian monitoring was completed by trained volunteers who recorded waterfowl and shorebirds year-round, and later added migratory songbirds to the effort. Staff qualified unusual sightings when possible and added several new species during field visits in 2023. The results of this effort accumulated over 7000 records spanning several years. Staff also recorded incidental wildlife sightings starting in 1991 and continue to do so.

Mammals

Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (PMJM): Riparian corridors in Boulder County are home to many small mammal species, including the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*), a Federally Threatened riparian obligate. PMJM are known to be naturally rare throughout their range; this, combined with the fact that they occupy a restricted habitat type and have a narrow geographic distribution, puts them at high risk for extinction. This subspecies is endemic to and dependent upon the riparian areas of the Front Range, and the primary threat to this species is the destruction or adverse modification of riparian habitat (from ERE). Impacts to riparian habitat from the flood event of 2013 have likely altered the abundance and distribution of many small mammal populations dependent upon that habitat. Recent surveys did not detect PMJM at the EBC Site following the 2013 flood event, however habitat restoration could provide habitat linkages for upstream populations of this species. The BCCP ERE categorizes the riparian habitat of the EBC Site as "Suitable, Contiguous Habitat." This represents an area with suitable habitat that is contiguous to a known population but where jumping mice either have not been captured or where trapping has not occurred. These areas span 600 ft. on each side of the stream channel for areas within the 100 yr. floodplain, and 300 ft. a side for areas outside the 100 year floodplain.

Prior to planning team's recommended creek restoration activities, surveys for the mouse should occur to provide updated data on the occurrence of Preble's in affected areas. As a federally listed species, in accordance with the Endangered Species Act, consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) prior to any habitat disturbance or change from construction or restoration activities is necessary. Cooperative planning for improving the continuity and quality of mouse habitat along Boulder and Coal Creeks to provide broader range for the species eastward can be developed.

In 2023, Preble's meadow jumping mouse were detected near the confluence of Coal Creek and Rock Creek, the farthest east that they have been detected so far, six miles upstream of the EBC site.

Prairie dogs are managed on the site in accord with the Prairie Dog Habitat Element of the Grassland and Shrubland Management Policy.

Aquatics

Historical fisheries data were requested from CPW for this planning area, and a list of 29 species is retained on record. Due to the data including sensitive or protected species, or private land locations, a complete description cannot be provided here. With the exception of Gizzard Shad, the historic survey data confirmed all species listed in the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek Master Plan. To provide updated fisheries data, CPW has responded positively to our request for an assessment and aquatic survey of select ponds on the planning site. Riparian habitat and water quality impacts have diminished stream quality over decades. This, along with the introduction of exotic or predatory game species has reduced native species composition, and it is expected that updated data with current surveys will confirm this. Surveys to update our understanding of aquatic species composition have been recommended for stretches of Boulder and Coal Creek where restoration is being considered.

EBC Wildlife Species List

This is a list of wildlife species observed on the East Boulder Creek site during volunteer and staff wildlife surveys, incidental sightings during staff visits to the property from 1991-2023, and species confirmed during historical aquatic surveys performed from 1950-2003 by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. From 2011-2017, volunteer avian surveys primarily focused on waterfowl and shorebirds across water bodies on the EBC site, and later added land bird species encountered. These simple, standard surveys occurred year-round and captured species occurrence during spring and fall seasonal migrations, summer breeding season, and winter months. On occasion, BCPOS staff will contribute to an incidental wildlife sightings list from property visits, which spans late 1980's to the current year. The species list below is compiled from all these sources.

There are broad gaps in our understanding of some groups of species on the site, such as terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, diversity of small mammals, recent fisheries data to name a few. During staff visits to the site in 2023, several species of breeding birds not noted in previous datasets were detected on the site. These additions are reflected in the lists below.

*Species in **red** are Species of Special Concern (SSC) listed in the 2014 Environmental Resource Element update to the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. Species in **orange** are listed as declining by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Aquatics - 29 Species

Snapping Turtle

Bigmouth Shiner

Black Bullhead

Black Crappie

Bluegill

Brassy Minnow

Brown Trout

Central Plains Killifish

Central Stoneroller

Common Carp

Common Shiner

Creek Chub

Fathead Minnow

Green Sunfish

Iowa Darter

Johnny Darter

Largemouth Bass

Longnose Dace

Longnose Sucker

Northern Plains Killifish

Northern Redbelly Dace

Plains Topminnow

Pumpkinseed

Rainbow Trout

Sand Shiner

Smallmouth Bass

Western Mosquitofish

White Crappie

White Sucker

Yellow Perch

Mammals - 8 Species

American Mink

American Beaver

Coyote

Marmot – Historical records

Muskrat

Red Fox

Striped Skunk

White-tailed Deer

Landbirds Birds - 71 Species

American Crow

American Goldfinch

American Kestrel

American Robin

American Tree Sparrow

Bald Eagle

Bank Swallow

Barn Swallow

Belted Kingfisher

Black-billed Magpie

Black-capped Chickadee

Blue Grosbeak

Blue Jay

Bobolink

Brown Thrasher

Brown-headed Cowbird

Bullock's Oriole

Burrowing Owl

Chestnut-Collared Longspur

Cliff Swallow

Common Grackle

Common Raven

Common Yellowthroat

Cooper's Hawk

Eastern Kingbird

Eastern Meadowlark

Eurasian Collared Dove

European Starling

Ferruginous Hawk

Landbirds - Continued

Golden Eagle
Gray Catbird
Great-horned Owl
Great-tailed Grackle
Green-tailed Towhee
House Finch
House Wren
Lincoln's Sparrow
Marsh Wren
Mourning Dove
Northern Flicker
Northern Harrier
Northern Rough-Winged Swallow
Northern Shrike
Orchard Oriole
Osprey
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon
Red-Tailed Hawk
Red-Winged Blackbird
Ring-Necked Pheasant
Rock Pigeon
Rough-Legged Hawk
Sage Thrasher
Savannah Sparrow
Say's Phoebe
Sharp-Shinned Hawk
Song Sparrow
Spotted Towhee
Sprague's Pipit
Swainson's Hawk
Tree Swallow
Vesper Sparrow
Violet-Green Swallow
Warbling Vireo
Western Kingbird
Western Meadowlark
White-Crowned Sparrow
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-Breasted Chat
Yellow-Headed Blackbird

Yellow-Rumped Warbler

Waterbirds - 71 Species

American Avocet
American Bittern
American Coot
American White Pelican
American Widgeon
Barrow's Goldeneye
Black Tern
Black-Crowned Night Heron
Black-Necked Stilt
Blue-Winged Teal
Bonaparte's Gull
Bufflehead
Cackling Goose
California Gull
Canada Goose
Canvasback
Western Cattle Egret
Cinnamon Teal
Clark's Grebe
Common Goldeneye
Common Loon
Common Merganser
Double-Crested Cormorant
Eared Grebe
Forster's Tern
Franklin's Gull
Gadwall
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Greater Scaup
Greater Yellowlegs
Green Heron
Green-winged Teal
Hooded Merganser
Horned Grebe
Killdeer
Least Sandpiper
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Lesser Scaup
Lesser Yellowlegs

Little Blue Heron
Long-billed Dowitcher
Mallard
Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler
Pied-Billed Grebe
Red-breasted Merganser
Redhead
Red-necked Grebe
Ring-Billed Gull
Ring-Necked Duck
Ruddy Duck
Sandhill Crane
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Snow Goose
Snowy Egret
Solitary Sandpiper
Sora
Spotted Sandpiper
Trumpeter Swan
Tundra Swan
Virginia Rail
Western Grebe
Western Sandpiper
White-faced ibis
White-Fronted Goose
White-winged Scoter
Willet
Wilson's Phalarope
Wilson's Snipe
Wood Duck

Soils and Slopes

Prior to aggregate mining disturbances, the soils of the EBC site were primarily in the Loveland and Niwot associations. They were nearly level, deep soils in bottom lands and low terraces. Manclave clay loam was present in the Coal Creek drainage (and still is in some areas that weren't mined) and Ascalon sandy loam above the valley north of Boulder Creek. The portions of Wheeler Ranch and the Wise properties that lie above the floodplain and valley floor have Manclave and Ascalon soils with highly rated agricultural qualities and consequently are designated in the BCCP as Agricultural Lands of National Importance. The Loveland and Niwot soil types are common in the floodplain and comprise a large proportion of the property. However, they have poor drainage and other soil qualities that the Soil Survey of the Boulder County Area (US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service 1975) equate to having severe limitations for agricultural use. For those types, the Soil Survey recommends pasture uses instead of crops. Data and information can be accessed in the 1975 Soil Survey for the Boulder County Area, Colorado, Soil Conservation Service. Updated information is available on the NRCS Web Soil Survey application.

Aggregate mining disturbed many portions of the EBC site and in those locations created a soil profile that is very deficient in topsoil and has poor soil health. The soil is very limited in its ability to hold water because the remaining soil textures are generally coarse with limited fine particle materials. Also, the past reclamation work used a variety of non-native reclamation grasses such as Russian wild rye that impact soil properties and their ecology. The department is working with tenants to get more organics incorporated into the soils by having supplemental livestock feedings done in select places.

Plant/Floristic Quality

The site vegetation has been disturbed by previous land uses, particularly aggregate mining. Since acquisition, the department has been working on restoring mined areas. Efforts are also intended to regrow a tree canopy that can shade the creek and thereby improve water quality by lowering stream water temperatures. There are important wetlands as well as riparian habitat on the site. The department will protect those areas from impacts by both public use and grazing.

Four Main areas of Interest for the EBC site from Plant Ecology:

1. Wetland Restoration and Preservation
2. Riparian Habitat Improvement
3. Grassland Improvement
4. Interpretive Opportunities

Wetlands

The department assessed wetlands on open space properties in the southern county in 2021 including the EBC site. All of the wetlands within the EBC site received a C+ to C- rating. Details on assessment and ranking system are below.

Mapping, assessments, and report was completed by Peak Ecological Services LLC, and the Colorado Natural Heritage Program. The last update to wetland mapping on BCPOS land

occurred in 2003. Very few wetlands within the county had ever received a formal assessment of ecological integrity and function.

Summary details of wetland assessment on Boulder County Open Space properties.

- 310 wetlands mapped across 69 properties.
- 104 in mountains, 206 in the plains.
- Total of 774 acres of wetlands
- 69 properties accounting for 12,875 acres of Open Space
- 92 formal assessments

Ecological Integrity Assessment (EIA)

The Ecological Integrity Assessment was developed by NatureServe (Faber-Langendoen 2006, Faber-Langendoen et al. 2008). EIAs evaluated 4 biotic and abiotic categories, each with several metrics. The four biotic and abiotic categories: Landscape context, Vegetative Condition, Hydrologic condition, and Physiochemical condition. Each category contains several metrics and evaluates how far the wetland deviates from reference condition. The categories correspond to different levels of alteration and represent different management opportunities. The metric scores are then combined into a category score, and then each of the category scores are combined into an overall EIA score (which range numerically from 1.0 to 5.0) and were subsequently assigned an alphanumeric rank (A, B, C or D). Much like a report card: “A” is highest score, “D” is lowest score; “A” scores represent the best of the best and are considered as a “reference condition” wetlands and devoid of all or nearly any negative human impact. To better refine the EIA scores, they are translated into a 7-tiered ranking system of A, B+, B-, C+, C-, D+, D- with each letter corresponding to a range of numeric scores.

EIA Ranking Score definitions:

A – Excellent Condition / Reference Site (*No or Minimal [negative] Human Impact*):

- A = 4.5–5.0
- Wetland functions within the bounds of natural disturbance regimes.
- Surrounding landscape - essentially unfragmented with little to no stressors
- Vegetation structure - nonnative species are essentially absent; a comprehensive set of key species are present
- Soil properties and hydrological functions are intact.
- Management should focus on preservation and protection.

B – Good Condition / Slight Deviation from Reference:

- B+ = >4
- B- = >3.5
- Wetland predominantly functions within the bounds of natural disturbance regimes.
- Surrounding landscape - minimally fragmented with few stressors
- Vegetation structure -nonnative species and noxious weeds are present in minor amounts; most key species are present
- Soils properties and hydrology are only slightly altered.
- Management should focus on the prevention of further alteration.

C – Moderate Condition / Moderate Deviation from Reference:

- C+ = >3
- C- = >2.5
- Wetland has several unfavorable characteristics.
- Surrounding landscape - moderately fragmented with several stressors
- Vegetation structure - nonnative species and noxious weeds may have a sizeable presence or moderately negative impacts; many key species are absent
- Soil properties and hydrology are altered.
- Management would be needed to maintain or restore certain ecological attributes.

D – Poor Condition / Significant Deviation from Reference:

- D+ = >2
- D- = >1
- Wetland has severely altered characteristics.
- Surrounding landscape - little natural habitat and is very fragmented
- Vegetation structure - nonnative species and noxious weeds exert a strong negative impact; most key species are absent
- Soil properties and hydrology are severely altered.
- There may be little long-term conservation value without restoration, and such restoration may be difficult or uncertain.

Results

Wetlands on the plains are in poor condition. Of all assessed wetlands in Boulder County, most assessed wetlands on the plains fell into Rank “C”, one wetland on the plains received a “B”, zero wetlands on the plains received an “A”. The EBC site has 27 wetlands totaling 112.5 acres in area and six of the wetlands were assessed. All wetlands within EBC site received a “C+” to “C-” ranking.

Assessed Wetlands within EBC Site Complex				
AA = Assessment Area				
EIA = Ecological Integrity Assessment				
Assessed Wetlands - Totals				
<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>COUNT OF AA</u>	<u>SIZE (ACRES)</u>	<u>SIZE (HECTARES)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Alexander Dawson	4	32.31	13.08	*no wetlands within the EBC Site were designated as "of Importance"
Bailey-Kenosha Ponds	1	17.64	7.14	
Wheeler	1	4.17	1.69	

Assessed Wetlands - Scores				
<u>PROPERTY NAME</u>	<u>AA NAME</u>	<u>EIA SCORE</u>	<u>LETTER GRADE</u>	<u>Recommended Management Action</u>
Alexander Dawson	ALEX-01	3	C-	Consider managing noxious weeds and removing the one tamarisk tree and several Russian Olives.
	ALEX-02	2.71	C-	The major threat includes abundant weed cover, including aggressive wetland graminoids. Noxious weeds (<i>Carduus nutans</i> (Musk thistle), <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> (Russian Olive), <i>Cirsium arvense</i> (Canada thistle) and <i>C. vulgare</i> (Bull thistle) are in relatively low cover within wetland, but more prevalent along berm/ditch and other disturbed upland margins. Mechanical or chemical control should be carefully targeted to avoid desirable native species. Carefully timed and targeted grazing (when soil is dry, etc.) could help “release” desirable native plants.
	ALEX-02B	2.85	C-	This site has occasional noxious weeds. If completing chemical control of weeds, take care not to kill widespread native graminoids and forbs. This site has reached a somewhat steady state, so no major management is recommended.
	ALEX-07	3.23	C+	Noxious weeds include <i>Lepidium draba</i> (white top), <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> (Hairy Willow herb), and <i>Iris pseudacorus</i> (Yellow Iris) scattered throughout wetland in low cover. Small Russian olive trees in adjacent uplands. Mechanical or targeted spot spraying recommended to avoid impacts to native graminoids and forbs. There are cattle grazing in the area, but with minimal impact on wetland with current grazing regime. There are abundant weeds in surrounding upland areas.

	<u>AA NAME</u>	<u>EIA SCORE</u>	<u>LETTER GRADE</u>	<u>Recommended Management Actions</u>
Bailey-Kenosha Ponds	KENO-49	2.58	C-	There are some weeds scattered throughout site (Tamarix, Elaeagnus angustifolia, Cirsium arvense). Minimize mechanical or chemical impacts to native wetland plants. Consider burning or otherwise removing dense cattail litter in the lowest lying wetland areas to improve vegetative diversity. Consider adding more native trees and shrubs to the upland islands within this wetland complex, which are primarily dominated by non-native grasses and weeds.
Wheeler	WHEE-01	2.66	C-	For the WHEE-01 site, consider eliminating the Russian olive trees (Elaeagnus angustifolia) from this site and replant with native trees and/or shrubs. In addition, it is recommended that the larger Wheeler open space be considered for a larger wetland/riparian restoration as the aerial photography shows numerous historic oxbows located in close proximity to Boulder Creek that are currently being used for hay pasture.

Mapped Wetlands within the EBC Site Complex		
LOCATION, PROPERTY NAME ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM AND WETLAND ID	SIZE (ACRES)	SIZE (HECTARES)
Alexander Dawson		
WGP Wet Meadow Marsh Drainage Network		
ALEX-01	4.8	1.9
ALEX-02	10.4	4.2
ALEX-02B	6.8	2.7
ALEX-02C	0.5	0.2
ALEX-03	1.7	0.7

LOCATION, PROPERTY NAME ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM AND WETLAND ID	SIZE (ACRES)	SIZE (HECTARES)
ALEX-05/04	3.4	1.4
ALEX-07	10.4	4.2
ALEX-08	3.4	1.4
ALEX-10	1	0.4
ALEX-11	2	0.8
ALEX-12	3	1.2
ALEX-15	6.1	2.5
ALEX-17/1	13.2	5.3
ALEX-17/1B	2.6	1
ALEX-17/1C	3.4	1.4
ALEX-4/5	13.5	5.4
WGP Wet Meadow Marsh Drainage Network Total	86.2	34.9
Alexander Dawson Total	86.2	34.9
Bailey-Kenosha Ponds		
Western North American Emergent Marsh		
KENO-49	17.6	7.1
KENO-49B	0.8	0.3
Western North American Emergent Marsh Total	18.4	7.5
Bailey-Kenosha Ponds Total	18.4	7.5
Doniphan		
Western Great Plains (WGP) Wet Meadow Marsh Drainage Network		
KENO-20	0.1	0
KENO-26	0.6	0.3
KENO-26A	0.3	0.1
KENO-29	0.4	0.1
KENO-29A	0.5	0.2
WGP Wet Meadow Marsh Drainage Network Total	1.9	0.7
Doniphan Total	1.9	0.7
Wheeler		
WGP Wet Meadow Marsh Drainage Network		
WHEE-01	4.2	1.7
WHEE-02	1.8	0.7
WGP Wet Meadow Marsh Drainage Network Total	6	2.4
Wheeler Total	6	2.4

All wetlands in the EBC Site are designated as Wet Meadow Marsh Drainages. Defined by the EPA: Wet meadows are a type of [marsh](#) that commonly occurs in poorly drained areas such as shallow lake basins, low-lying farmland, and the land between shallow marshes and upland areas. These wetlands, which often resemble grasslands, are typically drier than other marshes except during periods of seasonal high water. For most of the year wet meadows are without standing water, though the high-water table allows the soil to remain saturated. A variety of water-loving grasses, sedges, rushes, and wetland wildflowers proliferate in the highly fertile soil of wet meadows. (<https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/wet-meadows>)

Wetland Restoration priorities and recommendations for Alexander Dawson:

- Alex-07 (estimated at a low cost level) highest ranking wetland in EBC complex
- Alex 5/4 (estimated at a medium cost level)
- Broad Recommendations: Weed management, increased native plant diversity, grazing regime/fencing, compost amendment (ALEX-5/4)

Wetland Restoration priorities and recommendations for Doniphan and Baily-Kenosha:

- KENO-49: C-
 - priority for conservation and restoration in EBC site
- Recommendations:
 - Weed management
 - Dense cattail removal
 - Native tree and shrub planting on upland islands within wetland

Wetland Restoration priorities and recommendations for Wheeler:

- WHEE-01: C-
- Recommendations:
 - Russian olive removal and replacement with native trees recommended
 - Additional Contractor Recommendations: *“In addition, it is recommended that the larger Wheeler open space be considered for a larger wetland/riparian restoration as the aerial photography shows numerous historic oxbows located in close proximity to Boulder Creek that are currently being used for hay pasture.”*

Riparian Habitat Improvement

Overall, Riparian Communities are lacking in diversity and resiliency throughout the EBC site.

Broad scale goals for Riparian Corridors in EBC Site:

- Increase sinuosity
- Increase floodplain
- Increase native plant diversity
- Allow for natural disturbance

Riparian Considerations for Alexander Dawson:

- Lower Boulder Creek (LBC) stream restoration project - continued adaptive management
 - Recommendations:
 - Non-native tree removal
 - Additional native plantings or seeding over time, as warranted

- Between 287 and 109th
 - Riparian fencing and understory planting

Riparian Considerations for Doniphan and Bailey-Kenosha:

- Recommendations
 - Consider and collaborate with the Howell Ditch project
 - Extreme channel incising on Lower Boulder Creek; floodplain development and restoration
 - Coal Creek, minimal restoration work proposed
- Upcoming work, other stakeholders
 - Intersection of coal creek and the Boulder and Weld County Ditch
 - Public works replacing bridge, increasing capacity of coal creek
 - Erie work on coal creek (south of Kenosha rd.)

Riparian Considerations for Wheeler:

- Recommendations:
 - Support Russian olive removal
 - Native tree plantings to replace Russian Olives
- Opportunities:
 - Coal Creek:
 - Diversity and habitat improvement
 - Riparian fencing
 - Floodplain development recommended by contractor
 - Floodplain improvement on Lower Boulder Creek
 - Long range planning

Background Information on Lower Boulder Creek Restoration Project

This restoration on Boulder Creek was designed and implemented over the course of 10 years] in collaboration with the US Army Corps of Engineers and reintroduced channel complexity through constructed curvature to the stream flow (sinuosity), adding instream habitat features, planting diverse native vegetation, and re-connecting the creek to the floodplain. This stretch of 6300 linear foot creek restoration was completed in 2016 and is being improved on each year mainly by way of noxious weed removal, plant support infrastructure removal and supplemental plantings or seeding as necessary.

Grasslands

Broad scale goals for Grasslands in EBC Site:

- Limit human disturbance
- Increase native plant diversity
 - Collab. with Weeds
- Place Infrastructure development in already disturbed areas
 - Trailheads/parking, trail development, etc.
- Define limits of disturbance during construction, and adhere to them (per the BCPOS CAMP)

Interpretive Opportunities

Broad scale goals for native plant interpretation in EBC Site:

- Highlight Native Plants
- Highlight Ecosystems
- Spotlight Indigenous Communities

Interpretation Ideas:

- Native grasslands interpretive panel/other
- Native plant or grassland ecology features in nature discovery area
- Indigenous relationships
- Constructed shade features to artistically represent native plants
 - Giant blue grama or sunflower shade?

Weeds

As of 8/23/23, for the 2023 season the invasive plant work group has spent 171.25 hours on the EBC site mapping and treatment infestations of both List A and List B species. 892 acres have been treated with mostly spot spraying of herbicide. Most work has focused on the aquatic List A species that have been discovered in large populations along Boulder Creek and adjoining ditches. A map of the work completed as of 8/23/23 can be found in the supporting documents.

Species at EBC that are designated for elimination: Purple Loosestrife, Yellow Flag Iris, Yellow Toadflax, Leafy Spurge, Salt Cedar, Myrtle Spurge, Hairy Willow herb, Russian Knapweed, Spotted Knapweed Hybrid, Garden loosestrife.

Another group of species are designated for containment and suppression: Canada Thistle, Common and Cutleaf Teasel, Field Bindweed, Downy Brome, Russian Olives, Musk Thistle, Scotch Thistle, Diffuse Knapweed, Hoary Cress, Perennial Pepper Weed, Common Mullein, Kochia, Curly Dock, Dalmation toadflax, Houndstoungue, Poison Hemlock, Redstem Filaree, Wild Lettuce, Crack Willow.

Considerations for ongoing weed treatment include current livestock operations, prairie dogs, wildlife buffer closures, and challenges for equipment access. The site can also be difficult to treat due to variable vegetation types, the size of infestations, and restoration sites with grass seedlings. Possible future challenges would include new and ongoing disturbance, public usage in treatment areas and critical wildlife habitat designations. Maps of previous work done by BoCo Invasive Plant Crew can be found in the supporting documents.

Habitat Zones

The site is in the Western High Plains Ecoregion as defined by the EPA. The East Boulder Creek Valley includes wetlands and riparian habitats associated with the stream and accompanying ditches and reservoirs.

Geology

The site is in the Colorado Piedmont where streams have eroded into uplifted sedimentary layers from the Cretaceous Period such as the Pierre Shale. The East Boulder Valley bottom is composed of alluvial sediment transported and deposited by the streams during the Quaternary Period. No geologic hazards or constraints are found on the site per the BCCP Geologic Hazards and Constraints map.

<https://bouldercounty.gov/property-and-land/land-use/planning/boulder-county-comprehensive-plan/update/bccp-20-0001-geologic-hazard-mapping-geology-element/>

Physical and Human Land Use

The area is bounded by rural development, state highways, and county roads. The roadways include US 287 running north-south through the west side of the project area and East County Line Road on the east boundary. The Town of Erie lies south of Kenosha Road. The property includes very few structures, primarily buildings associated with agricultural operations.

Existing Site Infrastructure

The site is encumbered by existing easements for oil and gas facilities, the electrical transmission and service lines of Public Service Co. of Colorado/Xcel Energy, water supply lines, communication lines, irrigation ditches, and drainages that are shown in the property surveys. Since oil and gas development is closely regulated in Boulder County, the department will coordinate any site development with the oil and gas operations companies and all other easement holders.

Existing access roads on the site are generally maintained by the oil and gas operators to service their facilities and those are used by the agricultural tenants as well. As POS determines the public use of the site, the department will need to coordinate the use and crossing of the existing road network by proposed recreational facilities with the ag tenants and utility operators.

Lefthand Water District provides potable water to the area around the EBC site but there is currently no water service on any of the open space properties. (The leased home facilities and lots do have water supplies.) There is electric service to parts of the site already.

Planning Context

On the Alexander Dawson Property of EBC, there are two agreements that will need revisions for the proposed plan. The first is the PPA (Project Partnership Agreement) with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Lower Boulder Creek restoration project that allowed the project to commence and provided it funding. The PPA intent is to ensure that the site would be retained for those restoration purposes and the partners didn't subsequently want a future owner to put improvements in a floodplain that had just been re-meandered to create some natural values. The agreement highlights the official project area and states that the county agreed to protect the site resources. A second document that applies to the Alexander Dawson property is a Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R) agreement on the portion of the property that GOCO provided grant funding to the department as a reimbursement of the purchase. A final management plan that shows any trail or other site development must be reviewed and approved by the GOCO Board and the City of Boulder.

Floodplain: Nearly all of the property is mapped in the regulatory 100-year floodplain of Boulder or Coal Creeks per the county's online Assessor's Property Search website.

Trail Considerations

Site Context

The Boulder-Erie Regional Trail (BERT) is a county-led project to connect Boulder with Erie and the trail systems and bike facilities in between. The project is in the master planning phase and coordinated by the Regional Trail Program in the CP&P Department. The working alignment for the trail is the old Union Pacific Railroad line (now owned by RTD) which is about one-quarter mile south of Jasper Road where it runs east of N. 109th Street. This is consistent with the BCCP Trails Map. The Trails Map also portrays a corridor along Boulder Creek from US 287 to the confluence with Coal Creek and the trail corridor depicted there just east of East County Line Road. The Town of Erie in the last several years has been working diligently to provide a trail network to its community. The town has also acquired open space in areas south of the EBC site.

The 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan identified a regional trail alignment along the south side of the Alexander Dawson property with a connecting spur to the Wise Homestead Museum. On the Bailey Kenosha Ponds property, the plan shows an internally-oriented interpretive loop trail system which also includes regional linkages to Erie. Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Trail Map: <https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/bccp-map-county-trails.pdf>

Cultural Resources

Eight previous cultural resource surveys have been completed on parts of the EBC management plan area between 1977-2022. The previous surveys did not cover the entire EBC management plan area. The results of the previous surveys recorded a total of 5 cultural resources that consist of 2 irrigation ditches, a transmission line, a small barn, and a farm complex. The small barn and farm complex have been demolished since their recordings. The Colorado State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) identifies both ditches as Officially Not Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The transmission line does not have an official SHPO determination of eligibility, but instead only a field determination by the recording agency as field not eligible. It is important to note that Boulder County local historic landmark eligibility was not considered for any of the previous recordings and should also be considered for future cultural resource eligibility decisions.

Since the EBC management plan area has not been entirely surveyed for cultural resources, and all but one of the 8 previous cultural resource surveys that only cover portions of the management plan area are now considered obsolete due to their age being over 10 years, the recommendation is to complete a new intensive-level cultural resource survey of the entire management plan area except for the previously gravel mined areas and heavily disturbed flood areas along Boulder Creek before any ground disturbance projects take place on the properties. By completing the new cultural resource survey, the critical baseline information obtained from the project will inform future decisions in the management plan area in order to avoid or mitigate

any adverse effects to any significant cultural resources and also indicate future possible interpretation opportunities.

Agriculture

Most of the area has been grazed in the past by former owners and now lessees once the lands were acquired by POS. The east part of Bailey-Kenosha and portions of the Wheeler property have been used for cultivated agriculture. Agriculture is an important value of our department and the department has contractual relationships with tenants that must be honored. And, in order for agricultural use to continue, the department will need to work with tenants to ensure they are able to operate on our properties.

Alexander Dawson: Includes Alexander Dawson & Doniphan

- 151.28 acres of irrigated cropland
- 42.3 acres of dryland cropland
- 520.98 acres of introduced rangeland
- 82.98 acres of out of production
- 60.47 acres of wetlands
- 25.61 acres of riparian

The Alexander Dawson lease is currently managed for cattle grazing, grass hay, and alfalfa hay production. Grazing primarily occurs on the center rangeland portion of the property, grass hay is produced on field AD-7, and alfalfa hay is produced on field AD-28. Revegetation work is ongoing on the Doniphan property to try and establish perennial cover. A hay shed is part of the ag lease.

Fences: Fences in poor to good condition with a majority needing replacement or heavy maintenance in the near future. Fences and gates are damaged regularly at the NW entrance to the Doniphan property as vehicles drive right through them as they miss the turn at Lookout Rd and 115th St.

Concerns: The portion of the property east of HWY 287 was mined for gravel in many areas. Mining began in the 1970's and was completed in 1994. Many of the soils within these formerly mined sites are severely depleted and lack any soil aggregate structure, organic matter, or productive forage base for grazing. Fields with these soils' characteristics include AD-13, AD-16, AD-18, AD-39, AD-40, and AD-31. Grazing on Alexander Dawson is complicated by the fence that excludes the restored area of the Lower Boulder Creek project which bisects the property. A property corner that was fenced after the flood and LBC project has complicated access to a part of the property north of the creek.

Bailey-Kenosha:

- 29.39 acres of irrigated cropland
- 3 acres of out of production (Quonset building)

The Bailey-Kenosha lease utilizes a small section of the property to the east of Coal Creek. These fields have been planted to alfalfa and are harvest as part of the tenants grass hay business. Fields have been planted to other small grains in the past and are utilized in the tenants crop rotation as needed. The Quonset building on the Bailey-Kenosha lease is part of the ag lease and used by the tenant to store ag equipment.

Concerns: Extensive soil erosion is taking place along the banks of Coal creek. Each year more of the fields fall away into the incised banks and curves in field BK-12.

Bailey Kenosha SW:

- 34.46 acres of introduced rangeland
- 2.3 acres of out of production

The property is 35 acres of dryland pasture that is grazed by horses throughout the year. This property has a history of gravel mining which leads to reduced forage due to poor top-soil.

Fences: Fair to good condition

Wheeler Ranch:

- 148.54 acres of irrigated cropland
- 7 acres of dryland grass
- 16.26 acres of out of production
- 49.11 acres of riparian

This 220 acre property is currently managed for cattle grazing and hay production. Cows calve during the winter and are rotated around the property until late May before they are moved off the property. Two cuttings of Grass hay are harvested each summer before the cows are brought back to the property in October. Cattle access the creeks as their water source when on the property.

Fencing: Poor to good. A few new fences built since the County purchase the property but most of the fences are in need of major repairs or replacement. Riparian fencing was severely damaged or destroyed during the flood. New riparian fencing is needed to better manage cattle operations within riparian corridor.

Concerns: Delivering irrigation water to the property is a major concern for the tenant and ag department. Russian olive removal has begun and will be large undertaking and drastically change the riparian area and its utilization for the tenant.

Wittemyer-Bailey: Includes Wittemyer Ponds & Bailey-Kenosha Ponds

- 29.1 acres of irrigated cropland
- 59.12 acres of introduced rangeland

The Wittemyer-Bailey lease is comprised of two separate properties. The Wittemyer Ponds property is 145 acres that is owned by the City of Boulder. In 1996, Boulder County acquired a conservation easement in exchange for consideration and agreements with the City of Boulder relative to the Caribou Ranch Open Space project. The Bailey Kenosha Ponds property is 35.4 acres. The property is managed for grazing cattle and grass hay. The property is used in rotation with the Wheeler Ranch property.

Fences: Fair to poor condition. Some of the perimeter fencing needs to be replacement.

Concerns: Water delivery through the property.

Wise:

- 27.65 acres of irrigated cropland
- 22.31 acres of dryland cropland
- 31.29 acres of wetland

The property has a long history of growing alfalfa but has grown a variety of crops as well. The property is short on irrigation water but has good sub-soil moisture levels.

A portion of the property has a dry up clause that is maintained by the City of Lafayette. While legally it cannot be irrigated, the entirety of the property is sub irrigated and suits well for alfalfa production.

Water and Water Rights

The properties within the management planning area include water rights associated with several irrigation ditches. The water rights at Bailey-Kenosha are used to offset the augmentation plan for the created wetland feature constructed during the reclamation of the mine—Kenosha Pond. Replacement and relocation of the Howell Ditch diversion structure is planned for 2023 and the potential for some collaborative opportunities between the City of Boulder (which has water storage reservoirs just north of Bailey-Kenosha) and Boulder County with respect to water improvements.

Irrigation water is supplied to properties within the project area from the following ditches:

1. Wheeler-east: Lower Boulder Ditch
2. Wheeler-west: Howell Ditch
3. Bailey Kenosha-east: Lower Boulder Ditch
4. Alexander Dawson-east: Boulder & Weld County Ditch
5. Alexander Dawson-west: Leggitt Ditch

Refer to Irrigation ditch map for ditch alignments, diversion points, and tailwater return flow areas.

The Boulder & Weld County Ditch conveys our Martha Matthews Ditch irrigation water which is used to augment the evaporative losses of the open water and wetlands at Kenosha Pond for which the irrigation water is conveyed to Coal Creek on the Bailey-Kenosha Ponds property either via direct pipeline to Coal Creek or through Kenosha Pond and then through that pond's outlet structure to Coal Creek. The county has been to water court over this augmentation plan which also includes compensation to Lafayette to make up the balance of the augmentation. This augmentation arrangement will need to continue on the property and be accommodated by any future management or public uses.

The county, City of Boulder, and Mile High Flood District are involved in an effort to repair the Howell Ditch on the Doniphan and Bailey Kenosha Ponds property. The ditch was damaged in the 2013 flood. It is a very old ditch with the number three priority on Boulder Creek. The county owns shares along with the City of Boulder.

The county has a close relationship with the City of Boulder at Wittemyer Ponds property just west of Wheeler Ranch. While the city uses the ponds for water storage and release purposes, the county oversees the surface management (related to the fact that the Wheeler family had a grazing/lease arrangement with the city prior to the county's purchase of the Wheeler Ranch property). There is potential to enlarge storage capacity at the site. As the city manages and plans for water storage projects, the county will be a participant in those planning efforts.

Many of the EBC site's ponds also supply water to the grazing operations. This is especially true on Alexander Dawson and Doniphan. The ponds on Alexander Dawson are very shallow and not likely suited to fisheries or public use. Doniphan property has considerable water infrastructure,

especially in its NE corner. This is being accounted for and repaired in the Howell Ditch Diversion project. The State Department of Water Resources has a water well record for Doniphan, but it has not been located on the property.

Some staff feel that past restoration projects have led to water table changes, especially on the east side of Alexander Dawson impacting corrals on the east side of the property. The Alexander Dawson property gets impacted by elevated water levels (below true flood stage). Areas south of the creek on the central and east portions especially. Some of the ground water on portions of Alexander Dawson is due to seepage from the Legget Ditch west of Highway 287. Staff noted that stream restoration and channel modification (re-meandering) previously occurred west of US 287 prior to the work on the east side of 109th Street.

Water Quality

The segments of both Boulder and Coal Creeks in the project area have EPA Clean Water Act 303(d) impairments for all classifications (Aquatic Life, Recreation, and Water Supply) except Agriculture. Boulder Creek has ammonia, arsenic, and E. coli readings above daily maximum limits. Coal Creek has E. coli, magnesium, and selenium amounts in excess of daily maximum limits.

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/impaired-waters>

Appendix B: Public Engagement Reports

Between November 2022 and October 2023, Boulder County Parks & Open Space (the department) released two public surveys to collect feedback for the East Boulder Creek Management Plan. The first survey focused on determining the public's priorities for conservation and visitor experiences, ideas for site names, and any other feedback respondents wanted to provide. The survey received 1,041 responses.

After using the results of Survey #1 to inform preliminary development of management priorities, the department released Survey #2 to gather public feedback on these priorities. In addition to releasing the online survey, the department created two engaging videos and offered multiple in-person engagement sessions. These included: two on-site open houses, one in Spanish and one in English (with interpreters available at both); one engagement session at the Longmont Youth Center; and booths at three Longmont farmers markets. Throughout the engagement period, 446 online survey responses were received and 543 individual responses from in-person events were collected.

Public comment on the draft plan was obtained during from October 11th to October 29th, 2023. There were 229 responses to the final survey. While not summarized into a formal report like previous survey efforts, the feedback provided by the public is shared below starting on page 105. This feedback was taken into account when developing the report delivered to Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) and Boulder County Commissioners (BOCC).

All surveys were released on the project's web page ([boco.org/East Boulder Creek](http://boco.org/EastBoulderCreek)) and were promoted throughout the community using trailhead posters, public meetings, postcard mailings to neighbors, email notifications, press releases, and social media posts.

The following reports for surveys #1 and #2 provide details regarding questions asked in each survey, results received, and themes that emerged from the public feedback. Immediately following each survey's summary report is an appendix listing all open-ended responses received. Responses to survey #3 are in the raw format provided by the survey platform; the first section demonstrates responses that are not open-ended responses, and the second section includes all open-ended responses to the survey questions.



East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan

Community Survey 1 Results



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Complete survey responses can be found in Appendix I: Survey 1 Responses.

Executive Summary

On Nov. 17, 2022, Boulder County Parks & Open Space released its first community survey to prepare a management plan for the East Boulder Creek Site. The objective of the survey was to define the public's priorities for conservation and community access, and collect any feedback on the future of the site. The survey got 1,041 responses.

The 1,377-acre site consists of five open spaces with a dozen ponds and five miles of perennial stream along Boulder Creek and Coal Creek. This site contains a wide variety of habitats, including wetlands and riparian ecosystems, and is currently maintained by agricultural tenants and Parks & Open Space resource management staff.

Survey participants said their **top conservation values** for the site were conserving wildlife habitat, protecting land from development, preserving ponds and flowing water, and protecting native trees, wildflowers, and grasses. Most survey participants said the **top visitor experiences** they'd seek out are the opportunity for exercise, finding respite and quiet reflection, and easy access to water.

The top themes survey participants identified for a name for the site were influenced by natural features of the open space or by Indigenous and Native American history. Some people were also in favor of keeping the current name — Boulder Creek/East Boulder Creek.

Survey participants also left some additional feedback. Of that feedback, four major themes emerged: conservation of the land, recreational opportunities, collaboration with tribal and Indigenous groups, and safety and use concerns for the space.

Conservation of the land and wildlife was a popular sentiment. Recreational opportunities, as the largest category, displayed three major sub-themes — creation of accessible multi-use trail systems, easy water access, and equestrian access. Survey participants also advocated for tribal involvement in land management and future planning. They raised concerns about private property access, traffic considerations, and any material hazards like contaminated water sources.

Background of East Boulder Creek Survey

Boulder County Parks & Open Space is preparing a management plan for the East Boulder Creek Site. Public input will help shape the future of the site. The objective of the survey was to define the public's priorities for conservation and community access.

About East Boulder Creek Site

The site shares a border with Weld County at East County Line Road, and is also bordered by State Highway 52 on the north, US 287 toward the west, and Jasper and Kenosha Roads on the south.

The Town of Erie lies just to the south, Niwot several miles to the northwest, and Longmont about five miles to the north.

This 1,377-acre site consists of five open space properties with a dozen ponds and five miles of perennial stream along Boulder Creek and Coal Creek.

This part of the Boulder Valley has been important to the region because of its streamside riparian habitats, its irrigated farmlands, and its aggregate resources. While some industries have impacted the site, the agricultural community and the open space tenants continue to steward this rural landscape. The area has been, and remains, a site for oil and gas operations. The county finished the reclamation of the last and most recent gravel operation and will continue to revegetate the site.

Due to the extent of past aggregate mining, the site provides ongoing opportunities for restoration. For example, the county partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fully restore a one-mile segment of the Boulder Creek floodplain east of US 287 several years ago. They broadened the channel to build resilience into the landscape and offer a larger riparian habitat footprint.

The site also supports significant wildlife habitats and wetlands. Due to its relatively level topography and position on the western Great Plains, this site offers expansive views of the Front Range mountains and the Indian Peaks area. This site presents a variety of passive recreation options and a continued restoration opportunity.

Survey Method

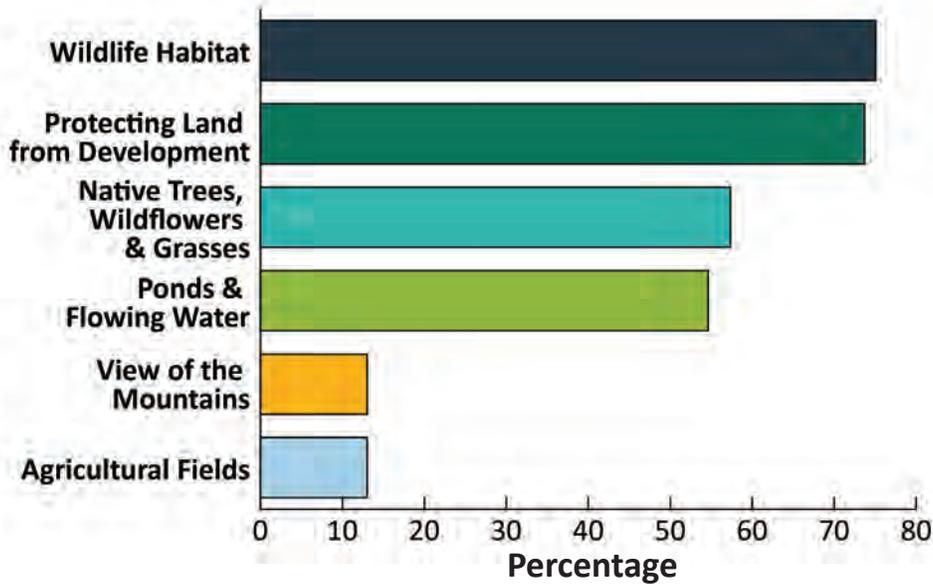
To get public feedback, Boulder County Parks & Open Space released online survey questions on their project web page boco.org/EastBoulderCreek on Nov. 17, 2022. To raise awareness of the survey release, the Boulder County team promoted it through trailhead posters, public meetings, a postcard mailing to neighbors, email notifications, press releases, and social media posts. The team presented the project and survey at the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee public meeting on Nov. 17, 2022, attended stakeholder meetings, sent three emails to over 5,200 recipients, and posted notifications on Facebook and Twitter throughout the survey period to drive traffic to the survey. The survey closed on Feb. 28, 2023, with 1,041 responses.



Question 1

Answered: 1,038
Skipped: 3

What are the conservation values you would prioritize at the East Boulder Creek site? Select your top three.



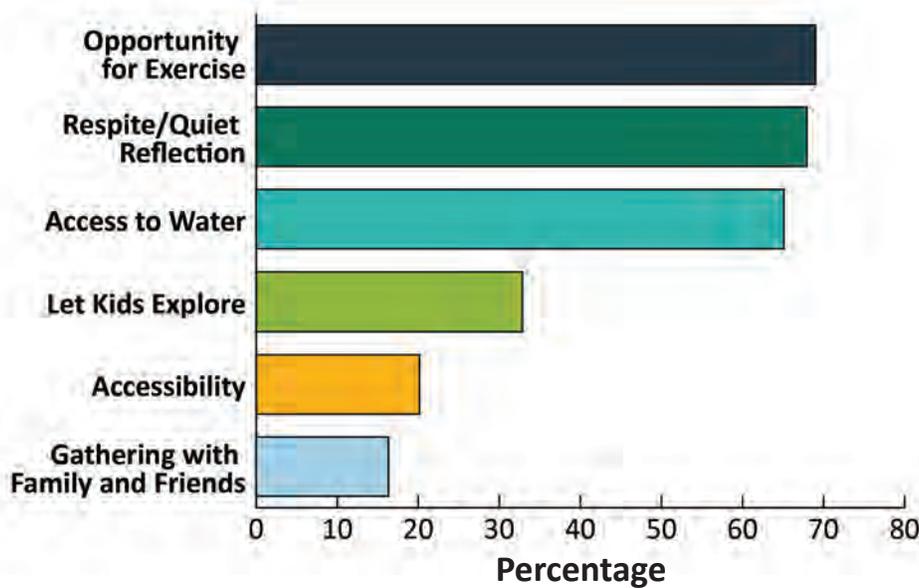
Answer Choices	Responses	
Wildlife habitat	75.05%	779
Protecting land from development	73.70%	765
Native trees, wildflowers, & grasses	57.32%	595
Ponds & flowing water	54.62%	567
View of the mountains	13.01%	135
Agricultural fields	13.01%	135
Total Respondents: 1,038		



Question 2

Answered: 1,023
Skipped: 18

What kind of visitor experiences would you prioritize at the East Boulder Creek site? Select your top three.

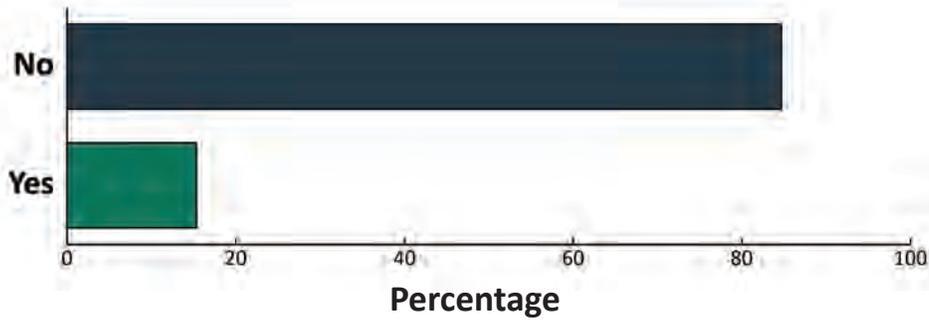


Answer Choices	Responses	
Opportunity for exercise	69.01%	706
Respite/quiet reflection	67.94%	695
Access to water	65.10%	666
Let kids explore	32.84%	336
Accessibility	20.14%	206
Gathering with family & friends	16.32%	167
Total Respondents: 1,023		

Question 3

Answered: 1,012
Skipped: 29

Do you have a suggestion for what this site should be named?



Answer Choices	Responses	
No	84.68%	857
Yes	15.32%	155
Total Respondents: 1,012		

Question 4

Answered: 146
Skipped: 895

What would you name this site? Please keep your ideas appropriate and three words or less.

Themes	Percentage of Responses	Examples
Names influenced by natural features of the open space	27%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confluence Conservation Area/Reclamation Park • Eagle Valley/Harrier Park/Heron Open Space/Raptors Landing/Redtail Recreation • Front Range Vista/East Panorama Parkway • Northeast Riparian Parkway
Names influenced by Indigenous and Native American History	24.3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names chosen by local Arapaho representatives • Cheyenne Arapaho Creek • Little Raven Park
Boulder Creek/East Boulder Creek	24.3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boulder Creek Open Space • Boulder Creek Conservatory • East Boulder Creek Open Space • East Boulder Ponds
Names with Historical Significance to the area	13.5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boulder Valley Farm • Canino Ranch • Jarosa Ranch Open Space • Kenosha Farms/Kenosha Open Space/Kenosha Ponds
Miscellaneous Names	10.8%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Espacio de gratitude • Possibilities Park • Talley Preserve

Question 5

Answered: 142
Skipped: 899

Why do you feel this would be a good name for the site?

Names Influenced by Natural Features

The most popular theme, at 27% of responses, was names drawn from natural features of the open space, with a strong sentiment of conservation seen in many of the responses.

Names suggested, including Confluence Conservation Area, Reclamation Park, and Front Range Vista, often drew inspiration from the existing features of the open space or present a conservation need. The space boasts streams, ponds, and panoramic views of the Front Range.

Respondents also focused on wild flora and fauna they encounter and enjoy in and around the open space. Many expressed a desire to raise awareness of these species to educate and protect wild lands where these species reside. Some key species mentioned included eagles, falcons, herons, and harriers.

Names Influenced by Indigenous and Native American History

24.3% of respondents requested a name honoring the presence and history of Indigenous and Native American groups in the area. Suggestions like Cheyenne Arapaho Creek and Little Raven Park recognize both the present and historical tribal authority of the region and historically prominent leaders of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

A lot of these responses suggested consulting with local tribal authorities or experts on Indigenous history and language for a name in the language of tribes that reside(ed) in the area or the original name of the area in the native language of local Indigenous groups.

Boulder Creek/East Boulder Creek

24.3% of respondents suggested variations of Boulder Creek or East Boulder Creek as the name for the site. Suggestions included Boulder Creek Open Space, Boulder Creek Conservatory, East Boulder Creek Open Space, and East Boulder Ponds. Respondents who suggested these names preferred the descriptive simplicity and said East Boulder Creek is what the area is commonly called because of the primary watercourse.

Names with Historical Significance to the Area

Names related to historical significance and property rights of the area got 13.5% of responses. Suggestions included Boulder Valley Farm and Canino Ranch. Respondents identified Boulder Valley Farm, Wheeler Ranch, Jarosa Ranch, and Canino Ranch as historical owners of segments of the open space, and said they wanted to honor the history of the property.

Multiple respondents suggested variations of Kenosha Ponds or Kenosha Open Space. Respondents said the land was previously referred to as Kenosha ponds, and the space is close to Kenosha Road on the south, lending a natural association.

Miscellaneous Names

10.8% of respondents suggested unique names for the space. Some responses expressed a desire for the space to represent positive ideals, such as gratitude, serenity, or optimism. Some respondents also suggested naming the space after prominent local figures.

Question 6

Answered: 642
Skipped: 399

Is there any other feedback you would like us to consider?

Four major themes emerged from all the responses: conservation of the land, recreational opportunities, collaboration with tribal and Indigenous groups, and safety and use concerns for the space.

Conservation of the Land

96 respondents to the survey said conservation of the area was a primary concern. Survey participants who said conservation was a need generally opposed development of the area in any significant manner, including:

- No construction of homes or commercial property;
- The inclusion of wilderness areas or wildlife sanctuaries with no public access;
- No established campsites or camping access.

Respondents emphasized preservation of native flora and fauna, particularly preserving riparian areas and native grasses, along with activity areas for activities like birding and night sky viewing. Multiple respondents promoted very limited or no public access to the site to preserve wildlife habitats and breeding grounds for eagles, herons, and falcons. Some respondents said they want to maintain agricultural and pastoral usage of the land to support the community and promote land stewardship.

Survey participants were divided on the extractive industries on the site. They expressed concerns about fracking and other forms of oil and gas extraction. Some respondents believed this was an acceptable use for the open space.

Recreational Opportunities

159 respondents identified recreational opportunities as a key consideration for the space. Residents said they wanted a mixed-use open space to take advantage of the water access and acreage.

Three recreational themes emerged:

- Multi-use trails;
- Equestrian access;
- Water access.

Multi-use Trails

Respondents were enthusiastic about the addition of multi-use trails, with 84 responses requesting them. Respondents wanted a diverse array of trail systems and connections to existing trails. Among the requests was access to the BART and Erie trail systems, and connections to existing open spaces, like White Rocks or Teller Farms.

Survey responses identified accessibility as an important factor to trail considerations, like the addition of trails of varying lengths, access to restroom facilities, bench installments, and accessible parking. Multiple respondents also wanted soft surface trails to mitigate impact and keep a more natural feel.

The majority of responses discussing the trail system wanted the trails for walking and hiking. Respondents were in favor of allowing bike and mountain bike access for trails, but were divided on allowing e-bikes, or motorized bikes. There were conflicting opinions about on-leash and off-leash dog access. Proponents said the open space is a dog-friendly area but detractors said dogs will disturb wilderness areas and wildlife nesting.

Equestrian Access

60 out of the 159 recreation-related responses were about horses. In addition to requesting horse access on trails, respondents wanted increased accessibility for people using the space for horse-related activity. They wanted to limit bike access on horse-friendly trails, have parking lots that are accessible to horse trailers with angled spots for trailer access, and installment of hitching posts and rocks to be used as mounting blocks.

Water Access

15 responses concerned public access to ponds, streams, and other water recreation. Respondents wanted open catch-and-release fishing access. They also wanted stocked ponds with fish species that are both sport-fishing and environmentally friendly.

Survey respondents also requested paddleboarding, kayaking, and canoeing access. Respondents were divided on boating access, including access to the confluence of the St. Vrain. Some respondents requested no motorized boats, or only the addition of boats small enough to be carried personally.

Collaboration with Tribal and Indigenous Groups

17 survey respondents said they wanted tribal partnership for the East Boulder Creek site. Respondents suggested the involvement of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes to respect the historical presence of the tribal and Indigenous peoples, including consulting with tribal authorities for land use and management.

Respondents also suggested incorporating Indigenous involvement into the infrastructure of the open space. Survey respondents said they wanted to see gathering areas for local tribal authorities and signage in local Native languages and English to explain the historical context of the land.

Safety and Use Concerns

34 respondents expressed safety or use concerns of the site. Some expressed concerns about ensuring there were limited public access boundaries near private property and highways to maintain privacy for property owners and increase public safety. Traffic considerations were also raised, and participants suggested noise barriers along the highway and nearby access roads.

Survey participants also expressed concerns about water quality and public health hazards. They said these issues could come from water sources upstream, pollution from domestic animals like dogs or horses, and any preexisting hazards related to oil and gas extraction on the site.

Miscellaneous

34 survey responses weren't captured within the larger themes. These responses range in subject, including the addition of youth-friendly or educational opportunities, including interactive playgrounds or obstacle courses. Several responses requested signage explaining native plants, wildlife, and historical contexts of the surrounding region, along with accessible maps of the area showing the site, existing trails, and other open spaces.

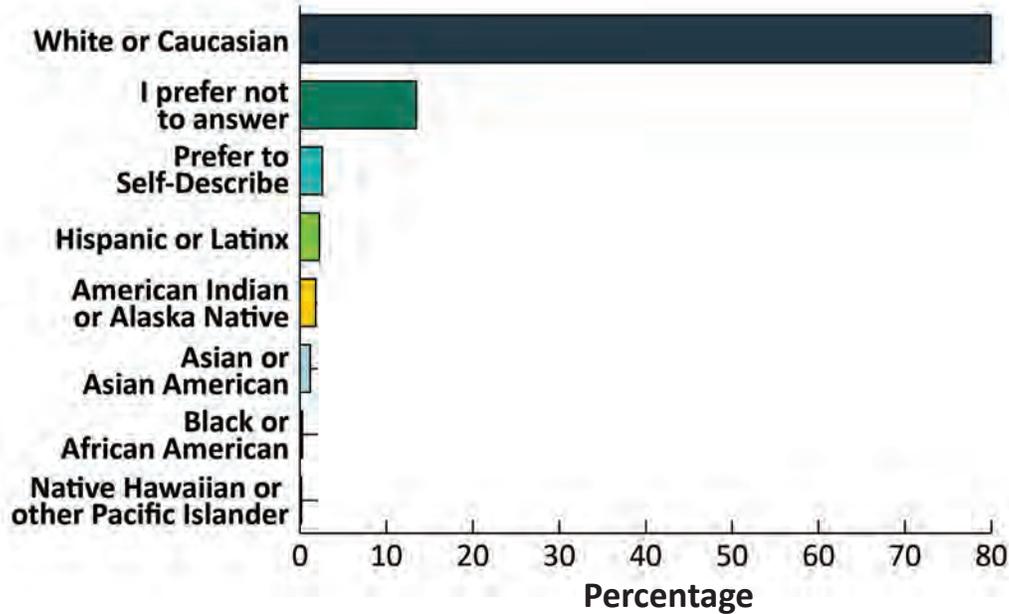
Other responses wanted increased infrastructure. Suggestions ranged from disc golf and golf courses, to farms, community gardens, or recreation centers. Some participants said they'd like to see revision of the streams and ponds to be more natural looking and provide more shoreline access.

Some responses requested more information about the project on the website, including additional photographs, videos, and publicly accessible plans.

Question 7

Answered: 937
Skipped: 104

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

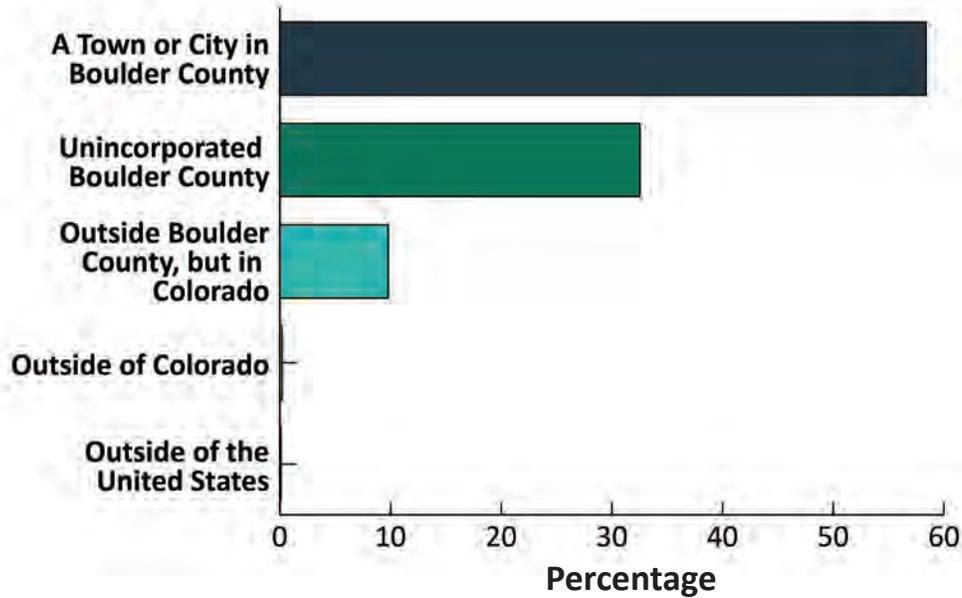


Answer Choices	Responses
White or Caucasian	79.94% 749
I prefer not to answer	13.45% 126
I prefer to self-describe (please specify)	2.56% 24
Hispanic or Latinx	2.24% 21
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.81% 17
Asian or Asian American	1.17% 11
Black or African American	0.32% 3
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.21% 2
Total Respondents: 937	

Question 8

Answered: 961
Skipped: 80

Where do you live?



Answer Choices	Responses	
A town or city in Boulder County	58.38%	561
Unincorporated Boulder County	31.53%	303
Outside Boulder County, but in Colorado	9.78%	94
Outside of Colorado	0.21%	2
Outside of United States	0.10%	1
Total Respondents: 961		



East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan

Community Survey 1 Results

Appendix I: Survey 1 Responses

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East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan Survey Questions

Please be sure you watch the East Boulder Creek video before taking the survey.

Thank you for sharing your feedback!

1. What are the conservation values you would prioritize at the East Boulder Creek site? Select your top three.

- View of the mountains.
- Native trees, wildflowers, and grasses.
- Wildlife habitat.
- Ponds and flowing water.
- Protecting land from development.
- Agricultural fields.

2. What kind of visitor experiences would you seek out at the East Boulder Creek site? (Select your top three)

- Respite/quiet reflection.
- Accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Access to water.
- Opportunity for exercise.
- Let kids explore.
- Gathering with family and friends.

3. Do you have a suggestion for what this site should be named?

4. What would you name this site? Please keep your ideas appropriate and three words or less.

5. Why do you feel this would be a good name for the site?

6. Is there any other feedback you would like us to consider?

Demographics questions

(all questions optional)

7. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

- White or Caucasian
- I prefer not to answer
- I prefer to self-describe (please specify)
- Hispanic or Latinx
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

8. Where do you live?

- A town or city in Boulder County
- Unincorporated Boulder County
- Outside Boulder County, but in Colorado
- Outside of Colorado
- Outside of the United States

Questions 4 & 5 Long Answers

Suggestion: (name chosen by Native American community)

Why:

Suggestion: [TBD]

Why: I haven't researched an idea for naming the site yet, but please consider names which indigenous people have called this area. Thank you.

Suggestion: A Native American name

Why: These were once lands where Indians roamed, lived, hunted and enjoyed. Restoring these lands to their original state is important. Possibly contact an Arapahoe tribe to participate in the decision

Suggestion: Agricultural Open Space

Why: Because of the history of the space and to promote saving agricultural land

Suggestion: Arapaho name

Why: developed in consultation with Arapaho tribe

Suggestion: Boulder Creek Conservatory

Why: Represents what the area should be about... conservation of the eco system in that area.

Suggestion: Boulder Creek Open Space

Why: It's simple, identifies the primary watercourse, which implicitly describes the landscape.

Suggestion: Boulder Creek Sanctuary

Why: It is a place of beauty, recreation where residents can release their stress.

Suggestion: Boulder Creek Wetlands

Why: Encourages visitors to understand the concept of wetlands

Suggestion: Boulder Equestrian Park

Why: Because Equestrians need a place to ride without bicyclists and rocks

Suggestion: Boulder Valley Farm

Why: I believe that is the name of the largest part of this parcel

Suggestion: Boulder Wild

Why: To keep it wild

Suggestion: Braided Sweetgrass

Why: To honor the sacred grasses that have shaped these lands for millennia and to symbolize the harmonious relationship between the land, wildlife and humans that will utilize it.

Suggestion: Canino Ranch

Why: because that was previous owner of part of it and he was a long time resident

Suggestion: Cheyenne Arapahoe Creek

Why: Because it honors the land's original inhabitants

Suggestion: Confluence Conservation Area

Why: East Boulder Creek Conservation Area

Questions 4 & 5 Long Answers (cont.)

Suggestion: Deerfield Park

Why: Paying tribute to the states, history of African-American settlement along the front Range

Suggestion: Eagle Valley

Why: So many eagles live in this area. It is common to see Bald and Golden Eagles on top of the power lines on Kenosha, Lookout and Hwy 52.

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek

Why: Accurate

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek

Why: I think people are already calling it this and it makes sense!

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek

Why: tells it like it is

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek

Why: It has already been described as such

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek Eden

Why: It's a beautiful place.

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek Open Space

Why: Its what it is

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek Open Space

Why: Says it all!

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek Park

Why: Because

Suggestion: East Boulder Creek Recreation Area

Why: Open space land should be available for public use and nature preservation while the name describes the location.

Suggestion: East Boulder Ponds

Why: Descriptive

Suggestion: East Boulder Preserve

Why: It's appropriate

Suggestion: East Panorama Greenway

Why: This property will offer a beautiful view of the entire Indian Peaks + RMNP skyline

Suggestion: EBOCOP (East Boco Park)

Why: It should be a park and is located in east BOCO

Suggestion: equestrian community of Bolder

Why: Because horse riders are losing area's to ride

Suggestion: Espacio de gratitude /Gratitude Space

Why: I live behind the space. I'm grateful everyday for the open space, land, animals, views and natural wonders I see on it daily.

Suggestion: Front Range Vista

Why: Because it will offer an excellent vista of the whole front range.

Suggestion: Gooding wildlife or Wise Wildlife

Why: Historical

Questions 4 & 5 Long Answers (cont.)

Suggestion: Gunbarrel Hill One Space

Why: I don't get why we use east Boulder trail for a trail that runs from Teller to Gunbarrell. If you say your lost on the east Boulder trail it leaves too much to think about for first responders

Suggestion: Harrier Park

Why: Name for a native animal that lives here - and not a commonly known one- to offer something for visitors to be curious about

Suggestion: Heron open space/parkland on East Boulder Creek

Why: It should be attractive to Great Blue and Night Heron

Suggestion: Honor Indigenous Peoples with a title they choose

Why: This was once the land where indigenous people lived

Suggestion: I will ask indigenous people

Why: I will ask indigenous people (Arapaho) for their input

Suggestion: Indigenous tribal names

Why: We need to have more public recognition of the Native tribes who have lived here for thousands of years.

Suggestion: Jarosa ranch open space

Why: The past history of the barns at 11995 Kenosha road and previous owners of a portion of the land sold to Boulder county. We have records we can share with you dating back to 1911. The documents are amazing.

Suggestion: Kenosha Farms

Why:

Suggestion: Kenosha open space

Why: The area was at one time titled Kenosha ponds. And the road just south of the area is Kenosha Road, which would make sense as this would be the likely access to the area to the public

Suggestion: Kenosha Ponds

Why: It's easy and to the point!

Suggestion: Kenosha Ponds

Why:

Suggestion: Let local Natives choose name

Why: Native people are still here, and correcting historical wrongs concerning land theft should be done wherever possible. Arapaho tribal members will know what this area was called before European colonization renamed it.

Suggestion: Little Raven Park

Why: Honors an important Arapaho leader, bringing awareness to whose land this once was

Suggestion: Lower Boulder Creek

Why: East Boulder Creek sounds like it is a tributary of Boulder Creek

Suggestion: Meadowlands Open Space

Why: Good description of the area and it sounds nice.

Questions 4 & 5 Long Answers (cont.)

Suggestion: meaningful Arapahoe name

Why: all lands indigenous by treaty

Suggestion: Mineral Creek Open Space

Why: Mineral road and east Boulder creek convergence

Suggestion: Nature Restored

Why: Speaks to the problematic history and a potential for a brighter future.

Suggestion: Nii'ehii

Why: Birds in Arapaho language

Suggestion: Northeast Riparian Parkway

Why: This would describe the current and future plans to restore and protect the waterways, the migratory birds and animals, agricultural lands, and public usage.

Suggestion: Possibilities Park

Why: It applies to all ages, is universal, and can take on different meanings for different people.

Suggestion: Raptors Landing

Why: This site is full of raptors, they use the grasslands, ponds, creek and riparian habitat. This name would help visitors notice and respect the raptors and appreciate their habitat.

Suggestion: Reclamation Park

Why: It seems that reclamation is its most important purpose.

Suggestion: Redtail Recreational Area

Why: The abundance of Redtail hawks in the area. Our family lives adjacent to this site and we love to watch the hawks.

Suggestion: See 5

Why: I think you should ask Native groups what they call this site.

Suggestion: SERENITY

Why: Expresses the atmosphere of being there

Suggestion: Should ask Arapahoe and Cheyenne

Why: Would like to have more input from peoples who were Indigenous to this land

Suggestion: Something native American

Why: they've been here the longest

Suggestion: Southern Arapaho word or member

Why: The name should be selected in conjunction with the Southern Arapaho tribal members to reflect the importance of living in harmony with nature, and respect for the peoples who were driven from this land. Contact the CU Boulder Center for Native American Studies

Suggestion: St. Vrain Flyway

Why: Ponds and river offer good habitat for migrating birds

Suggestion: Talley Preserve

Why: In honor of Officer Eric Talley who gave his life protecting Boulder county residents in the King Soopers shooting.

Questions 4 & 5 Long Answers (cont.)

Suggestion: The Confluence

Why: It was mentioned that this site is just past where Boulder and Coal Creek meet.

Suggestion: The Forever Land

Why: This or a name that reflects the true natural beauty of the area that is preserved & used by humans & wildlife both.

Suggestion: Trail McTrailface

Why: See here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boaty_McBoatface

Suggestion: Trump Open Space

Why: Honors a great president

Suggestion: Wheeler Ranch

Why: Because for a long time the wheeler family took great care of the land, which is located along the creek. The wheeler Ranch is a beautiful place with lots

of wild life. I know not all the land was wheelers, but looks like a good portion is.

Suggestion: Wildlife habitat

Why: Because the Boulder county open space was designed to creat living space for wildlife to live undisturbed by humans running, walking dogs and excessive noise pollution from people and pets.

Suggestion:

Why: something historic and to honor our native American heritage and those who lived here long before us

Suggestion:

Why: We should ask the native people what they called this area.

Questions 6 Long Answers

Respondent ID: 114246478869

What rules will be in effect to keep visitors away from neighboring private properties? This is my primary concern! What sanitation facilities will be provided? Where will visitors park? Several years ago you installed a fence along the west edge of the property. It is falling down. What will you do to fix the falling down fence that you installed?

Respondent ID: 114257479685

(PLEASE ask the folks indigenous to this land to weigh in, to be a part of this plan and project. Let it be Indigenously Led!) all my answers are muted next to the original dwellers of these lands. Please stop asking white folks for our opinions, we continue to be short sited and invested in our own interestes.

Respondent ID: 114228453260

1. It would be very nice if the most geometric (rectangular) ponds could be resculptured to have more natural shoreline shapes and gently sloping sides. Wetland habitats could be greatly increased in size, diversity, and quality in the process. Some resculpturing occurred in the 1980s on the pond alongside Boulder OSMP's East Boulder Trail just south of Boulder Creek; as a result, it is far more attractive than Sawhill Ponds where most of the ponds were not resculptured. 2. Starting in the late 1980s, OSMP managed to reclaim over 1000 acres of native grasslands on Gunbarrel Hill, a site that receives less precipitation than anywhere around it (I've lived in Heatherwood for 27 years and know how little rain the hill gets). BCPOS' project site probably gets more precipitation and is certainly more level (i.e., less runoff). Despite poor soils, native plants should be able to be re-established, at least in some areas. Native prairie here can be beautiful; it would be great if the site could return to native prairie with

cottonwoods and willows along the shorelines. 3. Cottonwood Marsh, in my opinion, is the best part of Walden Ponds. It's nice to have a large pond with large wetlands and a semblance of a natural shoreline, rather than a bunch of artificial-looking ponds with a lot of narrow shoreline wetland but low visual quality. The new site could and should have far more extensive wetlands on consolidated ponds. 4. I think the best use of this site is to try to create some version of a more natural site over a 50-100 year period. Restoring nature takes time; the public would be patient if BCPOS makes it clear that restoration is a very long game. Being clear about the long timeframe entails discussing it on signs on the project site, establishing long schedules, etc. 5. Reclamation of the new site should be much more aggressive and extensive than it was with Walden Ponds. "Go big" with the ponds and build a much more diverse, attractive, and naturalistic series of ponds even if it means completely destroying existing wetlands. However, only do the destructive resculpturing work in one area at a time, letting it revegetate for 3-7 years before the next major resculpturing work. It takes 3-7 years before revegetated areas look decent enough for the public to believe that the restoration is a good idea and "worth it." 6. At least several places on the site should be available for kids to play and do what they want, including accessing water, walking/going out into the water on a very gently sloping gradient, throwing rocks in the water, building things out of native logs and branches, etc. (I grew up in that "last child in the woods" way myself and think it's essential.) I designed a tiny site like that on a wooded peninsula in a constructed pond for Cleveland Metroparks in Ohio. It was geared for very young children, such as age 5, and was named "Little Beavers" not only because there were gnawed trees from beaver activity but also because kids were allowed to build stuff and do whatever they wanted to a small, wooded, shady site with clear

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

natural boundaries close to the visitor center. Here, a good spot would be under some large existing cottonwoods. A place along Coal Creek or Boulder Creek might be nice, too, because of running water, especially if it's along a natural gravel bar where it's safe and inviting to walk out to and into the water without having to build anything. 7. I'm a trail designer, so I'm always thinking about trails. For this site, however, I think it's best to go slow with planning and providing trails. Existing roads can be used for public access for years, with the eventual objective of an extensive trail system that enables visitors to go anywhere that visitors are allowed to go without being on old roads at all. Trails should not look or feel anything like roads; given that the site is level, trails should crookedly wind around a lot so that they hide from themselves in the (new) prairie vegetation. Don't let users form social trails all over the place like Sawhill Ponds; that just fragments everything. 8. A good starting point might be a "build, demonstrate, celebrate" development of a small area that could be thoroughly transformed and is easy for the public to visit and see, such as the area next to one of the parking areas/trailheads. That site should have some natural beauty that is preserved and enhanced. Take extensive "before" photographs, thoroughly document the transformation over the years, and display time series of annual photos on signs on the project site and online media. 9. I have a lot of good ideas quickly when I visit a site. If you're interested in the point of view of someone who has lived in Boulder County for 33 years and knows a lot about most of the publicly accessible parts of all BCPOS and OSMP areas, and would like to go out onto the site to banter some ideas, please contact me. - Troy Scott Parker, tsparker@natureshape.com, 303-530-1785 mobile

Respondent ID: 114255391055

A hiking/biking trail through the area would be great.

Respondent ID: 114256977232

A mix of cement and dirt/cinder walking paths.

Respondent ID: 114248634161

A place to walk ,no runners or bikes

Respondent ID: 114216662223

Absolutely have trails available for horseback riding with adequate trailer parking.

Respondent ID: 114215084001

Access for horses

Respondent ID: 114228334168

Access to fishable trout water is a great addition to our open spaces.

Respondent ID: 114214776738

Accessible or horses and equestrians.

Respondent ID: 114257451865

Acknowledge indigenous land

Respondent ID: 114228384903

All of bike trails in Boulder County are over-crowded, so we can always use more of those.

Respondent ID: 114255385062

ALLOW DOGS ON LEASH.

Respondent ID: 114214809139

Allow equestrian access

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114240172079

allow equestrians No motorized vehicles re: e bikes

Respondent ID: 114240342175

Allow horses on this area as well.

Respondent ID: 114205935934

Allowing for continued oil/gas extraction.

Respondent ID: 114257454037

Always remember we owe our lives to Nature and Earth. We've taken so much. It is true, right, and correct to give back now, to restore now. Let's show great humility and respect as we plan for the future of this space.

Respondent ID: 114216444141

Anything that supports horse activities, no development, etc

Respondent ID: 114216754397

Apex predators and their importance

Respondent ID: 114237363965

As a family with young kids living adjacent to this site, we've often longed to be able to explore the open space around us and would not mind others enjoying the space as well, even in our backyard. However, our top priority is protecting the wildlife habitat and maintaining the rare serenity the space currently offers. We're also very curious what access points would like and where they'd be located. Thank you for reaching out to the public about this.

Respondent ID: 114249450289

As a resident who lives adjacent to the area in question, I can personally attest to the wildlife sanctuary benefits of land. I would hate to see an increase in human activity further stress and displace the deer, bobcats, coyotes, and numerous raptors. The reclamation post 2013 displaces the heron nesting.

Respondent ID: 114215215306

As an equestrian in Boulder County who lives in Lafayette and rides regularly in nearby open space areas such as Teller, I would love to see this space opened up for equestrian use. The terrain in this area is highly suitable for a soft surface trail with plenty of visibility and would lend itself especially well for equestrians to recreate safely in a multi-use setting.

Respondent ID: 114257020212

As east Boulder County gets overdeveloped by Erie and Lafayette, it would be nice to keep a large area of natural, undeveloped land along the creek. For wildlife, and to give residents of the area somewhere calm and spacious to go to get a break from the density, traffic and aggression that's a result of overdevelopment. Natural, open space is good for our mental health!

Respondent ID: 114209614838

At least a pond or two could be designated for fishing. Protect bird habitat. Prohibit camping. Provide sanitation facilities.

Respondent ID: 114243075144

Balancing mixed use would be great - dog/water park, horse trails, bike trails and nature walks. Adding outdoor sculpture would be a plus.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114229131513

Be VERY careful of allowing E-bikes. If you do allow e-bikes, the signs need to CLEARLY state which classes of e-bikes are allowed. And DO allow regular bikes.

Respondent ID: 114226467642

Bicycle access!!!

Respondent ID: 114225811749

Bike and pedestrian paths would be great!

Respondent ID: 114228938480

Bike trails would be lovely.

Respondent ID: 114233846720

Biking trails please!

Respondent ID: 114255299323

Boulder County Audubon Society looks forward to attending site visits and providing comments on the East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan. We support a Plan for this special area that emphasizes protection and restoration of native ecosystems, including wildlife species and their habitats, over recreation and other human uses.

Respondent ID: 114249538115

Boulder County Nature Association will be attending the site visit(s) and after that we will have a better understanding of the area and then formulate thoughts on the area utilization

Respondent ID: 114257309991

Boulder County should take the opportunity to include Southern Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes in planning for this land.

Respondent ID: 114247537070

bring public transportation close to site

Respondent ID: 114228624910

Can it connect to other open space?

Respondent ID: 114228556137

Cap & plug all oil and gas wells asap. Restore and refurbish mining and fracking sites. Create paths and areas for recreation and picnic gatherings and for non-motorized uses. Do not allow commercial development. Minimize impact from parking areas and bathroom facilities. Include adequate trash and recycling receptacles. Keep some large areas cordoned off from people so wildlife can have adequate privacy and non-disturbed habitat.

Respondent ID: 114233824679

Concerns I have: Preserving the wildlife corridor along Boulder creek with minimal disturbance of the animals, well thought out parking and access, GREAT CARE in leaving distance/margin between any recreational use and existing adjacent communities (preserve their peace and security)

Respondent ID: 114227600916

Connect the boxy ponds with wetlands to reshape more naturally. If trails can connect to others in the area it would be great

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114243468871

Connectivity to existing/future trails to reduce need for vehicle access and parking.

Respondent ID: 114257324725

Consider consulting with Southern Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes for the best use of this site.

Respondent ID: 114236954758

Consider impact to current housing nearby any trails or parking

Respondent ID: 114226352783

Consider making the area open to mountain biking.

Respondent ID: 114226673186

Consider the practices being used in restoration and the impact on soil health, water quality and ecosystem function. Test soil and water for herbicides and consult with independent scientists to understand true impacts.

Respondent ID: 114245399538

Control of Prairie Dogs to restore native grass and other native vegetation.

Respondent ID: 114227176509

County ran golf course!

Respondent ID: 114235403885

Create additional hunting and fishing opportunities for the public

Respondent ID: 114231888507

Create more trails that allow e-bike access

Respondent ID: 114228333949

Cycling trails in the space would be great and connect to the larger trail system

Respondent ID: 114257350750

Do no harm.

Respondent ID: 114257565466

Do not reopen this up for drilling/fracking. Close all open drill sites. Cap off. Clean up area.

Respondent ID: 114256108205

Dogs on leash

Respondent ID: 114255893162

Don't overdevelop it | plan for keeping wildlife safe and same with humans.

Respondent ID: 114214942689

Don't let the prairie dogs ruin the land! Thanks

Respondent ID: 114241266774

Equestrian access

Respondent ID: 114221907374

Equestrian activities

Respondent ID: 114214750632

Equestrian and dog friendly

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114242116266

Equestrian trails

Respondent ID: 114257388464

Equestrian usage

Respondent ID: 114214985084

Equestrian use

Respondent ID: 114216628928

Equestrian use was not an option but this is an ideal location for horse trails!

Respondent ID: 114215041775

Equestrian use would be wonderful for this area.

Respondent ID: 114240262875

Equine access is paramount to me.

Respondent ID: 114224685494

Extend the Boulder Creek multi-use path along the waterway in this property.

Respondent ID: 114236985900

fishing

Respondent ID: 114250109743

Fishing access please

Respondent ID: 114225586737

From what I have seen in the last 15 years living in Boulder County I understand more and more what

you have given all of us with the open space. Thank you to all involved and I know this will be a beautiful project. And I travel this area a lot so looking forward to seeing the project come to life.

Respondent ID: 114256964953

Get rid of prairie dogs. They've stripped so much of our grasslands bare. No wildflowers, no grass, no place for small ground animals. And TOPSOIL that blows away because there is no ground cover. Even keystone species become overpopulated. Why do you think they cull elk? To keep them from over foraging their habitat, like the rodents have done. You all need to learn better land management practices!

Respondent ID: 114226034366

getting the extraction off of there. thank you!

Respondent ID: 114226068336

Good multiuse path design, parking and facilities (restrooms and rest area) help focus where the impacts will be greatest.

Respondent ID: 114178393397

Gravel bike access would be great.

Respondent ID: 114228451356

Gravel/mountain biking trails

Respondent ID: 114205989509

Hard to select only 3 from those questions. Great property and easily accessed from several towns.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114226315515

Having a plan to connect to regional trails to reduce parking at trailheads and allow safer cycling routes.

Respondent ID: 114229355999

Hiking and biking trails, please!

Respondent ID: 114226764085

Hiking/biking trails alongside the creek. Revising the aggregate mining ponds so that they are not rectangular, revising the contours and banks to regain a natural appearance consistent with pre-development.

Respondent ID: 114216844870

Horse back riding trail system, please!

Respondent ID: 114256598187

Horse riding and horse carriage driving access and trails would be great!

Respondent ID: 114240711896

Horse trailer parking is key!

Respondent ID: 114215022490

Horse trails.

Respondent ID: 114216786873

Horseback riding trails and trailer parking!

Respondent ID: 114227723120

How about we don't develop this one and just keep a lot of space for plants and animals...

Respondent ID: 114224686862

Human overpopulation will always expand to the maximum possible level. We must try to reserve these few tiny areas from being destroyed by human rapacity.

Respondent ID: 114224936518

I am an avid birder, and this site seems important to maintain as a natural wildlife habitat. This wasn't an option on what I would do in the space, so I chose quiet and exercise, although birding isn't really exercise, and too much foot/bike traffic can prohibit wildlife use of the space (as you well know). Thanks for the survey!

Respondent ID: 114226285840

I am grateful that plans are being made for restoration of wild lands

Respondent ID: 114256293717

I am in support of the county moving forward with the proposal to allow use of the Wheeler Ranch parcel by the Arapahoe and Cheyenne peoples. I hope that this would be a model for restoration of native grasslands and wildlife habitat for the rest of the EBC area. It would be wonderful if the entire area was restored to its natural state with reintroduction of native species that are now endangered or gone from the county.

Respondent ID: 114257470083

I answered the previous questions because they were required, but the most important thing is to work in partnership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho. My understanding is that they would like to develop an adaptive grassland management plan in partnership with OSPM. I support their wishes.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114252449951

I don't think we need further development of the land in retail or residential ventures.

Respondent ID: 114254126531

I enjoy the boardwalk paths at Walden Ponds and would love to see more like that in other recreation areas.

Respondent ID: 114228531154

I had no idea there's so much open space there! The video was beautiful and I hope we can protect/restore this treasure.

Respondent ID: 114228493890

I have a concern with water cleanliness and public health hazard due to the large number of homeless allowed to camp upstream on Boulder creek. The creek is being used for a toilet by large numbers of IV drug users so hepatitis is a concern.

Respondent ID: 114237000664

I hope it doesn't get developed.

Respondent ID: 114250072923

I hope that the agricultural lands are not separated from the housing that has supported them. Not sure what the plans are, but having ag lands with no useable housing on them, or letting the irrigation infrastructure go into disrepair makes them unsuitable for anyone to steward those lands into the future. Please consider the ongoing expenses of ag land upkeep in your planning process for this parcel. Thank you!

Respondent ID: 114236241065

I hope the site will have plenty of trails. The trails should be open to all non-motorized recreation forms.

Respondent ID: 114240582431

I hope you will allow horses and provide trailer parking. A water crossing would be very nice for those hot summer days.

Respondent ID: 114232832453

I just moved to Erie and it's shocking that there is no access to the land that is owned by the people. Obviously with Ag and Oil/Gas being the priority, it is a shame that the people who paid to buy the land and would like to use it for legal recreation are being banned by organizations who are exploiting it.

Respondent ID: 114255395300

I know Boulder County will create a distinctive and we'll planned site that will enco

Respondent ID: 114246526614

I like to fish as well as walk/hike and check out wildlife. I'd rather not have to dodge bicycles on a path. I love dogs but they scare off wildlife and damage animal nesting areas. Many owners don't keep them on a leash. (Like what I saw at the Teller lake #5 area yesterday!) If you put fish in the ponds and/or creek that creates food for other birds and critters. For people, catch and release(?). I am 70 and live in the Gunbarrel (Hill) area so I would visit this area. Adding more native trees would be nice too. (Nesting for birds.) Picnic areas? Restrooms! This area could be nice. Another gem.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114236569816

I live near the site and strongly believe we should preserve as much as Boulder Creek and the surrounding area as possible for wildlife and for human enjoyment.

Respondent ID: 114225539815

I look forward to spending time there birding and walking.

Respondent ID: 114227278921

I love the ideal of being out in nature for our children

Respondent ID: 114236426352

I prefer minimal access and use - particularly limited dog access to preserve the natural wildlife habitat

Respondent ID: 114252144639

I strongly do not want any development of any kind. So much habitat has been destroyed, nothing should be done

Respondent ID: 114225594563

I think Boulder would greatly benefit from something like a Rec Center but for the mind. This site might be a good location for such a facility. Such a facility would include indoor, solar powered, hot springs with a view of the mountains and open space. It would also include a meditation area. And it would include a volunteer placement office and a small restaurant. The facility would have parking for the disabled only. All other visitors would travel by shuttle, bike, or foot. Meditation and volunteerism are primary pathways to contentment and good mental health. Demand for the hot springs would likely be so high that an online reservation system would be needed for peak periods.

Respondent ID: 114225546311

I think it should be a requirement that any agriculture on public land is grown directly for people to eat rather than cash crops

Respondent ID: 114257327617

I think the planned land use ought to consider the Southern Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes first and foremost. OSMP teams need to develop a partnership to foster designing and implementing an adaptive grassland management plan for open space agricultural land in Boulder County. This land ought to be restored mainly for the use of Native tribes; the white citizens of Boulder have plenty of opportunities for "recreation." The primary objective should be restoring the land to the Native tribes, with Boulder OSMP as a limited partner.

Respondent ID: 114218520134

I think trails in a concentrated area are a great opportunity but they don't have to be everywhere. Leave plenty of room for Ag, wildlife, and water mgmt.

Respondent ID: 114225878599

I think you should reintroduce beavers. They can do the work of restoration and engineering far better than humans. They would be of great assistance in increasing other wildlife and species diversity. I also think you should consider regenerative agriculture as a solution to mending the soil. It is of less importance to have it for human use.

Respondent ID: 114257534896

I understand there is interest in working with Right Relationship Boulder and indigenous tribes to manage this site. I am very interested in learning more about this option.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114254042743

I want footpaths with frequent spots for sitting and enjoying the surroundings along the creek. Whoever farms the land in the future should allow for right of way. Oil and gas development should be squeezed out.

Respondent ID: 114229982147

I would hope to have a vast path system similar to what is provided at Lagerman Reservoir. Thanks!

Respondent ID: 114226396005

I would like some voice and sight trails in the area for visitors with dogs to enjoy.

Respondent ID: 114224724498

I would like this site to connect with trails in the area, making a big loop through east Boulder County. Flat, somewhat graded dirt or gravel trails are good recreation and exercise for the average citizen, including families, and are safer than roads with cars. I would like to start at Teller Farms and ride through east county all the way along the creek system and then pick up Coal Creek Trail and come back. While you are at it, please make a safe way to access Teller Farm South from the south without a car. Like a short stretch of path/trail from 95th to the Teller Farm turnout.

Respondent ID: 114254400891

I would like to see an option of “no public access” in the options of selecting the top three activities of choice. Believe it or not, there are still some of us that think open space should be disturbance-free habitat for plants and animals and not a playground for humans

Respondent ID: 114215010108

I would like to see it open for quietly riding my horses. I do not think this peaceful area should be open to all sorts of human involved activity that would disturb wildlife.

Respondent ID: 114254078729

I would like to see some education at the site about the interplay between resource extraction and restoration.

Respondent ID: 114215030078

I would love for Equestrian trails to be included in the development of this open space, including parking for horse trailers

Respondent ID: 114228558130

I would love to have a multi-use path on the old Union Pacific railway line through this area while I am still able to enjoy it!

Respondent ID: 114215758562

I would love to see access to horses and trail riding.

Respondent ID: 114255263881

I would love to see signs that give the history of the area and explain native plants, animals, ecosystems, etc. (like at national and state parks)

Respondent ID: 114239566285

I would love to someday see a multiuse trail connection through this property, connecting to the Boulder trail system at Gunbarrel Ranch (or somewhere else that makes sense) and running along Boulder Creek to Sandstone Ranch.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114225494306

I'd like to see the primary focus of management to be a healthy environment for wildlife, floral and fauna. Instead of cutting hay continue restoration of native grasses. Mimimize cattle grazing except where needed for health of pastures. No motor vehicles. Boat must be the kind that can be carried in on a human drawn device or on a person. Please, please, please allow for off leash dogs. Here is a dream request: no using cell phones except for emergencies!

Respondent ID: 114224894951

I'd like to see this worked into regional trail connections

Respondent ID: 114225033038

I'd be especially interested in birding in this area

Respondent ID: 114217465661

Ideally, no motorized use

Respondent ID: 114226791731

If applicable, connectivity and access to regional trails for bike commuting and similar

Respondent ID: 114256384464

If possible areas for off-leash dogs in the form of the Valmont dog park and/or Twin lakes would be wonderful - if it could be worked into the design dogs really need places to run and play and if it could include water that would be great-i think there is a nice amount of space to fit this in alongside the other priorities and ideas. A place where seniors, individuals and families could incorporate letting their dogs play would be well used and very good for the mental health of dogs and persons. I hope this place will

be accessible to folks with disabilities also, maybe a nature trail

Respondent ID: 114243393162

if swimming is possible, designate some areas for swimming or playing in the creek

Respondent ID: 114180559781

I'm not sure, is this the end of the survey? No, I guess not, I came back to this, but need to finish the survey first to know what else I may want to add.

Respondent ID: 114224809035

Important to consider connecting trails to regional trails.

Respondent ID: 114228337098

include a variety of trails and a variety of type, some small rugged for hiking and running, some wide and gravel for biking, some crafted to create an experience for mountain bikers, no need for concrete.

Respondent ID: 114254487045

Include pathways for walking, birding, biking. Include a parking area with restrooms.

Respondent ID: 114228498414

Is there anyway to allow for access from 95th?

Respondent ID: 114226828338

It could be a nice site for a disc golf course

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114228431980

It is a wonderful idea to open up such a large new area to recreation. I realize that it is not pristine grass and wet lands. However, I'm worried about the impact that people and dogs will have. There needs to be strict restrictions on access off-trail. Dogs should be required to be on leash. Dog owners are going to assume it will be a free-for-all since it is relatively remote from the cities. I also want to ask if there is a plan to connect thru to the west of these properties as far west as the trail west of 95th, which connects to Heatherwood, Boulder Creek, Walden Ponds. Thank you for your work.

Respondent ID: 114256471341

It would be amazing to have a cool playground in the area!

Respondent ID: 114215360979

It would be great if equestrians could have access to this beautiful area, of course with appropriate parking too.

Respondent ID: 114255996474

It would be great if there were a mile or two of paved paths that are cleared in the winter, so people with mobility limitations/wheelchairs could get out there year-round. Since it's flat, it will be great for the non-athletes. Plenty of parking with lots of handicapped-designated spaces.

Respondent ID: 114244258445

it would be great if this could connect to the open space that is west of this area (valmont toward the watertower in gunbarrel)

Respondent ID: 114216718140

It would be great to see some type of equestrian trail and usage here

Respondent ID: 114227451283

I've lived in east Boulder for the past 17 years and am still exploring the open space. Protection and restoration of this area is high on my list for contributing to the quality of life here. I applaud Boulder County Open Space for asking for input and I look forward to walking this land in the future. Please safeguard it to the extent that you're able to for our children and grandchildren, the farmers, and wildlife and natural foliage and waterways. Thank you!

Respondent ID: 114226820155

Just build it. Open it. Go into production. Ship it. Ask for forgiveness, not permission. Oh, sorry, I mean let's do a 10 year environmental study, a 10 year funding feasibility study, then 10 years designing it, then 10 years planning it, then 10 years building it. I mean it took almost 100 years to build Notre Dame and you cannot be too careful when putting gravel on top of ancient tractor ruts.

Respondent ID: 114228713838

Just moved to the gunbarrel area and my family was surprised how few places there were to bike on trails here. It would be amazing if some walk/run/bike trails could be added

Respondent ID: 114227264180

Just think this is a great opportunity to restore grassland habitat.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114234462262

Keep it as wild as possible; restore as much as possible. End oil and gas extraction if/when possible.

Respondent ID: 114227312630

Keep it low key, don't over-develop.

Respondent ID: 114178929427

Keep it simple. It does not need to be restored to it's original, natural state (which is probably impossible). Rather, prioritize the creek itself, open up dirt surfaced walking, running and cycling paths and don't try to turn it into a manicured "park".

Respondent ID: 114227717145

Keep working on tracks to trails so the eastern part of the county can have direct trail access to the vast network of trails existing in Boulder county

Respondent ID: 114237339484

Leave it open with livestock and wild animals!

Respondent ID: 114215058960

Let people trail ride there horses. The flatness and terrain are excellent fur the activity.

Respondent ID: 114257227120

Let's not lose sight of the necessity and importance of keeping Open Space! Too much has disappeared before our eyes. Developers and Money are NOT the main components in healthy living for our future and our children's future!!

Respondent ID: 114216495471

Let's protect this land. Making it environmentally friendly. Let's make it safe and enjoyable for equestrians and others.

Respondent ID: 114228427452

Limit the use of e bikes.

Respondent ID: 114182023795

Limited access, leave natural with limited interferences by human foot or auto traffic. Don't promote long term activities like picnic areas or parking lots.

Respondent ID: 114179687687

Look for opportunities to connect with regional trails and other surrounding natural areas and open space. This would be of value to surrounding communities/users as well as wildlife.

Respondent ID: 114257505974

Looks like it would be a great place to install hiking trails and do birding. Thanks for the survey. LOVE BOULDER COUNTY.

Respondent ID: 114228463334

lots of trail is always nice. Bonus if there can be separate walking and biking trails

Respondent ID: 114256422615

Main priority of mine is off leash dog walking (with voice and sight control tag)

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114256217385

Maintain animal grazing and the ag stays in the area. Without proper management it quickly becomes another Marshall fire problem.

Respondent ID: 114216770948

Make it a place for equestrian riders.

Respondent ID: 114251040028

Make it as wild and natural as possible.

Respondent ID: 114240175930

Make sure it is Equestrian-friendly and offers multiple large horse trailer parking sites.

Respondent ID: 114237469423

Merge the ponds and create more shoreline by removing rectangular shapes. Allow kayaking on lake.

Respondent ID: 114255935585

Minimally develop at least one site for late viewing of the night time sky

Respondent ID: 114215059545

More space for horses

Respondent ID: 114225742151

mountain bike area

Respondent ID: 114228522978

Multi-use trail system(s). Stocked ponds-catch & release. Community gardens

Respondent ID: 114227612452

MUP would be great!

Respondent ID: 114237388943

Never build homes, Just keep it natural open space people can enjoy

Respondent ID: 114224706378

No bicycles

Respondent ID: 114226145493

No bikes and dogs must be leashes or no dogs please.

Respondent ID: 114255450056

No dogs allowed.

Respondent ID: 114225010398

No e-bikes allowed on the site. Keep the site a quiet respite to enjoy nature and the scenery at a slow pace.

Respondent ID: 114215183592

No monster homes

Respondent ID: 114225874502

Oil & gas extraction should end; OSMP should work on native revegetation/rewilding projects.

Respondent ID: 114215043395

Open it for equestrian use.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114256086343

Open the land to public use and preserve what is there.

Respondent ID: 114254487738

Opportunities for short and longer loops like at Pella would be nice.

Respondent ID: 114248497566

Parking, safety, preserving current and past use of the land. As a resident in this area I don't want to see the land get ruined by recreational over use.

Respondent ID: 114228423158

Pea gravel biking/hiking trails that connect with others outside of area would be great. The more we can have cycling trails that give bikers options beyond the highway is super important.

Respondent ID: 114256046330

Personally, I would love lots of walking loops of varying lengths, with a rich variety of native plants and water habitats to attract wildlife. It would be very helpful during wet weather if some portion of the trail system were paved, to it could still be accessed during wet/snowy weather.

Respondent ID: 114231952868

Please allow biking (but not ebikes). No dogs (they swim in the lake) and poop nearby

Respondent ID: 114215011281

Please allow equestrian access here! We want to be able to ride our horses!

Respondent ID: 114216732754

Please allow equestrian use on this trail as the area is agricultural and has many equestrian facilities on its borders.

Respondent ID: 114215325251

Please allow equestrians enjoy this area. E-bikes are fine too

Respondent ID: 114215073017

Please allow for horses. We need to maintain agricultural growth in todays society and part of that is equine. We need more open spaces that is accessible to ride.

Respondent ID: 114216689084

Please allow horses

Respondent ID: 114220119177

Please allow horses and have trailer parking for horse trailers. Diagonal spots at a good angle that allows horses to be tied to their trailer without interfering with other trailers. Hitching posts and rocks to use for mounting blocks are helpful also.

Respondent ID: 114249992692

Please allow more access to fishing!

Respondent ID: 114257553158

PLEASE ask Indigenous Folks for their help, their permission. Let this project be LED by folks who were indigenous to these lands, or at the very least - deep conversations with Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114257556927

PLEASE ask Indigenous Folks for their help, their permission. Make sure this project is LED by folks who are indigenous to these lands, or at the very least deep conversations with Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. we need to stop asking white folks or having white folks manage and merely get input from a few native peoples. We, settlers, have made and continue to make many decisions based upon self interest while disregarding for those whom had lands stolen.

Respondent ID: 114226399336

Please be gentle with the land and the species already living there.

Respondent ID: 114245312960

please cease oil/gas activities on the property. please reserve some paths for pedestrians and equestrians only. thank you for protecting this irreplaceable natural resource!

Respondent ID: 114214744154

Please consider allowing equestrian-use trails in this area!

Respondent ID: 114255888736

Please consider an off-leash dog area! With the looming loss of CU South, a large open area with room to walk would be a high priority.

Respondent ID: 114225478016

Please consider banning dogs from using this space. Parks & Open Space wholly fails to enforce leash and pet waste laws at sites such as Rabbit Mountain (off leash rampant) and Pella Crossing (positively covered

in dog feces). Providing open space that is accessible and does not allow dogs serves a portion of the community that is otherwise ignored, and could serve as a null study area for impacts of canine overuse.

Respondent ID: 114222257957

Please consider connecting this new site to existing bike trails in Boulder county. It would be hugely beneficial to many people (and save on parking spaces) if the site was easily and safely accessible by bicycle from surrounding communities such as Longmont and Boulder. Thank you!

Respondent ID: 114215432789

Please consider equestrians ! We would love to have access while respecting the land as well!

Respondent ID: 114225525497

Please consider multi-use trails that connect to other nearby trails. Also, can you please post a better area map that shows existing nearby trails and other open space lands? Thanks!!!

Respondent ID: 114257520952

please consider Right Relationship and the native peoples who are descendants of this heritage, how are they included?

Respondent ID: 114215027728

Please consider the ability to ride horses on the paths.

Respondent ID: 114227716350

Please consider the traffic volume at proposed access points. Hwy 287 is far too busy for an access point and would create more traffic on an already overused and dangerous highway.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114257606016

Please deeply involve the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in the planning and management processes that will take on their unceded lands. Thank you!

Respondent ID: 114228446182

Please develop a gravel, non-motorized road system for walking, running and pedal biking. (Accessible from all surrounding border paved roads. Have this road circuit visit great views and bird watching locations. Thanks

Respondent ID: 114224774275

Please do not allow further oil, gas, or mineral harvesting in this area.

Respondent ID: 114237311112

Please do not include access closer than 1000 yards from any adjacent personal property. Many of us live in a rural area to ensure a quiet residence life style.

Respondent ID: 114227108328

Please do not spray any chemicals in this area; they are not needed and kill large numbers of species of insect that feed birds and keep nature intact.

Respondent ID: 114178530586

Please don't let folks defecate in the creek

Respondent ID: 114215043159

please don't let the trail sides turn into massive weeds like at Lagerman Reservoir

Respondent ID: 114247616483

Please don't use synthetic chemicals to control weeds but ecologically sound approaches like targeted goat grazing, prescribed burns, and weed removal volunteer groups.

Respondent ID: 114226362863

Please ensure top priorities are riparian area conservation and wildlife habitat. Fragmentation of habitat is a very real concern and this is one of the few areas that BCPOS owns on the plains that is somewhat large enough to maintain continuity of habitat.

Respondent ID: 114228577550

Please focus on recreational opportunities.

Respondent ID: 114256499409

Please have trails that accommodate horses. I would love to have this space for that! Thank you so much

Respondent ID: 114257594227

Please include access and use for equestrians

Respondent ID: 114178487112

Please include bike trails.

Respondent ID: 114218467686

Please include equestrians (trails and adequate trailer parking) in your planning process.

Respondent ID: 114228371942

Please include significant public access, fishing, trails, and tie into the future rail with trail project.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114238363373

Please institute lasting policies that will preserve the East Boulder Creek Site for current and future generations.

Respondent ID: 114226370896

Please keep further mining out of this area and recommend that organic farming operations be encouraged without the use of hazardous chemicals for the health of the restored ecosystems.

Respondent ID: 114237523320

Please keep it open space :) (i.e. NO development, including housing, recreational game fields & playgrounds). Would love walking/biking trails that connect to other trail systems in BoCo - thank you for your work!!

Respondent ID: 114226106516

Please keep open space open for animals and no development!

Respondent ID: 114236988310

Please keep this area low impact.

Respondent ID: 114227749097

Please leave some of the best habitat WITHOUT human access so that native species can thrive there, and provide some areas for quiet -- to get away from the hustle and bustle of fast-paced life. Allow for Ag productivity on appropriate areas away from the creek. Do NOT allow dogs.

Respondent ID: 114237132331

Please limit public access to Boulder creek and as many natural ponds as possible. Best to restrict visitor pathways to along N119th St and Jasper road (where human activity already happens) and maintain a protected core zone of no human access. Pelicans, herons, turtles, ospreys, bald eagles etc. all concentrate in the limited riparian stretches in Boulder County. All of these species avoid nesting in areas of public access. We have enough public access recreational open spaces in a 3 mile radius of this site.

Respondent ID: 114228330678

Please make open space accessible to the public

Respondent ID: 114228427585

Please make sure trails allow mountain bikes and safely link to the broader network of open space trails.

Respondent ID: 114238368738

Please make the trails at least 4 feet wide. The smaller concrete trails are not wide enough for 2 people and 2 dogs to walk side by side. Plus if someone has a stroller there definitely needs to be 4 feet for 2 people to walk. Preserve as much natural habitat as possible. No reason to gut it and start over. Work around what is already there so the current wildlife populations are not displaced or run out of their homes and become prey to coyotes.

Respondent ID: 114256105032

Please maximize access to different recreation groups as much as possible.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114257538087

Please no house or commercial property development.

Respondent ID: 114240273426

Please open this to equestrians

Respondent ID: 114214752408

Please please please incorporate trail heads with room for horse trailer parking and trails for horses or walking but no bikes. Thank you.

Respondent ID: 114226114017

Please prioritize native plant associations and native fauna.

Respondent ID: 114236922526

Please protect existing adjacent homes with a limited access boundary. Thank you and good luck with this project.

Respondent ID: 114242107918

Please provide horse opportunities and trailer parking at north and south ends

Respondent ID: 114255008617

Please retain grasslands and wildlife habitats. Accessible trails, not for bikes, may be paramount to maintaining these, while allowing exploration and appreciation.

Respondent ID: 114240419148

Please strongly consider equestrian use for this area. Horse-friendly trails and trailer parking are in short supply on land such as this.

Respondent ID: 114241265229

Please, Please preserve this area. Plant lots of carbon capturing trees!!

Respondent ID: 114228448642

Possible some stream and lake fishing

Respondent ID: 114254066597

Prioritize multiuse trails -- loops, regional non-motorized trail (but not "transportation corridor")

Respondent ID: 114226484620

Protection of riparian areas/waterways and adjacent areas should clearly trump recreation with its impacts. Design in the protection in (trail placement away from riparian areas, limited water access where least impactful, fence and sign adjacent to trail to keep people and dogs on the trail) to reduce the need for on-sight patrol and the expensive restoration.

Respondent ID: 114238285384

provide mountain biking, dogs off leash, walking, fishing

Respondent ID: 114241419140

Provide several entrance points and parking lots accessible to horse trailers

Respondent ID: 114243024041

Public access for boating on boulder creek from the city of Boulder to the confluence of the St Vrain

Respondent ID: 114257305826

Put nature first

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114178509304

Recreational trails, such as for biking, are really lacking in the eastern part of the county. So I would like to see biking access prioritized. It's low impact and provides exercise opportunities for all.

Respondent ID: 114250084086

Regenerative agriculture could be helpful in bolstering community in and around the land. All the water is such a valuable asset to year round, permaculture-type growing.

Respondent ID: 114227688232

Respect the importance of agricultural use for sustaining our community into the future.

Respondent ID: 114226670349

Restoring/protecting wildlife habitat is extremely valuable/important. Thank you for working on this project!

Respondent ID: 114256991254

Seems like an opportunity for new trails that are flat (not super hilly) for both hikers and mountain bikers who do not necessarily want a lot of climbing.

Respondent ID: 114257558208

Significant First People's input. Some maintained space for larger gatherings that would not damage area, honoring of the First People who knew, loved, and return to this area. Visual beauty, native plants and traditional landscape, signs in native languages and English, large areas of shade, parking out of sight, natural sound absorption from high traffic noise, factual truths on signage regarding the history of the area, scattered restrooms. One picnic area with tables and if feasible water and bathrooms.

Respondent ID: 114244111252

-Site management remain wildlife habitat preservation and restoration focused. -Provide limited and focused public access for environmental interpretation, youth education, and wildlife viewing. -Maintain the open space properties as required within limitations of the funds used to acquire the properties. -Construct limited access points, overlooks, education facilities. -Ensure areas accessed by the public are strategically designed to minimize wildlife conflicts. - Provide guided environmental education opportunities to ensure youth, and visitors receive quality wildlife viewing, accurate information, and minimize disturbance to the site. -The wildlife preservation aspects of this site currently provides balance with other sites in the County that already provide running, hiking, horseback trails, parks, dog walks, and playgrounds. -Where public use opportunities are offered, they should wildlife focused (education, interpretation, fishing, wildlife viewing).

Respondent ID: 114254036245

So glad this land is being protected

Respondent ID: 114227711758

Something that reflects the geography or environment

Respondent ID: 114236991785

Stop taking my money to purchase land and then preventing me from accessing it. Stop continuing to allow what use to be an agricultural, rural county and turning it into California. Stop making it hard to farm and ranch, the farms and ranches were here long before the tens and hundreds of thousands of out of state people came and changed the very nature of the county.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114240561794

Support equestrian uses.

Respondent ID: 114225096849

Thank you for asking for feedback -- this is an incredible, irreplaceable, magnificent part of our County.

Respondent ID: 114231005431

Thank you for considering the area to be kept and returned to its original condition. Where animals and native plants can flourish.

Respondent ID: 114257533767

thank you for protecting what's left of this natural habitat

Respondent ID: 114228248339

Thanks for preserving open space.

Respondent ID: 114203576602

That you keep riverbanks and ponds well vegetated for wildlife, especially bear this in mind if it is to offer fishing, that banks should stay leafy and wild

Respondent ID: 114228702437

The area is wonderful in its current state.

Respondent ID: 114236603330

The highway (287) creates significant noise, some form of noise barrier along the highway that does not obstruct views would be good. Maybe some low growing evergreens.

Respondent ID: 114178382458

The site offers a great opportunity to hiking and biking trails with connectivity to the other trails in the county

Respondent ID: 114189102295

The video made me seasick. I didn't get a good look at the five properties. Eye-level photos would have been a nice addition to video.

Respondent ID: 114254136360

There are five separate areas, but please consider having continuous trails that connect all of them.

Respondent ID: 114256105905

There doesn't seem to be any recognition of native lands in this area. Surely there were native people living on these lands and some preservation/restoration of that heritage should be included in what happens to the land and/or what the area is named.

Respondent ID: 114256954801

There needs to be a concerted effort to be sure to connect these new recreation areas with natural surface trail to other open space properties accessible by bike and foot. Namely White rocks and Teller farms. Isolated plots of land separated by increasingly busy and dangerous roads are of lesser value.

Respondent ID: 114256616650

There should be equestrian trails

Respondent ID: 114236646915

think 7 generations ahead

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114254052624

This area has some wonderful potential as a regional soft-surface recreational trail connecting Erie to Boulder City and County open spaces to the west (Teller/White Rock).

Respondent ID: 114179692516

This area is very rural, I'm curious why the County feels a need to change it from what it is today?

Respondent ID: 114217662151

This area should be an off leash dog area as well as equine friendly.

Respondent ID: 114240378450

This area would be great to have equestrian trails

Respondent ID: 114251068430

This is an opportunity for Pollinator natives as the wild grasses are replaced. Could there be a special Pollinator garden with 'native' plants and labels. Not just forbs but many blossoming plants. We would attract unusual insects and hummingbirds.

Respondent ID: 114229001614

This is very exciting. I am a big fan of Walden Ponds off of 75th and dream that this will one day be a much larger version of that. Thank you Boulder Open Space!

Respondent ID: 114255776565

This plan should be involve all factors: sustainability, environmentally protected (both native plants and vegetation and habitats) , all natural trails

(no concrete), wetland protections (federal law) , no parking lots or roads, Net zero and lastly, no developments for infinity.

Respondent ID: 114236588450

This space is a wildlife sanctuary. If the area is to be developed do so in such a way that it allows people to observe the wildlife and enjoy the area. Similar to the saint vrain greenway.

Respondent ID: 114179271403

This type of terrain lends itself well for soft surface trails that would be safe to use for equestrians.

Respondent ID: 114178351719

This would be a perfect site for Boulder County's compost facility, due to the proximity to weld county and distance from the city of Boulder.

Respondent ID: 114236632073

Traffic impacts Are critical as county line road is already a mess. Bike lanes to the area as well as shoulder width are very limited. Privacy to local homeowners.

Respondent ID: 114228335763

Trails for hiking and biking

Respondent ID: 114240721785

Trails for horseback riding.

Respondent ID: 114228327786

Trails for mountain biking would be great!

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114254186448

Trails! Exercising outdoors in nature is scientifically proven to be the best thing for physical, mental, and emotional health, so please provide this service to people who are paying the bills. And then they will support further conservation.

Respondent ID: 114256086291

Vision: no or minimal rec access to the creek; ponds restored to natural contours & vegetation; one rec trail, either circular or linked to a longer County trail, avoiding good wildlife habitat; one picnic area with shade & access to a pond. How are you limiting this input to single responses, avoiding crowd-comments?

Respondent ID: 114254062429

Walking trails amongst trees and around ponds

Respondent ID: 114225520669

We do not have playgrounds for older kids (tween age) akin to Paco Sanchez in Denver with more challenging and exciting offerings. Please consider something like this, it would fill a big gap in the area.

Respondent ID: 114246070823

we prefer a wildlife sanctuary to ensure the land continues to be undisturbed. I.E. trash, parking, abuse to the environment

Respondent ID: 114236664029

We vehemently oppose any kind of residential or business development.

Respondent ID: 114254798649

We want the Boulder creek to connect to the future BART trail system. We live in Erie and can't wait to explore our way to Boulder on bicycles.

Respondent ID: 114241450881

We would like to request you allow horseback riding on the trails.

Respondent ID: 114224695028

When trails are complete, please have enough parking so people aren't turned away when wanting to recreate here.

Respondent ID: 114178429128

While i'm unsure what the long term intent is, I hope the ponds are treated as Sawhill or Walden ponds which allow fishing (preferably with catch and release fishing for bass and artificial lures to limit trash and worm containers) but also provide habitat for a very wide variety of wildlife to observe or be surprised by while fishing.

Respondent ID: 114226362558

wildlife/bird survey monitoring through volunteer groups, partnering with local groups that have experience with such surveys

Respondent ID: 114224707276

With unconstrained development in Weld County, wildlife habitat adjacent to this area is being lost quickly. Preserve this area and its habitat as it the little we have left. No on accessibility, trails, recreation etc, the County has plenty of the that.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114178524818

Work with the Town of Erie and its Open Space & Trails Advisory Board - build trail through the property to connect to Erie's spine trail to the south and help to extend that trail system northward with eventual connection to Smoljan and further northward.

Respondent ID: 114257042122

Would be great to see all the remaining wells on this land plugged & abandoned, and restore that land.

Respondent ID: 114216054782

Would like an equestrian trail

Respondent ID: 114224688709

would like to ensure you can paddle, bicycle as well as walk within this site. And recently recovering from a knee injury, that there are ample well-placed benches. And bathrooms!

Respondent ID: 114236598943

Would love bike and walking trails along boulder creek and paddleboarding at a lake in the area. We just moved to 5172 N 119th St, Erie, Co 80516 and no access to any type of trail recreation.

Respondent ID: 114228254531

Would love some bike trails! And stroller friendly walks.

Respondent ID: 114180162469

Would love to have great trails, fishing opportunities, osprey nests with cameras and an off leash area for dogs

Respondent ID: 114219979892

Would there be any kind of fishing possibilities and or access?

Respondent ID: 114225973597

Yes!! Why am I just now hearing about this a few weeks before a deadline? My email address is sharleen.bakeman@gmail.com. Please include me on future lists. How will this link in to the proposed BERT trail? Will there be ped/bike access under Hwy 287â€“the worst block to nature in the east county? Culverts helping the movement of wildlife? Will we work toward capturing mineral rights so that future wells will not be drilled? Will design include safety swales and water collection for future flooding? Will you allow access from all sides? There is very little info in your very short, but well done video. More info would be so helpful. Thanks!

Respondent ID: 114257310734

Yes, be sure to honor the Indigenous use of the land. Honoring would be more than adding a name. It would be sharing the land with indigenous peoples - collaboration with tribes.

Respondent ID: 114256340222

Yes, please restore at least a portion of this land to the Arapaho and Cheyenne people for ongoing management and use! I ask this as a Broomfield resident who has familial ties the Stengel property in East Boulder not far from this watershed.

Respondent ID: 114254091407

Yes. Allow those who farm and ranch these lands to continue. They are good stewards of the land. They minimize obnoxious weeds, oversee water runoff, and minimize top soil erosion while providing a valuable service to our community.

Questions 6 Long Answers (cont.)

Respondent ID: 114242185074

Yes. I think this could be a keystone in a connecting trail from Erie, through these 5 sites, then linking a trail using the existing dirt roads through the wetlands between 287 and 95th. From there a further link to White Rocks trail could be made, again using existing dirt roads. Using Phillips road a further connection to Walden Ponds would be feasible and from there you could get to Valmont road and have a continuous connection between Erie and Boulder. Work with the state on eBike incentives and all of a sudden you have a viable, non-car route for Erie residents to commute into Boulder.

Respondent ID: 114228968707

Yes. It would be nice to see some kind of connection to/ from the The White Rocks Open Space.



East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan

Community Survey 2 Results



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Executive Summary

On May 25, 2023, Boulder County Parks & Open Space released its second community survey to develop a management plan for the East Boulder Creek site. The objective of the survey was to define the public's priorities for conservation and community access, and collect any feedback on the future of the site. The survey received 446 online responses to the survey and 543 individual responses from in-person events.

The 1,377-acre site consists of five open spaces with a dozen ponds and five miles of perennial stream along Boulder Creek and Coal Creek. This site contains a wide variety of habitats, including wetlands and riparian ecosystems, and it's been in use as an agricultural resource.

Survey participants indicated a high level of support for closing certain areas to protect critical wildlife habitat and agricultural operations. 60% of respondents strongly agreed with the potential closures.

When asked for additional comments related to the closure of the site, respondents who agreed with the closures identified conservation of the riparian area and the native wildlife as their primary concerns. Respondents who felt negatively about the closures commented that the loss of public access to natural areas was not desirable. Respondents who felt neutral about the closures expressed that they would like to receive more information and that agricultural closures and conservation closures are separate issues.

When asked about outdoor experiences, the desired recreational activities identified by respondents included hiking, appreciating wildlife, walking, biking, and water activities.

When asked what features should be integrated into the site's name, the majority of survey respondents chose East Boulder Creek. Heron, Coyote, and Coal Creek were other names suggested.

Survey participants also left additional feedback that generally fell along the lines of the responses to previous questions. Participants remained primarily concerned with environmental conservation, recreation, and access issues. Other topics included the naming of the site, ideas on public engagement in the proposed space, and future infrastructure and planning.

About East Boulder Creek Site

The East Boulder Creek site is 1,377 acres. The site consists of five open spaces with a dozen ponds and five miles of perennial stream along Boulder Creek and Coal Creek. The site shares borders with Weld County, the Town of Erie, and is near Niwot and Longmont, and is bordered by State Highway 52 and US 287.

This part of the Boulder Valley has been important to the region because of its streamside riparian habitats, irrigated farmlands, and aggregate resources. While extractive industries have impacted the site, the agricultural community and the open space tenants continue to steward this rural landscape. The area has been, and remains, a site for oil and gas operations. The county finished the reclamation of the last and most recent gravel operation and will continue to revegetate the site. The site continues to provide ongoing opportunities for restoration due to the extent of past aggregate mining.

The site also supports significant wildlife habitats and wetlands. Due to its topography and position on the western Great Plains, this site offers expansive views of the Front Range mountains and the Indian Peaks area. This site presents a variety of passive recreation options and opportunities for conservation.

Survey Method

Boulder County Parks & Open Space released the online survey on the project's web page boco.org/EastBoulderCreek on May 25, 2023. The online survey closed on July 31, 2023, with 446 responses. To raise awareness of the survey release, the Boulder County team promoted the survey through trailhead posters, public meetings, a postcard mailing to neighbors, email notifications, press releases, and social media posts.

During this stage of engagement, Boulder County also received two pieces of feedback and recommendations from the Boulder County Audubon Society and Boulder County Nature Association, who provided email comments on the survey and project directly to staff. These recommendations focused on prioritizing the protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitats as well as determining how and where human access will be allowed at the East Boulder Creek site.

In addition, the Boulder County team presented the project and paper versions of the survey at two open houses, one engagement session at the Longmont Youth Center, and at three Longmont farmers markets.

The two open houses took place on June 8 and June 15, 2023. Moderators at the event recorded 71 verbal visitor interactions on June 8 and 116 verbal visitor interactions on June 15. In addition, the moderators gave participants stickers and requested they record their answers to the survey questions on a poster.

At the engagement session for the Longmont Youth Center, Boulder County staff received eight pieces of feedback on Question 1, and 11 pieces of feedback on Question 5.

The three farmers markets took place on May 27, June 17, and July 22, 2023. The moderators reported 188 interactions on May 27 and 145 interactions on July 22. Moderators didn't report quantities of interactions on June 17. These interactions were not part of in-person surveys.

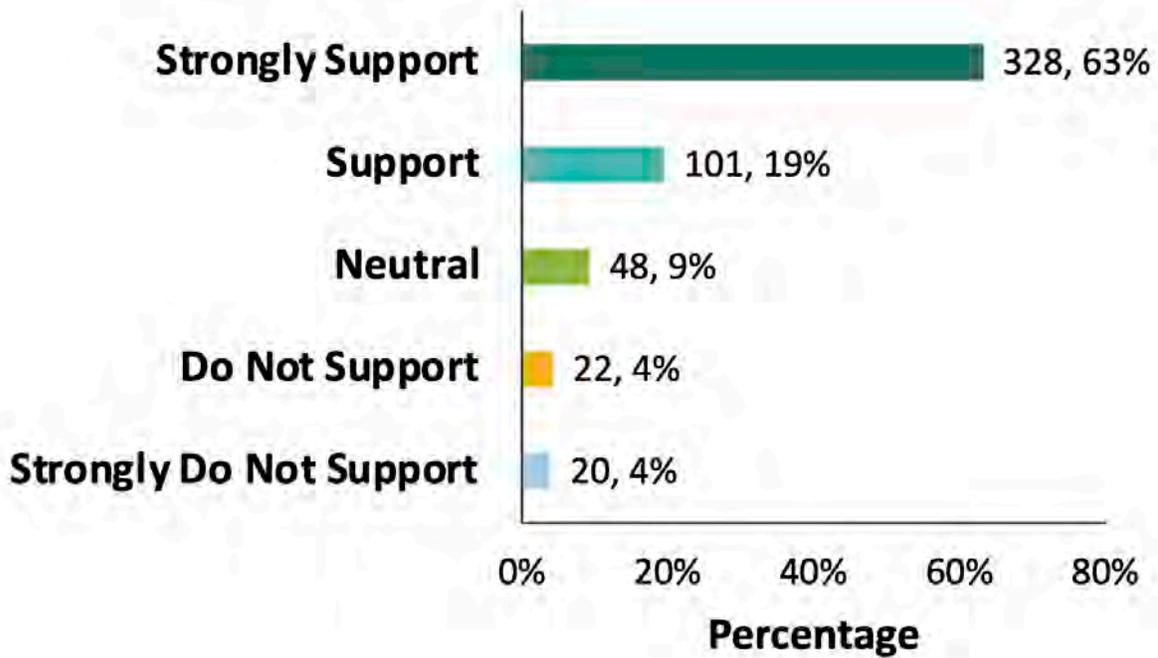
Open survey responses commonly included multiple themes within one response. Therefore, listed percentages do not equal 100%.



Question 1

Total Responses: 519
Total Skipped: 0

Indicate your level of support for closing certain areas to protect critical wildlife habitat and agricultural operations.



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Support	63%	328
Support	19%	101
Neutral	9%	48
Do Not Support	4%	22
Strongly Do Not Support	4%	20
Total Respondents: 519		



Question 2

Total Responses: 231
Total Skipped: 279

Please tell us any other comments related to the conservation of the site.

When asked for feedback related to the conservation of the site, the majority of respondents identified preservation as a high priority. Other significant themes included respondents' opinions on appropriate public access to the site, feedback on agriculture, site management and education, desired amenities, and feedback on the survey question itself. Nine responses to the question were unrelated to the subject matter.

Environmental Integrity and Conservation

45% of respondents identified conservation as the most important priority, including a strong commitment to protecting wildlife and habitats. Those responses emphasized the need to prioritize conservation efforts and limit human activities that could harm local ecosystems.

Eight respondents stressed the need to control invasive species, such as New Zealand mud snails, to preserve native plants, insects, and wildlife. 6% of respondents also raised the preservation of the riparian corridor as a priority for the space.

Public Access

21% of respondents expressed opinions related to public access. Overall, those respondents agreed about limiting public access to certain areas, especially those designated as critical wildlife habitat. 11% of respondents emphasized the importance of providing recreational opportunities while maintaining conservation. Those respondents suggested careful planning to ensure that human activities are compatible with wildlife protection.

Five respondents expressed concerns about the potential impact of increased use, traffic, and pollution in the area. Some of those respondents raised concerns over dog impacts on conservation, such as off-leash dogs disturbing wildlife and leaving waste behind. Those respondents advocated for stricter regulations on dogs in conservation areas.

Agricultural Use

10% of respondents mentioned agriculture in their feedback. Seven respondents expressed support for agricultural practices if they were to be conducted sustainably, organically, and without pesticides, 16 respondents reported they would not support closures of the space if they were related to agriculture. Respondents expressed concerns about the potential negative impacts of agricultural operations on the environment.

Management of Site

5% of respondents said they thought it was important to consult with wildlife biologists and other experts in the planning and management of conservation areas, including BCPOS resource staff such as wildlife biologists and plant ecologists. Five respondents within this theme expressed hope that Indigenous authorities will be involved in guiding and utilizing the open space.

Recreational Amenities

14% of responses suggested recreational amenities such as trails, horse riding, bird blinds, and wildlife viewing areas. Respondents also mention specific activities like tubing, fishing, and canoeing.

Survey Feedback

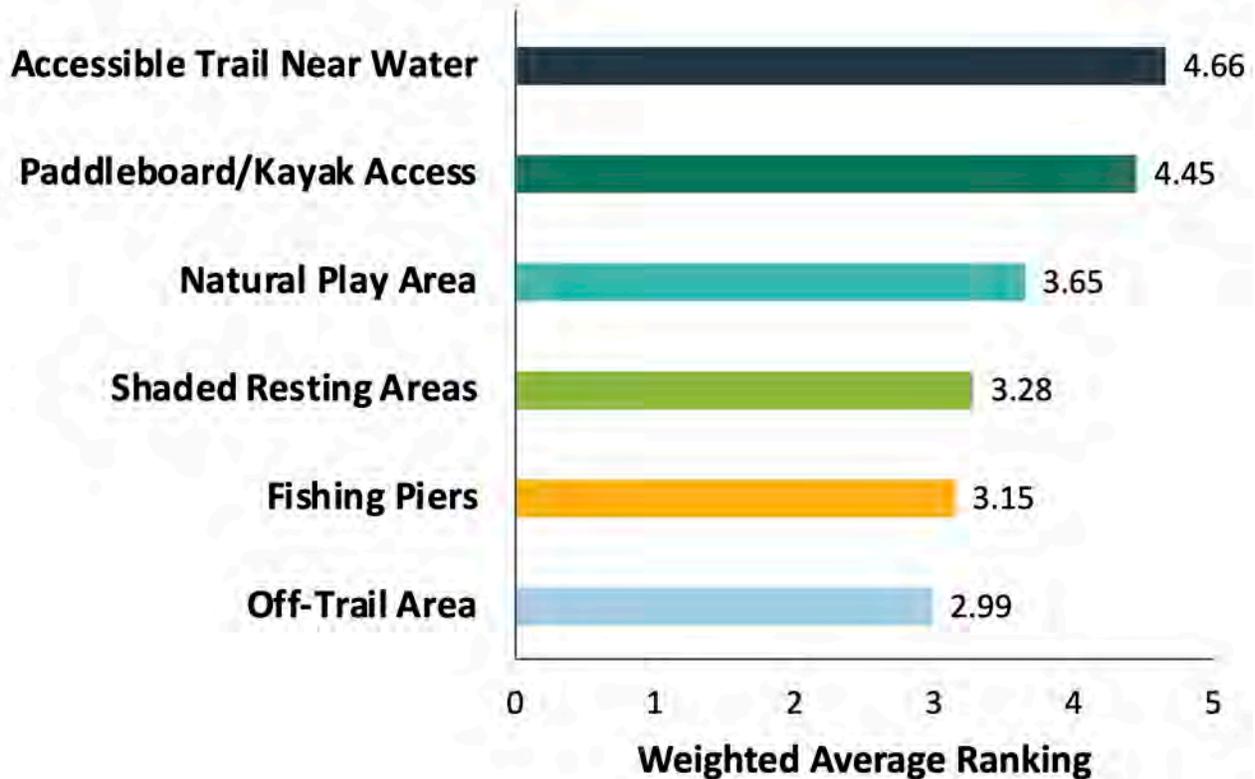
Six responses to Question 2 concerned the survey itself. These were as follows:

- You need to define what you consider as critical. I do not consider Prairie Dogs as wildlife or critical.
- What areas would you conserve? This is way too little info to actually make an informed decision. Why would you close them? What habitat is there?
- Need more information on how the county scores and determines “Critical Wildlife Habitat.”
- It depends which areas for what type of conservation and how that will affect access through the site.
- I am neutral until more information is provided about how much area will be set aside.
- How are agricultural operations part of a question about protecting critical habitat? I am not against agriculture, but it is a perplexing question.

Question 3: Online Survey

Total Responses: 446
Total Skipped: 0

Rank the following features in order of importance.



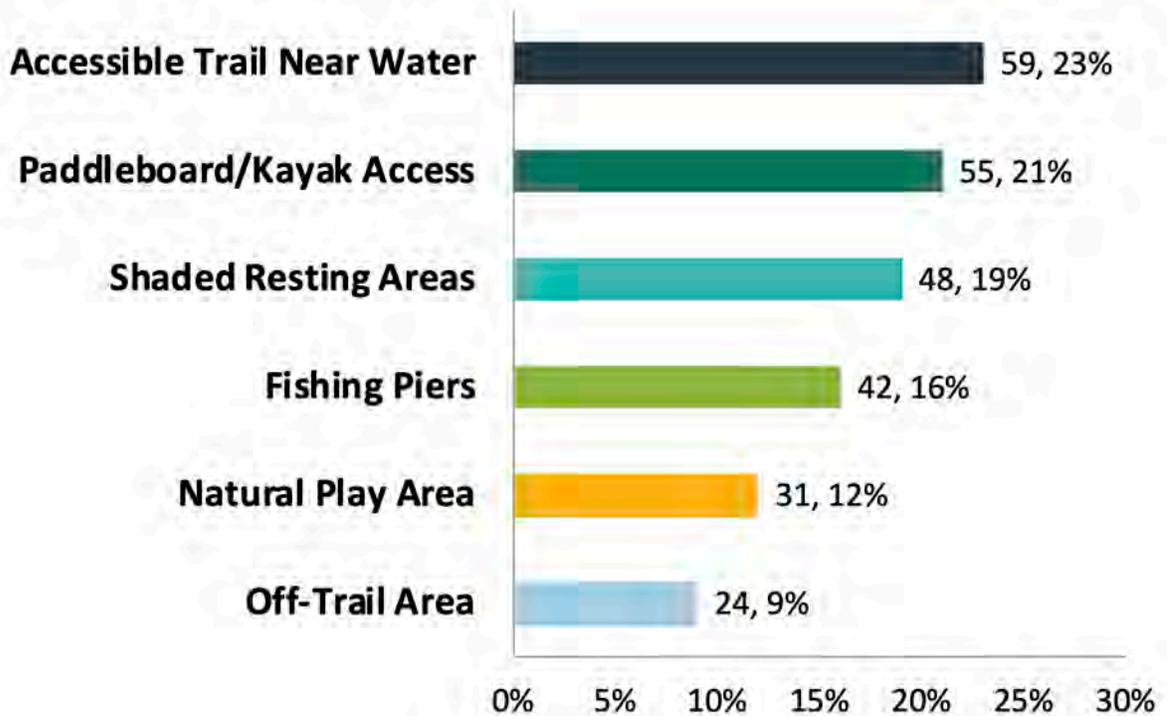
In the survey, online participants were requested to prioritize each activity by assigning a numerical ranking. Here, respondents were instructed to assign a ranking between 1 and 6, with 1 signifying highest priority and 6 signifying lowest priority.

The above graph represents the weighted averages of the responses, with 0 signifying lowest priority and 5 signifying highest priority.

Question 3: In-Person Survey

Total Responses: 259
Total Skipped: 0

Place your three dots next to the top features that you would like to see at EBC.
Cumulative Responses from the Community Events



In-person participants were given multiple stickers to denote which activities they preferred. These stickers were not ranked by priority.

Question 4

Total Responses: 198
Total Skipped: 292

Please share any other comments related to outdoor experiences and recreation.

Eight major themes emerged from the 198 responses to Question 4: environmental integrity and conservation; recreational activities and preferences; infrastructure, development, and amenities; and accessibility, connectivity, and traffic. 7% of comments were unrelated to the question.

Recreational Activities and Preferences

40% of responses to the survey concerned recreational activities. As a whole, survey takers identified hiking, biking, and trail walking as desired recreational activities for the site. However, a few respondents expressed attitudes against development related to recreation or added amenities. 13 people wanted to ban all bikes or restrict them to certain areas, and 11 respondents were in favor of bikes, biking trails, or e-bikes, including multiple respondents who wanted bike paths that connect to other Boulder County trails.

17 respondents were pro water access, including fishing, boating, accessible wading areas, and paddleboarding. However, 11 respondents stated that they supported strictly limiting or banning water access altogether in interest of conservation of the open space. They specified their concerns as conservation of native grasses, riparian habitats, and wild bird nesting sites.

Environmental Integrity and Conservation

26% of respondents to this question wanted to prioritize conservation and environmental integrity over recreation and development.

Respondents who were concerned with environmental impact stated that recreation options should be limited. These respondents were concerned with the conservation of native grasses, riparian habitats, and wild bird nesting sites. These respondents were focused on the preservation of habitats and natural resources of the open space, especially near the water.

Infrastructure, Development, and Amenities

17% of survey takers who answered Question 4 favor development with the least impact on the site, listing places for wildlife viewing or nature enjoyment as a preferred form of infrastructure. Generally, respondents were focused on what the impact of adding more amenities may be on the wildlife and habitats in the area.

Survey takers were split on the inclusion of play areas. 11 respondents advocated for a more natural play area, and 10 respondents were generally against the development of play areas or placed low priority on it.

Accessibility, Connectivity, and Traffic

16% of comments about outdoor experiences and recreation were focused on accessibility and traffic concerns. Several survey takers said they'd want any new trails to be connected to existing Boulder County trail systems. These respondents pointed out that connections to other trail systems could lower car use and have a positive impact on traffic in the surrounding area.

Pet Policy and Management

7% of survey takers who answered Question 4 weighed in on pet policy.

Sentiments about dogs were mixed among respondents. There was a 50/50 split among survey takers regarding the inclusion of dogs, with some mentioning a strict leash policy is preferred and others advocating for an off-leash dog area with access to water.

Safety, Management, and Maintenance

6% of comments related to safety and maintenance.

Six respondents were concerned about safety in the area, particularly with surrounding roads and visibility. Four respondents said they were concerned about dangers posed by bicyclists and the degradation of natural areas from human access.

Peace, Tranquility, and User Experience

5% of feedback related to the peace and tranquility of the site. Two survey takers said they thought the space didn't need anything else and one respondent advocated for a meditation area.

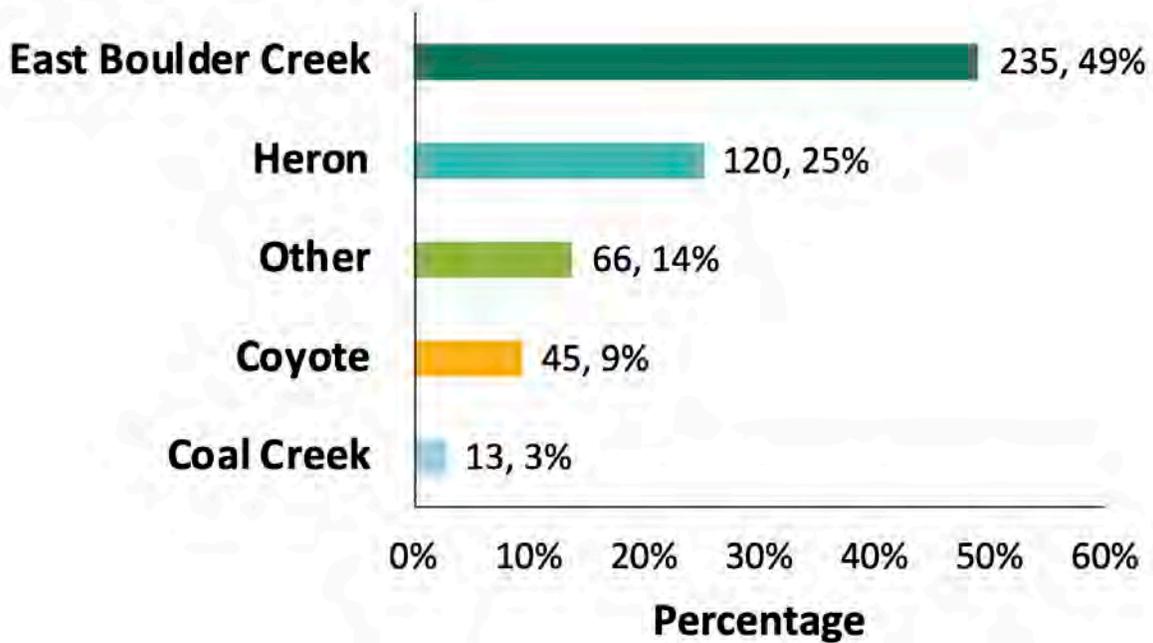
Education, Awareness, and Interpretation

3% of comments said they'd like to see more educational signs or activities on the site.

Question 5

Total Responses: 479
Total Skipped: 24

What feature should be used in the future site name?



The examples provided below are alternative names proposed during the public engagement period.

- Jerosa Ranch Open Space
- Prairie Grove
- Great Blue Heron
- Meadowlark
- Mountain View Park

Question 6

Total Responses: 158
Total Skipped: 288

Is there any other feedback you would like us to consider?

Within Question 6, several major themes emerged. Overall, participants were primarily concerned with environmental conservation, recreation, and access issues. Respondents had additional feedback on the naming of the site, ideas on public engagement in the proposed space, and future infrastructure and planning. Four comments were focused on the survey itself and 11 responses, or 10%, were unrelated to the site.

Environmental Integrity and Conservation

32% of respondents to Question 6 discussed the importance of conservation, or called for general limitations on human impacts. Specific feedback concerned the conservation of certain species, including coyotes, herons, and prairie dogs. Other suggestions include using evidence-based approaches to manage the space, like utilizing wildlife surveys, the expertise of ecologists and biologists, and referencing the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan.

Recreation and Access

28% of responses to Question 6 concerned recreational activities or access. Roughly 10 respondents requested different forms of recreation on the site, including birding, fishing, and equestrian access. Multiple respondents raised water access as a key issue at the site. Four respondents were in favor of open water access and including fishing and water recreation, and Six respondents specified they believed water and fishing access would negatively impact wildlife and ecosystems.

Several respondents also raised awareness of potential accessibility issues of the site and trails, and requested that management of the site take disability into account during design.

Survey takers were divided over multi-use trails, with multiple respondents expressing concerns over the impact of equestrian activities, e-bikes, and bike trails.

Two respondents wanted specialized programs like a “nature detective” initiative.

Site Planning and Infrastructure

18% of the comments for this question provided input on infrastructure and planning for the site. These include requests for access points to the site, trails, and paths for recreational activities. Multiple respondents said that connecting any new trails to the existing network of trails in Boulder County was important to them. Other respondents requested amenities like public restrooms, water, and accessible parking lots.

Nine respondents to Question 6 said they wanted connections to other trail networks, walking trails, and infrastructure like boardwalks. Four respondents emphasized the need for diverse access to the site, including access in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act, or designated fishing and equestrian areas with parking and water.

Name Suggestions of Site

9% of responses were about the future name of the site. Multiple respondents expressed concerns with the name Coal Creek, stating the name may confuse visitors because other locations in Boulder have the same name. Other survey takers said they wanted the site to be named after natural features or resident animals like herons or coyotes. Several respondents also requested exercising cultural sensitivity when naming the site, including involving local indigenous expertise and choosing names that represent diversity.

Public Engagement

2% of responses requested the involvement of Arapaho tribal members and other local indigenous representatives in the management of the site. Some suggestions for this include signs written in Arapaho and providing historical context to how the land was previously used.

Survey Feedback

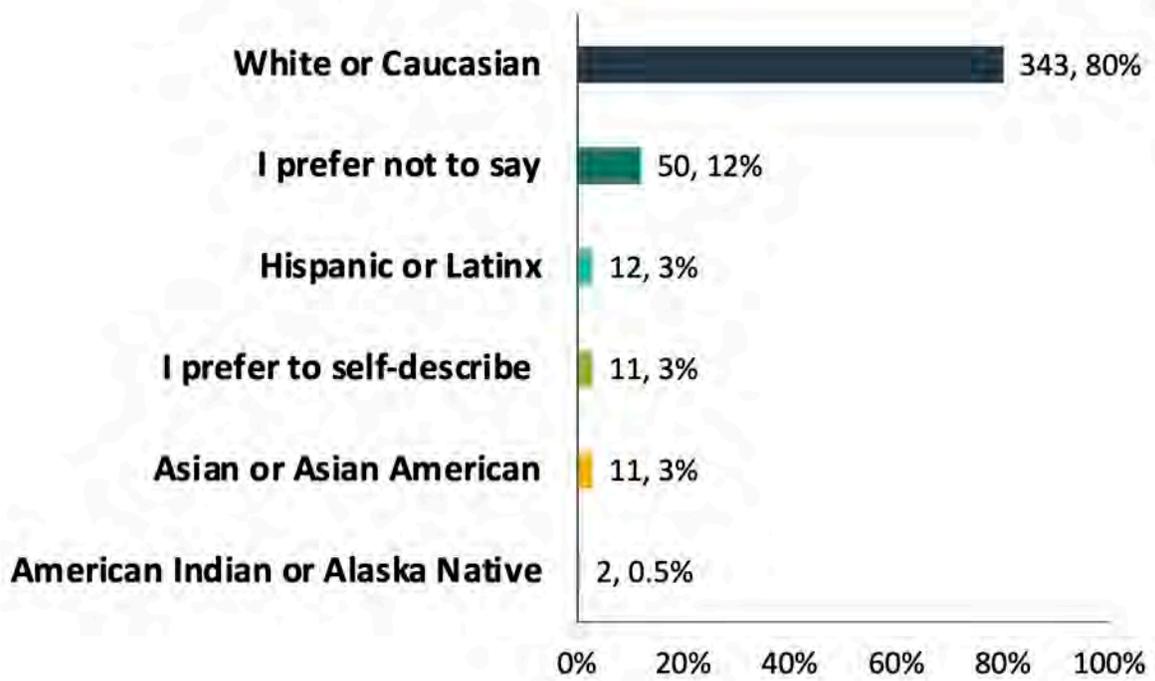
Four responses to Question 6 concerned the survey itself. These were as follows:

- “Your resident question is missing Weld County-town of Erie.”
- “Is this survey available in Spanish? Please make sure that people who speak Spanish as their first language/primary language can access this too.”
- “I was not clear on what an ‘off-trail area’ meant.”
- “I had issues with rankings as only two choices were available for picking- as a result my order of importance does not reflect my wishes.”

Question 7

Total Responses: 429
Total Skipped: 17

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

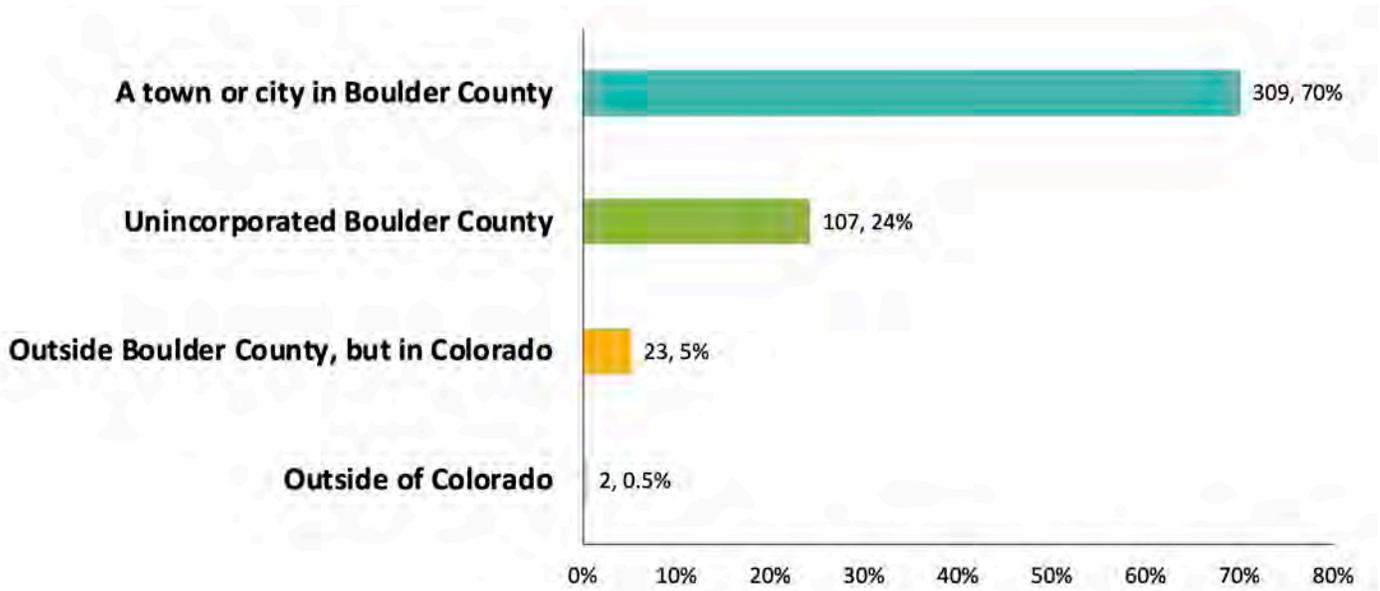


Answer Choices	Responses	
White or Caucasian	80%	343
I prefer not to answer	12%	50
Hispanic or Latinx	3%	12
Asian or Asian American	3%	11
I prefer to self describe	3%	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	2
Total Respondents: 429		

Question 8

Total Responses: 441
Total Skipped: 5

Where do you live?



Answer Choices	Responses	
A town or city in Boulder County	70%	309
Unincorporated Boulder County	24%	107
Outside Boulder County, but in Colorado	5%	23
Outside of Colorado	0.5%	2
Total Respondents: 441		



East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan

Community Survey 2 Results

Appendix I: Survey 2 Responses

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East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan Survey Questions

Please be sure you watch the East Boulder Creek video before taking the survey.

Thank you for sharing your feedback!

1. Indicate your level of support for closing certain areas to protect critical wildlife habitat and agricultural operations.

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Neutral
- Do Not Support
- Strongly Do Not Support

2. Please tell us any other comments related to the conservation of the site.

3. Rank the following features in order of importance.

- Accessible Trail Near Water
- Fishing Piers
- Natural Play Area
- Off-Trail Area
- Paddleboard/Kayak Access
- Shaded Resting Areas

4. Please share any other comments related to outdoor experiences and recreation.

5. What feature should be used in the future site name?

- Heron
- Coyote
- East Boulder Creek
- Coal Creek
- Other (must be inspired by a natural feature)

6. Is there any other feedback you would like us to consider?

7. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

- White or Caucasian
- Hispanic or Latinx
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- I prefer not to answer
- I prefer to self-describe (please specify)

8. Where do you live?

- Unincorporated Boulder County
- A town or city in Boulder County
- Outside Boulder County but in Colorado
- Outside of Colorado

Question 2 Long Answers

Please tell us any other comments related to the conservation of the site.

Strongly support wildlife habitat and current agricultural uses. Do not develop this area

Conservation should be the first priority, Then develop limited wildlife and outdoor public access opportunities with wildlife in mind.

As our local populations continue to rise and more and more land is being developed for housing, these riparian areas are going to be increasingly more important conservation areas and critical wildlife habitat.

The stream and riparian corridors of the front range are largely paralleled by trails or impacted by development. Additional access along Boulder Creek is not necessary and repetitious to many other opportunities in the area. Human use should be focused away from creek and surrounding areas and the floodplain and creek restored to natural habitat/floodplain conditions and protected from human use

I am more in support of protecting critical wildlife habitat than I am supporting agricultural operations.

Don't spray East Boulder Creek Site with toxic chemicals. Prescribed burns, targeted goat grazing, targeted grazing windows for cows, and weed removal volunteer groups are successful ecologically sound ecosystem health restoration techniques that build soil microbiome health instead of destroying soil health with pesticides. A healthy soil is our best option to retain water and sequester carbon in order to address the climate crisis.

Leave this area alone! If the county truly cares about conservation of this site, it would not be developed.

In order to protect habitat, we need to minimize human encroachment, such as trails and parks and recreation activities

These comments are from the Boulder County Audubon Society (BCAS). BCAS's mission is to be "a voice for birds and wildlife conservation through habitat protection, advocacy, and nature education." We consider it of the utmost importance to prioritize protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitats when determining how and where human access will be allowed at the EBC site. Because the EBC site has experienced limited human access, this special area presents an opportunity to continue to protect and restore native prairie, riparian corridors, and other important habitats, while allowing for some human uses. Species diversity is quite high on portions of the area, particularly Kenosha Wetlands and along Coal Creek. To maintain this diversity of over 140 bird species and a variety of native mammals, amphibians, and other organisms observed on the site, we strongly believe that human access needs to be carefully planned and controlled. This includes consideration of seasons of use by wildlife - for example, some bird species nest in the area, while for others the site provides valuable migration or wintering habitat. Species and habitats that deserve priority in management planning for EBC include: The three Critical Wildlife Habitats in the area designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Resource Element (ERE) - Kenosha Wetlands, Kenosha Heronry, and Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area. Additional ERE designations in the area including the East County:

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

Plains Environmental Conservation Area, Riparian Habitat Connector, and Potential Restoration, Contiguous area for the Federally threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse (PMJM). This potential restoration area is a necessary part of a longer recovery section of Boulder Creek if it is selected for restoration as part of the recovery process for PMJM. Buffer areas for raptor nests and the Great Blue Heron heronry, as recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Ongoing monitoring and periodic changes will be needed, to accommodate changing locations of raptor nests and heronries. State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species. Species of Special Concern listed in the ERE. Some of these species, such as the northern harrier, occur or nest in so few sites in the county that the loss or compromise of even one site could affect their survival in the county. Stream, riparian, wetland, and upland prairie habitats

Conservation should be central for the already designated environmental resource elements here. Critical prairie and riparian areas support nesting of raptors and herons, Preble's meadow jumping mouse, and many species of birds and animals. Protect the riparian corridor and keep people, cows, horses and dogs out of it!

This site is difficult to fit into many of the Boulder County standards and recommendations for preservation of natural lands of critical importance because it has been used for mining, gas wells, and agriculture. However, some of the areas have been restored and more will be. If the restoration is done to restore wildlife and native plants to this area (or plants that will survive in a warming climate), then this area will provide an excellent natural area in eastern Boulder County. It seems this should be the most important use of this land. The water in the area, the two creeks merging here, make this a unique habitat in eastern Boulder County. There are

few areas in the eastern part of the County that are fit Standard 1 in the Environmental Resources section of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan: "1. Conserve & Preserve. Boulder County shall conserve and preserve environmental resources including its unique or distinctive natural features, biodiversity, and ecosystems through protection and restoration in recognition of the irreplaceable character of such resources and their importance to the quality of life in Boulder County." (p CG-4 in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan). I believe this to be the best use of this land. Restoration of the land does not mean people must stay out of it completely, but it does mean that activities should be ones that lead to appreciation of the natural landscape, vegetation, and wildlife.

Our wildlife are dwindling from destruction of habitat and encroachment from human (and dog) activities. They need priority and protection from added development and disturbance.

I find this question odd - for one thing combining CWH and Ag into one question doesn't make sense to me. Also, CWH is only one type of important Comp Plan ERE habitat designations at the site, AND the term Critical Wildlife Habitat is also an official designation under the Endangered Species Act, another potential point of confusion. Additionally, it is not made clear how much of the ag this question is asking about is cattle grazing vs. crops. In general I am in favor of conserving local cropland, and limiting cattle grazing to where it can be managed to maintain or enhance native grasslands and avoid harm to riparian and wetland habitats. Important habitats and species that I would like to see protected from human access and cattle grazing, and restored and/or enhanced where possible include: * Three Critical Wildlife Habitats in the area designated in the ERE - Kenosha Wetlands, Kenosha Heronry, and Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area. * Additional ERE designations in the area

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

- East County: Plains Environmental Conservation Area, Riparian Habitat Connector, and potential contiguous restoration area for Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a Federally listed threatened species
* Buffer areas for raptor nests and the Great Blue Heron heronry, as recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife
* Animal and plant Species of Special Concern designated in the ERE, which includes state or Federally listed T&E species
* Stream, riparian, and wetland habitats along both East Boulder Creek and Coal Creek, and upland prairie habitats
* Prairie dogs, for their keystone species role and as prey for multiple raptor species in the area

keep establishing open space within walking, biking distance from human housing, including pocket parks, wetlands, places to walk dogs, playgrounds, and bigger nature preserves

Critical wildlife habitat

The very last thing we need in Boulder County is more recreation areas at the cost of protecting wildlife. With the Climate crisis we are already experiencing, every bit of additional land, especially riparian areas, should be protected. Dogs should not be allowed; if allowed, they should be on leash and that should be strictly enforced.

I used to conduct waterfowl monitoring for BCPOS at the Kenosha site. It is a spectacular place for wildlife. It shouldn't be treated just as another recreation site. Wildlife and habitat conservation should be the first priority.

Limit and strictly control access to water and riparian habitats, to avoid impacts to areas with the greatest wildlife and habitat values, such as Kenosha Wetlands. This includes leaving contiguous riparian corridors for bird nesting and movement of mammals and other wildlife.

I think the majority of the area should be closed to protect species. There should be very few places people can go with off-leash dogs.

Enough of OSMP land has been treated as defacto wilderness area. It is enough.

Let's keep the space for outdoor recreation - humans will increasingly need this in the future to maintain mental health.

I strongly support the Southern Arapaho & Cheyenne Tribes returning to their homeland as co-stewards of the land and to restore grasslands and buffalo to the Boulder Valley.

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What areas would you conserve. This is way too little info to actually make an informed decision. Why would you close them? What habitat is there?

Aquatic and terrestrial invasive species are a high risk. Please close all areas with native species to prevent infestations and preserve remaining native plants, insects, vertebrates, etc. Upstream, OSMP has allowed infestations of New Zealand mudsnails and many Colo A and B listed invasives. Everything possible should be done to prevent movement of these invasives into this area.

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

Please prioritize the protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitat. Provide buffer areas for bird and raptor nests and for wildlife corridors. Do ongoing plant and animal surveys to assess when to adjust management plans. Agricultural operations should only be allowed if they are organic and any animal runoff or grazing will not negatively affect waterways, wetlands, wildlife, and plants. Restrict trails and other infrastructure and human access to areas with the least wildlife impacts. Consider trails through agricultural areas, which would still provide views of the mountains. Leave the provision of urban, park-like amenities such as playgrounds to local towns and cities like Erie, which lists 13 parks on their website that provide playgrounds, sports fields, and many other amenities.

Protecting critical wildlife habitats is important to our local ecosystems, while also allowing our children the opportunity to see how natural environments thrive and experience nature the way it is intended.

Prefer closing off a large percentage for wildlife protection.

yes for wildlife, no for Agriculture.

Previous site surveys have already documented an impressive variety of wildlife at the site, including migrating & breeding birds/raptors, mammals, and amphibians. Protecting them and their supporting habitats should be paramount. With guidance from experts such as biologists, we should be supporting and preserving biodiversity, especially in open space areas like this, where we have a chance to keep what's already there, rather than struggling to restore what's lost.

This is a prime area for stream corridor and grassland restoration for wildlife. The site ERE notes presence of 3 Critical Wildlife Habitats, an Environmental Conservation Area, importance of the area as a riparian habitat connector, including being a potential site for recovery of the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse, and presence of several raptor nesting sites and a Great Blue Heron rookery with their respective buffer zones. Many other birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles have been documented to use this area, including some species, plant and animal, of special concern. I strongly support the recommendations of the comprehensive Management Plan done in 1998 that emphasized stream restoration, riparian and grassland revegetation, restriction of cattle access in the streams, and use of fencing for targeted grazing to facilitate native grassland recovery. To meet the Comp Plan goals of conserving and protecting ecosystem health while allowing for recreation, trail access should be very carefully planned to protect wildlife stream corridors, wetlands, nesting sites, and other sensitive areas, with very limited stream access in selected spots only as advised by professional staff. Dogs should be on leash only and all recreation should be passive and minimally intrusive to wildlife. Please consult with the county's wildlife biologists and botanists in planning trails and other recreational activities, including updating plant and animal surveys as needed. The presence of prairie dogs, a keystone species and major source of prey for raptors and other animals, should be protected.

It's too hard to control when people bring dogs to an area.

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

Wildlife habitat is decreasing all along the Front Range of Colorado, which is affecting the number of wildlife. Boulder County has always been at the forefront of protecting such habitat. Because other counties aren't as progressive or as concerned about wildlife, I believe Boulder County is in a good position to make sure we protect as much wildlife habitat as possible.

Areas should be closed to the public for nesting birds or migration paths.

Closing some acreage to protect critical wildlife habitat is OK. Closing some acreage for agricultural operations I do not support.

I think the protection of critical wildlife habitat should be a top priority above anything else for this site. I hope you'll incorporate recommendations and concerns from BCPOS resource staff including wildlife biologists and plant ecologists.

I love the inclusion of wheel chair accessibility, kayaking, fishing. I would not like play ground equipment or baseball fields. I imagine and support this to be a quiet and meditative area for people to enjoy in their way.

Wildlife habitat, yes, definitely; agricultural operations less so. Agricultural closures should be time limited and less than 6-8 weeks per year.

Hoping that Indigenous people from Tribes will help to guide, direct, utilize, and staff this new park.

The County must work to limit recreational and private airplane traffic that use East Boulder County as a playground. Currently, that highly subsidized, highly polluting activity is growing without bounds.

I fully support closing for critical wildlife habitat, however, I believe that any agricultural operations need to be organic and/or have no negative impact regarding fertilizer/pesticide runoff, or taking water and native food from wildlife.

most important to protect critical wildlife habitat - there is so little that remains....

Support the concept but should also provide access for the miles of trails and connection to BERT

I strongly agree with the items noted in the letter submitted by the Boulder County Audubon Board - prioritize protection of wetlands, riparian habitat, and native prairie habitats and plants. these resources are rapidly dwindling along the front range and are critical for birds and other wildlife. Similar to Coot Lake or Lagerman Reservoir; human access is limited in certain areas during bird nesting seasons. That restriction should also be applied in East Boulder Creek areas.

I choose "strongly support" protecting critical wildlife habitat. I feel this is absolutely critical. I feel less strongly about protecting agriculture, however I do know that non-human species need more spaces to avoid people. There are already plenty of other trails and parks in Boulder County where humans can go for recreation.

I'm ok with closing areas as long as closures are balanced with human needs - there aren't large open space areas like this in east boulder county and I hope those opportunities are emphasized.

Critical Wildlife Habitats in the area designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Resource Element (ERE) - Kenosha Wetlands, Kenosha Heronry, and Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

to conserve and protect species and vegetation. Restrict trails from human access to minimize spread of invasive species and destruction by mammals.

Most interested in conservation of habitat

Any and all changes should prioritize protecting the watershed.

I strongly support banning dogs from the site as the issues with dog waste, chasing animals, and conflicts are well known. Follow the lead of Button Rock. There are way too few dog free natural areas in Boulder County.

I'd like to see some of the area farmed as it has been for the last few decades and protect the heron rookery

Don't turn wilderness into a zoo experience.

Balance recreational use with habitat conservation... the less structural building the better

Agricultural operations should be eliminated from open space.

All I can think about is the amount of homeless we have in our parks right now.

In an ideal setting wildlife protection & community enjoyment would go hand in hand. If the conservation areas can be viewed by the public from a distance it would add to the experience to have them?

I'm not thrilled about closing areas for ag ops. For wildlife habitat, I would prefer limiting use so human use is compatible with wildlife, if possible (eg: no dogs, or seasonal closures)

protect critical wildlife habitat not agricultural operations

It is hard to protect after something is destroyed.

I've spent a lot of time with my family in these areas already. Its ripe for a park.

Would be nice to try and manage Coyotes. They are going after dogs on Phillips rd

No dogs on the property! Also no bikes, walking only. Like Button Rock is managed.

I'm all in favor of conservation, but I feel like the County is taking a horrible misstep by starting off a survey with "what should we close to the public." Come on, it's a riparian area, of course we need to manage for wildlife and plant conservation. However, I believe we have too many "closed spaces" in Boulder County. We need Open Spaces to be OPEN! Please take this opportunity to turn over a new leaf.

This is a unique part of Boulder County which has been preserved for wildlife. We need to continue to protect this environment and the nature we love

Protect raptor and songbirds and their nests; protect mammals such as coyotes; try to reduce the noxious weeds and install native plants

I am an avid sportsman and fully support closing areas to protect wildlife.

Conservation should always be the highest priority.

Accessibility and respect to nature are what makes living out here so beautiful.

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

How are agricultural operations part of a question about protecting critical habitat? I am not against agriculture but it is a perplexing question.

This is a unique opportunity to give nature a chance to reclaim an important area

We are loving our open space to death, and I support empowering the scientific staff to designate zones of high environmental priority and limit access to people and pets.

I support closing areas for wildlife habitat, but not for ag operations. I've recently had experience with one of your tenants leasing ag. space, as well as private property adjacent to my acreage, and he is NOT a good steward of the land. If that's the kind of person you guys are picking, then let's leave off the ag. component of this new property.

Important to allow wildlife to live in peace. and to stop all fishing. Catch and release traumatizes the fish. Just because the fisherman doesn't feel the fishes pain and shock, doesn't mean the fish isn't hurt. Leave the fish for the turtles and birds.

we need to protect agricultural operations and this should be the main purpose of this property

Agriculture is a private, commercial activity, and a park is recreational and educational -- mutually exclusive. And excluding people from area removes that benefit completely. The benefit to delicate habitat or endangered species would have to be significant.

Protecting the birds and wildlife is of paramount importance to us. We don't need access to all of it - just to know it's there. Please, please limit dogs to only the least sensitive trails. It doesn't matter

what you do, people do not keep them leashed and enforcement is impossible. Same with bikes - have some areas just for pedestrians or at least a speed limit. Coal Creek has become like a speedway, making it very difficult to just enjoy the birds.

The wilder, the better.

No farm/agricultural, just wildlife habitat.

We are in the middle of a MASS EXTINCTION event we need to be doing everything we can to support wildlife and natural environments.

There is not enough open space for all the millions of people who want to play in Boulder County. If you want to conserve open space for wildlife, then prohibit ebikes (motorized - yes, an ebike has a motor - duh) on ALL openspace properties.

Close areas to protect critical wildlife habitat - Strongly support. Close areas to agricultural operations - would need to know more

not for agriculture, only wildlife habitat

Support more for habitat than ag.

I fervently hope the efforts of the state legislature to destroy our ability to manage growth will not also result in the destruction of our open space and wildlife habitats. I've never seen such a willful ignorance and blatant disregard than HB 23-1255 and SB 213. I expect city leaders to do EVERYTHING POSSIBLE to thwart this legislation and save our community from greedy developers and politicians!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

It depends which areas for what type of conservation and how that will affect access through the site.

Habitat preservation should be the top priority. While some access is a good idea, public use should have minimal impact on the habitat.

I value maintaining the Critical Wildlife Habitat areas. I fully support the dedication of this area for recreation as long as there is a responsible effort to maintain the Critical Wildlife Habitat as well. Serving as a keystone species, the prairie dogs serve as a functional and literal symbol of our local ecosystem, so I specifically value conservation of their habitat via area closures, leash restrictions, and limiting off-trail recreation to areas that are deemed non-critical for their prosperity. I also value contiguous access to the creeks and nearby habitats. Full access up and downstream is crucial for the well-being of the wildlife population. Riparian habitats play a key role in maintaining a healthy and biodiverse population along the Front Range.

Preserve threatened rare habitats while still available

Restrict trails and other infrastructure and human access to areas with the least wildlife impacts. Consider trails through agricultural areas, which would still provide views of the mountains. And no Dogs! Dogs harass wildlife and their humans leave poop bags behind.

Let's concentrate recreation where it does the least harm, and protect the areas that have the highest potential for wildlife refugia (so no recreation whatever there, and discouragement of social trails).

There is so much development in East County that it is imperative to have some areas remain natural and away from the public.

I would like the top priority of this project be to protect wildlife.

Habitat loss is a prime factor in the decline of many species of wildlife (birds, mammals, insects, etc.) so the more we preserve the better.

Hopefully there will be a trail system that allows access to the whole riparian area.

Restrict trails and human access to the areas that will have the least impact on critical wildlife habitat.

Leave it as wild as it is now.

particularly closing during sensitive times; please limit agriculture impacts by non-pesticide & herbicide use, non-GMO crops & limiting ag activities during sensitive wildlife times

Wetlands and riparian areas should not be developed.

Boulder County already has a large number of people/wildlife/natural environment interactive spaces. What it needs is enhanced protection of critical wildlife habitat where possible and EBC is a key area for such designation. Our lands and wildlife are already so impacted in so many unsustainable ways that supporting protective corridors where possible is an opportunity not to be missed. We owe it to the wildlife and to ourselves to set aside certain areas of minimal interruption where wildlife can thrive and have respite from all of the other stressors imposed on them by human activity.

1. Prioritize protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitats when determining how and where human access will be allowed. Species and habitats that deserve priority include: Three Critical Wildlife Habitats in the area designated in the

Question Long Answers (cont.)

Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Resource Element (ERE) - Kenosha Wetlands, Kenosha Heronry, and Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area Additional ERE designations in the area include the East County: Plains Environmental Conservation Area, Riparian Habitat Connector, and potential contiguous restoration area for Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a Federally listed threatened species Buffer areas for raptor nests and the Great Blue Heron heronry, as recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species Animal and plant Species of Special Concern also included in the ERE Stream, riparian, wetland, and upland prairie habitats

2. Incorporate recommendations and concerns from BCPOS resource staff including wildlife biologists and plant ecologists.

3. Conduct additional plant and/or animal surveys as determined to be needed by resource staff, including ongoing monitoring and management changes as needed to reduce or eliminate impacts to wildlife and habitats.

4. Limit and strictly control access to water and riparian habitats, to avoid impacts to areas with the greatest wildlife and habitat values, such as Kenosha Wetlands. This includes leaving contiguous riparian corridors for bird nesting and movement of mammals and other wildlife.

5. Restrict trails and other infrastructure and human access to areas with the least wildlife impacts. Consider trails through agricultural areas, which would still provide views of the mountains.

6. Limit human access and disturbance to specific areas in order to minimize introduction and spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species. For example, New Zealand mudsnails occur upstream in Boulder Creek and are very easily spread by clinging to boots, watercraft, and dogs.

7. Eliminate grazing from riparian habitats, streams, ponds, and wetlands.

8. Continue to provide for prairie dogs on the site, as

an important food source for bald eagles and other birds of prey nesting and wintering in the area.

9. If dogs are allowed, strictly limit them to specific areas where wildlife impacts would be minimized and require them to be leashed.

10. Leave the provision of urban, park-like amenities such as playgrounds to local towns and cities. The closest town to the site, Erie, lists thirteen parks on their website that provide playgrounds, sports fields, and many other amenities.

11. Incorporate, where still applicable, project objectives, management recommendations, and survey data from the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan. Include updated information such as any changes in use of the area, changes from the 2013 flood, and updated plant and animal surveys.

While I am in favor of some off-trail access, it is critical that we protect the habitat as a higher priority

For the sake of the wildlife please do not allow dogs throughout this corridor . Might be hard to police though.

I wasn't aware they were open in the first place. I've never seen people over there.

I would like to see native plant/grass restoration on part of the site, with interpretive signs about the prairie ecosystem. Much of our interpretive signage in county parks is slanted heavily towards wildlife rather than plant life. But of course, they are interwoven!

Love the idea of building a new recreation site and understand that some of the available property might need to have limited/no access to ensure the development does not impact critical wildlife areas.

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

Protect the natural environment primarily, while giving public access to water areas for fishing and paddle boards/kayaks.

The wildlife corridor along Boulder Creek is robust and beautiful. It is critical to preserve it and not disturb the species that use it to live, breed and survive. Adequate thought must be put in as to access, where, how much and when to protect what we have.

You need to define what you consider as critical . I do not consider Prarie Dogs as wild life or critical.

The west side of 287 is home to bald eagles, red-tail hawks, Colorado pelicans, great blue Herons, egrets, a variety of ducks, cormorants, Canadian Geese, and occasionally coyotes. The water fowl vary from season to season

There are sensitive wildlife areas and valuable wetland habitats that support waterbirds. There is a heronry on site that needs, at a minimum, a seasonal closure to human activities.

The area west of 287, just south of Dawson school has a lot of wildlife including a bald eagle nest. It is imperative that this area be protected and closed to human traffic.

Please keep conservation and open space with limited access the priority

For critical wildlife habitat, not for agricultural operations....

The area west of 287 is fragile and should not invite significant activity. That parcel includes a bald eagles' nest that has been active for years and is currently occupied with three new eaglets this year, plus

parents. That same area is home to osprey, red tailed hawks and many blue heron as well as coyotes. Even minimal public access could threaten these habitats. Off-trail areas and Natural play areas should be restricted to parcels that are not home to eagles, heron, osprey, and other wildlife sensitive to such disruption. The Boulder Creek parcel that is west of 287 and south of Dawson school seems especially sensitive to off-trail activities and play areas. To protect critical wildlife habitat, especially west of 287, hiking, biking and dog walking should be restricted to trails only and dogs should be on leash.

Closing wildlife habitat should be considered separate from agricultural operations. They are not the same, and mere human presence near the wildlife garners respect for them, absence is not desirable.

As a nearby resident I would look forward to open space trails etc but am quite worried about traffic impacts. Kenosha Road is known as 'The Kenosha Speedway' by locals and lowering the speed limit to 35 as it is on nearby roads (east Lookout, Jasper) could really help with this concern. Also as a resident who picks up trash on the roadside, there is a huge number of alcoholic container trash. Combine that with a parking lot, trails and increased traffic, it could be dangerous. I didn't see the size of the proposed parking area, that could also be of concern.

Saying "Critical Wildlife AND Agricultural" seems to make this difficult to answer. I'm not in favor of Ag use of the open space land - but am in strong favor of wildlife habitat including having parts which are not accessible by people and dogs etc..

I strongly believe that some of the area should be off limits to recreation to protect critical wildlife habitat.

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

Please keep in mind that nearby activity and noise can disturb wildlife in protected areas. Make sure the protected areas are large enough to function.

Public spaces should be open to the public.

Hiring one or more Indigenous consultants to create guidelines and develop educational exhibits would help inform how to not only best conserve these lands but also convey the importance in doing so.

No development!

I think there are other ways to limit/contain use to certain areas (like natural sight and physical barriers, using infrastructure to direct traffic elsewhere etc...) I would like to see some of these implemented and for outright closures to be used only if they prove insufficient or for the intermittent protection of specific species (e.g. nesting raptors etc...)

Wildlife is always my top priority. It is precious and must be protected.

Seems like there is lots of space here. Should be room for ag and habitat while also giving people the chance to enjoy publicly-owned open space, especially the creeks!

It past time to get rid of GMO on our open space lands. Many of the agricultural leases are awarded in a non competitive process and some of the ag land is poorly managed

I don't think you need to close the area to protect critical wildlife. That wildlife will come and live there anyway whether people are walking on a trail or not. I would maybe close some areas off from dogs. But

don't limit the trail from erie to boulder. Please just make a trail along the entire length of east boulder creek.

I think it is always important to conserve but I think it is important to let the public enjoy it as well. I do not think the entire 1,377 acres need to be for public use but protect critical areas.

I support closing certain areas if other areas are open and if the closed areas are critical across all of the land Boulder County owns, not just this one location.

Could be neat to have seasonal, guided educational outings into the closed areas

WHITE SUPREMACY AND COLONIALISM IS ALL ABOUT "closing" SPACES TO BLACK AND BROWN BODIES

If you mean close a portion of it, which is different than closing most or half of it, then yeah, sure. But if we're talking 50%... No.

You may limit some areas but in general should allow public access to the majority of area.

Land is for people to use and enjoy. With the massive expansion of new homes in the area; we need a place to enjoy, relax and have fun.

Wildlife should be priority.

Please control the number of dogs allowed with each individual visitor. I think allowing limited access to dogs to certain areas would be helpful.

Habitat yes, agriculture no.

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

I would prefer that the development happen off of Hwy 52 to limit traffic on County Line Rd and Kenosha Rd. It's already too much traffic on those two-lane roads for those living in the area.

The key here is to error on the side of keeping it as natural as possible.

Strongly support if native ecology is supported, e.g. controlling weeds and prairie dogs; possibly planting native vegetation. Keeping people away from ecologically devastated areas doesn't make sense.

I strongly support protecting critical wildlife habitat but agricultural operations should be a separate question because that could encompass many approaches, I would support a biodiverse, organic ag approach that feeds local area and supports food banks

I am neutral until more information is provided about how much area will be set aside.

Allowing any watercraft, even non-motorized, on the water does not promote conservation.

The area west of 287 is fragile and should not invite significant activity. That parcel includes a bald eagles nest that has been active for years and is currently occupied with three new eaglets this year, plus parents. That same area is home to osprey, red tailed hawks and many blue heron as well as coyotes. Even minimal public access could threaten these habitats.

This question asks two very different things in one questions and should be changed to two separate ones. I support protecting wildlife habitat but not agricultural operations on public land.

Near us, which is a part of this conservation area we have had a bald eagle nesting sight for the last 10 years and now a red tail hawk nesting sight for the last 3 years. These are extremely special and need to be protected from human activity.

Yes important. The creeks are the primary, and perhaps the only decent wildlife corridor available in the eastern plains for wildlife movement and migration.

Protect Eagle nest south of Boulder Creek and west of 287...and Eagle perches that have been described in other BCPW documents. Also protect any Blue Heron Rookeries.

Protecting current wildlife habitat is a priority for a healthy ecosystem.

It would be nice to have shade - plant lots of trees for people, pets, and wild life. Perhaps a space for dog to jump in the water and swim/cool off. Fishing is a must - though catch and release only, and strict rules about fishing lines. If you notice, all fishing areas have fishing line embedded in the shore - though fishing is a nice outdoor activity, it seems seems to go hand in hand with littering. Walking trails, free roaming space, and responsible kayaking/canoeing would be nice. But what are you going to do about the homeless population and litter, which also go hand in hand. My husband and son canoe Boulder Creek and fill a trash bag every trip. On one occasion, when using the Platt, they came home 16 (that's right) - 16 decoy ducks that were left floating or trapped in the river with lines attached.

Boulder County should not continue so support ranching along Boulder Creek corridor; only organic plant/vegetable agriculture should be considered along riparian open space (or any open space).

Question 2 Long Answers (cont.)

There should be some limit on public access to all areas lest you lose access to places to reflect and embrace the quiet away from people.

Protected wild space is critical to provide habitat for the small mammals (rabbits, voles, prairie dogs, etc.) that are the food source for the many hawks and eagles in the area. Dogs should be prohibited and humans allowed only on trails. Nesting areas should be protected. An osprey platform would be a nice addition.

Yes, protect critical habitat, but let people use as much as possible. For instance, some areas might be ok for people but not dogs...

My 'strongly agree' comment is related to critical wildlife habitat, not agriculture. Why are you lumping these two very different land uses together on this survey?

Horse riding can be consistent with agricultural use. Riding agricultural access roads can be part of the equestrian experience.

It would be great to see dogs banned or limited. BCPOS managed areas I frequent are overrun with dog waste and enforcement appears nonexistent. Citizens have proven they do not care for our open space in a conservation-oriented way, and Boulder County dog owners have no respect for rules. Achieving all of these goals, but especially conservation, is best done by limiting the space where dogs are allowed. Button Rock Preserve management plan contains significant scientific documentation justifying this request.

Agriculture should be very low priority.

Not only for wildlife protection, water conservation is required by law wetlands are federal protected. This is a much needed protection.

i believe POS should allow responsible public access to this area while protecting all environmental issues for both flora & fauna.

Need more information on how the county scores and determines "Critical Wildlife Habitat."

Critical wildlife habitat is not compatible with agriculture. I do not support agricultural lands in this area. These should be 2 separate questions on the survey.

limiting activities in certain areas is much more appropriate than restricting access.

I strongly support protecting critical wildlife habitat. I am indifferent to protecting agricultural operations.

provide educational signs/pamphlets for closed areas describing the goals, wildlife, effects

Agricultural operations are fully compatible with public visitor use. I am in favor of seasonal closures to protect critical wildlife habitat, but not for agricultural operations

Question 4 Long Answers

Please share any other comments related to outdoor experiences and recreation.

Any development for recreation should be balanced with concern for wildlife habitat.

No recreation

Interpretation is important. Minimize trail impacts to wildlife riparian corridors. Keep trails on edges where ever possible.

All of these are a high degree of development/ infrastructure. These amenities should be focused in areas of low habitat/restoration value or potential away from the creek, which should be restored to natural floodplain and left protected without human use

I do not support any paddleboard/kayak access on any of the ponds. Please put a priority on protecting wildlife and their habitat.

I don't want any of these areas on the Open Space that my tax dollars helped to purchase. Allowing fishing shouldn't even be considered. How would you like it if someone put a hook into your cheek so they could pull you underwater where you couldn't breathe so they could look at you? Just to entertain themselves. Despicable. How is building on this area to encourage human use conserving it?

Accessible warm water fishing should be a priority over the conflicting recreational activities such as paddle boarding and kayaking. It would be nice if the area provided another warm water fishery opportunity for the community that fosters community engagement in stewardship of the area. What ever development occurs, permanent shade should always be a priority.

Much as I love hiking, biking and canoeing, we need to limit access to the areas preserved for wildlife. Maybe 50% for people, and 50% with no access? You don't want another Greenway trail in Longmont; or Coal Creek trail in Louisville/Lafayette - great trails for people, outdoor classrooms, play areas, and I use them all the time, but not so great for wildlife

To avoid impacts to areas with the greatest wildlife and habitat values, such as Kenosha Wetlands Critical Wildlife Habitat, Boulder County Audubon Society believes that access to water and riparian habitats should be limited and strictly controlled. This would include leaving continuous riparian corridors for bird nesting and movement of mammals and other wildlife, uninterrupted by human presence. Trails and other infrastructure should be located in areas with the least wildlife impacts - for example, trails through agricultural areas would provide mountain views while minimizing wildlife and habitat impacts. Eliminating grazing from riparian habitats, streams, ponds, and wetlands will help facilitate recovery of these areas. Restricting human disturbance to specific areas will also help to minimize introduction and spread of terrestrial invasive species, plus aquatic invasives such as New Zealand mudsnails. BCAS would like to see prairie dogs continue on the site, in areas determined to be appropriate by resource staff, as a keystone species and an important food source for bald eagles and other raptors nesting and wintering in the area. If pet dogs are allowed, we believe they should be leashed and strictly limited to specific areas where wildlife impacts would be minimized. Additionally, it is our considered opinion that the provision of urban, park-like amenities such as playgrounds and paddle boarding should be left to local towns and cities. As just one example, Erie lists thirteen parks on their website that provide playgrounds and many other amenities.

Question 4 Long Answers (cont.)

People do not need access to every inch of this property. Plans should start with excellent inventories of biodiversity and regular monitoring for changes.

The outdoor experiences should focus on encouraging appreciation for the environment found in this area, for conserving and appreciating the natural community of the plants and wildlife. A focus on recreational activities is better suited for urban parks than for a site that is environmentally unique in the County. Thus, which I do think access to the site should be permitted, it is not a good place for play areas or off-trail area recreation.

Hiking trails for quiet observation of wildlife are all that is needed, and costs would be minimal. Please do not permit bikes and other vehicles, nor dogs in the area.

I am not in favor of some of these amenities for the site and did not like having to rank them. I think the area lends itself to providing some accessible trails, fishing access, and shaded resting areas, plus perhaps opportunities for education for local school groups and trails for nature walks and quiet reflection, to the extent that these activities and features can be provided in areas and seasons that will avoid impacts to Kenosha Wetlands, Coal Creek, a contiguous riparian corridor along East Boulder Creek, and other native wildlife and ecosystems on the site. I believe that access to water should be limited to specific areas and strictly controlled, I do not want to see urban amenities such as a "natural" play area or paddleboarding/kayaks, or off-trail areas. I am not in favor of allowing dogs at the site - nearby towns have paths, parks, and dog parks to accommodate dogs, and it is difficult to enforce on-leash rules, get people to pick up waste, and keep dogs from swimming in areas where they are not allowed. I am also not in favor of opening the area to bikes. There are very few trails in Boulder County without

dogs and/or bikes, and this unique area presents an opportunity to provide for nature walks and quiet reflection without those disruptions. I recognize that there are a number of constraints in the area to work around for providing human access. Still I hope and expect that access will be located in areas with the least wildlife and habitat impacts. For example, some trails could be located in agricultural areas, providing mountain views while avoiding important habitat. Careful planning of infrastructure and human activity locations will help to minimize the need for seasonal wildlife closures, and will also help to minimize the spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.

Accessible fishing piers.

As noted above, the very last thing we need is more recreation. Our open space is being recreated to death. Very few areas are properly protected. I do not support anything more than the very basic access, if even that.

NO dogs should be allowed at this site. There aren't enough rangers to ensure they remain on-leash and dog crap is picked up. Dog presence also has a chilling effect on wildlife. There are few places where people can enjoy nature without it becoming a glorified dog park. Any bike trails should also be placed as far as possible from the wetland areas to protect sensitive and nesting wildlife. It would also be optimal for there to be several, or most, trails limited to pedestrians. It's tiring to try and watch wildlife when you have to worry about getting run over by a bike.

Prioritize protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitats when determining how and where human access will be allowed. Species and habitats that deserve priority include: Three Critical Wildlife Habitats in the area designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Resource Element (ERE) - Kenosha Wetlands, Kenosha

Question 4 Long Answers (cont.)

Heronry, and Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area
Additional ERE designations in the area include the East County: Plains Environmental Conservation Area, Riparian Habitat Connector, and potential contiguous restoration area for Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a Federally listed threatened species Buffer areas for raptor nests and the Great Blue Heron heronry, as recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species Animal and plant Species of Special Concern also included in the ERE Stream, riparian, wetland, and upland prairie habitats

I'm worried that you'll destroy habitats during construction. Everything done should be done to protect habitats including during construction.

Please be sure to make trail connection to the larger trail network. If it is not connected it is of very little use. Open to all user groups. Do not exclude cyclists. Please make it fun not a graveled over road.

Areas for people to enjoy nature are most important

walking trails, in shade where possible

Build infrastructure for Wildlife Viewing Areas & Picnics

I would like to see some innovative water practices showcased such as bioretention areas/rain gardens with educational signage. I would also like to see how water quality might be improved at the site and for it to be used to promote environmental education.

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don't do any of these things. it all includes paving and ruining it. leave it as is.

Biking is an outdoor experience and type of recreation I would like to see.

This area should be preserved and restored with a focus on nature. Kayaking, playgrounds, etc should occur in city parks and at the reservoir...NOT here

Current access and features are unique and adequate

I love the idea of a natural play area not full of plastics and other man made materials ... I think this will help kids think outside the box and entertain the idea that everyday things can be fun and interactive.

If this site would already allow fishing and miles of multiuse trails, I think other recreation options should be limited and secondary to protecting the ecosystem. Parks for people can be built in many places. But healthy wetlands and grasslands where animals can thrive are getting ever more scarce.

Other than carefully selected accessible trails near water, shaded resting areas, and perhaps a play area in places deemed appropriate by wildlife biology staff, I do not support off-trail access, fishing, paddleboarding or other stream activities, or any other intrusive activities that would compromise the wildlife value of the area and that are more appropriate for city parks, not natural ecosystem spaces. Boulder County residents cherish their natural spaces and wildlife, and this open area presents an amazing opportunity to restore a large area of native grasslands and riparian habitat to its more natural state, allowing the recovery of many

Question 4 Long Answers (cont.)

species of concern as well as those that have been extirpated from BOCO. I, along with many others, would welcome the opportunity to enjoy this area and view wildlife, but a critically careful balance is needed to ensure that the wildlife and its habitat remain for generations. So many of our open spaces are under increasing pressure from ever growing numbers of people and dogs, overgrazing, stream degradation, and encroaching development, all of which have devastating effects on our wildlife populations. Please do not allow this area to become a playground that puts further pressure on our native species. Let's have a restored prairie, thriving riparian corridor, and wildlife refuge that we will be a showcase for the region and that we will all cherish for decades to come.

There should be enough areas to paddleboard.

I believe areas for human "play" should be available but limited, and precedence should go toward helping wildlife (including wild plants) flourish.

there is no need for an off trail area - it just confuses the public who already tend to be of the mindset "it's all outdoors/open so no need to respect native grasses etc.

While these all sound nice there are many other parks in Boulder County that offer these experiences. The protection of these riparian corridors are crucial to area wildlife. I would only want these developments to take place if it was determined that they would have minimal impact on existing wildlife habitat. I am particularly concerned about bringing fishing to the area as I encounter fishing line and lures at other county parks that allow fishing. These are hazards to wildlife. Use of the water for recreation can also lead to the spread of invasive species such as the New Zealand mudsnail.

It would be great if any off-trail area was also approved for drone flight usage.

Must prioritize preservation, natural habitat.

I think that the shaded areas, paddleboard/kayak access and natural play areas may end up increasing the human footprint to cause too much impact and degradation of natural areas. Not to mention trash and litter.

Bike paths please. Thanks so much for this project.

prefer no motorized ebikes or scooters - changes the whole feel and impacts wildlife. also dangerous to pedestrians

1. Off-trail use should be minimized especially during bird nesting seasons. Large areas should be left intact without trails or human access to avoid disturbing nesting birds and mammals.

1a. Human access leads to spread of invasive plants. Reinstatement of native plants should take a higher priority. I am part of the Skunk Creek Weeding Group. Skunk Creek is very overused and the weeds are now a significant part of the plant communities up there. We do our best but the spread of weeds is significant with human use. Also, will horses need to be fed weed free hay etc?

2. Boating is problematic because of zebra mussels. How do you plan to avoid the spread of these mussels. Boulder Creek near Eldorado Springs has already been blocked off because of zebra mussels. Why allow boating downstream if there might be a problem.

3. Is there a need for more play areas in the area? A natural one would be best as presented. Perhaps have an educational purpose - say an interactive site to discover wildlife.

Question 4 Long Answers (cont.)

Most important to me are - bike/running trails which connect to other trails - fishing/non motorized boats

Please IGNORE my rankings for additional recreation amenities. I do not feel really strongly about ANY of them except the first one (shade).

Please, please, please provide additional hiker/pedestrian, equestrian, and bike access points in addition the parking area off Kenosha. This is such a big space that forcing all users to enter through vehicle parking doesn't make sense and increases car use. Please provide entry points especially on the easternmost side of the open space near CR1 for non-vehicular access for local residents to walk, ride a bike, or ride a horse onto the property. Thanks!!

Let's avoid most of these . Let the plants and animals live.

Limit dogs and no bikes Kids can play at a nearby park and not off trails.

PLEASE - no ebikes.

Natural off-trail fishing access

Good signage that provides history of area and wildlife present

No fishing!

Just ranked to submit.

None of the above

No dogs off leash preferably no dogs at all quiet, peaceful, tranquil setting separate from loud gatherings and playground

PLEASE connect these trails to the ones in boulder. Please make trails and connect to the ones in Boulder. Please connect to Erie trails and Lafayette's (excuse for) trails.

This is a unique area in Boulder County. Its uniqueness will be impaired by allowing many of the activities proposed.

Please consider a decent singletrack made of dirt with some nice benches and fun features for people riding and hiking to enjoy. Not just a crusher fine path, but make the trail itself fun. Lot and lots of covered benches for picnics and a few with groups of them so families can come for birthday parties and such.

You're BS-ing us. I did not see "several miles" of potential trails when I attended open house.

please minimize human disturbance of any native plant areas or resources (such as the lake and the creek) used by native animals. Ensure dogs and people do not introduce aquatic invasive species.

I have children now. I want it to be a good place to take my kids. Trails that are set back from the water. Places to enter the water safely.

I prefer that you prioritize NOT expanding the human footprint in this area - in other words, new trails, new structures, new areas for people to enjoy, etc, all increase the human impact on the landscape and especially on wildlife. I believe wildlife should be the highest priority.

Rifle/ pistol range

I feel paddle boarding has taken over almost every recreational site. There are plenty of them so I hope this site does not become another. I feel fishing

Question 4 Long Answers (cont.)

should be allowed with floating devices usable while fishing only. Along with the fishing I would like to see warm water species only. There are trout ponds everywhere already. Let alone, the water gets way too warm to support trout properly. No bait. Flies and lures only. Allowing bait draws too many shore fishermen which unfortunately leave the place messing up shorelines and leaving lots of trash.

Should try to keep the site as wild as possible and remember that for much of the year Colorado has the potential for snow.

Paddleboarding will disrupt the aquatic system and negatively impact the wildlife who use this area

I enjoy paddleboarding, however it definitely creates a busier, less natural open space, so maybe not at this location

Important to allow wildlife to live in peace. and to stop all fishing. Catch and release traumatizes the fish. Just because the fisherman doesn't feel the fishes pain and shock, doesn't mean the fish isn't hurt. Leave the fish for the turtles and birds. Also NO SMOKING, NO TRASH NO AUDIBLE MUSIC

Accessibility is good but keep it simple and natural.

It's nice to let the kids enjoy outdoors, but they don't need a structured play area - they have those in towns. I would like to see access for people with disabilities, and while we don't fish, a lot of people really enjoy this contemplative activity and the piers are nice for everyone.

Bike/ walking trails connecting to other Boulder county trails.

Increase the placement of 'bat-boxes' to help re-wild the area.

E bikes should be allowed, and paths should be wide enough for bikes and pedestrians.

“Please consider the Boulder County Audubon recommendations: . Prioritize protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitats when determining how and where human access will be allowed. Species and habitats that deserve priority include: Three Critical Wildlife Habitats in the area designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Resource Element (ERE) - Kenosha Wetlands, Kenosha Heronry, and Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area Additional ERE designations in the area include the East County: Plains Environmental Conservation Area, Riparian Habitat Connector, and potential contiguous restoration area for Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a Federally listed threatened species Buffer areas for raptor nests and the Great Blue Heron heronry, as recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species Animal and plant Species of Special Concern also included in the ERE Stream, riparian, wetland, and upland prairie habitats

2. Incorporate recommendations and concerns from BCPOS resource staff including wildlife biologists and plant ecologists.
3. Conduct additional plant and/or animal surveys as determined to be needed by resource staff, including ongoing monitoring and management changes as needed to reduce or eliminate impacts to wildlife and habitats.
4. Limit and strictly control access to water and riparian habitats, to avoid impacts to areas with the greatest wildlife and habitat values, such as Kenosha Wetlands. This includes leaving contiguous riparian corridors for bird nesting and movement of mammals and other wildlife.

Question 4 Long Answers (cont.)

5. Restrict trails and other infrastructure and human access to areas with the least wildlife impacts.

Consider trails through agricultural areas, which would still provide views of the mountains.

6. Limit human access and disturbance to specific areas in order to minimize introduction and spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species. For example, New Zealand mudsnails occur upstream in Boulder Creek and are very easily spread by clinging to boots, watercraft, and dogs.

7. Eliminate grazing from riparian habitats, streams, ponds, and wetlands.

8. Continue to provide for prairie dogs on the site, as an important food source for bald eagles and other birds of prey nesting and wintering in the area.

9. If dogs are allowed, strictly limit them to specific areas where wildlife impacts would be minimized and require them to be leashed.

10. Leave the provision of urban, park-like amenities such as playgrounds to local towns and cities. The closest town to the site, Erie, lists thirteen parks on their website that provide playgrounds, sports fields, and many other amenities.

11. Incorporate, where still applicable, project objectives, management recommendations, and survey data from the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan. Include updated information such as any changes in use of the area, changes from the 2013 flood, and updated plant and animal surveys."

No ebikes please.

No to #s 1,2,3,4. Yes to #5 & 6

It would be great if any trail was wide enough to accommodate horses and let bikes, runners, walkers etc. give the horses a wide berth.

I don't think paddleboard and kayak access is appropriate.

It's hard to say without know what kinds of trails are already being planned for biking and hiking. It would be nice to offer a regional path through the site to connect to other areas and 1 - 3 multiuse singletrack loops through the property.

Golf course or other sport complex

Access to the water would be great if it can be done and not disturb the habitats.

Access to the creek occasionally (or seasonal water spigot at TH) for dogs would be great

Please include interconnected trails for walking and running

Would Love to see bike trail through this area connecting to teller farm trail

Off trail sites are key

There are all ready play areas in and around Erie

None of these. Need trail access through the area for pedestrians and bikes

Again, with good planning we can concentrate recreation of all kinds, and allow a few areas for contemplative hiking (no dogs or bikes) only. OSMP - sadly - increasingly has sacrificed the latter.

There are ample areas in East County, where all these activities can be engaged in, including parks in Erie, Lafayette, and existing County Open Space areas in East County. My preference is to limit all these facilities in the East Boulder Creek Open Space.

Question 4 Long Answers (cont.)

Rather than fishing piers I would like to see wildlife viewing piers.

I want to be able to watch wildlife. That doesn't seem to be compatible with children's play areas.

I don't agree that there should be fishing access. If fishing is allowed it should be to a minimal number of areas.

Why all this infrastructure? Leave the area alone. Limit access. There's little enough habitat left with all the development.

Nothing motorized Most leave natural Trails to discourage bush whacking

No play areas no fishing piers no kayaking or paddle boarding no off trail areas All this will disturb birds nesting areas and wildlife

I only ranked Accessible and Shaded. We really don't need the others since those are readily available in other places in the County that don't risk impacting the wildlife as much as EBC.

I'd like to see just trails along the creek in the shaded areas with limited access points down to the water that are hardened with natural stone steps that can also be seating areas. These areas should be sited so there is topographic or vegetative blocks to further access up or down creek so that social trails don't develop right next to the creek. For the lakes, non-motorized craft like kayaks, paddleboards and canoes would be great.

Please preserve

Some interpretive signs would be nice

No bikes - especially e bikes Dogs on leash at all times

I would love to see a Nature Detectives program here

One thing I think people (including me) are seeking in going to a park is QUIET. So having some trails that are not accessible to bikes or horses and are not near picnic shelters, etc, would be great.

While the site is within a developed part of the county, it should look, feel, and be managed to feel as natural and "wild" as it can be. Even developed features should strive to be more natural and small in scale, such as having a number of small or even tiny fishing piers as opposed to a few large ones. Accessible trails should look and feel quirky like any other trail; less curvilinear, with slightly varying width and natural shapes. Some accessible trails might have native soil treads with the understanding that they will be muddy at times; they could be closed when muddy.

Would like to see biking trails for connectivity to Erie and Boulder County trail systems.

Please add horsetail away from pedestrians and bicycles and any wheeled items such as electric bikes or baby carriages. Horseback riders and horses cannot hear them approaching.

Do the options of paddleboard and play ground equipment indicate a change in Boulder County Parks and Open Space conservation and recreation philosophy? Are these activities allowed and promoted on other BCPOS properties currently? I do not support developed playgrounds or paddleboard/kayak access except for fishing activities.

All these options sound great and should be located on the east side of 287, north of Jasper road. There

Question 4 Long Answers (cont.)

have been numerous accidents, several fatal, on the stretch between Jasper and Lookout. There is currently no traffic light and traffic moves fast in that stretch. I am worried about the increased likelihood of accidents if traffic patterns are not considered.

Limit the outdoor experiences to one area to minimize human impact

All of these activities should be placed East of US287. The westside area is home to extensive wildlife, and access would pose danger because of the already current heavy traffic. There is a school and two home developments who would be highly impacted due to an increase number of vehicles, in an area that has already been affected by numerous and deadly car wrecks. That section of US287 is on a downward slope, which reduces visibility to Dawson School's gate. To increase traffic on that area is potentially increase the risks for car accidents, because even on weekends sports events happen at Dawson's campus.

Keeping this as natural as possible, no built in things other than a trail would be nice.

What about hiking and biking trails? Any plans for the decommissioned RR Track running through/near this area? Could be a great trail for hiking/biking.

no motorized boats or anything please! Even Bikes are questionable in my mind. I think the saw ponds area is a good model of what I personally would like - peaceful walk - gravel trail - not speeding bikes... Also fishing leaves lots of trash :(horses yes.. would be awesome to have nest poles for eagles and osprey

Protecting critical wildlife habitat should take priority over recreational activities like paddle boarding and kayaking.

I would like the emphasis to be on a space for quiet, contemplative walks, birding, etc.

Stock with large gamefish, catch and release only, flies lures only

The play area looks like rattlesnake habitat

No development.

please no bikes or bikes!

Voice and sight dog area would be great, especially with year round water.

I recently had a really bad experience with a bird caught in a large amount of fishing line at Walden Pond. This disturbed me so much. I'm dismayed that people who fish leave such trash behind that harms our wildlife.

I'm not in favor of providing a lot of built amenities here - there's lots in Erie already. I think it should focus on connecting with nature and water thru trails, informal picnicking, fishing, and stuff for kids...if there's a nature play area it should just be a bunch of natural materials - not something that feels more like a playground (as shown in the photo). Also, the boating access feels forced...open water seems limited-don't spend a lot on making this place something it isn't

We don't need Walden pond version 2 east of here

Please DO NOT ALLOW E-BIKES!!

We live on 119th near Kenosha in Erie and are really looking forward to some kind of trail system nearby. our street doesn't even have a shoulder or bike lane.

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So us and our kids have to walk or ride in the street for at least 1.5 miles to get to the nearest sidewalk or trail. We would love a hiking and biking trail along the boulder creek since thats so close to our house. and we used to live in Downtown boulder and would love to be able to ride our bikes all along the boulder creek from our house in Erie to Downtown Boulder.

It would be amazing to allow paddleboarding/ kayaking. There are so many lakes that allow fishing in Boulder County but not many for paddleboarding/ kayaking.

Are the fishing piers along the river? There are not many accessible locations for fishing along streams/ rivers.

There are not enough kid-friendly places to easily access nature. A natural play area (not a playground) would be incredible

Trails for walking, running, and biking would be wonderful to get people out exercising and a quiet place to be in nature. A place for fishing would be great. I think it would be best to not over develop it with playgrounds and structures, keep it natural with trails for people to explore.

THE WORD "natural" IS RACIST AS IT SUGGESTS THAT BLACK AND BROWN BODIES ARE NOT NATURAL, ALL PLAYGROUNDS ARE BUILT ON COLONIAL IDEALS OF WHITENESS AND RACIST CREATIONS LIKE "monkey bars".

Getting it open should be top priority, and should include ADA access. Expensive "improvements" beyond basic access should be lower priorities.

Fishing!! Add more places to fish please!!

Having paddleboard and kayak access in Erie is important, as well as walking trails. Many residents travel to Longmont, Lyons, and Lafayette for these activities.

I would have put a bike/walking trail as #1 I would have put fishing access (via trail/path) as #2

Lots of benches along trails for young and old

If it is possible to protect wildlife while providing a swim and off leash walk for dogs that would be great. It improves their socialization and swimming is great exercise. Twin Peaks off leash dog park in Gunbarrel has just been redone and might be a place to look at for some ideas

In conjunction to resting areas what if meditation areas could be created?

I am an equestrian and hope this will be accessible to horseback riders.

Please try to keep this place as natural as possible near the water. Facilities should be away from the water. Barr Lake is a good example of this. Also, if you put in a play area make sure it is a lot of play stuff, not 2 or 3 things like most of the parks in Erie.

Naturalist related education activities

Off-trail areas and Natural play areas should be restricted to parcels that are not home to eagles, heron, osprey, and other wildlife sensitive to such disruption.

walking trails should be the main priority. I would not want to see bikes on the trails. There is just too much dangerous interaction with bicyclists on other trails.

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Loop trails preferred.

Reduce the human impact to these areas by not including kayak access nor natural play areas

PLEASE create a space for dogs to jump in and get wet - it's so hot here and dogs need to get wet!

Emphasize environmental attributes and de-emphasize recreation. Keep riparian environment untouched by humans. Cattle already bask in water upstream of this area--try to keep them out, and certainly don't have human activity in this waterway.

No Dogs! No picnic areas (people don't pick up there trash)!

Dogs must be on leash.

An off leash dog space w/ access to water would be amazing

It is unclear where the boating recreation would be on these properties. Please don't put this type of recreation on the creek, which would lead to loss of the important habitat.

Horseback trails near water Reserved parking for horse trailers and plenty of parking for canoe/kayak trailers.

Non-motorized connectivity to other trails is extremely important. I would prefer to avoid driving to the area.

Access to water for horses to drink is desirable.

I don't understand how off-trail recreation could possibly support conservation goals. I would like to

not see that at all, because those areas will rapidly experience devegetation and desertification. This site is very exposed, meaning desertification will result in high dust levels and make the site far less accessible or even harmful to those with breathing problems.

Actually the outdoor experience should be limited to fishing and trails only. There is no need for fishing piers due to the waste of resources. Resting area with that shade in the picture is off putting. Where is the natural shade? What is off trail area means? It means to continue destroy the natural habitat and plants???? Paddle board?? This is not acceptable by offering this as a recreational due to water conservation, testing water cost, destroying the natural habitat from birds nesting and other important eco cycle critters. It is better to have everything done naturally in nature mode, no concrete, cloth shade wood piers should not be in the plan. It is a nature background.

large enough spaces for fly fisherman to cast without injuring someone.

extensive walking paths would be good

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Is there any other feedback you would like us to consider?

Please keep closed to public access.

Changing the name to a natural feature takes removes its connection to the landscape, it is in fact East Boulder Creek.

Too many open spaces are dominated by bikes and dogs and are not accessible to persons with disabilities. Please make this property accessible and prioritize the protection of wildlife habitat to give people an opportunity to enjoy nature in all of its forms.

I've lived in Boulder County since 1996. We've lived in our home in East Boulder County since 2010. We are tired of Boulder County and oil & gas wanting to develop this area. Just leave it alone! How many millions of taxpayer dollars did the county waste on wanting to build that ridiculous compost factory? Leave this land and those of us who live in East Boulder County alone! We don't want extra traffic on our dirt road. The sheriff's office has told me they have one officer in this area and they're too busy to run radar on our road. How is that already overwhelmed officer going to keep an open space area safe? Seriously--just STOP this.

Ideally, the EBC management plan should incorporate, where still applicable, project objectives, management recommendations, and survey data from the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan, plus updated information such as any changes in use of the area, changes from the 2013 flood, and updated plant and animal surveys. Boulder County Audubon Society urges BCPOS to incorporate recommendations and concerns from resource staff--including wildlife biologists and plant ecologists--into EBC management plans. These

may include conducting additional plant and animal surveys, and ongoing monitoring and management changes in the future as needed to reduce or eliminate impacts to wildlife and habitats, based on updated site information and relevant research studies.

Don't turn this into a city park.

East Boulder Creek lets people know what this site is about and where it is. Names like Heron or Coyote are not unique to this site.

I believe it is critical that the planning process and draft management plan prioritize recommendations and concerns from BCPOS resource staff including wildlife biologists and plant ecologists. This includes conducting additional plant and/or animal surveys as determined to be needed by resource staff, including ongoing monitoring and management changes to reduce or eliminate impacts to wildlife and habitats. Additionally, the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan includes project objectives, management recommendations, and survey data that were carefully considered by a highly qualified consultant team. Much of this information is still relevant and could be updated with any changes in use and/or conditions of the area, changes from the 2013 flood, and updated plant and animal surveys.

Please consult with and take seriously recommendations of biologists and ecologists. We desperately need more protected areas, not areas for recreation or development. This is a unique riparian area and it would be a shame to turn it into a city park-like space. Species protection should be the driving consideration. Public opinion, if it favors

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recreation, should not be the major consideration. Scientific recommendations by biologists, botanists, and wildlife staff should be the major determinants of the management plan.

Again, please designate this area for gentle recreation. It should not become a dog park, a boat rental area, or another mountain bike autobahn. I also worry about fishing as I've seen the effects of lures and fishing line that have not been properly disposed of at other parks in the county, including a Northern Flicker that ended up strangled and hanged upside down like an effigy.

Please keep the water accessible and open. Also what is the plan to deal with the mud snails.

I had issues with rankings as only two choices were available for picking - as a result my order of importance does not reflect my wishes

I need instructions please I never been Brazil I never been Sao Paulo Brazil I don't understand Portuguese language

Why would you call it Coal Creek if it's East Boulder Creek?

Human access and human impacts should be excluded from aquatic, wetlands, and terrestrial wildlife habitat. Blinds and viewing areas should be placed at the outside edges of these rich, valuable habitats. Dogs should NOT be allowed near wildlife habitat; elsewhere, dogs must be controlled on leash. On trail use must be required for all users.

Don't allow humans to do fishing, let the Herons, Egrets, and Pelicans do this. Allowing fishing by humans risks ecosystem imbalance and risks the introduction and spread of terrestrial and aquatic

invasive species such as New Zealand mudsnails which are already upstream in Boulder Creek.

I love this idea and am open to any "natural feature" name being used for this park Coyote is my 2nd favorite to include in the name ... Heron 1st because of high volumes in our watershed areas.

These names are not very creative or inspiring.

I feel strongly that dogs on trails in the site should be leashed, and that hikers also should have to stay on trails to protect vegetation, ground-nesting birds, etc. Hopefully rangers or educational signage could help with that.

An incredible amount of work went into the original 1998 (or earlier) management plan for this area, and I think it is unfortunate that there appears to have been little follow-up on this. While it is valuable to consider public opinion in management decisions, it should only be only one factor that does not outweigh the scientific recommendations of wildlife and botany staff, natural resource surveys, and the considered opinions of the professionals who were asked to contribute to the management plan. Recreation decisions should be made in concert with stringent environmental protection policies to protect the existing wetlands, nesting sites, wildlife corridors, and animal species, as well as to enhance and restore the area for recovery of species who have been extirpated or are of special concern. The value of this area for recreation will be lost if we do not protect its diversity. Please do not turn this into a city park and lose the opportunity to restore a fully functioning, healthy grassland and riparian ecosystem--this is an important and rare opportunity.

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Protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitats must be prioritized over human access. Natural places are not human jungle gyms! . The ERE designations and identifications must be honored. This includes protection of potential habitat for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse and buffers for the Blue Heron heronry that CPW recommends. The recommendations of BCPOS staff needs to be incorporated. Additional surveys for plants and wildlife potential and on-going monitoring also need to be included. A minimum of a 300 foot riparian buffer needs to be in place with human access completely off limits. This must be strictly enforced to protect riparian habitat. Creeks, streams and rivers are wildlife movement corridors so maintaining contiguous protections are necessary. Reroute trails/ human access as needed to protect this sensitive area. Prarie dogs are on ths site and need to be maintained as they are a keystone species other wildlife depends on for survival. Dogs should not be allowed in sensitive areas (if at all) and if they are, there needs to be very strict rules

Overall I think we need to strongly limit human impact on the riparian habitat this site has and we should make that habitat's protection the top priority.

It would be good to see Bison return to POS lands

It would be nice to have an area where dogs could swim.

I hope you are able to conserve this important area for birds and wildlife.

No grazing of domestic animals

NO electric bikes, scooters, etc.

Boulder county appears to be losing open space rapidly. Since I moved here 23 years ago Boulder has gone from promising to keep open space as is, if not increase it. Now I see development everywhere including in the 119 corridor between the roads. From reading various articles I understand that Boulder county (City and surrounding County living areas) has seen an increase of 20,000 new apartment rentals in buildings rising to 3 or 4 stories!

Seriously, if we are changing names like Mount Evans based on his past, we should consider changing the name of Teller Farm trail: read <https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/henry-teller>

Who created this survey? There should be options for "don't care" for each of the questions ... instead of defaulting to "must make a selection"

Please, please, please provide additional hiker/ pedestrian, equestrian, and bike access points in addition the one parking area off Kenosha. This is such a big space that forcing all users to enter through vehicle parking doesn't make sense. Please provide entry points especially on the easternmost side of the open space near CR1 for non-vehicular access for local residents to walk, ride a bike, or ride a horse onto the property. Thanks!!

We have many playgrounds in cities and don't need more. Birds are decreasing and going extinct -- let's protect them.

Really need to build the rail trail from Boulder to County Line. Make a nice area for bike parking.

Take care of prairie dogs as a keystone species. Restrict trails eliminate grazing near any wetland. Check with wildlife biologists and get

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recommendations from them before starting to bulldoze!

Strive for maximal balance and harmony as possible

No need to overthink this

Reducing the homeless in our parks and along our paths on Boulder.

bike path away from roads

Do this fast. Please don't make rules to lock it out for people. Light parking if any.

Parking will be an issue. As it is a residential area. Hate to see a parking lot, but maybe people can use Boulder Valley farm lot or something by the railroad tracks or even a shuttle from teller farm...

Limit activity on this unique property!

Please make this a truly open space. Rather than telling people "nature is over there. You can't go in!" Make this an area where people are encouraged to see and interact with nature. Yes, this is a bit more impact on the environment, but we actually don't have places on BoCo Open Space where you actually try to integrate people with nature. You treat humans as if they are a problem that needs to be kept away from nature. Or, if you allow people in nature, you tell them they can only do so in quiet contemplation. People love to be in nature, but they want to do that with their families and have picnics and ride their bikes and sit on a rock on the side of the stream (not a fenced in area 50 ft away from it). Make this more integrated and let people play in nature.

Consider starting a program where volunteers can help reduce the intensity of noxious weeds on the site, and help to seed, install native plants instead.

If this is a high use area I would be willing to pay to support high certain high quality amenities like reserving shelters. An electric car charger in the parking lot would be nice to have. It should be pay to charge. Free chargers have people that don't need to charge topping up. My car is older and only gets 80 miles. I would pay a considerable amount to ensure the charger is free.

Duck and goose hunting

This area provides a unique opportunity to provide a continuous environment for nature. Habitat fragmentation is one of the main reasons our natural environment is deteriorating.

I was not clear on what an "off-trail area" meant.

Important to allow wildlife to live in peace. and to stop all fishing. Catch and release traumatizes the fish. Just because the fisherman doesn't feel the fishes pain and shock, doesn't mean the fish isn't hurt. Leave the fish for the turtles and birds.

It should not be named anything with coal creek unless it is along the coal creek...

Not every open space needs to serve the recreational desires of everyone....there are so many places in the county to find the right place for each activity;.

Off leash dog trails Dog swimming

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Is this survey available in Spanish? Please make sure that people who speak Spanish as their first language/primary language can access this too.

Let's keep it simple and use the name folks are familiar with.

If you allow horseback riding, they should allow for bikes to pass. I've been on multi use paths in East Boulder County, where horse riders refused to allow bikes to pass.

No e-bikes please

No opinion

protect this environment!!!

This area should have bike paths that tie into regional bike transportation systems. Ebike accessible for older populations.

Emphasize birdwatching/wildlife watching opportunities. Severely limit or prohibit horse access. The proximity of commercial horse riding operations immediately adjacent to the property poses a risk of overuse. Prohibit drone flights.

Yes! HB 23-1255 and SB 213 will destroy Lafayette and make these questions irrelevant. We have to pull together as a city to stop the state from forcing this legislation on us or we will quickly become just another I-25 corridor strip mall condo community and the heart and soul of Lafayette will be doomed. PLEASE LEAD US IN FIGHTING THIS TERRIBLE LEGISLATION!!!!!!!!!!

Plenty of parks have either the Coal or Boulder creek present or nearby. Also, plenty have herons and coyotes. Names that cite one of those would be interchangeable with other parks. However, Confluence Conservation Area would highlight the confluence of Coal and Boulder creeks.

Let's give the Arapaho equivalent on all signage.

This is not a big issue for me. Although, it should not be named for a person!

Focus on protecting and expanding habitat for wildlife.

Heron is better than coyote since there is a rookery, but Confluence (as in confluence of Boulder and Coal Creeks) would be better.

Why the development? Leave some habitat for native plants and animals.

Parking at least 200 yards from trails and water. You have to walk to enjoy it!:

Please no structures - keep it natural as possible.

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a Federally listed threatened species Buffer areas for raptor nests and the Great Blue Heron heronry, as recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species Animal and plant Species of Special Concern also included in the ERE Stream, riparian, wetland, and upland prairie habitats

2. Incorporate recommendations and concerns from BCPOS resource staff including wildlife biologists and plant ecologists.
3. Conduct additional plant and/or animal surveys as determined to be needed by resource staff, including ongoing monitoring and management changes as needed to reduce or eliminate impacts to wildlife and habitats.
4. Limit and strictly control access to water and riparian habitats, to avoid impacts to areas with the greatest wildlife and habitat values, such as Kenosha Wetlands. This includes leaving contiguous riparian corridors for bird nesting and movement of mammals and other wildlife.
5. Restrict trails and other infrastructure and human access to areas with the least wildlife impacts. Consider trails through agricultural areas, which would still provide views of the mountains.
6. Limit human access and disturbance to specific areas in order to minimize introduction and spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species. For example, New Zealand mudsnails occur upstream in Boulder Creek and are very easily spread by clinging to boots, watercraft, and dogs.
7. Eliminate grazing from riparian habitats, streams, ponds, and wetlands.
8. Continue to provide for prairie dogs on the site, as an important food source for bald eagles and other birds of prey nesting and wintering in the area.
9. If dogs are allowed, strictly limit them to specific areas where wildlife impacts would be minimized and require them to be leashed.

10. Leave the provision of urban, park-like amenities such as playgrounds to local towns and cities. The closest town to the site, Erie, lists thirteen parks on their website that provide playgrounds, sports fields, and many other amenities.

11. Incorporate, where still applicable, project objectives, management recommendations, and survey data from the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan. Include updated information such as any changes in use of the area, changes from the 2013 flood, and updated plant and animal surveys.

It is a special place and should remain in agricultural production. Care should be taken to guard against whole sale human intrusion. The entire “ parcel “ would be hard to monitor and further to patrol and regulate use. Strategic areas for continual visitor use should be at the edges and not woven throughout the entire site.

Not coal creek. It's already associated with other areas.

some combination of e boulder and coal creeks

There should be a place where children, even young children, and adults can play in shallow water in a creek or pond. Think “Last Child in the Woods.” This place should have native trees and shade, preferably a gravel bottom (of natural gravel) and immediate shoreline, and shaded benches. BCPOS would support a certain amount of environmental degradation here as “kids will be kids.” Perhaps this area could be part of a picnic area.

We are super excited for this project and would love to see it completed soon so our kids can enjoy it while they're still young! We really hope there will be kayak

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and paddle board access and enough parking that it won't fill up on weekends. Thanks for your hard work on this project!

A toilet facility at the parking area is important.

I do not like the name East Boulder Creek or Coal Creek. Coyote would be fine

Please work with the Town of Erie to make sure that north end of Coal Creek meets this conservation vision

Off-trail areas and natural play areas should be restricted to parcels that are not near eagles, heron, osprey, and other wildlife sensitive to such disruption. The Boulder Creek parcel that is west of 287 and south of Dawson school seems especially sensitive to off-trail activities and play areas...with nesting bald eagles, nesting herons etc. Best to minimize people in this area. To protect critical wildlife habitat, especially west of 287, hiking, biking and dog walking should be minimized and restricted to trails only and dogs should be on leash.

As the protections of other parts of Boulder Creek are being eroded, please set up this area to truly protect the ecosystem that has been laboriously reclaimed.

Indigenous consultation was integral to the process of renaming Mount Evans to Mount Blue Sky so this special place held a deeper meaning for Colorado residents. If preservation is the goal of this project, the name should not only reflect the present but also the past and future history of the land.

No development

Let's move away from naming after creek names that have connections to white settlement (i.e. Boulder and Coal).

E-bikes activated by throttle should be classified as motorized vehicles. They should be allowed on roads only.

Please hire Native American consultants to offer information about how their peoples have used this area historically, also their plant and ecological knowledge. It would be wonderful to hear the Arapaho language spoken and see interpretive signs that share Indigenous knowledge, history, and language.

your resident question is missing Weld County-town of Erie

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In looking at the property acquisition map, there are many more miles of streams where people are not allowed than areas where we are. This seems like a good place to allow people to get to the stream and not just for a point or two but for long distances.

My family lives in the Kenosha neighborhood and we have always wanted to bird watch near these ponds. Space for children to explore nature (not just walking

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trails where you keep moving) would be amazing for families with small children who struggle to get to the mountains.

Thank you for getting us more open space - this is what will keep Erie a great place to live. Preserve as much open natural space as you can so the people that live here can walk, run, exercise in nature.

PLEASE SEGREGATE THE TRAILS AND PARK FEATURES SO THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR CAN SAFELY WALK ON TRAILS WITHOUT FEELING THE DISCOMFORT OF HAVING TO SEE WHITENESS IN ALL ITS FORMS. THERE IS NOTHING WORSE THAN BEING A PERSON OF COLOR AND HAVING TO SEE WHITE PEOPLE IN THE WILDERNESS.

Connection to trails systems should also be considered when building the park.

More fishing and water activities!!!

It's crazy to me that you want to develop this area, which will push the coyotes and herons off of the land, but still want to name it after them.

Making this mostly accessible via bike/hiking paths tends to be lesser intrusive/impacting. Tying it into Boulder and even up to the St Vrain Greenway is the way to go here IMHO.

I support restrooms, changing stations, water and shade for disabled children and adults - their needs beyond a walkable path are often unrecognized, I hope you have consultants (families) with this expertise to inform you of areas of need that are often unseen. thank you

Ample trail space (width) for both walkers and bicyclists

Adequate horse trailer parking

Don't mess up a natural area just to make a park.

To protect critical wildlife habitat, especially west of 287, hiking, biking and dog walking should be restricted to trails only and dogs should be on leash.

Do something bold like create an urban swimming hole. See what they did in Chico, CA, here: <https://youtu.be/mJUmcwvUJE>

Limit the impacts to this area. If not broken, why change it

If at all possible, it would be nice to limit litter, give pets access to the water, walking and shaded space - plant trees!

Cattle continue to destroy corridor (at least near 109th St.); this restored area must be protected for wildlife only.

Thank you for protecting this space from development. Structures in the park should be minimal, limited to a restroom and a covered picnic site.

Too many other places in Boulder County with Coal Creek in the name.

Even though I don't see bike trails mentioned, please ensure that cyclists can easily travel to the site and park bikes safely once there. How about a covered bike parking area?

No

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Please no more white male names memorialized please. Keep those for buildings, but never natural areas or lands.

make sure there is plenty of parking, multiple points of access would be best.

Ability to bike to there from Boulder

Email Comments

The following response is from Gerry Kelly President, Boulder County Nature Association (BCNA) Board of Directors:

1. It appears that BCPOS will attempt to prioritize protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitats when determining how and where human access will be allowed. Please maintain this priority throughout the planning process. Species and habitats that deserve priority include: Three Critical Wildlife Habitats in the area designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Resource Element (ERE) - Kenosha Wetlands, Kenosha Heronry, and Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area. Additional ERE designations in the area include the East County: Plains Environmental Conservation Area, Riparian Habitat Connector, and potential contiguous restoration area for Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a Federally listed threatened species. Buffer areas for raptor nests and the Great Blue Heron heronry, as recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. State- or Federally-listed threatened or endangered species. Animal and plant Species of Special Concern, also included in the ERE. Stream, riparian, wetland and upland prairie habitats.
2. BCNA also very much supports the County's focus on providing access and opportunities for nature observation, education, and appreciation for persons of all abilities.
3. In addition, BCNA supports the use of interpretative signage to educate users on the many aspects of the natural world, including a systems approach that connects the various ecological aspects and their important functions.
4. Incorporate recommendations and concerns from BCPOS resource staff, including wildlife biologists and plant ecologists.
5. Conduct additional plant and/or animal surveys as determined to be needed by resource staff, including monitoring to establish a strong ecological baseline and to determine positive and negative impacts associated with various management strategies as needed to reduce or eliminate impacts to wildlife and habitats.
6. Limit and strictly control access to water and riparian habitats to avoid impacts to areas with the greatest wildlife and habitat values, such as Kenosha Wetlands. This includes leaving contiguous riparian corridors for bird nesting and movement of mammals and other wildlife. However, try to incorporate wildlife viewing around/near such area, including the limited use of blinds, as appropriate.
7. Restrict trails, other infrastructure and human access to areas with the least wildlife impacts.
8. Limit human access and disturbance to minimize introduction and spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species. For example, New Zealand mudsnails occur upstream in Boulder Creek and are very easily spread by clinging to boots and dogs.
9. Eliminate grazing from riparian habitats, streams, ponds and wetlands.
10. Continue to provide for prairie dogs on the site, as an important food source for bald eagles and other birds of prey nesting and wintering in the area.

11. If dogs are allowed, strictly limit them to specific areas where wildlife impacts would be minimized, and require them to be leashed. This will require management budgets to include enforcement.

12. Leave the provision of urban, park-like amenities, such as playgrounds, to local towns and cities. For example, the town of Erie is quite close to the site, and its website lists thirteen parks that provide playgrounds, sports fields and many other amenities. The site plan should make the natural world a key focus -- to enable users to experience a more natural world and its great ecological diversity.

13. Incorporate, where still applicable, project objectives, management recommendations, and survey data from the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan. Include updated information such as any changes in use of the area, changes from the 2013 flood, and updated plant and animal surveys.

The following response is from Carol McCasland, [Treasurer of] Board of Directors of Boulder County Audubon Society (BCAS):

BCAS's mission is to be a "voice for birds and wildlife conservation through habitat protection, advocacy, and nature education." We consider it of the utmost importance to prioritize protection, restoration, and enhancement of wildlife and habitats when determining how and where human access will be allowed at the EBC site.

Because the EBC site has experienced limited human access, this special area presents an opportunity to continue to protect and restore native prairie, riparian corridors, and other important habitats, while allowing for some human uses. Species diversity is quite big on portions of the area, particularly Kenosha Wetlands and along Coal Creek. To maintain this diversity of over 140 bird species and a variety of native mammals, amphibians, and other organisms observed on the site, we strongly believe that human access needs to be carefully planned and controlled. This includes consideration of seasons of use by wildlife - for example, some bird species nest in the area, while for others the site provides valuable migration or wintering habitat.

Species and habitats that deserve priority in management planning for EBC include:

- The three Critical Wildlife Habitats in the area designated in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Resource Element (ERE) - Kenosha Wetlands, Kenosha Heronry, and Lower Boulder Creek Riparian Area.
- Additional ERE designations in the area including the East County: Plains Environmental Conservation Area, Riparian Habitat Connector, and Potential Restoration, Contiguous area for the Federally threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse (PMJM). This potential restoration area is a necessary part of a longer recovery section of Boulder Creek if it is selected for restoration as part of the recovery process for PMJM.
- Buffer areas for raptor nests and the Great Blue Heron heronry, as recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Ongoing monitoring and periodic changes will be needed, to accommodate changing locations of raptor nests and heronries.
- State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species.
- Species of Special Concern listed in the ERE. Some of these species, such as the northern harrier, occur or nest in so few sites in the county that loss or compromise of even one site could affect their survival in the county,
- Stream, riparian, wetlands, and upland prairie habitats

To avoid impacts to areas with the greatest wildlife and habitat values, such as Kenosha Wetlands Critical Wildlife Habitat, we believe that access to water and riparian habitats should be limited and strictly controlled. This would leave continuous riparian corridors for bird nesting and movement of mammals and other wildlife, uninterrupted by human presence. Trails and other infrastructure should be located in areas with the least wildlife impacts - for example, trails through agricultural areas would provide mountain views while minimizing wildlife and habitat impacts. Eliminating grazing from riparian habitats, streams, ponds, and wetlands will help facilitate recovery of these areas. Restricting human disturbance to specific areas will also help to minimize introduction and spread of terrestrial invasive species, plus aquatic invasives such as New Zealand mudsnails.

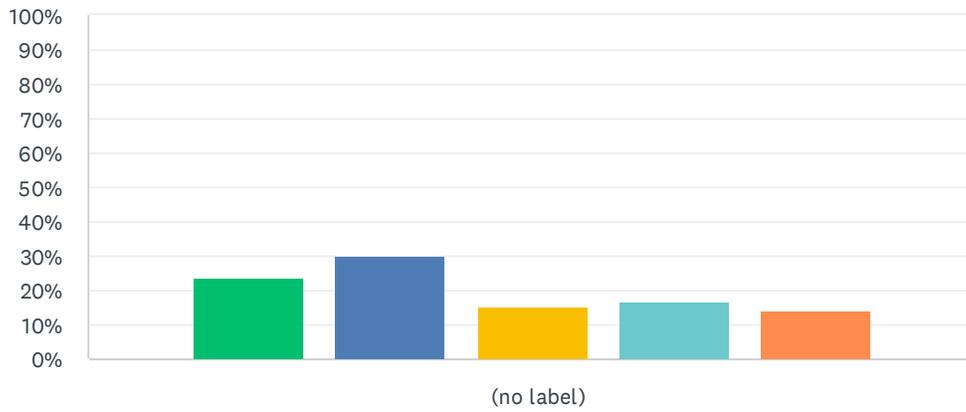
BCAS would like to see prairie dogs continue on the site, in area determined to be appropriate by resource staff, as a keystone species and an important food source for bald eagles and other raptors nesting and wintering in the area. If pet dogs are allowed, we believe they should be leashed and strictly limited to specific areas where wildlife impact would be minimized. Additionally, it is our considered opinion that the provision of urban, park-life amenities such as playgrounds and paddle boarding should be left to local towns and cities. As just one example, Erie lists thirteen parks on their website that provide playgrounds and many other amenities.

Ideally, the EBC management plan should incorporate, where still applicable, project objectives, management recommendations, and survey data from the 1998 Lower Boulder Creek and Coal Creek Open Space Master Plan, plus updated information such as any changes in use of the area, changes from the 2013 flood, and updated plant and animal surveys.

Finally, we urge BCPOS to incorporate recommendations and concerns from resource staff including wildlife biologists and plant ecologists—into EBC management plans. These may include conducting additional plant and animal surveys, and ongoing monitoring and management changes in the future as needed to reduce or eliminate impacts to wildlife and habitats, based on updated site information and relevant research studies.

Q1 My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Answered: 229 Skipped: 0



■ Strongly Ag...
 ■ Agree
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 ■ Disagree
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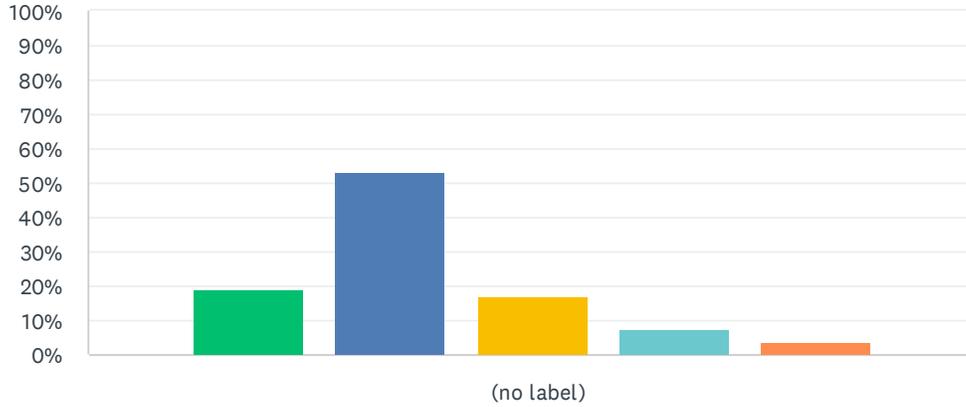
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(no label)	23.58% 54	30.13% 69	15.28% 35	16.59% 38	14.41% 33	229	3.32

Q2 Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 163

Q3 The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Answered: 209 Skipped: 20



■ Strongly Ag...
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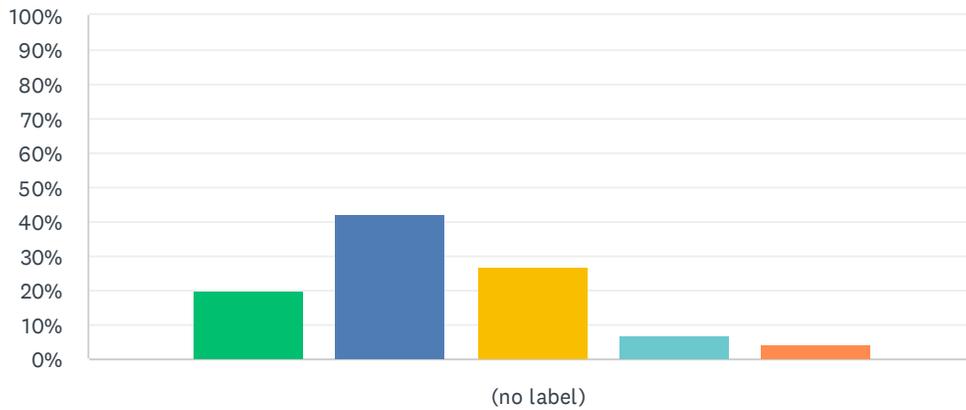
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(no label)	19.14% 40	53.11% 111	16.75% 35	7.18% 15	3.83% 8	209	3.77

Q4 What did you not understand or was unclear?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 210

Q5 The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Answered: 196 Skipped: 33



■ Strongly Ag...
 ■ Agree
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Strongly Di...

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	19.90% 39	42.35% 83	27.04% 53	6.63% 13	4.08% 8	196	3.67

Q6 What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 213

Q7 Anything else you want us to know?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 105

Final Survey: All Responses

East Boulder Creek Site Final Management Plan Survey

10/11/2023 3:35:46 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I'm excited for EBC!

10/11/2023 4:04:22 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/11/2023 5:50:11 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Want to preserve this area for animals habitats as long as possible. Resident recreation has many options but animals habitat has no other option but preserve.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/11/2023 7:56:13 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Multi-use non-motorized trails were put in last place, after every other management priority, and it shows -- trails are merely small, disconnected afterthoughts

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

you've missed the mark with regard to the potential for regional and loop trail(s) in this beautiful park.

10/12/2023 6:11:42 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please keep the electric motorcycles/ebikes out of the park. They have ruined all of the areas they are now allowed.

10/12/2023 11:31:24 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/12/2023 3:40:37 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please implement the future Boulder to Erie Regional Trail — that will be critical in being able to reach this lovely new space without getting into a car.

10/13/2023 8:41:15 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/13/2023 11:05:30 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The more trail near the creek the better. In such a dry area it's so wonderful to enjoy and share what we've do have!

10/13/2023 11:19:52 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/13/2023 12:12:12 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/13/2023 7:21:00 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/14/2023 6:42:23 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/14/2023 2:19:06 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Leave the area as it is and protect it as open space. Do not develop any projects there

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/14/2023 5:04:21 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

There is far too much emphasis places on turning these mountain parks into wild life refuges and agricultural assets. Recreation is a slight and grudging afterthought by OSMP.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

Statements are made like there will be water access and trails. But there are no specifics or detailed plans provided. Having one break in the fence that OSMP will doubtlessly install will not be adequate. The trails will likely be graveled sidewalks. Deta

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/16/2023 10:11:05 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The Boulder County Audubon Society (BCAS) Board of Directors is pleased to submit the following comments regarding the East Boulder Creek (EBC) Site Management Plan. BCAS's mission is to be "a voice for birds and wildlife conservation through habitat prot

10/16/2023 12:33:20 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/16/2023 2:47:04 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/17/2023 8:06:52 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The proposed trails seem very disjointed. It would be ideal to build a continuous path (like Coal Creek trail, Rock Creek trail, etc.) or include explicit connections to other trails as part of this plan.

10/17/2023 8:44:55 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

There are many other fishing places - I think fishing tends to be counter to many other goals I'd skip. On enforcement - maybe having a hotline for regular people to call out rangers for egregious behavior/situations beside 911.. On enforcement perha

10/18/2023 3:46:13 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/19/2023 9:32:24 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/19/2023 1:22:16 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

In my experience any time a trail and public access is allowed through active ranch lands, that agricultural business and land management is negatively impacted and the landscape priority shifts from natural resources/ranch lands to accommodating public r

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Take care of the cattle ranchers here, they're becoming fewer, operating is becoming harder, and their land base is shrinking.

10/19/2023 4:52:58 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/19/2023 9:58:20 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

It should be left alone for the wildlife and the rural feel of the neighborhood

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Leave it alone. Dont do anything

Anything else you want us to know?

10/20/2023 8:25:16 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/20/2023 11:47:41 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

So excited for this beautiful space!

10/21/2023 7:08:13 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 2:21:18 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

I would like to limit human access more to protect and enhance habitat.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please preserve the habitat. There is so much growth and development along the front range. Boulder has the values and prosperity to preserve habitat.

10/21/2023 2:40:11 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 2:46:54 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 2:52:06 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 2:58:33 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 3:11:32 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 3:33:59 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Great job. Keep up the good work. We need to protect as much open space and steward it properly as our needs grow owing to population increases in the area.

10/21/2023 4:32:49 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Opening up to large amounts of people putting stress on site.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

We need to keep areas free of human activities as all the world's wildlife is dwelling. We also need to keep the natural environment safe from human activity and stress.

10/21/2023 4:41:04 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Pls leave this space as it is

10/21/2023 5:01:06 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 5:25:54 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

This is a very ambitious plan and on paper it sounds fabulous. I am very concerned about the recreational part of it. I don't want the recreational part of it to overwhelm the natural preservation of this land. We are losing natural spaces for plants and

10/21/2023 5:47:56 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 5:50:12 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Looks like a good balance of some public access spaces and some habitat preservation areas off-limit to the public

10/21/2023 5:59:23 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 6:08:40 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I want ecosystems for wildlife to be the priority

10/21/2023 6:26:40 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Focus on wildlife habitat protection

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

how wildlife habitat will be protected

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 6:52:15 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 7:58:55 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 8:28:53 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Preserving the natural habitat for non-human species

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

While I do understand the need for more recreation opportunities for people, it is a threat to these

areas and their natural inhabitants/habitat. More people in an area=more use=more degradation of the area. We are loving our outdoors to death!. It is h

10/21/2023 8:49:06 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

This area should be left alone. There are so few sights where wildlife can thrive and succeed without interference. People have plenty of places to go. We do not need to sacrifice yet another area.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/21/2023 9:00:59 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I see that you plan a trail along the north side of Kenosha Pond. If this is really to be a wildlife habitat, how about screening the trail with willows etc but provide a few bird blinds along the trail so folks can see the birds but not disturb them. I

10/21/2023 11:57:17 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

Details about wildlife protection

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The plan is to vague about the protection of wildlife

10/22/2023 4:50:40 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/22/2023 6:39:56 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/22/2023 8:13:38 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I hope there is a lot of care given to how agricultural use will be navigated. It feels essential to prioritize the value for the many (humans and non humans) over the 'production potential' through agriculture. Thank you for this beautiful work!

10/22/2023 8:46:51 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/22/2023 9:02:36 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/22/2023 10:49:21 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

This site has a high species diversity due to limited human access, it also a the key transition to Weld county where wildlife habitat and conservation are not being protected. This plan is about trails and create a park atmosphere. This should be about h

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

This plan continues to reflect BCOPOs priorities of recreation and agriculture over habitat and species of protection. And this survey...it captures little to no detailed information on a survey of this plan

10/22/2023 1:09:00 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

so many bikes that it is dizzying. Bike riders generally are zooming by beating the clock, tho, some are courteous, others are not which can ruin one's day, esp. if you are constantly dodging them, frightened, watching out for them more than enjoying the

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

please consider having this area free of bikes. There are so few places these days where one can wander and get lost in landscape w.o. worry.

10/22/2023 1:47:13 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/22/2023 3:00:47 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/22/2023 3:19:17 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The EBC site presents an opportunity to continue to protect and restore native prairie, riparian corridors, and other important habitats. Please limit human use and impact and implement protection and restoration of wildlife.

10/22/2023 5:37:01 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/22/2023 6:04:27 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Undisturbed and unfragmented preservation of habitat for wildlife.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please do not develop this area for Homo sapiens recreational purposes

10/22/2023 8:55:29 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Destruction of a critical wildlife habitat to build boardwalks and trails to bring humans in to walk all over it is the complete opposite of conserving the land. All of these animals need their space. People in that space will foster the opposite! The co

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The plan boasts an image of "restoring the area" and allowing public to enjoy wildlife. But all of that wildlife will be flushed away and threatened by pedestrians and paddlers all over the place.

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

The images again portray that land conservation is the goal but the plan is actually completely stripping away the safe space for the wildlife. It should remain limited accessibility for managing native plants and environmental monitoring.

Anything else you want us to know?

I have questions before I can provide more suggestions. What other actions can be taken with this space to decrease the accessibility to it? Why does this land need to be destroyed with all of these human use features rather than leaving it be to flourish

10/22/2023 10:41:27 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/22/2023 10:54:51 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

To maintain diversity and high quality habitat, human access needs to be CONSTRAINED. Trails should CROSS and lead away from creeks, NOT parallel them. Ecologists have long pointed out that to prevent the effects of anthropogenic climate warming we need t

10/23/2023 8:21:45 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please continue to protect and restore native prairie, riparian corridors, and other important habitats. Please keep some areas human free as wildlife deserves to have a place with out us. We have plenty of acres and areas in which to recreate.

10/23/2023 11:09:46 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I don't agree with putting a nature play area so close to a closed wildlife habitat and a parking lot/trailhead in where there is an active raptor nest. I imagine there will be considerable disturbances to the wildlife in both of those areas.

10/23/2023 11:58:32 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Too much development and usage is planned and not enough actual protection of wildlife and the undeveloped nature of this rare bit of open space still left near Weld County's boundary.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

The management plan is clear; it's just that I disagree totally with the premises underlying it. It clearly describes exactly what I oppose being done to this property.

Anything else you want us to know?

Start over and this time, protect the open space. Don't turn this into another example of managed and manicured park space for people. We don't need that.

10/23/2023 1:01:17 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Wishlist: Connection to coal creek path, clear signage with mile markers, trashcans and pet waste stations, trees planted for shade.

10/23/2023 1:18:57 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/23/2023 1:29:30 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

SHADE 🌲 🌳 🍁 🍂, glad to read that it is part of the plan. Hopefully the trees added to the area to provide the much needed shade will be mature and readily appreciated by all using the planned trail(s).

10/23/2023 1:33:42 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I don't think a trail should go through the woods behind 11497 & 11587 Jasper Road as this area houses/feeds a lot of wildlife. I was give a tour of the woods by Sarah Wise and her family planted many fruit trees back in that area that feed wildlife. Addi

10/23/2023 2:17:50 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/23/2023 2:51:02 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Where are you planning for equestrian access? Don't forget us!!!!

10/23/2023 3:05:55 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Would like more photos. Of work bring done.

Anything else you want us to know?

Any room for new tennis courts? With Rocky mountain tennis club closing.

10/23/2023 3:49:13 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/23/2023 5:58:27 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The planned new trails are prone to disturb wildlife and livestock

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

You should really sit and watch the dynamics of nature at dusk and Dawn over a few seasons before changing anything. The wild turkeys are just now finally returning to this habitat after being wiped out from the flood

10/23/2023 8:15:37 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please ensure trail connectivity to the Town of Erie. We would love a destination like this to ride our bikes to.

10/23/2023 8:24:53 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/23/2023 8:47:56 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/23/2023 8:56:29 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/24/2023 12:48:55 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The perfect is the enemy of the good. Opening an imperfect area sooner is far preferable to the perfect plan executed in 10 years.

10/24/2023 6:13:17 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/24/2023 6:31:50 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Did not clearly indicate trail types for bikes and Connie too s to coal creek and other regional trails

10/24/2023 7:26:10 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/24/2023 8:14:26 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/24/2023 8:44:56 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Careful planning needs to proceed that will allow wildlife to flourish in this important habitat. Many times allowing recreational opportunities will impact wildlife use. Limiting activities should be considered.

10/24/2023 11:03:59 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/24/2023 11:12:22 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/24/2023 12:45:21 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/24/2023 3:49:05 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Thank you for balancing conservation and habitat preservation with access and trails.

10/24/2023 7:38:41 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Parking lot on 109th st. We don't want it on 109th st.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

More traffic on 109th st. Dirt road , not in a condition for more traffic.

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

No parking lot on 109th st.

10/25/2023 10:53:12 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Is the current path of Boulder Creek to be relocated from its existing location?

10/25/2023 10:54:44 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Less text

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 12:33:04 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:28:14 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:28:40 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

What does it mean when there is a number and 2 curved arrows exiting the number?

10/25/2023 2:30:04 PM

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Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:31:24 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

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Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:31:29 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:31:53 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:32:18 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:38:57 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Let's get it done!

10/25/2023 2:42:09 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:53:07 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I want regional trails in west Boulder County

10/25/2023 2:57:27 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 2:57:37 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

More mountain bike accessible trails are very important to me!

10/25/2023 3:03:15 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

More open space trails, please!

10/25/2023 3:06:47 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

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What did you not understand or was unclear?

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What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 3:13:05 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Love the bike connections.

10/25/2023 3:15:14 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 3:28:25 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 3:43:22 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 4:20:42 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 4:49:59 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I think this plan provides a great balance between protecting wildlife and providing recreational and educational opportunities. It is great to see progress being made on improving and restoring this area.

This area is a gem given the 25 years of cookie

10/25/2023 5:53:12 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

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The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I would like soft surface gravel trails that help connect Boulder to Erie to be a significant part of the plan

10/25/2023 5:56:17 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

I never like how recreation is always stated as something that is a goal as long as it doesn't impact nature. It's immediately a second class goal and while I'm an avid environmentalist I'm also equally a recreational-ist. Recreation is a standalone value.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Take a look at the maps that Bma put together. They do a better job of connection the recreation value of this into the broader context so I had to turn to them to understand the value. More time spent on clearly stating the recreation value would also r

Anything else you want us to know?

I love the trail access so people don't have to drive to trailheads or bike on roads and risk their lives.

10/25/2023 6:49:56 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Balanced mountain-biking access, and prohibition of motorized vehicles (e-bikes)

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 9:20:31 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/25/2023 9:51:50 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please make accommodations for e-bikes as this becomes integrated into the larger BERT system.

10/26/2023 6:24:24 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 7:14:16 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I love this idea

10/26/2023 7:16:52 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

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Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Figure out a way to connect the west trails to the east trails, having them disconnected minimizes the potential experience for hikers, bikers, and birders alike.

10/26/2023 7:36:27 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 7:44:38 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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What did you not understand or was unclear?

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What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 8:17:05 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 9:08:53 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I believe that the more open space we have as a city the better health of the overall area population. Seeing folks outside exercising helps others to motivate to get fit and be outside which is very impactful to both mental/physical health and wellness.

10/26/2023 9:52:04 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 9:55:43 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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What did you not understand or was unclear?

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What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 10:17:38 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

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Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 10:19:51 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Connectivity to existing and future trails (ie. BERT and Coal Creek) will be especially important, as the addition of the proposed trailhead parking lots will undoubtedly lead to increased traffic on county roads (ie. Kenosha, Jasper, 109th, 119th, etc.).

10/26/2023 10:27:39 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 10:52:57 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 3:04:15 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 5:18:35 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

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Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Great job!

10/26/2023 7:38:26 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

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Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 8:13:55 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

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Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I loved the color photos. This aligns with my values.

10/26/2023 8:46:01 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/26/2023 9:41:11 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Better maps are needed that show regional and neighborhood trails, including an online ArcGIS map with much more info and map layers. Also need illustrations that show what planned fencing, trailheads, parking and other infrastructure will look like.

Anything else you want us to know?

Please phase out cattle leasing! So much fencing is required to keep cattle out of riparian areas. And with the recent and drastic BCPOS policy change to close open space where "bad" cattle MIGHT injure visitors, why risk having cattle at all? Your own

10/26/2023 11:25:58 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

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Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/27/2023 9:19:58 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/27/2023 9:30:00 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Don't do it

Anything else you want us to know?

Too much development

10/27/2023 9:31:51 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

I am opposed to preventing human access to any part of the public property in this area.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/27/2023 10:17:43 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The prioritization of recreation over protection of wildlife and their habitats in the choice of putting intensive recreational facilities right next to Critical Wildlife Habitat within the most sensitive wildlife region in the area. Please see additiona

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the plan. I very much support future plans for restoration of Boulder Creek, riparian areas, and grasslands, including native revegetation, fencing to keep cattle out of Boulder Creek, and targeted grazing to

10/27/2023 11:52:06 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

I do not ant public parking by my house

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Putting a 40 space parking lot on a beautiful open space area. Bringing cars are people to an otherwise peaceful natural setting.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

No large parking lot.

Anything else you want us to know?

I have lived on the charming 109th dirt road for many, many years. There are few dirt roads left in the area. The dirt road discourages traffic and you can see when walking up and down this road the abundant wildlife that enjoy this quiet space. As a home

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Road improvements to access trail heads Especially since I live on the dirt road to be used for access

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I would like to see the routing of trail system from 109th st. Also where will the parking be?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The proposed trail around the north side of Kenosha looks too close to provide protection for wildlife habitat, as does the trail east of Coal Creek. No mention of New Zealand Mud Snails in the plan - currently this aquatic nuisance species is found in lo

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Thank you for balancing recreation and habitat. I appreciate the attempts to make this space more welcoming to people with additional needs or interests than the standard open space user. Good work!

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please allow continued protection and the restoration of native prairie, riparian corridors, and other important habitats at the East Boulder Creek (EBC) site. It is tremendously important to maintain the diversity of species living in the area. Therefo

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please balance human access with riparian and wildlife conservation values. Limit human access wherever and whenever it jeopardizes health and vibrancy of the bird and animal well being and habitat.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The development timeline relative to available funding should be more clearly discussed. Also, resources required to develop this space relative to other current or potential properties should be addressed.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/28/2023 12:51:15 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/28/2023 12:55:45 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The part that I take issue with is the current plan to construct a parking lot - that includes parking - DIRECTLY IN FRONT of our house. Furthermore, we have three young children, and moved here in part because of the lack of traffic making it safe f

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please do not put a parking lot on 109th St. This is not a favorable option for the inhabitants who take great pride in our quaint idyllic country Road.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Yes! This is not inresponse the "visuals" of the management plan, but the effort to

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I think the trail from the 109th St. trailhead should be farther to the north away from the fence line. Also, there is a drainage ditch from the horse farm and along the east side of the private lake and on to Boulder Creek. This is part of the drainage

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I want to echo a concern communicated by the Boulder County Audubon Society re: Appendix A p. 8, last sentence of the paragraph about Environmental Conservation Areas (ECAs) indicates that wildlife values of the ECAs, Critical Wildlife Habitat, and ripari

10/28/2023 1:26:25 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Visitor access

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I'd like more Creek access, fewer restrictions

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

There is insufficient information in the plan on how critical wildlife habitat will be protected, including how people will be kept out of such areas, specifically areas around the Kenosha ponds. Trails should be kept at a distance from raptor nests and

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Animals and birds are diminishing nationally because of the lack of contiguous space. Small areas of protected land are great, but really do little to help populations expand. While I love to be able to hike along areas that are natural, we have many su

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/28/2023 1:43:05 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

parking lot and walk path locations.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/28/2023 1:51:18 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/28/2023 1:56:36 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Wildlife protection, critical species need a very lightly trafficked area. Have just open space guided (limited #s, narrow intrusion) hikes like Dave Suderland used to do!

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Why happened to guided hikes thru that area via Boulder Mtns/Open Space?

10/28/2023 2:09:22 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Move the Trailhead 40 space parking lot OFF 109th & Jasper our small community isn't built for this many people- it will cause a dust bowl & excessive traffic on a rural dirt road -No light at 287 so we become a cut thru street- 21 rural farms live here -

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The Trailhead parking lot on 109th & Jasper needs to be relocated- why would you ruin a small rural community that cannot handle the traffic - this neighborhood is used by the community as is- running walking bike riding horse riding & it's safe !! no tra

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Protection of sensitive habitats

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EBC plan. It is unfortunate that the main focus of the plan seems to be providing recreational opportunities rather than protecting wildlife and sensitive areas. I am particularly concerned about the fact th

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Insufficient attention to wildlife and biodiversity needs, too much emphasis on recreation.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Comments by Carron Meaney, PH.D. on East Boulder Creek Management Plan 10.29.2023 Overall, I am concerned with the focus on recreation and potential harm to wildlife and biodiversity. I am a professional wildlife ecologist. My main points are: • El

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I appreciate you work. It adds value to my life and the others who attend

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I am concerned about the proposed trail along the north side of Kenosha Pond Critical Wildlife Habitat (CWH) and would like to see it eliminated, along with the proposed trail on the east side of Coal Creek to protect wildlife. All the facilities should

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Allowing public access, parking and traffic along 109th Street!

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

Exact map of trails and parking.

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Not specific enough.

Anything else you want us to know?

Why would you allow trailer parking and think it would not turn into an overnight nightmare?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I just want to stress the importance of preserving this area for wildlife—as Andes Adana stated: in wilderness is the preservation of the earth

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

A appreciate the effort extended and concur 100 percent with the concerns, recommendations and questions raised in the BCAS input. Rather than repeating my lengthy comments, I refer to the well researched and written BCAS submission

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

See previous comment about my input to strongly consider the BCAS submission

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Keeping humans, dogs, bikes away from this valuable area that we need for “spare parts” such as more birds, native vegetation, aquatic organisms, than we have in most other areas that have been opened up for recreation.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Dear BCPOS, My husband and I have lived in Boulder since 1974 and have been ardent supporters of City and County open space ever since. I was a volunteer naturalist with BCPOS in the 1970s and 80s and helped produce the first "Nature Detectives" suppl

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

I appreciate much of the plan but am very concerned abt impact on wildlife diversity, raptors, herons, and invasive species as expressed by audobon society comments. Please consider limiting trail access that would be detrimental to our wildlife and biodi

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

See previous comments. In this time of climate crisis our havens of biodiversity and wildlife protection are critical. Thank u for all of your hard work !

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please protect this special place for all the species that are under stress from habitat loss elsewhere.
Thank you.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

I want to see more measures in the plan to prioritize protection of wildlife and important habitats over human uses- for example eliminating the proposed trails on the north side of Kenosha Pond and the east side of Coal Creek and moving the accessible tr

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

First, I appreciate staff's hard work on the draft plan and the challenges involved. I support the restoration activities, limiting creek access to specific areas, and keeping the area closed from sunset to sunrise. I consider it of the utmost import

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

There needs to be limited human access and carefully monitored access because of the diversity of species there.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The natural habitat needs to be protected for the non human species first. Be very careful I. Opening it to human recreation

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please continue to protect and restore native prairie, riparian corridors, and other important habitats. Over 140 bird species and a variety of native mammals, amphibians, and other organisms have been observed using the site. To maintain this diversity,

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

We moved to the country for solitude...the traffic that will be going up and down north 109th will be increased and the dust we deal with from this road is awful now. What will it be like then. The giro did not mention the parking lot that will be needed

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

Where are these cars park? Where are the entrances to this plan?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I am against this plan ...this is our neighborhood that will be affected by the increased vehicles on our already horrendous dirt road

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

How will oil drilling and its concomitant disruptions, be phased out of this idyllic plan?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Parking lot on 109th street

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I have lived on 109th for over 50 years and have enjoyed the peaceful country life. 109 th st is A gravel road that is usually traffic free. What you have planed for a parking lot is going to destroy the peaceful life we enjoy now. All the traffic on our

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

not enough thought is being given to potential intrusive human impacts on the habitat - need to shrink or restrict human activities at least seasonally if not rethinking the need for recreation activities on this site. existing agricultural uses should st

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Reconsider human activities that could occur on the edges of property. Also factor in the need for staff time to monitor protect and be present on site. Like lifeguards and rentals and patrols - resource monitoring and revegetation and weed control as w

10/29/2023 9:36:33 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

I live on N 109th Street and the reason I love living here is because it's quiet. I understand the desire for people to enjoy nature, but to have a parking lot that will allow hundreds of people daily is horrifying. I VALUE the quiet and isolated area I l

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I imagine that after all the work that's gone into this plan that nothing can stop it, but to have the trailhead for 40 vehicles on our quiet dirt road is UNACCEPTABLE. Put it in an area that already has traffic and has the ability to support it. We are a

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Maintaining the older culture of Boulder County, small ranches and farms, the ability to have rural communities exist without being crushed by driving huge crowds into those communities

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

Why would you put a huge parking lot on a rural communities dirt road vs putting it out on a paved road where there is already a traffic load

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

This is a rural community on a dirt road. The increase in traffic will impact private property access, movement of farm equipment between private properties. The influx of crowds will impact water quality, littering, and wildlife. The county's approach

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Need protection from unnecessary and damaging human impact on habitat

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I think the trails north of Kenosha Pond and east of Coal Creek should be eliminated. I walk on trails every day and it's depressing to see what people do around ponds and creeks, such as let their dogs chase birds in the middle of a wildlife sanctuar

10/29/2023 10:24:06 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

More focus on preservation of sensitive ecosystems and wildlife habitat

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The impact on the existing neighborhoods

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Paving 109th and increasing traffic on that road will negatively impact the community. An alternative parking lot and access should be considered

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Protection of species of special concern

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

How wildlife and wildlife habitat will be protected

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/29/2023 11:49:32 AM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The plan clearly does not reflect the traffic considerations of the residents of 109th, a rural dirt road. The posted speed limit is 30 mph yet this limit is often not respected especially when traffic is directed to our road when accidents occur on 287.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Improving the look of the management plan would NOT include 109th in any of their graphics, images or layouts for a proposed Parking Lot. An alternate area is the best solution.

Anything else you want us to know?

I am confident that every resident of the 109th community would strongly disagree to have a Parking Lot placed on our road.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

40 parking spaces are too much. It will create too much traffic

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The trail on 109th should be moved to the north side of boulder creek.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

low protection of highest value wildlife habitat; too many urban park-like amenities; too much reliance on uncertain and expensive ranger presence and staff surveys for future management...

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

Many, but as an example: ambition for "low intensity human impacts" contrasts with the design for park-like amenities like a playground and a network of poorly sited trails.

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I have attended pre-plan visitations of the site (and was acquainted with the properties thanks to the years-long participation of Boulder County Audubon Society volunteers in surveys of the waterfowl use of the area). I wish to emphasize my complete agree

10/29/2023 12:42:49 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Being able to value open spaces without have the public "playing" on it.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

If the public is allowed to utilize this open space with dogs, paddle boards, canoes, etc. who will provide oversight, clean-up, and policing of the area? Volunteers - Probably not!

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Not only does this proposal intend to make a kind of city park type development of this area, but EBC is at the interface of Weld County, where wildlife habitat is disappearing at one one of the fastest paces in the northern Front Range.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I moved to Boulder County as I believed that protection of our open spaces, including habitats for a variety of species, was critical to our county. This plan is the exact opposite of what I valued in Boulder County and is prioritizing citizen's recreatio

10/29/2023 12:52:56 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

This site is home to many species of special concern. This plan does not begin to adhere to the protections provided by the Comp Plan. Rather, the Comp plan provides that an open space area as rich and undisturbed as this EBC will be protected and impacts

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

I do not understand how we could consider this area to be considered as a recreational area with benefits to the public. NO!

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Redo the plan with emphasis on protection of these natural resources and wildlife for the long term. Develop a map for each species of special concern, and determine the impact, first, of any changes.

Anything else you want us to know?

There should be no compromises in the impact on and management of these pristine natural resources for the species that live there.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

There seems to be too much compromise in conservation goals for the sake of public access. Especially near the border of Weld County, which is not preserving conservation areas, this seems like a critical misstep by the County.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

It is not clear how this plan is in line with the directives and regulations in Section ER1.01 of the Boulder County Comprehensive plan that provides that land use "shall" avoid and minimize adverse modification or impacts of environmental resources as sp

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Please conserve this critical habitat area and refocus on the County's stated conservation priorities.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

Why would Boulder County want change the area from natural land to a park?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Focus on what really matters - preserving natural land in as natural a state as possible

Anything else you want us to know?

Leave the area alone. It does not need human "management" and more park infrastructure development.

10/29/2023 1:39:20 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

In general I think the plan is well thought out, and I liked the parts that were added/changed after public comment. But I still hope that a LOT of effort will go into protecting sensitive natural, riparian, and wildlife areas, by keeping people & dogs on

10/29/2023 1:59:22 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Habitat protection

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I've noticed a dramatic decrease in some wildlife on my property (which we manage for wildlife) in east Boulder and I'd like to see us try as hard as possible to preserve the wildlife habitat that is left.

10/29/2023 2:20:45 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Parking off 109th St. Not compatible with this unpaved road and its sparse population. Too much of an increase in congestion and speeding.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

The potential for too much human activity in this open space, primarily designated for wildlife and grazing, seems short-sighted and romanticized.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

What is not clear is how the numbers and diversity of wildlife and pristine habitat would be protected in light of more human use of the property. The wildlife that exist there now is because the site has seen little human encroachment.

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

There are lots of voices shouting for more access to open space. The wildlife have no voice. Human access needs to be carefully limited so the wildlife diversity isn't lost forever. Thank you.

10/29/2023 3:22:26 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

the parking lot and trailhead on 109th.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

why is this new trail of value since it doesn't go along the creek or go anywhere of interest or connect with longer trails?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

this proposed trail map suggests potential connection with other trails but doesn't show where they go or whether the connection is in place. Or if the proposed trail and parking lot will be built without those connections.

Anything else you want us to know?

The unpaved section of 109th is not really suitable for increased traffic to a trailhead parking lot because it generates a lot of dust for local residents and is not speed controlled.

10/29/2023 3:25:15 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Will expose a very fragile area to excess use and abuse.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

This does not connect to anything, just allows the public to a delicate flood plain.

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

This is a poor plan, bringing the public to an area not yet impacted by over use. The parking lot is huge for this delicate gravel road. Inspire of the list of people 'involved' I use this road for recreation frequently and the impact of this access will

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

As both a nature lover and hiker/bicyclist, I appreciate the effort you've made to balance the somewhat competing needs of nature and people. Because nature can't speak for itself, I encourage you to protect the flora and fauna of this area.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Neutral

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I put a high value on minimal disturbance of wildlife

10/29/2023 5:35:33 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The homeowners in this area have not had opportunity to voice our opinions regarding this recent plan. We enjoy our rural setting environment and do not want anymore vehicle traffic, bike traffic or runners or hikers in this area. We are surrounded by E

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

This is poorly planed and the information that has been given by Boulder County does not align with what we have been told.

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Not against a soft trail in this area but Absolutely NO Parking Lot anywhere on 109th from Erie Parkway to Lookout Rd.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I think the parking on 109th is sized way too large at 50 cars. Due to the location it would become a center for road cyclists to meet up and head out for a ride, not using the park at all. I believe a smaller sized lot would deter this use. Also park

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

It is very difficult to please everyone - thanks for trying!

10/29/2023 6:08:44 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Don't want a 40 space parking lot on 109th street

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

No further expansion

Anything else you want us to know?

10/29/2023 7:17:14 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Conservation of natural features is not adequately addressed

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Preservation of the higher quality habitat without fragmentation so that wildlife currently residing there continues to thrive. Protecting land and aquatic animals from human disturbance. Prioritizes human recreation over undisturbed habitat.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

It is not appropriate for 2 of the 4 questions to simply ask if the presentation is clear. It would be better to ask questions about the trade-offs that are being made and whether the public agrees that human recreation should trump eco-system, wildlife a

10/29/2023 8:05:42 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

My priority is non-motorized boat access to the waterways. The plan is noncommittal (exploratory) on this issue.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/29/2023 8:15:48 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

10/29/2023 8:57:42 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Neutral

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

I think it's wonderful that this publicly owned open space will be made available as a Park and Trail(s). It's a beautiful area, and lovely that it can be preserved a separate place from the continuing development of the lands into residential and commerc

10/29/2023 9:02:44 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Preservation of open space, free from human impacts, for the plants and other beings whose ability to survive and thrive requires freedom from human disturbance. We owe it to them. It's one way we live up to our responsibility in this web of life.

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

You fail to account for the dire consequences to plant and animal communities you will inflict.

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

It's hardly the place we should be focusing.

Anything else you want us to know?

Acknowledge the rights of nature. Stand up for preserving and protecting open space and its inhabitants. Keep humans and their well-documented destruction off these lands. We have an abundance of trails and lots of access. Focus on restoring and preservin

10/29/2023 9:39:48 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Strongly Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

This space is rural agricultural. Goal 1 is "preserve rural lands and buffers". Building a parking lot on 109th and Jasper is not preserving rural lands and provides no buffers from the rural areas surrounding this land. Build a bike parking area at #

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Strongly Disagree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

Its unclear because I live on 109th and Jasper Rd and you have not let the neighbors know about these plans especially building a parking lot. You did this on purpose. I accidently found out about them from a neighbor just by chance on my daily walk. B

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Strongly Disagree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Boulder County does not need another parking lot.

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My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Agree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Agree

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

Overall this plan is better for conservation values than I had feared, based on the recreation emphasis of questions in earlier survey rounds. I appreciate the emphasis on wetland and riparian restoration and biodiversity, and the sections that will remain

10/29/2023 9:51:04 PM

My open space values are reflected in the management plan.

Disagree

Which of your open space values were not reflected in the management plan?

Not adequate protection of critical wildlife and habitat

The management actions described in the plan are clear and understandable.

Agree

What did you not understand or was unclear?

The look of the plan (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) is effective.

Neutral

What suggestions do you have to improve the look (e.g., graphics, images, and layout) of the management plan?

Anything else you want us to know?

More needs to be done to draw people away from critical habitat areas because this will be a well used area given its location
