

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
PARK OPERATIONS ~ PLANNING ~ CSU EXTENSION ~ COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ~ VETERANS SERVICES ~ RECREATION/CULTURAL SERVICES

**Park Advisory Board**

**Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – 1:30 p.m.

Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs

<b><u>Item</u></b>		<b><u>Presenter</u></b>	<b><u>Recommended Action</u></b>
1.	<b>Call Meeting to Order</b>	Chair	
2.	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>	Chair	Approval
3.	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Chair	Approval
4.	<b>Introductions / Presentations</b>	Chair	Information
5.	<b>Citizen Comments / Correspondence on Items Not On the Agenda (limited to five minutes unless extended by Chair)</b>	Chair	
6.	<b>Development Applications</b>		
A.	Happy Land Estates Filing No. 1 Minor Subdivision	Ross Williams	Endorsement
B.	Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13C - Phased Final Plat – Phase 3	Ross Williams	Endorsement
C.	Stonebridge Filing No. 2 at Meridian Ranch – Final Plat	Ross Williams	Endorsement

<b><u>Item</u></b>		<b><u>Presenter</u></b>	<b><u>Recommended Action</u></b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Information / Action Items</b>		
A.	Rainbow Falls Recreation Area - Proposed Facility Reclassification	Tim Wolken	Endorsement
B.	Jones Park Update	Tim Wolken	Information
C.	2017 Budget Update	Tim Wolken	Information
<b>8.</b>	<b>Monthly Reports</b>	Staff	Information
<b>9.</b>	<b>Board / Staff Comments</b>		
<b>10.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>		

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of the September 14, 2016  
El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting  
Centennial Hall  
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Members Present:

Bob Falcone, Chair  
Ann Nichols, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Jane Dillon, 2nd Chair  
Terri Hayes, 3rd Vice Chair  
Shirley Gipson  
Julia Sands de Melendez  
Todd Weaver  
Alan Rainville

Staff Present:

Tim Wolken, Community Services Director  
Ross Williams, Park Planner  
Elaine Kleckner, Planning Manager  
Brad Bixler, Park Operations Manager  
Todd Marts, Recreation/Cultural Service Manager  
Sabine Carter, Administrative Services Coordinator  
Dana Nordstrom, Community Outreach Coordinator

Absent: Judi Tobias

The following minutes are a summary of the proceedings. A recording is available upon request at the El Paso County Parks Administration Office.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Bob Falcone, Chair.
2. Approval of Agenda: Shirley Gipson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Julia Sands de Melendez seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 - 0.
3. Approval of Minutes: Terri Hayes made a motion to approve the August 10, 2016 meeting minutes. Shirley Gipson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 - 0.

4. Introductions and Presentations:

None

5. Citizen Comments / Correspondence:

Allison Plute, Fountain Creek Watershed Project Manager with Colorado Springs Utilities, and Dana Nordstrom, EPC Community Outreach Coordinator, provided an overview of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Creek Week. The 2016 kick-off event will be on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Fountain Creek Nature Center.

6. Development Applications:

**A. Sterling Ranch Master Plat Filing No. 1 – Final Plat**

Ross Williams provided an overview of the Sterling Ranch Master Plat Filing No. 1 – Final Plat and addressed questions by the Board.

**Ann Nichols recommended to the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners that approval of the Sterling Ranch Master Plat Filing No. 1 Final Plat**

**include the following conditions: Require the 25-foot trail easements within Tract D and along Briargate Parkway be shown on the Final Plat; Require dedication of 25-foot wide regional trail easements within Tract D and along Briargate Parkway to the County for the County's construction and maintenance of public multi-use trails on the Final Plat. Terri Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 - 0.**

7. Information / Action Items:

**A. Friends Group Update**

Dana Nordstrom, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided an update on the 2016 Friends Groups. A Friends Group is an organized group of park users with an interest in assisting El Paso County Parks in protecting, enhancing, maintaining and restoring a specific park, trail or open space. The Friends Groups have two main goals: 1) to increase community involvement in our parks, and 2) to provide time, talent and fundraising to support the identified Friend's Group projects. County Parks currently has six active Friends Groups.

**B. Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) Blue Gama Award for Outstanding Achievement**

Ross Williams indicated that the Planning Division received the *2016 Outstanding Achievement for a Group/Organization* from the Colorado Open Space Alliance for the Fountain Creek Regional Park Master Plan.

(Jane Dillon joined the meeting at 1:54p.m.)

**C. Happy Trails Event**

Todd Marts provided an update on the annual Happy Trails fundraiser. A total of \$10,540 was raised. Mr. Marts thanked the Park Advisory Board, table captains, Buffalo Gals, Sovereignty Wines, Phantom Brewing Company and a variety of local restaurants for providing food and beverages for the event.

**D. Park Fee Advisory Committee Appointment**

Tim Wolken requested the Park Advisory Board (PAB) endorse the appointment of a new PAB representative to the Park Fee Advisory Committee.

**Bob Falcone moved to endorse Todd Weaver to serve as a Park Advisory Board representative on the Park Fee Advisory Committee. Shirley Gipson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8 - 0.**



**E. 2016 Slide the City Event**

Tim Wolken provided an overview of the County's involvement in the 2016 Slide the City event. Mr. Wolken indicated that the City of Colorado Springs is the lead agency in permitting the event as a majority of the event occurs on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Mr. Wolken listed a summary of the County requirements set forth in a facility use agreement with the promoter which included a special event fee and a donation to the Pikes Peak Community Foundation benefiting the Bear Creek Dog Park. The County used the dog park closure to perform annual maintenance work / improvements within the dog park. If the event returns in 2017, Julia Sands de Melendez suggested that the City display event notification signs along 21<sup>st</sup> Street six weeks prior to the event. Bob Falcone and Jane Dillon also suggested the City send event notifications to homeowners six weeks in advance of the event.

8. Monthly Reports:

None

9. Board/Staff Comments:

Bob Falcone requested an update on the Jones Park project. Tim Wolken stated that Trails Unlimited encouraged the Forest Service to consider a different alignment for the 667 trail re-route around / over Kineo Mountain. The Bear Creek Watershed Roundtable will meet on September 14, 2016 to review options. An update will be presented at the next PAB meeting.

Todd Weaver inquired about the Rock Island Regional Trail repair. Tim Wolken stated that the Department of Public Works is coordinating the repair in conjunction with a major drainage repair project. The trail work is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

10. Adjournment: **The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.**

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Judi Tobias, Secretary

## **El Paso County Parks**

### **Agenda Item Summary Form**

**Agenda Item Title:** Happy Land Estates Filing No. 1 Minor Subdivision

**Agenda Date:** October 12, 2016

**Agenda Item Number:** #6 - A

**Presenter:** Ross Williams, Park Planner

**Information:** **Endorsement:** X

#### **Background Information:**

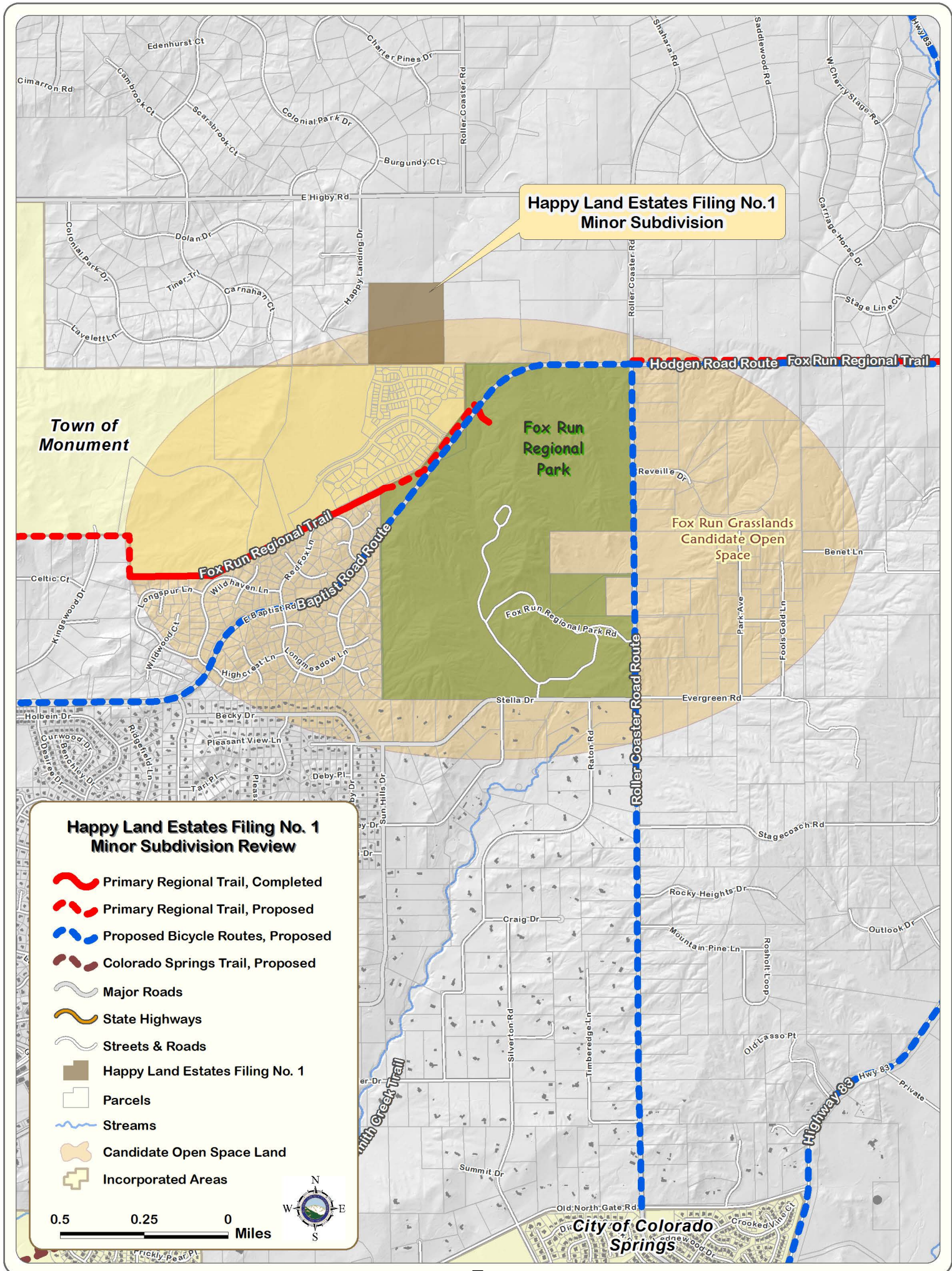
Request for approval by M.V.E., Inc. on behalf of Ryel, LLC, and Levi J. Hilton for Happy Land Estates Filing No. 1, a two lot minor subdivision totaling 35.37 acres. The property is located south of the intersection of Roller Coaster Road and East Higby Road.

The 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows no regional trails running through or directly adjacent to the proposed subdivision. Fox Run Regional Park is located 400 feet southeast of the property, and the proposed Baptist Road Bicycle Route and the proposed Fox Run Regional Trail are located approximately 0.15 mile to the southeast. The proposed Hodgen Road and Roller Coaster Road Bicycle Routes are located approximately ½ mile east of the property. The property is located partially within Fox Run Grasslands Candidate Open Space.

El Paso County Parks staff recommends fees in lieu of land for regional park purposes in the amount of \$672 as shown on the attached Subdivision Review Form.

#### **Recommended Motion:**

Recommend to the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners that approval of the Happy Land Estates Filing No. 1 Minor Subdivision include the following condition: Require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$672.





# Development Application Permit Review



**Community Services Department**  
**Park Operations ~ Planning ~ Recreation / Cultural Services**  
**Environmental Services ~ Veterans Services ~ CSU Extension**

October 12, 2016

Subdivision requirements referenced in section 8.5.2 of the El Paso County Land Development Code. Fees are based on average land values within designated areas. See El Paso County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Resolution for fees established on annual basis. The Park Advisory Board meets the second Wednesday of each month, 1:30 p.m., BoCC Auditorium, second floor Centennial Hall Building, 200 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs.

Name:	Happy Land Estates Filing No. 1 Minor Subdivision	Application Type: Minor Subdivision
DSD Reference #:	MS-16-002	CSD / Parks ID#: 0
Applicant / Owner:	Owner's Representative:	Total Acreage: 35.37
Ryel, LLC	M.V.E., Inc.	Total # of Dwelling Units 2
Levi J. Hilton	Dave Gorman	Gross Density: 0.06
306 Oxbow Drive	1903 Lelaray Street, Suite 200	Park Region: 2
Monument, CO 80132	Colorado Springs, CO 80909	Urban Area: 1

Existing Zoning Code: **RR-5**      Proposed Zoning: **RR-5**

## REGIONAL AND URBAN PARK REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park land dedication shall be 7.76 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit.

Urban Park land dedication shall be 4 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit.

### LAND REQUIREMENTS

Regional Parks: 2  
 0.0194 Acres x 2 Dwelling Units = 0.038 acres

Urban Density: ☐ (1 unit / 2.5 acre or greater)

Urban Parks Area:	1	
Neighborhood:	0.00375 Acres x 0 Dwelling Units =	0.00 acres
Community:	0.00625 Acres x 0 Dwelling Units =	0.00 acres
Total:		0.00 acres

### FEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Parks: 2  
 \$336.00 / Unit x 2 Dwelling Units = \$672.00

Urban Parks Area:	1	
Neighborhood:	\$83.00 / Unit x 0 Dwelling Units =	\$0.00
Community:	\$129.00 / Unit x 0 Dwelling Units =	\$0.00
Total:		\$0.00

## ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff Recommendation:

Recommend to the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners that approval of the Happy Land Estates Filing No. 1 Minor Subdivision include the following condition: Require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$672.

Park Advisory Board Recommendation:



August 31, 2016

**LETTER OF INTENT for  
Happy Land Estates Filing No. 1  
Final Plat**

**OWNERS:** Ryell, LLC and Levi J. Hilton, 306 Oxbow Drive, Monument, CO 80132, 719-684-5554.

**APPLICANT AND CONSULTANT:** M.V.E., Inc., 1903 Lelaray Street, Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, David Gorman 719-635-5736.

**SITE LOCATION, SIZE AND ZONING:** The site is 35.57± acres located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 66 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. In El Paso County, Colorado. The site is located east of Happy Landing Drive, south of Higby Road. The existing parcel is El Paso County Tax Schedule Number 6100000515 and is known as Tract 1 in White Tail Ridge.

The existing zone of the site is RR-5 (Residential Rural). The existing zoning will remain. The property to the north is zoned A-5, while the properties to the east and west are zoned RR-5. The property to the south is in the Town of Monument and zoned PD (Planned Development).

The proposed Happy Land Estates Final Plat will create two (2) single-family rural residential lots (total 35.19± acres) and one (1) dedicated Public Road Right-of-way (0.380± acres). Proposed lot sizes are as follows:

Lot 1 = 17.10± acres

Lot 2 = 18.09± acres

The overall gross density of the proposed project is 0.06 dwelling units per acre (or 17.79 acres per dwelling unit).

**REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION:** The request is for approval of the Final Plat of Happy Land Estates consisting of the entire 35.57± acre ownership parcel, which is to be subdivided into two rural residential lots with one public cul-de-sac roadway.

The proposed subdivision, as presented, is in compliance with the various development regulations, policies and plans in place within the County. Happy Land Estates is in compliance with Chapters 3 and 5 of the Land Development Code, the requirements of the applicable RR-5 zone district and the El Paso County Policy Plan.

This development is also consistent with the Tri-Lakes Comprehensive and Small Area Plan, West Cherry Creek Area, in the following Criteria 1) Lot size is greater than the minimum 2.5 acres with a low density land use pattern; 2) the proposed lots will use individual well and septic

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systems as do the adjacent properties on north, east and west properties since there are no existing central water or sewer systems in the immediate vicinity; 3) The large lots allow for significant amount of natural open space between structures and for unobstructed views to the front range, which act to preserve rural character; 4) Development emphasis focuses on rural residential uses; 5) Density and methods of construction will discourage stripping of natural features and vegetation. The existing topography and drainage patterns will not be significantly altered while all disturbed areas will be reseeded with native grasses; 6) the owners will implement methods of weed control on the properties.

The proposed subdivision will provide desirable rural residential lots and home sites for the two property owners. Street Right-of-way will be dedicated to El Paso County for the proposed local residential road, providing public access to the two new lots. The sections below discuss the further justification topics.

**ACCESS:** Access to this project site will be from the existing 60 foot wide public right-of-way (Reception No. 201051703) which connects the subject property to Happy Landing Drive. Happy Landing Drive is an existing asphalt paved local residential roadway with 60 foot right-of-way. The owners will construct a new public local residential cul-de-sac roadway from Happy Landing drive to the proposed cul-de-sac bulb near the northwest corner of the site.

**WATER AND SANITARY DISPOSAL:** Water and sanitary disposal will be provided by individual wells and on-site septic systems. A Water Resources Report and has been submitted with documented water rights. The water rights have been adjudicated for the site under Consolidated Case Nos. 16CW002 (Div. 2) and 16CW3004 (Div. 1).

**ELECTRIC and GAS UTILITIES:** The site will be served with electricity by Mountain View Electric Association in accordance with the provided service Commitment Letter. Gas service will be provided by individual propane providers.

**FIRE PROTECTION:** The property is contained within the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, a taxing entity within the County.

**PARKS:** The El Paso County Parks Master Plan (2013) does not identify a need for trails or facilities that would require dedications or easements from this project. Regional Park Fees in lieu of land are due at time of plat recording.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPACT:** The two (2) new residential lots will access the proposed public street connecting to Happy Landing Drive. (local residential road), which connects to Higby Road (Rural Minor Arterial). The development is expected to generate a total of 19 trips per day (Average weekday trips ends) and 2 trips in the peak hour based on 9.5 trips per unit for Single Family Detached Housing (according to Trip Generation, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2012 by the Institute of

Transportation Engineers). This number of trips is below the County threshold of 100 trips per day or 10 trip during the peak hour. Therefore, a Transportation Impact Study (TIS) is not required for the project.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES:** This development is subject to fees established by the El Paso County Road Impact Fee Program per El Paso County Resolution Number 12-382. The owners have elected to not be included in any Public Improvements District. The current Road Impact Fee Schedule provides that a fee per Single-family Detached dwelling of \$3,218.00 be paid at the time of individual building permit issuance.

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## **El Paso County Park Advisory Board**

### **Agenda Item Summary Form**

**Agenda Item Title:** Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13C – Phased Final Plat – Phase 3

**Agenda Date:** October 12, 2016

**Agenda Item Number:** #6 - B

**Presenter:** Ross Williams, Park Planner

**Information:** **Endorsement:** X

#### **Background Information:**

Request for approval by Classic Consulting Engineers & Surveyors, LLC on behalf of Lorson North Development Corporation, of Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13C Phased Final Plat – Phase 3. The site is located northwest of Falcon, at the intersection of Londonderry Drive and Towner Road, directly west of the Falcon Middle School.

Filing No. 13C of the Phased Final Plat consists of 51.425 acres and 135 residential lots, with a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet. This phase includes original Filings 13C, 13D, 13E, and 13F as depicted on the BoCC-approved Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13 Master Plat (2013). While the overall Filing No. 13 area includes multiple zone districts, the area to be subdivided within Filing No. 13C is zoned solely RS-6000. Filing No. 13C is a replat of Tract A of Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13B, which was approved in 2014 and has yet to be recorded, but will be recorded prior to the recording of Filing No. 13C.

The property is located within the Falcon-Peyton Small Area Master Plan area, as well as the Black Forest Preservation Plan area. The 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows no regional trails running through or directly adjacent to the proposed subdivision. The proposed Arroyo Lane Regional Trail alignment is located 0.45 mile north of the property, while the proposed Meridian Road Bicycle Route is located 0.75 mile to the east of the property. The proposed Woodmen Hills Secondary Regional Trail is located approximately 0.40 mile west of the property. Filing No. 13C does not lie within any candidate open space area.

The approved Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13 shows a large open space corridor along the western edge of Filing No. 13C that runs through the center of the entire Paint Brush Hills subdivision. Within Filing No. 13C, this 13.92 acre corridor, Tract A, allows for existing electrical power lines and drainage, and provides for 28% open space within the development. As no trail easements dedications are necessary for this filing, Parks staff recommends fees in lieu of land for regional and urban park purposes in the amounts shown below.

#### **Recommended Motion:**

Recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners that the approval of Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13C Phased Final Plat - Phase 3 include the following conditions: require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$45,360 and urban park fees in the amount of \$28,620.





# Development Application Permit Review



**Community Services Department**  
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Subdivision requirements referenced in section 8.5.2 of the El Paso County Land Development Code. Fees are based on average land values within designated areas. See El Paso County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Resolution for fees established on annual basis. The Park Advisory Board meets the second Wednesday of each month, 1:30 p.m., BoCC Auditorium, second floor Centennial Hall Building, 200 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs.

Name:	Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13C-Phased Final Plat-Phase 3	Application Type:	Final Plat
DSD Reference #:	SF-16-015	CSD / Parks ID#:	0
Applicant / Owner:	Owner's Representative:	Total Acreage:	51.425
Lorson North Development Corp.	Classic Consulting Engineers & Surveyors, LLC	Total # of Dwelling Units	135
212 North Wahsatch Avenue	619 North Cascade Avenue, Suite 200	Gross Density:	2.63
Suite 301	Colorado Springs, CO 80903	Park Region:	2
Colorado Springs, CO 80903		Urban Area:	3

Existing Zoning Code: **RS-6000**      Proposed Zoning: **RS-6000**

### REGIONAL AND URBAN PARK REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park land dedication shall be 7.76 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit.

Urban Park land dedication shall be 4 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit.

### LAND REQUIREMENTS

Regional Parks: **2**  
**0.0194 Acres x 135 Dwelling Units = 2.619 acres**

Urban Density: ☒ (1 unit / 2.5 acre or greater)

Urban Parks Area: **3**

Neighborhood: **0.00375 Acres x 135 Dwelling Units = 0.51 acres**

Community: **0.00625 Acres x 135 Dwelling Units = 0.84 acres**

Total: **1.35 acres**

### FEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Parks: **2**  
**\$336.00 / Unit x 135 Dwelling Units = \$45,360.00**

Urban Parks Area: **3**

Neighborhood: **\$83.00 / Unit x 135 Dwelling Units = \$11,205.00**

Community: **\$129.00 / Unit x 135 Dwelling Units = \$17,415.00**

Total: **\$28,620.00**

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff Recommendation:

**Recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners that the approval of Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13C Phased Final Plat - Phase 3 include the following conditions: require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$45,360 and urban park fees in the amount of \$28,620.**

Park Advisory Board Recommendation:

***LETTER OF INTENT***  
***Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13C***  
***Phased Final Plat – Phase 3***  
***(Encompassing Phases 13C, 13D, 13E and 13F as shown  
on the approved Master Plat Exhibit)***

**Owner:** Lorson North Development Corp.  
212 N. Wahsatch Ave., Suite 301  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(719) 635-3200

**Schedule No.** 52253-05-002

**Applicant/  
Consultant:** Classic Consulting Engineers & Surveyors, LLC  
619 N. Cascade Ave., Suite 200  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
(719) 785-0790

**SITE LOCATION, SIZE, ZONING:**

This letter is prepared to provide sufficient information in support of Phased Final Plat – Phase 3 of the Paint Brush Hills Filing 13 Subdivision. This overall project of 301.85 acres originally included 554 lots all approved under the Paint Brush Hills No. 13 Final Plat in 2006. This Final Plat was never recorded due to market conditions. However, various extension letters were requested and granted over several years, thus allowing this proposed Phased Final Plat submittal. Phase 13A (17 lots) has already been recorded and developed. Phase 13B (21 lots) was approved in 2014 but has not yet recorded. However, this phase 13B will be recorded prior to the recordation of phase 13C yet constructed along with phase 13C. The proposed Phase 13C of the Phased Final Plat consists of 135 single family homes and three tracts for open space, drainage and utilities covering the original phases 13C, 13D, 13E and 13F as shown on the approved Master Plat Exhibit. The total acreage for this Phased Final Plat equals 51.425 acres. The property contained in the Master Plat Exhibit is described by the County Assessor as Tax Schedule No. 5225305002.

The site is located in a portion of sections 25 and 26, township 12 south, range 65 west of the sixth principal meridian, El Paso County, Colorado. More specifically, located due

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west of Falcon Middle School, north of Londonderry Dr. and east of the major overhead power lines. The overall site contains several different zones including RS-6000 and RS-20000, however, the proposed Phase 13C lies entirely within the RS-6000 zone.

## **Requests:**

General: The proposed development is the third phase of the overall 554 lot subdivision – Paint Brush Hills Filing No. 13. However, it encompasses four phases shown on the approved Master Plat Exhibit (13C, 13D, 13E and 13F). A Phased Final Plat showing this development phase of 51.425 acres and 135 single family lots is proposed. All of these lots will be 6,000 SF minimum in size.

Early Grading: The applicant requests approval to commence early grading on the Filing No. 13C, including the installation of wet utilities (i.e. water and sanitary mains and services), prior to the recording of the final plat. It is not clear if an early grading request was made or required at the time of the preliminary plan approval in 2004 although three final plat filings were subsequently approved and graded along with the most recent Filing No. 13A. The applicant understands that additional erosion control and construction permits are necessary prior to commencing work.

Finding of Water Sufficiency: A finding of sufficiency on a 300 year basis for Paint Brush Hills Metropolitan District's water supply was made in 2006 by the Board of County Commissioners for the 554 lots in Filing No. 13. Due to the passage of time and the Board's adoption in 2012 of Resolution No. 12-48 applicable to Master Plat Exhibits and the phasing of final subdivision plats, updated findings of sufficiency for Filing No. 13 are required by the State and County. To date, updated findings of sufficiency have been made by the State and County for the 17 lots in Filing No. 13A, the 21 lots in Filing No. 13B and an additional 150 lots in Filing No. 13C. The District has recently issued a water commitment for the remaining 365 lots in Filing No. 13 and a request for a finding of sufficiency for those lots is being processed concurrently with this Final Plat. The applicant therefore requests that a finding of sufficiency for this Final Plat be made. The District's commitment and an updated Water Resource Report showing a water supply in excess of that needed for the Filing No. 13 Master Plat Exhibit is being submitted with this plat.

El Paso County Road Impact Fee Program: Pursuant to Board of County Commissioner Resolution No. 12-382, the applicant elects to include Filing No. 13C in the ten mill Public Improvement District.





# PAINT BRUSH HILLS FILING NO. 13C

A REPLAT OF TRACT A AS PLATTED IN PAINT BRUSH HILLS FILING NO. 13B RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NO. 216713, BEING A PORTION OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 25, AND THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 26, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO AS PLATTED

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PAINT BRUSH HILLS  
FILING NO. 13C  
RECEPTION NO. 216713

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PAINT BRUSH HILLS  
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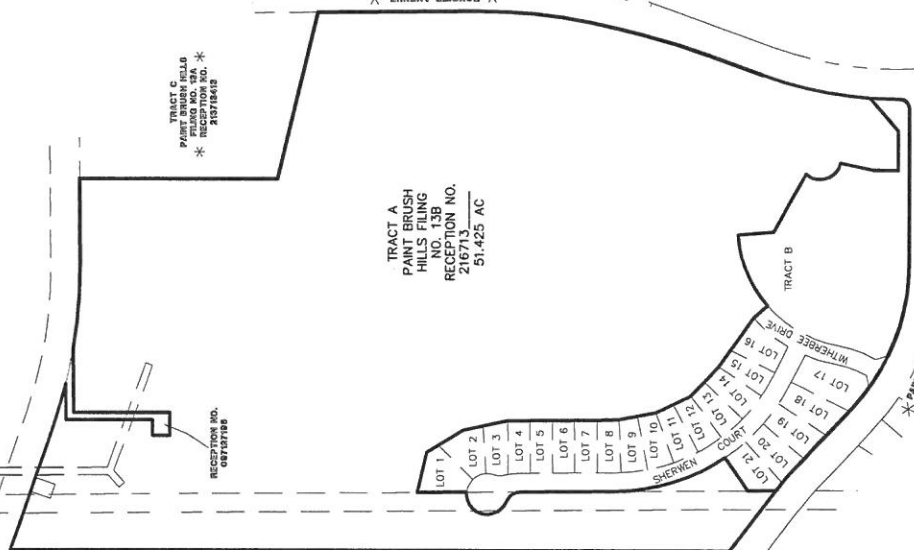
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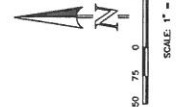
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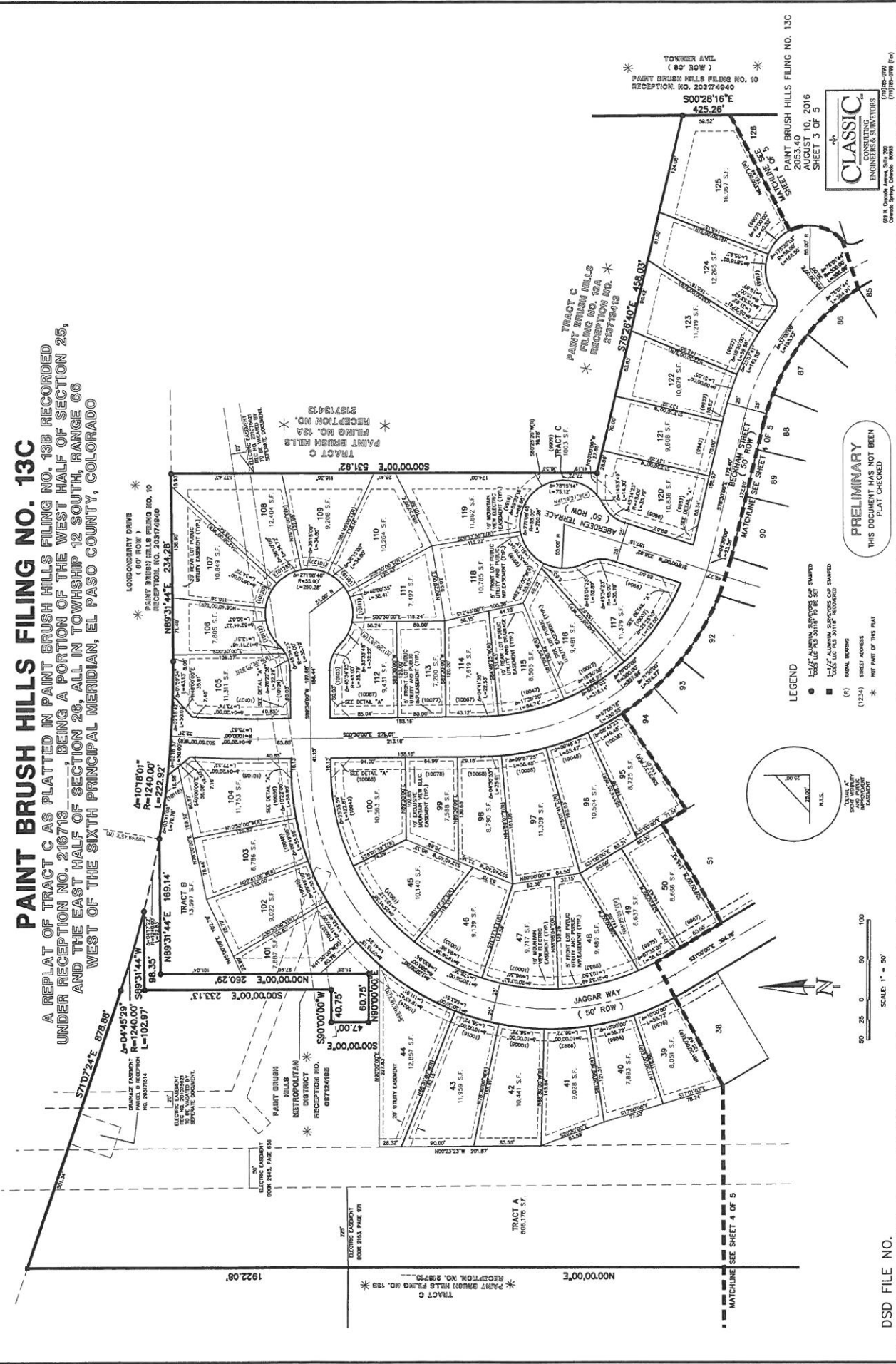


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# PAINT BRUSH HILLS FILING NO. 13C

A REPLAT OF TRACT C AS PLATTED IN PAINT BRUSH HILLS FILING NO. 13B RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NO. 216713, BEING A PORTION OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 25, AND THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 26, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO



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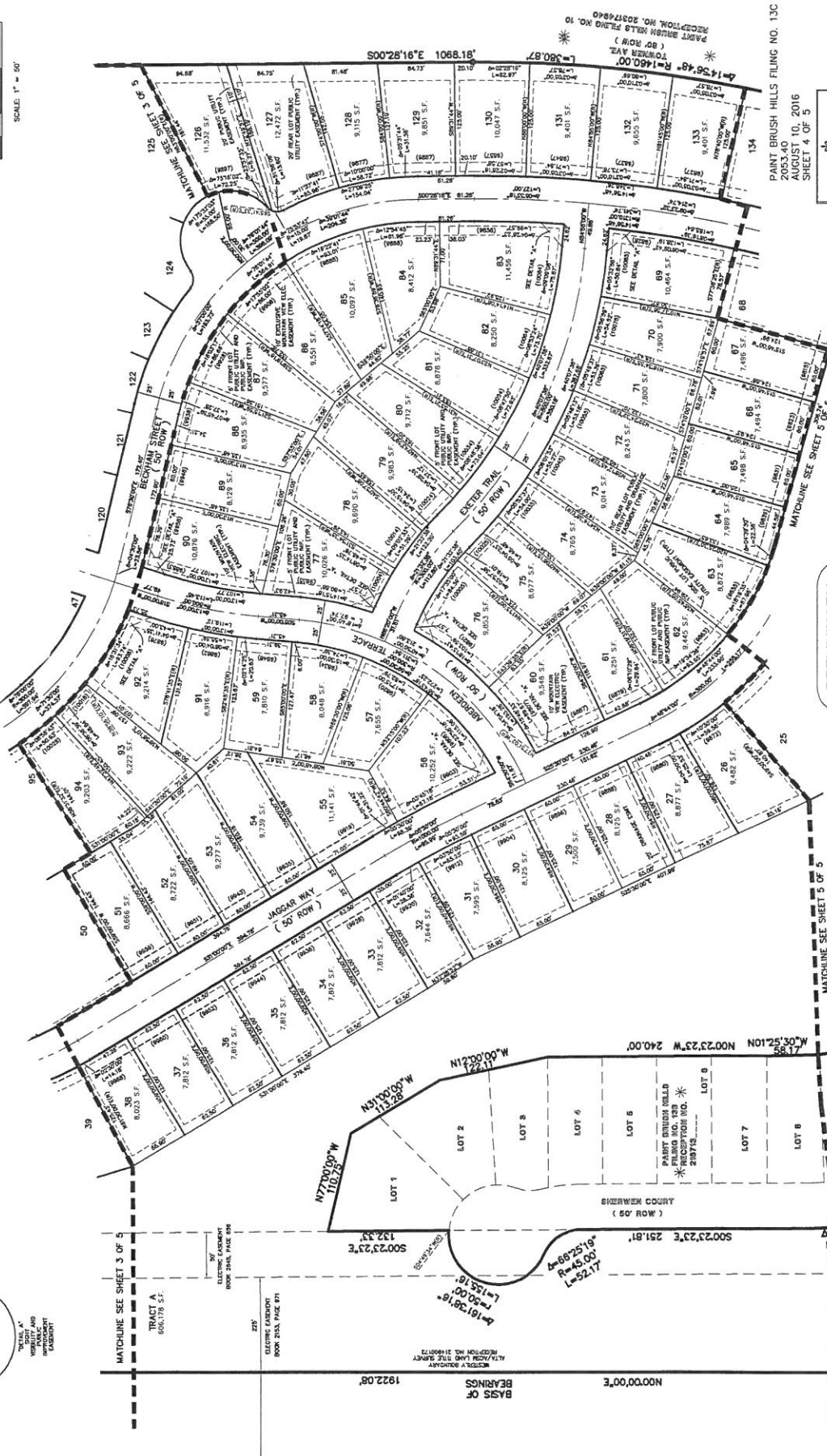
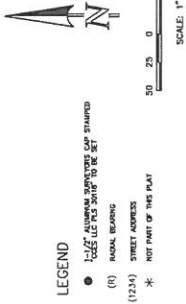
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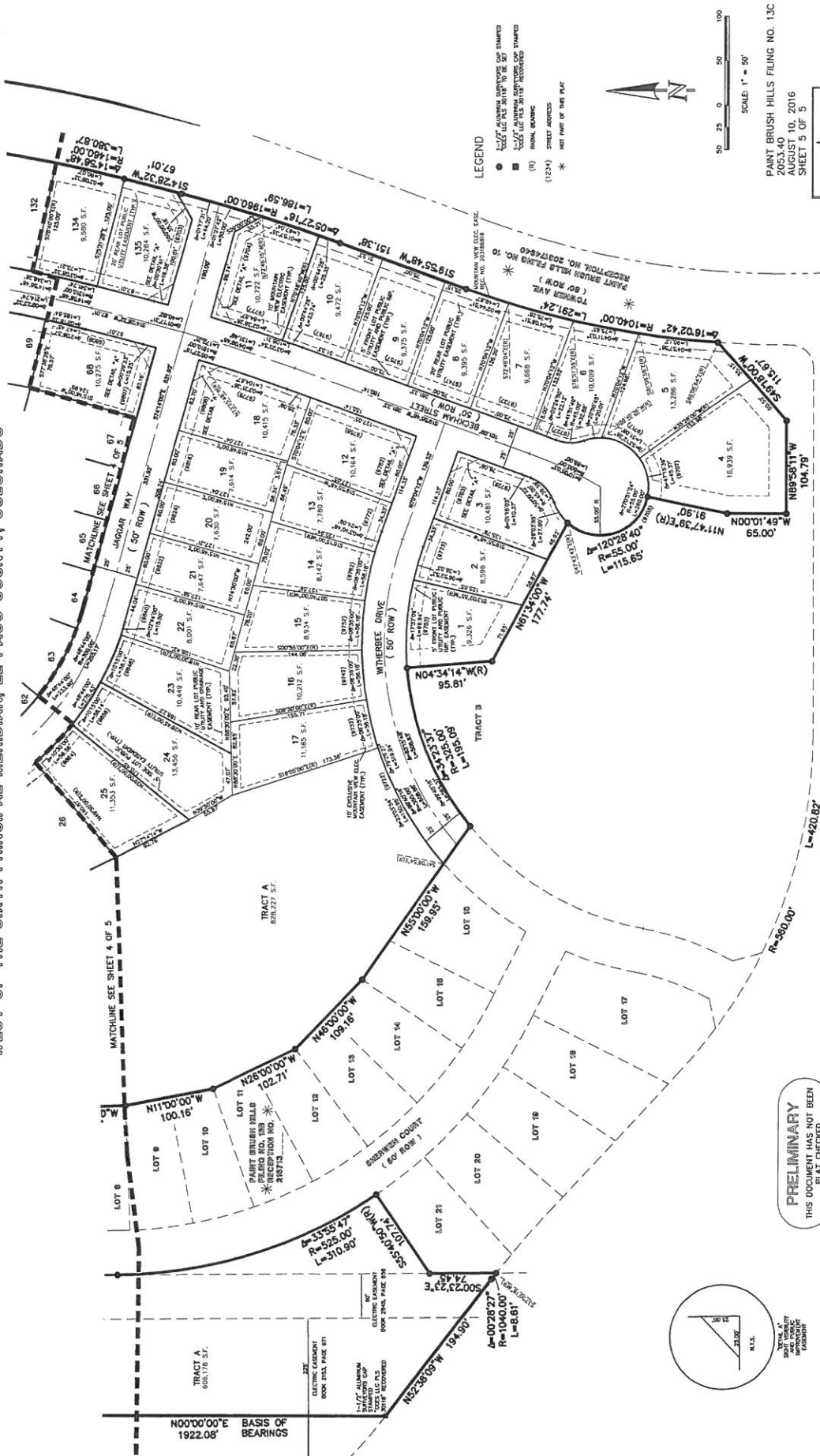
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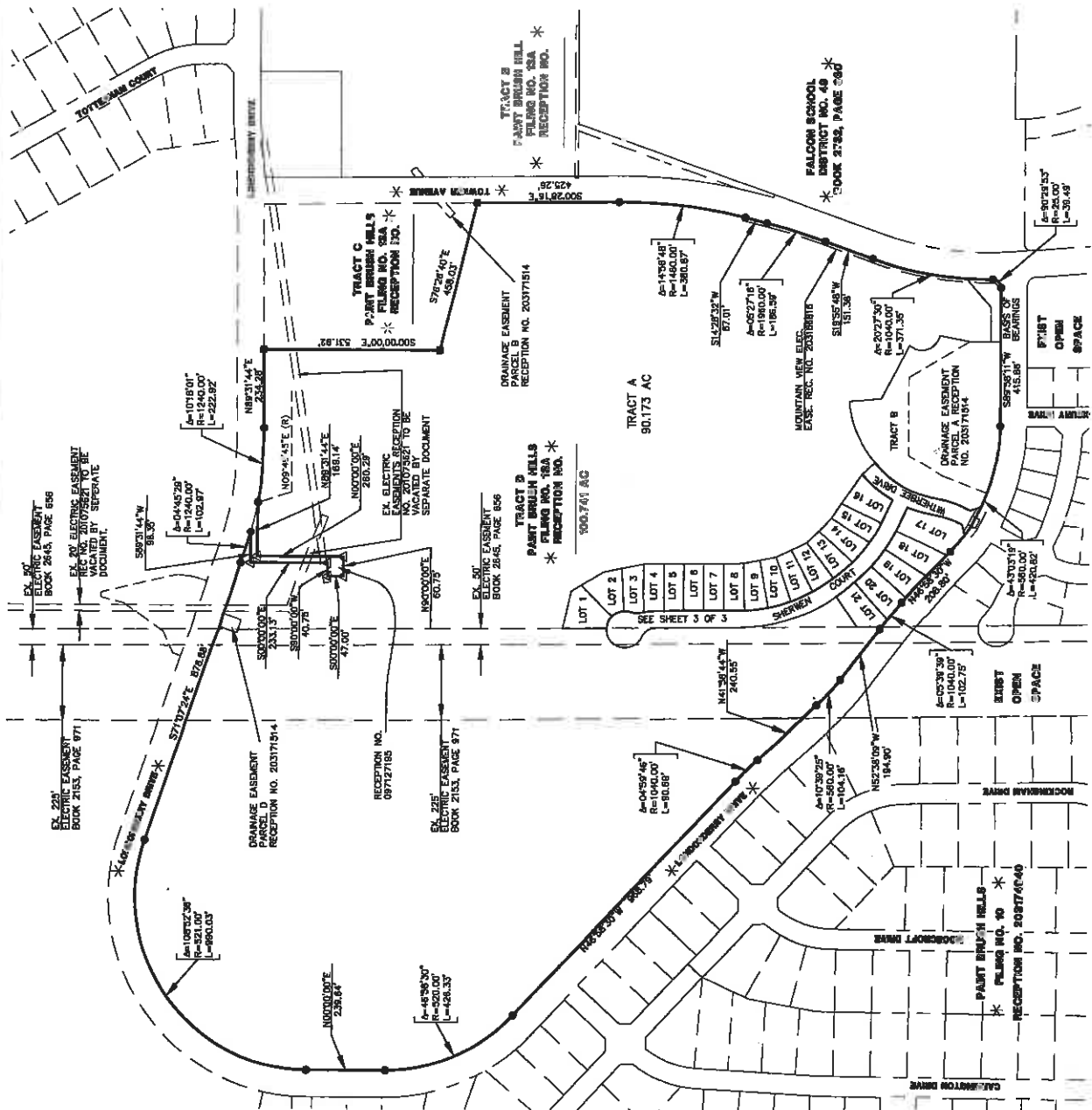
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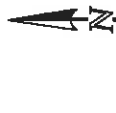






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## **El Paso County Parks**

### **Agenda Item Summary Form**

**Agenda Item Title:** Stonebridge Filing No. 2 at Meridian Ranch – Final Plat

**Agenda Date:** October 12, 2016

**Agenda Item Number:** #6 - C

**Presenter:** Ross Williams, Park Planner

**Information:** **Endorsement:** X

#### **Background Information:**

Request by GTL, Inc., for approval of Stonebridge Filing No. 2 at Meridian Ranch Final Plat. Stonebridge at Meridian Ranch is zoned PUD and is located within the Meridian Ranch development, northeast of the town of Falcon, east of the intersection of Meridian Road and Londonderry Drive, and southwest of Meridian Ranch Elementary School. The proposed 15.68-acre development will include 73 single-family residential lots, with a minimum lot size of 5,500 square feet. The property is within the Falcon-Peyton Small Area Master Plan boundary.

The 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows no regional trails running through or directly adjacent to the proposed subdivision. The proposed Arroyo Lane Regional Trail alignment is located 0.35 mile north of the property, while the proposed Meridian Road and Curtis Road Bicycle Routes are located 0.50 mile to the west and south, respectively. The proposed Eastonville Regional Trail is located approximately 1 mile east of the property.

The open space dedication proposed within Stonebridge Filing No. 2 comprises only .77 acres within landscape Tract A, or 4.9% of the subdivision, and therefore does not meet the required open space dedication. However, as part of the Stonebridge Preliminary Plan/Planned Unit Development and Stonebridge Filing No. 1, which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners July 2014, several open space tracts are proposed surrounding this proposed subdivision, for use as part of the Antler Ridge golf course, additional open space, and landscaped buffer areas. These undeveloped tracts consist of nearly 104 acres of the 141+ acres within the bounds of the Preliminary Plan/PUD, and comprise over 73% of the land within this portion of the PUD, exceeding the required minimum 10% open space dedication for a PUD. Numerous additional recreation amenities exist in the Meridian Ranch Development, and others are planned for future phases of the development.

Staff acknowledges the waiver of regional park fees as outlined in the 2014 park lands agreement, which addressed provision of Falcon Regional Park lands, and recommends urban park fees in lieu of land dedication for urban park purposes.

**Recommended Motion:**

Recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners that the approval of Stonebridge Filing No. 2 at Meridian Ranch Final Plat include the following conditions: require fees in lieu of land dedication for urban park purposes in the amount of \$15,476. Regional fees are not required pursuant to the existing park lands agreement for regional park land dedication.





# Development Application Permit Review



**Community Services Department**  
**Park Operations ~ Planning ~ Recreation / Cultural Services**  
**Environmental Services ~ Veterans Services ~ CSU Extension**

October 12, 2016

Subdivision requirements referenced in section 8.5.2 of the El Paso County Land Development Code. Fees are based on average land values within designated areas. See El Paso County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Resolution for fees established on annual basis. The Park Advisory Board meets the second Wednesday of each month, 1:30 p.m., BoCC Auditorium, second floor Centennial Hall Building, 200 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs.

<b>Name:</b> Stonebridge Filing No. 2 at Meridian Ranch - Final Plat (First Review)		<b>Application Type:</b>	<b>Final Plat</b>
<b>DSD Reference #:</b>	<b>SF-16-014</b>	<b>CSD / Parks ID#:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Total Acreage:</b>	<b>15.68</b>
<b>Applicant / Owner:</b>	<b>Owner's Representative:</b>	<b>Total # of Dwelling Units</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>GTL, Inc.</b>	<b>N.E.S., Inc.</b>	<b>Gross Density:</b>	<b>4.66</b>
<b>3575 Kenyon Street, Suite 200</b>	<b>Andrea Barlow</b>	<b>Park Region:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>San Diego, CA 92110</b>	<b>619 North Cascade Avenue, Suite 200</b>	<b>Urban Area:</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Colorado Springs, CO 80903</b>		

Existing Zoning Code: **PUD**      Proposed Zoning: **PUD**

## REGIONAL AND URBAN PARK REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park land dedication shall be 7.76 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit.

Urban Park land dedication shall be 4 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit.

### LAND REQUIREMENTS

<b>Regional Parks:</b> 2 <b>0.0194 Acres x 73 Dwelling Units = 1.416 acres</b>	<b>Urban Density:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1 unit / 2.5 acre or greater) <b>Urban Parks Area:</b> 3 <b>Neighborhood:</b> <b>0.00375 Acres x 73 Dwelling Units = 0.27 acres</b> <b>Community:</b> <b>0.00625 Acres x 73 Dwelling Units = 0.46 acres</b> <b>Total:</b> <b>0.73 acres</b>
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### FEE REQUIREMENTS

<b>Regional Parks:</b> 2 <b>\$336.00 / Unit x 73 Dwelling Units= \$24,528.00</b>	<b>Urban Parks Area:</b> 3 <b>Neighborhood:</b> <b>\$83.00 / Unit x 73 Dwelling Units = \$6,059.00</b> <b>Community:</b> <b>\$129.00 / Unit x 73 Dwelling Units = \$9,417.00</b> <b>Total:</b> <b>\$15,476.00</b>
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## ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff Recommendation:

**Recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners that the approval of Stonebridge Filing No. 2 at Meridian Ranch Final Plat include the following conditions: require fees in lieu of land dedication for urban park purposes in the amount of \$15,476. Regional fees are not required pursuant to the existing park lands agreement for regional park land dedication.**

Park Advisory Board Recommendation:

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## STONEBRIDGE FILING NO. 2 AT MERIDIAN RANCH: FINAL PLAT

### LETTER OF INTENT

AUGUST 2016

#### PROPERTY OWNER AND DEVELOPER:

GTL Inc.  
3575 Kenyon Street,  
San Diego, CA 92110

#### CONSULTANT:

N.E.S. Inc.  
619 North Cascade Avenue,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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#### REQUEST

GTL Inc. requests approval of the Final Plat for Stonebridge Filing No. 2 at Meridian Ranch, which consists of 73 single-family lots.

A request is also made for Early District Improvements at the time of plan approval by Staff, prior to going to Planning Commission.

#### LOCATION

Stonebridge Filing No 2 at is located south of Londonderry Drive and west of Mount Princeton Drive. The site consists of approximately 15.68 acres and is zoned PUD.



## JUSTIFICATION

A PUD Development for Stonebridge Filing 1 and 2 and a Final Plat for Filing 1 was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on July 22, 2014. The PUD Development Plan comprised 175 single-family lots on 141.42 acres and the Final Plat for Filing 1 accounted for 102 lots of the 175 lots. This Final Plat for Filing 2 is for the remaining 73 lots and is consistent with the approved PUD Development Plan, showing residential lots with a minimum of 50 feet wide (at the setback line) by 110 feet deep and minimum lot sizes of 5,500 square feet. The plat also includes a tract adjacent to Londonderry Drive for landscaping, utilities and drainage.

Documents already approved for this project include: Colorado Geological Survey review; Stormwater Management Plan (ESQCP); Grading Plans (implemented); Utility Plans; CLOMR (LOMR received by FEMA and under review).

Drainage: The Preliminary Drainage Report previously submitted and approved for Filing 1 and 2 is resubmitted as the Final/Preliminary Report specific to Filing 2.

Traffic: The accompanying Traffic Memo indicates that the Final Plat is consistent with the assumptions in Traffic Report prepared for the Filing 1 and 2 PUD Development Plan, dated February 20, 2014.

Utilities: Meridian Service Metropolitan District will provide central water and sanitary sewer service to the project. Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. will supply electricity service and Black Hills Energy will supply natural gas. The utility commitment letters submitted with the Filing 1 and 2 PUD Development Plan are resubmitted in support of the Final Plat for Filing 2.





KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:  
THAT GTL, INC. DBA GTL DEVELOPMENT, INC., THEODORE TCHANG, PRESIDENT BEING  
THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACTS OF LAND:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN A PORTION OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH,  
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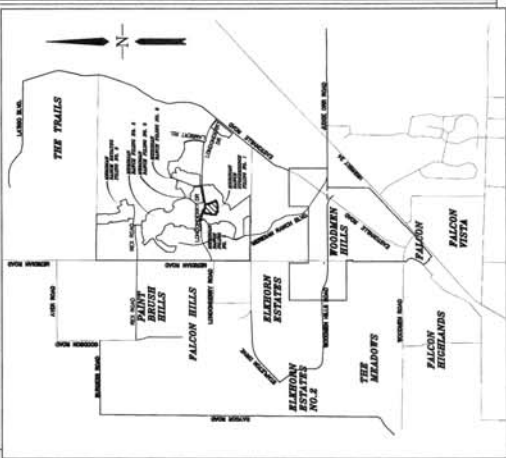
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STONEBRIDGE FILING No. 2

64 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

*EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO.*

PLAT NO.



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**DEDICATION:**

THE ABOVE OWNER(S) HAVING CAUSED SAID TRACT OF LAND TO BE PLATTED INTO LOTS, STREETS, ALLEYS, EASEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT, WHICH SUBDIVISION SHALL BE ENTITLED "MERIDIAN RANCH STONEBRIDGE FILING NO. 1," A SUBDIVISION IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE SAME BEING NOW OPEN FOR RECORD, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY AGREE THAT ALL PLATTED STREETS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ABOVE OWNER(S) AT HIS/HER OWN EXPENSE AND AT THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO UPON ACCEPTANCE BY RESOLUTION OF SAID BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE WATERS OF THE ABOVE TRACT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE COLORADO RIVER, AND THE WATERS OF THE COLORADO RIVER, SHALL BE KEPT OPEN AND AVAILABLE FOR THE USE OF THE WATERS WHICH WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE MERIDIAN SERVICE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

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THEODORE TCHANG, PRESIDENT HAS CAUSED  
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BY THEODORE TCHANG,  
PRESIDENT

GTL, INC., DBA GTL DEVELOPMENT, INC.

BY: THEODORE TCHANG, PRESIDENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
SS

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,  
BY THEODORE TCHANG, PRESIDENT, GTL, INC. DBA GTL DEVELOPMENT, INC., MERIDIAN RANCH  
GOLF COURSE. LLC

NOTARY PUBLIC \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

MERIDIAN SERVICE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

BY: GREGG GOMES

STATE OF COLORADO )  
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THIS INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,  
BY GREGG GOMES, MERIDIAN SERVICE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

NOTARY PUBLIC \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION:**

THE UNDERSIGNED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF COLORADO HEREBY STATES THAT THE ACCOMPANYING PLAT WAS SURVEYED AND DRAWN TO NORMAL STANDARDS AND CARE OF A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR PRACTICING IN THE STATE OF COLORADO. THE SURVEY WAS PERFORMED AND PLAT PREPARED UNDER HIS SUPERVISION AND ACCURATELY SHOWS THE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND AND SUBDIVISION THEREOF, AND THE UNDERSIGNED HAS BEEN CRITICALLY REVIEWED THE ENTIRE PLAT AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE SAME ACCURATELY REPRESENTS THE INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

JAMES F. LENZ  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN THE  
STATE OF COLORADO, PLS NO. 14583

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STREET'S ACREAGE:	<u>3.46</u>
TOTAL ACREAGE:	15.68

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PLANNING DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

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THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

WAYNE W. WILLIAMS, RECORDER

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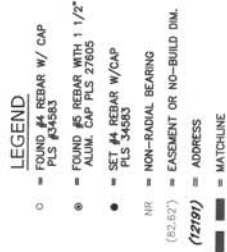
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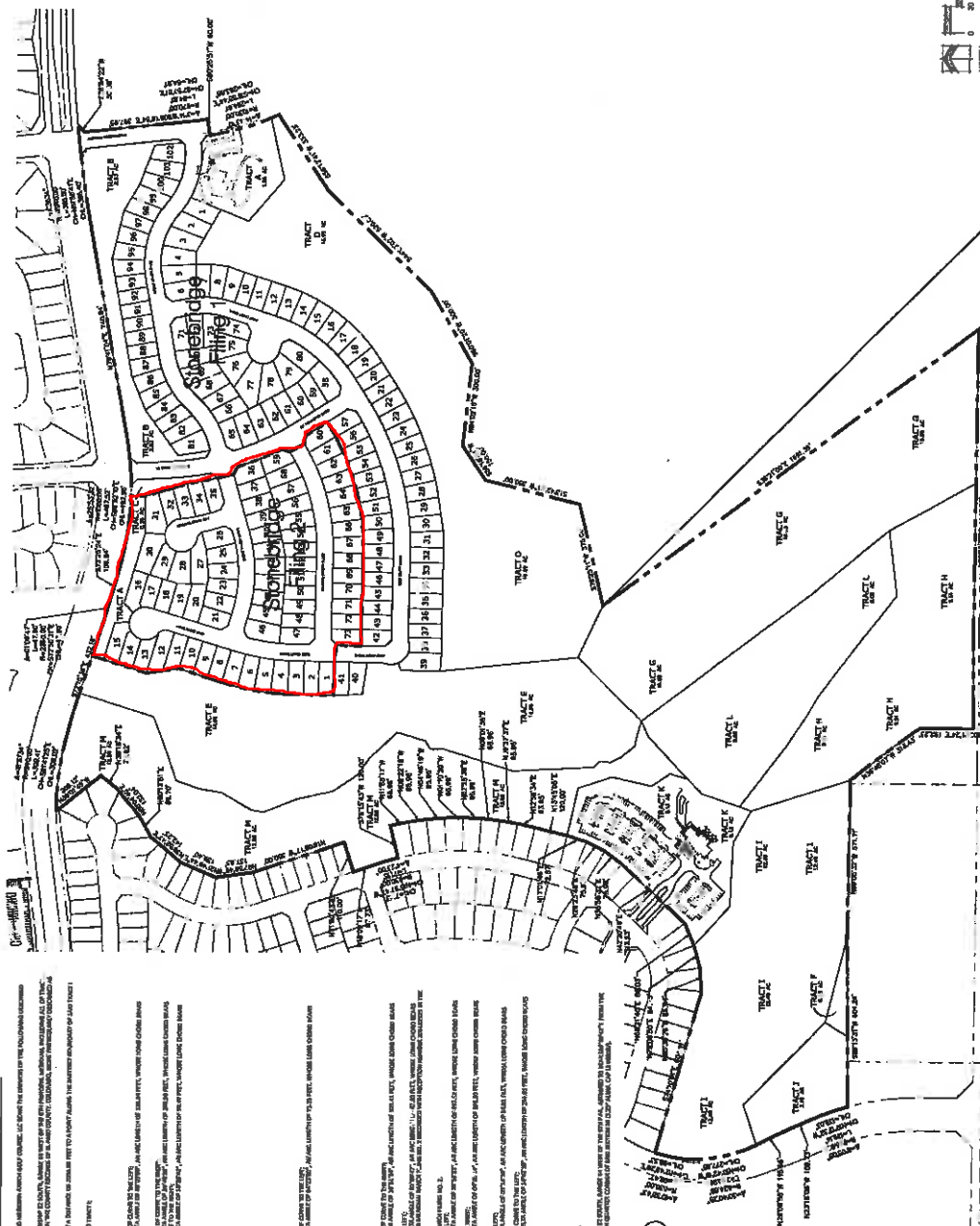
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## **El Paso County Park Advisory Board**

### **Agenda Item Summary Form**

**Agenda Item Title:** Rainbow Falls Recreation Area – Proposed Facility  
Reclassification

**Agenda Date:** October 12, 2016

**Agenda Item Number:** #7 - A

**Presenter:** Tim Wolken, Director  
Community Services Department

**Information:** **Endorsement: X**

#### **Background**

Rainbow Falls is a five-acre site located west of the Manitou Springs city limits and bordered by U.S Highway 24 and Manitou Avenue. The site was owned privately and had fallen into disrepair due to significant vandalism and graffiti issues.

The Manitou Environmental Citizen Action (MECA) initiated community cleanups in 2006 and contacted El Paso County for assistance. Under the leadership of County Commissioner Sallie Clark, El Paso County partnered with MECA on additional cleanups and initiated discussions with the property owner regarding the potential transfer of the Rainbow Falls to the County. The County assumed ownership of the site in 2010 and classified the site as a recreation area which is open dawn to dusk year-round.

The County formed the Rainbow Falls Coalition in 2011 that consists of the following stakeholders:

- El Paso County
- City of Manitou Springs
- Manitou Environmental Citizens Action (MECA)
- Trails and Open Space Coalition
- Fountain Creek Restoration Committee
- Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
- Colorado Department of Transportation

The Coalition meets on a monthly basis to plan Rainbow Falls improvements, ongoing cleanups, security efforts, and community education programs.

El Paso County addressed the planned Rainbow Falls improvements in its 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan under the following objectives:

#### **Goal 3 – Strategy D – Objective 2**

Implement park and trail improvements consistent with individual park master plans and / or the County Park's Capital Improvement Program.



### Goal 3 – Strategy D – Objective 3

Complete capital campaigns for the Pinerias Open Space, Rainbow Falls Recreation Area, and the Fountain Creek Nature Center Expansion, and implement improvements as funds become available.

A master plan for Rainbow Falls was completed in 2011 that has guided the improvements over the past six years.

Rainbow Falls experienced major flooding in 2013 that resulted in the Colorado Department of Transportation completing a number of significant repairs including bank stabilization and access road / main trail improvements.

El Paso County secured a Transportation Enhancement grant in 2015 for \$308,000 for Rainbow Falls improvements. The grant will be coupled with \$77,000 of local funds for a project budget of \$385,000. The improvements include the completion of a service road / trail to the Falls, plaza with seating walls at the base of the Falls, parking lot improvements, bank stabilization and improved drainage, bridge across Fountain Creek, and other trail improvements. The County has completed construction plans and bid documents and will launch improvements once all permits have been secured. In addition, the Colorado Department of Transportation is completing Manitou Avenue Bridge repairs which is scheduled to be completed in October, 2016.

### Proposed Classification Change

Rainbow Falls has continued to experience significant vandalism and graffiti issues which has led stakeholders to consider a proposed classification change for Rainbow Falls from a recreation area to an historic site. The potential benefits of the proposed change include:

1. Promote the historic features of the site including a spiritual place by Indian tribes, a wagon train route, hotels coordinated trips to Rainbow Falls, and CCC / WPA flood control efforts.
2. The proposed Rainbow Falls Historic Site will have designated days / times when the site is open to the public and will be supervised by staff or volunteer. It will be considered trespassing if individuals access the site when closed.
3. The development of interpretive signage and programming to emphasize the history and unique natural features of Rainbow Falls.
4. The opportunity to pursue grant funding for historical improvements.
5. Normal recreation activities (viewing waterfall, picnics) will continue.



The challenges of converting Rainbow Falls to an historic site include:

1. County Parks traditionally does not close outdoor sites.
2. Residents / tourists may be frustrated if they arrive at the site and it is closed.
3. Vandals may attempt to enter the site when it is closed.

El Paso County hosted a community meeting on August 11, 2016 in Manitou Springs to discuss the future operation of Rainbow Falls and the proposed classification change. Overall, the participants at the meeting supported the change.

### **Recommendations**

1. Amend the County Parks Master Plan to establish an historic site classification as described below.

Classification: Historic Site

Size: Variable

Purpose/Function: Preserve an area with dominant historic and cultural resources and support the inclusion of heritage in the life and development of the County. A historic area is a site, building, structure or object, officially recognized as important to El Paso County history by Park Advisory Board endorsement and formal Board of County Commissioners action. The historic area may be important to the community for its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; for its association with the lives of significant people or groups; the property may embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, represent the work of a master, possesses high artistic values, or be a good example of a building or structure; or the property may have archeological or natural history importance. Emphasizing protection over public access, areas and times for public access may be restricted to protect resource values. Improvements shall be consistent with historic and cultural resources theme, with opportunities for interpretation and education, and shall be designed to avoid impacts on resources. Location based on resources to be contained within or preserved by the historic area.

Potential Site Features:

- Special viewing or access areas featuring historic and cultural resources and/or natural history
- Parking
- Picnic tables/sites
- Benches
- Restrooms
- Identification, wayfinding, interpretive and regulatory signage
- Trails
- Low-impact lighting
- Water access

2. Reclassify Rainbow Falls as an historic site.

3. Establish regular operational hours for the Rainbow Falls Historic Site that will include a minimum of the following days / times for public access:

April – May

Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sundays Noon – 4 p.m.  
By appointment for group tours

June – August

Monday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Fridays Noon – 6 p.m.  
Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sundays Noon – 4 p.m.  
By appointment for group tours

September – October

Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sundays Noon – 4 p.m.  
By appointment for group tours

Closed January / February / March / November / December

Access in the site outside these days / times will be considered trespassing and violators can be ticketed by law enforcement.

4. Expanded security measures to include:

- a) Install a gate / fencing to secure the main parking lot when Rainbow Falls is closed.
- b) Install a gate / fencing to prevent individuals from entering the site from the overflow lot when Rainbow Falls is closed.
- c) Install fencing to prevent individuals from entering the site from the Manitou Avenue area.
- d) Install signage at the gate described in 4a) and 4b) that indicates site operational hours and penalties for entering the site when closed.
- e) Install motion detectors / lights at the parking area and bridge.
- f) Install cameras at the main parking area and at the bridge with the cameras being observed by EPC Security and install signage indicating that all visitors are being monitored.
- g) The site will continue to be considered a high priority for the Park Security Officer and will be patrolled regularly when closed and the Security Officer will be able to write tickets for vandalism issues based on the updated park rules.

**Proposed Action**

Endorse the proposed recommendations for Rainbow Falls including amending the County Parks Master Plan to establish an historic site classification, reclassifying Rainbow Falls as an historic site, establishing operational hours, and expanding security measures.

## El Paso County Park Advisory Board

### Agenda Item Summary Form

**Agenda Item Title:** Jones Park Update

**Agenda Date:** October 12, 2016

**Agenda Item Number:** #7 - B

**Presenter:** Tim Wolken, Director  
Community Services Department

**Information:** X                      **Endorsement:**

The City of Colorado Springs deeded the 1,200 acre Jones Park site to El Paso County in January, 2015. El Paso County participated with the United States Forest Service and the City of Colorado Springs in the completion of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The assessment findings included trail modifications and erosion control improvements needed at Jones Park to address Bear Creek water quality issues related to the greenback cutthroat trout that is currently listed as threatened on the federal Endangered Species List. Improvements are scheduled to be completed in 2016-17 with \$240,000 from 1A funds and \$250,000 from a Colorado Water Conservation Board grant.

The Forest Service and El Paso County are collaborating on the re-routing of Trail 667 within the Bear Creek Watershed in 2016. The trail re-routing will include the construction of approximately five miles of new trail and the closure of 2.5 miles of trail. To complete the re-routing of Trail 667, the County and Forest Service collaborated on contracting with Trails Unlimited, an enterprise group through the Forest Service which completes a variety of complex trail projects throughout the United States each year, as the trail re-route impacts both County and Forest Service property. The overall project budget is \$324,000 with El Paso County contributing \$190,127. EPC funding will support the construction of approximately three miles of trail and closure of two miles of trail within Jones Park.

Please find below several updates regarding the Jones Park project:

1. Trails Unlimited completed approximately four miles of the trail in 2016 but struggled securing a reasonable route around / over Kineo Mountain. It appears that a new north route may be feasible. It is likely that Trails Unlimited will need to return in the spring, 2016 to complete the trail project.
2. County Parks has contracted with Single Track Trails to complete the Jones Park Trail. The non-motorized trail is approximately .7 of a mile and will connect the new 667 Trail to the Jones Park Historic Area. This trail section will be completed in October, 2016 at an estimated cost of \$28,636.

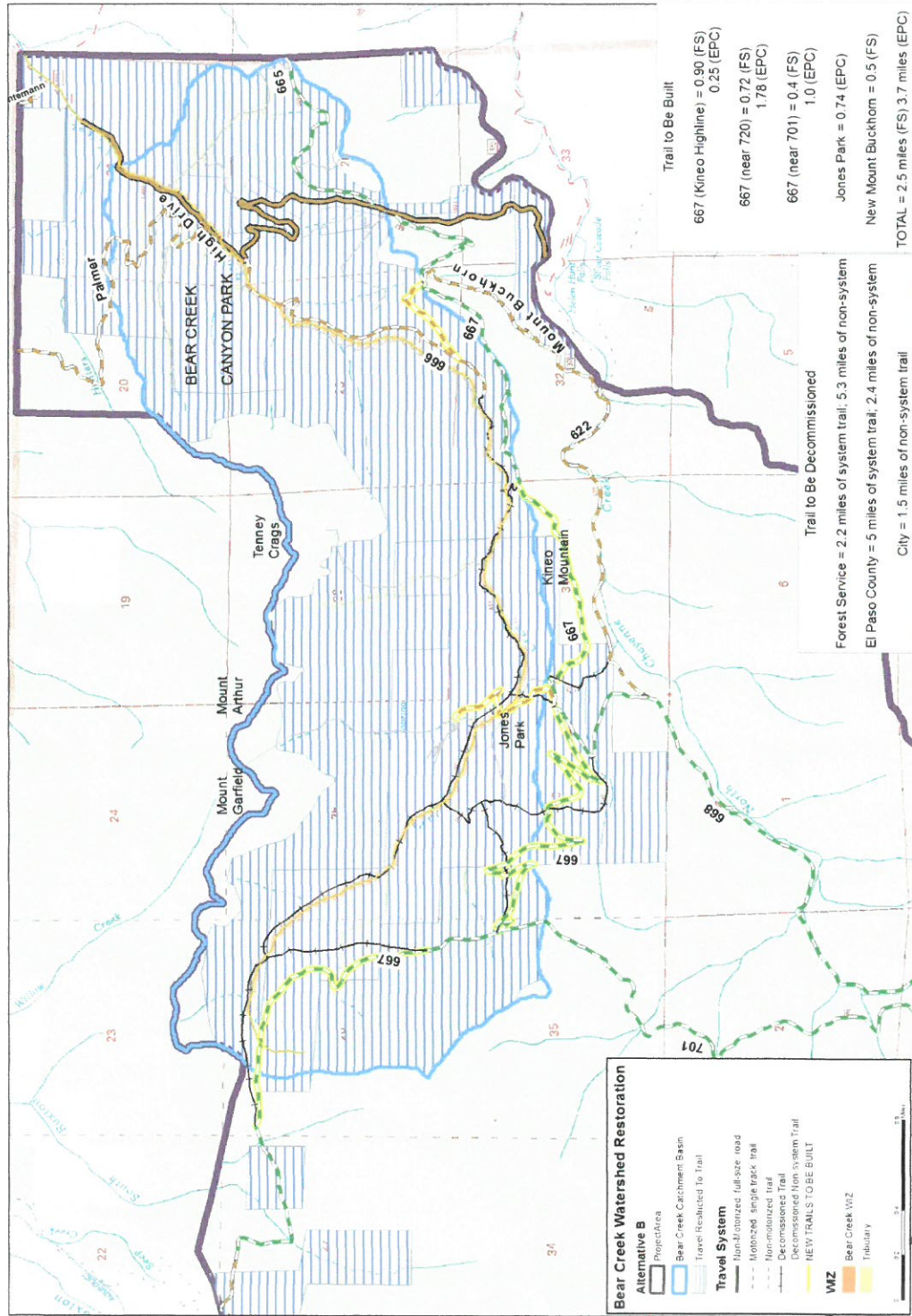


3. El Paso County has contracted with Tapis and Associates to complete a trail closure plan for the former 667 trail adjacent to Bear Creek. It is anticipated the trail closure plan will be completed by the spring, 2017 at a cost of \$10,500. The trail closure work will be completed in 2017.
4. The conveyance documents included the County placing a conservation easement over Jones Park. The County has contracted with the Palmer Land Trust to complete the easement in 2016.
5. County Parks was fortunate to receive a \$3,000 grant from the Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) small grants programs. The funds will be used to design, purchase and install 20 directional signs and 2 interpretive panels incorporating educational information designed to show the relationship of the Greenback Cutthroat Trout and its aquatic habitat to the surrounding ecosystems and recreational opportunities within Jones Park.
6. El Paso County has applied for a \$75,000 Habitat Restoration Grant from Great Outdoors Colorado to improve the greenback cutthroat trout habitat in Bear Creek within Jones Park. The work will include existing pool habitats being deepened, excess sediment being removed, and pool habitat will be reconstructed to transport sediment and maintain pool depths for optimal conditions for the trout. The project will also include the repair of creek banks to reduce the amount of sediment that is entering the creek. The grant will be announced in December.

**Recommended Action**

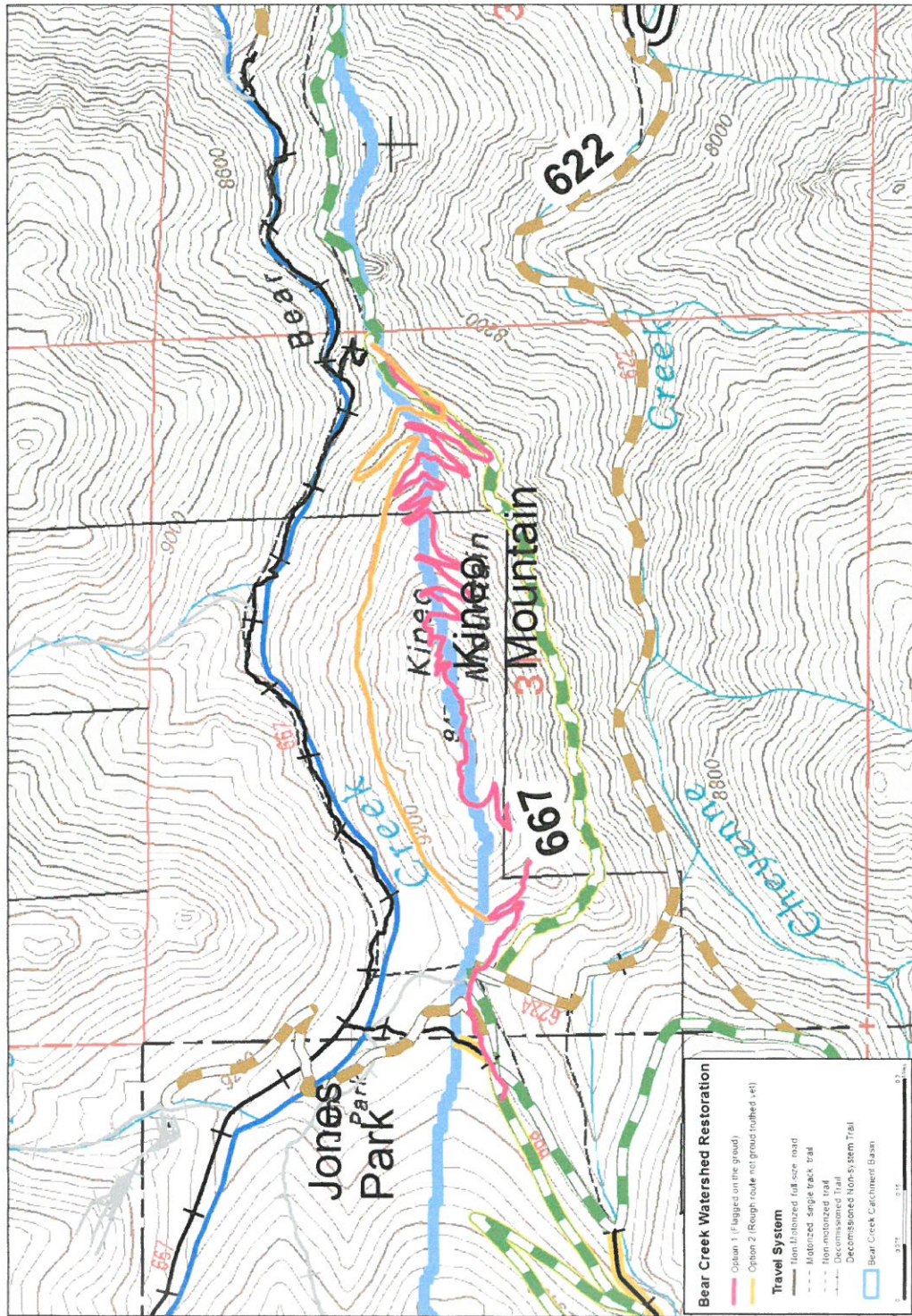
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## Selected Alternative (Alternative B): Bear Creek Watershed Restoration





## Bear Creek Watershed Restoration : Kineo Trail



## El Paso County Park Advisory Board

### Agenda Item Summary Form

**Agenda Item Title:** 2017 Budget Process Update

**Agenda Date:** October 12, 2016

**Agenda Item Number:** #7 - C

**Presenter:** Tim Wolken, Director  
Community Services Department

**Information:** X                      **Endorsement:**

The Park Advisory Board endorsed the 2017 budget proposals for El Paso County Parks on August 10, 2016. This action led to discussions with County leadership and budget staff regarding incorporating the budget requests into the County's 2017 budget plan.

Nicola Sapp, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, presented the 2017 Preliminary Balanced Budget presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on September 27, 2016. I will provide a brief overview of selected sheets from this presentation that impacts County Parks.

### **Recommended Action**

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# 2017 Preliminary Balanced Budget *Financial Road Map 2017-2021*

September 27, 2016

Nicola Sapp

Chief Financial and Administrative Officer



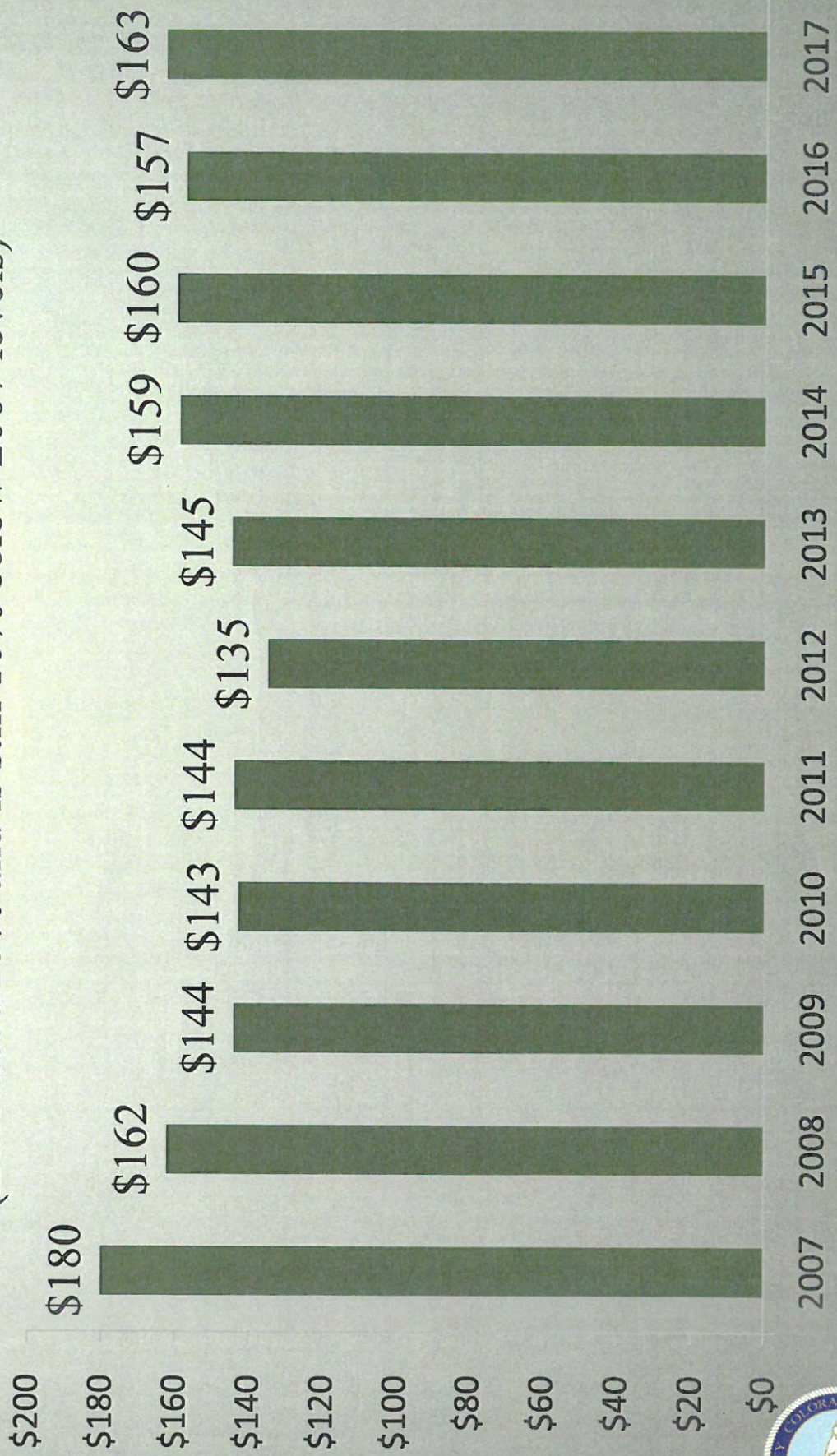


# Historical Budget Information

## Historical Annual Cost per Citizen

### Discretionary Funds

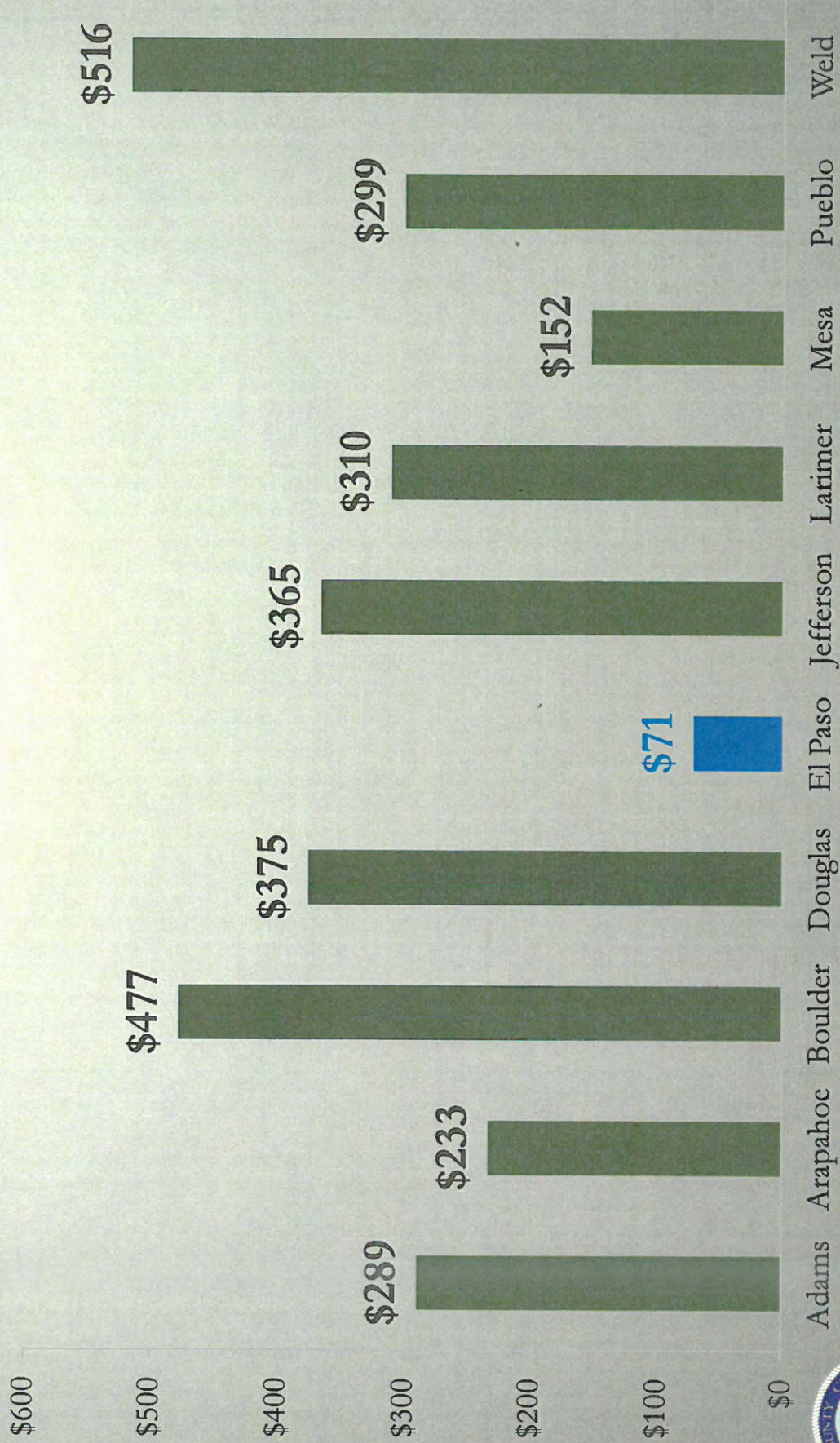
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# 2017 Preliminary Balanced Budget

## 2016 Property Tax Per Person – 10 County Comparison





# 2017 Preliminary Balanced Budget Sales & Use Tax Projections (in millions)





# Financial Road Map 2017 - 2021

Dept/Office	Critical Needs	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Beginning Operational Savings		0	9,476	153,172	286,375	454,997
Net Change		2,068,075	6,573,529	8,981,784	13,898,294	18,290,959
TABOR REFUND			(2,400,000)			
County Wide	Public Safety Tax (Sheriff Equity)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
County Wide	Public Safety Tax (Sheriff Equity)		500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
County Wide	Public Safety Tax (Sheriff Equity)			500,000	500,000	500,000
County Wide	Adjustment to Midpoint - 1 of 5 (2.00%)	(1,621,249)	(1,621,249)	(1,621,249)	(1,621,249)	(1,621,249)
County Wide	Adjustment to Midpoint - 2 of 5 (2.00%)		(1,621,249)	(1,621,249)	(1,621,249)	(1,621,249)
County Wide	Adjustment to Midpoint - 3 of 5 (4.50%)			(3,647,810)	(3,647,810)	(3,647,810)
County Wide	Adjustment to Midpoint - 4 of 5 (5.75%)				(4,661,091)	(4,661,091)
County Wide	Adjustment to Midpoint - 5 of 5 (2.00%)					(1,621,249)
Clerk & Recorder	Additional FTEs (6) Motor Vehicle					(147,696)
District Attorney	Discovery Deficit	(147,696)	(147,696)	(147,696)	(147,696)	(147,696)
District Attorney	Additional Personnel (4)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)
Community Services - Parks	Dedicated Forest Management Funds	(135,549)	(135,549)	(135,549)	(135,549)	(135,549)
Community Services - Parks	Invest Major Maintenance Funds	(25,000)	(50,000)	(125,000)	(175,000)	(175,000)
Community Services - Parks	Invest Park Maintenance Positions (4)	(25,000)	(50,000)	(125,000)	(175,000)	(175,000)
Coroner	Full-Time Investigators (2)	(55,000)	(55,000)	(55,000)	(55,000)	(55,000)
Information Technology	Software/Hardware				(350,000)	(350,000)
Public Services - Facilities	Facilities Major Maintenance Plan	(50,000)	(800,000)	(800,000)	(870,000)	(870,000)
Public Services - Facilities	Video System Upgrades	(294,653)	(294,653)	(424,653)	(424,653)	(424,653)
Board of County Commissioners	Statutory Pay Increase	(84,581)	(84,581)	(140,968)	(140,968)	(140,968)
County-Wide Elected Officials	Statutory Pay Increase			(114,551)	(114,551)	(114,551)
Pikes Peak Regional Communications	Network Maintenance Increase	(157,279)	(44,079)	(44,079)	(44,079)	(44,079)
District Attorney	Additional Personnel (1)	(64,408)	(64,408)	(64,408)	(64,408)	(64,408)
Public Works - Facilities	Maintenance Techs (3)	0	(90,000)	(135,000)	(135,000)	(135,000)
Public Works - Security	New Security Officers (4)	(48,184)	(96,368)	(96,368)	(96,368)	(96,368)
Community Services - Parks	Parks Capital Improvements	0	0	(750,000)	(750,000)	(750,000)
Ending Operational Savings		9,476	153,172	286,375	454,997	3,819,689





# 2016 Budget Process

## Budget Hearing #2 & #3 (Original Adopted Budget)– October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 3rd:

- *Department and Elected Office Budget Presentations*

## Budget Hearing #4 (Original Adopted Budget)– November 17th:

- *BoCC Direction on the 2017 Original Adopted Budget*

## Budget Hearing #5 (Original Adopted Budget)– December 13<sup>th</sup>:

- *Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Original Adopted Budget*
- *Resolution to Certify County Mill Levy*
- *Resolution to Authorize the Treasurer to Transfer between funds*



**El Paso County Parks  
2016 Action Plan**

<b>Recreation / Cultural Services</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Upgrade BCNC Exhibits	Todd Marts	High	Fundraising Phase
FCNC Recycled Bottle Exhibit	Nancy Bernard		Completed
FCNC Cultural History Exhibit	Nancy Bernard	Medium	Fundraising Phase
County Fair Improvements	Todd Marts		Completed
Establish Advanced Equine Clinic			
Expand Fairgrounds Halloween activities			
Establish Equestrian Poker Run at FCRP			
40th Anniversary Celebration - BCNC	Todd Marts		Completed
<b>Park Operations Division</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Update Park Operations Manual	Brad Bixler		Completed
Park Security Officer Expanded Duties	Brad Bixler		Completed
Expand Forest Management Program	Brad Bixler		Completed
Park Operations Software Upgrade	Brad Bixler		Completed
Install BC Dog Park Memorial	Kyle Melvin		Completed
Re-open New Santa Fe Regional Trail	Tim Wolken		Completed
Expand Training Program Schedule	Brad Bixler		Completed
<b>Planning Division</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Status</b>
FC Regional Park Master Plan Update	Ross Williams		Completed
Widefield Community Park Master Plan Update	Ross Williams	High	Public Input Phase
Culturally Modified Tree Studies	Ross Williams	High	Approval Phase
Fountain Creek Greenway Project	Elaine Kleckner	Low	
<b>Capital Improvement Projects</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Pineries Open Space - Phase 1	Elaine Kleckner	High	Bid Phase
Rainbow Falls Recreation Area	Elaine Kleckner	High	Bid Phase
Black Forest Regional Park Improvements	Jason Meyer	High	Bid Phase
Falcon Regional Park Development	Elaine Kleckner		Completed
Falcon Trailhead Improvements	Jason Meyer		Completed
Flood Recovery Projects	Elaine Kleckner	High	Bid Phase
Maxwell Street Streambank Protection	Elaine Kleckner	Medium	
USACE Section 205 Project	Elaine Kleckner	Low	
Christian Open Space Trail	Jason Meyer	High	Planning Phase
County Fairground Improvements	Tasha Brackin		Completed
Fountain Creek Regional Park Improvements	Ross Williams	High	Construction Phase
Jones Park Improvements	Tim Wolken	High	Construction Phase
Ute Pass Regional Trail Expansion	Jason Meyer	Medium	Planning Phase
Ceresa Park Improvements	Brad Bixler	High	Construction Phase
Bear Creek Regional Park Improvements	Brad Bixler	High	Bid Phase
<b>Open Space Projects</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Elephant Rock	Elaine Kleckner	High	Purchasing Phase



<b>Community Outreach</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Status</b>
County Fair Sponsorships	Dana Nordstrom		Completed
Partners in the Park	Dana Nordstrom	High	Fundraising Phase
Friends Groups Expansion	Dana Nordstrom	High	Marketing Phase
Nature Center Annual Fundraising Campaign	Todd Marts	High	Fundraising Phase
County Fairgrounds Capital Campaign	Christine Burns		Completed
Parks Annual Giving Campaign	Christine Burns	High	Draft Phase
BCNC Exhibits Fundraising Campaign	Todd Marts	High	Fundraising Phase
United Way Giving Campaign	Christine Burns		Completed
Elephant Rock Open Space Capital Campaign	Elaine Kleckner		Completed
Naming Rights Opportunities	Christine Burns	High	Research Phase
Expand Marketing Efforts for Health Impacts	Christine Burns	High	Implementation Phase
"How To" Video for Park Rentals	Christine Burns		Completed
Use of QR Codes	Christine Burns		Completed
Development of Global CSD Calendar	Christine Burns		Completed
<b>Administration</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Status</b>
Internship Opportunities	Christine Burns	High	Research Phase
Explore Use of Virtual Meetings	Deb Reid		Completed
Trust for Public Land Funding Study	Tim Wolken		Completed
Fiber Connections to Park Buildings	Deb Reid		Completed



**Community Services Department  
Parks / Recreation & Cultural Services Divisions  
September 2016 Monthly Report**

<u>Facility Revenue Totals To Date</u>	<b>2016</b>				<b>2015</b>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Totals to Date</u>	
Parks Facility Reservation Revenue	\$ 145,000	\$ 173,827	\$ (28,827)		\$ 168,771	
County Fair / Fairgrounds	\$ 295,651	288,675	\$ 6,976		321,901	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 440,651</b>	<b>\$ 462,502</b>	<b>\$ (21,851)</b>		<b>\$ 490,672</b>	
<u>Fundraising Revenue</u>	<b>2016</b>				<b>2015</b>	
	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Totals to Date</u>	
County Fair Sponsorships	\$ 65,000	\$ 80,050	\$ (15,050)		\$ 76,250	
Partners in the Park Program	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000		\$ 30,000	
Trust for Community Parks	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,025	\$ (7,025)		N/A	
Nature Center Fundraising	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,447	\$ 553		\$ 33,801	
County Fairgrounds Support (Fairgrounds Corp)	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	\$ (10,000)		\$ 40,000	
Parks Annual Campaign	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000		N/A	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 180,000</b>	<b>\$ 196,522</b>	<b>\$ (16,522)</b>		<b>\$ 180,051</b>	
<u>Grant Funds</u>						
CO Water Conservation Board	\$ 250,000				\$ 250,000	
CO Dept of Natural Resources	\$ 41,750					
Great Outdoors Colorado	\$ 275,000					
Colorado State Trails	\$ 150,000					
Western Native Trout Initiative	\$ 3,000					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 719,750</b>				<b>\$ 250,000</b>	
<u>Parks Division Reservations</u>	<b>2016</b>				<b>2015</b>	
	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	
January	16	678	N/A	16	745	
February	20	647	N/A	21	221	
March	20	201	N/A	15	302	
April	111	3259	4.3	149	5188	
May	326	14908	4.3	332	14595	
June	479	20438	4.13	393	19723	
July	491	22365	4.15	413	22505	
August	385	23342	4.2	383	27048	
September	334	17895	4.34	336	22093	
October						
November						
December						
<b>Total</b>	<b>2182</b>	<b>103733</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2058</b>	<b>112420</b>	

<u>Parks Facility Reservations</u>	<u>2016</u>			<u>2015</u>		
	<u>September</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<b><u>Bear Creek Regional Park</u></b>						
Archery Lanes		1	1	3	8	
Athletic Fields		20	3600	18	2600	
Pavilions		74	4799	69	3934	
Trails		5	1250	4	2160	
Vendor		6	12	3	6	
Tennis Courts						
Vita Course						
Meeting Room		21	255	18	258	
<b><u>Black Forest Regional Park</u></b>						
Athletic Fields		3	180	3	300	
Pavilions		11	580	17	780	
Vendor						
Tennis Courts		22	48	22	88	
<b><u>Falcon Regional Park</u></b>						
Baseball Fields		15	375			
<b><u>Fountain Creek Regional Park</u></b>						
Athletic Fields		3	300	9	825	
Pavilions		25	958	29	1342	
Trails				10	810	
Disc Golf Course				1	100	
Vendor						
<b><u>Fox Run Regional Park</u></b>		3	18			
Athletic Fields		34	1635	27	1825	
Gazebo		21	505	10	600	
Warming Hut		8	165	3	55	
Pavilions		47	2249	57	2904	
Trails		3	225	4	325	
<b><u>Homestead Ranch Regional Park</u></b>						
Pavilions		9	340	11	357	
Athletic Fields				5	150	
Trails						
<b><u>Palmer Lake Recreational Area</u></b>						
Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trail		2	200	4	700	
<b><u>New Santa Fe Trail</u></b>						
Monument Trail Head New Santa Fe Trail				2	800	
Baptist Road Santa Fe Trail				2	410	
AFA Santa Fe Trail		1	200	2	750	
Vendor				3	6	
<b><u>Paint Mines Trail</u></b>						
<b><u>Rock Island Trail</u></b>						
<b><u>Black Forest Section 16</u></b>						
<b><u>Total Park Facility Reservations</u></b>		<b>334</b>	<b>17895</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>22093</b>	

Fairgrounds Facility Reservations		2016			2015		2015	
Year to Date		Rentals	Attendance	Evaluation	Rentals	Attendance		
January		9	240		8	530		
February		13	347		15	539		
March		9	194		17	541		
April		17	3124		21	2070		
May		12	3338		17	2353		
June		16	3908		19	3801		
July		7	29,908		7	33,272		
August		12	3582		12	3665		
September		12	7723		12	2928		
October								
November								
December								
Total		107	52364		128	49699		
Fairgrounds Facility Reservations		2016		2015				
September		Rentals	Attendance	Rentals	Attendance			
Swink Hall - Fairgrounds								
Fair Corporation Meeting		1	5	1	5			
FAB Meeting		1	19	1	9			
Lions Club Meeting		1	20	1	20			
Senior Dinner		2	127	1	82			
COC Meeting		1	18	1	18			
Graham Rehearsan dinner and Wedding				1	150			
Sullivant Wedding				1	75			
Track								
Race		3	7158	2	2099			
Barns								
Livestock Arena								
Grounds								
Whittemore - Fairgrounds								
St Paul Comm Church Health Fair		1	300	1	400			
Exhibit Hall - Fairgrounds								

Livestock Committee Meeting		1	20	1	20	
<b>Arena</b>						
Gymkhana		1	56	1	50	
<b>Month Total Fair Facility Reservations</b>		12	7,723	12	2928	
<b><u>Vandalism Report</u></b>						
<b><u>Incident</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>		
Graffiti	2016	Rainbow Falls		5,040		
Graffiti	2015	Rainbow Falls		3,988		
<b><u>Volunteerism</u></b>						
<b><u>Total for Year</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>	<b><u>Volunteers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Volunteers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Hours</u></b>	
January		262	1271	401	1607	
February		161	2345	42	1642	
March		260	2,206	155	1,031	
April		645	4,268	996	4,591	
May		398	2592	303	3,087	
June		418	3,016	324	2,124	
July		699	6717	538	6630	
August		165	1938	279	2807	
September		519	3279	298	3657	
October						
November						
December						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20,000 hours</b>	<b>3527</b>	<b>27,632</b>	<b>3336</b>	<b>27,176</b>	
<b><u>September</u></b>						
Parks Advisory Board		9	27			
Fair Advisory Board		14	704			
Fairgrounds Corporation		5	20			
Friends of the Nature Centers		102	316			
Adopt-A-Park / Trail / Volunteer Projects		389	2,212			
Front Range Community Service		0	0			
<b>Total</b>		<b>519</b>	<b>3,279</b>			



<b>Programming</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>2016</b>			<b>2015</b>		
<b>Totals for Year</b>		<b>Programs</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>2015</b>
January		33	1438	5.00	28	687	
February		26	836	4.97	42	1642	
March		50	1028	4.98	51	1014	
April		179	3665	4.97	129	3796	
May		210	4579	4.93	160	3467	
June		102	3384	4.95	92	2559	
July		67	1,903	4.96	89	2,732	
August		41	1,608	4.96	50	2,030	
September		105	3,073	4.97	94	3,595	
October							
November							
December							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>800 / 21,000</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>21514</b>	<b>4.97</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>21522</b>	

<b>September</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
Discover Bear Creek	BCNC	23	516	4.80
Habitat	BCNC	3	64	5.00
Incredible Insects	BCNC	4	52	4.90
Foothills Field Experience	BCNC	1	16	5.00
Active Adults: Everest Presentation	BCNC	1	12	5.00
Nature Explorers: Animals Under Cover	BCNC	1	37	4.87
Little Wonders: Lunch With a Bear	BCNC	1	32	4.90
Brain Care	BCNC	1	6	
Brain Care	BCNC	1	5	
District 49	BCNC	1	13	
Sunshine Daycare	BCNC	1	7	
Colorado Springs School	BCNC	1	15	
Colorado Springs School	BCNC	1	13	
PPCC: Environmental Studies Class	BCNC	1	16	
Home School	BCNC	1	12	
Bear Creek Watershed Meeting	BCNC	1	25	
Brain Care	BCNC	1	11	
PPCC: Environmental Studies Class	BCNC	1	13	
Mile High Youth Core	BCNC	1	7	
Pawtoberfest	BCNC	1	500	
Mosaic	BCNC	1	13	
Inside/Outside Baby Hiking Group	BCNC	1	35	
Zombie Run	BCNC	1	67	
Bear Birthday Party	BCNC	1	12	
Walk the Wetlands	FCNC	27	501	5.00
Discover the Wetlands	FCNC	12	216	5.00
Nature Adventures: Beetle Mania	FCNC	1	40	5.00
Magic Monarchs	FCNC	2	45	5.00
Room Rental	FCNC	1	22	5.00
2's & 3's: Grasshopper World	FCNC	1	36	5.00
Colorado Springs School Self guided	FCNC	1	26	
Fall Bird Count	FCNC	1	25	
Outreach: Dinosaur Resource Center	FCNC	1	100	5.00

Outreach: Insect Talk	FCNC	1	120		
Adult Hiking Club	FCNC	1	19		
Homeschool Group	FCNC	1	30		
Birthday Party: Big Bugs	FCNC	1	25	5.00	
Outreach: Fountain Community Night Out	FCNC	1	300		
Creek Week Kickoff	FCNC	1	40		
Scout: Brownie Bugs Badge	FCNC	1	29	5.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>3073</b>	<b>4.97</b>	



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## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PARK OPERATIONS ~ PLANNING ~ CSU EXTENSION ~ COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ~ VETERANS SERVICES ~ RECREATION/CULTURAL SERVICES

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

SABINE CARTER, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COORDINATOR  
DEBRA REID, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR

## September 2016

### General Updates:

1. Facility rental revenue is up by \$5,056 from this time in 2015.
2. There were 334 reservations made in September for a total of \$28,163.

### Special Events:

1. The Humane Society of Colorado Springs hosted their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Pawtoberfest Fun Run & Festival at Bear Creek Regional Park. Over 1000 people and pets attended this fundraiser event which included a walk, vendors, contests, dog activities and a beer garden.
2. The El Paso County Conservation District held an Urban Agricultural Fair at Fountain Creek Regional Park. The event included vendors, music, a petting zoo, kid activities and a 'tiny home' tour. Vendors demonstrated goat milking, cheese curd, yoghurt and jam making, food preservation, bee keeping and many more.
3. Bear Creek Regional Park was host to the Mile High Summer Games. The event included games for all ages from zorb/hamster ball racing, an obstacle course race, milk crate climbing, dodge ball and a cornhole tournament.
4. Two local dog agility clubs held multi-day dog agility events at Fox Run Regional Park and Black Forest Regional Park.
5. The U.S. Air Force Academy and three local schools ran XC events and a half marathon in September.



6. Cub Scout Pack 159 held a two-night family camping event at the Fallen Timber area of Fox Run Regional Park.
7. Several local business and churches held special events which included bounce houses and other inflatable equipment throughout our parks in September.





## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH and GRANTS**

**Monthly Report – September 2016**

**Christine Burns, Community Outreach Manager**

**Dana Nordstrom, Community Outreach Coordinator**

#### **Community Outreach**

1. The Creek Week Kick Off event was held on Saturday, September 24 at Fountain Creek Nature Center. We had 50 volunteers that picked up tree branches, debris, tires, shopping carts, clothes, trash and cigarette buds. We also had a Creek Week event at Palmer Lake, held on Sunday, September 25 with 16 volunteers!
2. Ghouls and Stools Day at the Bear Creek Dog Park, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th. Bring your four legged friend for our Hair Scary Halloween Costume Contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs.

#### **Grants**

1. A grant application was submitted to the Colorado Youth Corps Association GOCO-Funded Youth Corps Crews Grant program, requesting six weeks of Chainsaw and Trail Crew work for the Black Forest Regional Park and Pineries Open Space. If awarded the value of work to be received would equal \$45,000.
2. A Great Outdoors Colorado Habitat Restoration Program grant application was submitted requesting \$75,000 to support habitat restoration efforts along Bear Creek in Jones Park.
3. El Paso County received notification from the Department of Natural Resources that the grant application for Round 5 of the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program for fuels mitigation work in the Black Forest Regional Park was not awarded. This was a highly competitive year with 39 applications received and only \$500,000 available funding. El Paso County has received funding from each of the first four cycles of funding under this grant program.
4. If you have an interest working with us on researching grant opportunities and/or writing grants to support park projects, please call Christine Burns at 520-6996.



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### RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION

MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016

SUBMITTED BY: TODD MARTS, DIVISION MANAGER

#### General

1. Bear Creek Supervisor Mary Jo Lewis attended The Center for Nonprofit Excellence's 'Fundraising on a Napkin' Workshop. The focus was turning impact into income by recognizing the positive impact your organization has in the community and becoming proficient and comfortable communicating that to potential donors.

#### Projects, Fundraising & Grants:

1. Interpretive Volunteer Consultant Paula Megorden and Interpretive Program Coordinator Maria Petkash hosted a one-day Volunteer Training at Bear Creek Nature Center for several individuals who are interested in leading education programs. The training covered basics of interpretive techniques and focused on 'Discover Bear Creek', Bear Creek's most frequently taught program. All three volunteers have already observed education programs and have shadowed at the nature center desks. It is important that the nature centers increase their numbers of Interpretive Program Volunteers in order to accommodate the amount of children who visit the centers for environmental education programming.

#### Programs & Events:

1. Bear Creek Nature Center acted as the registration point for the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region's Pawtoberfest walk and event held in Bear Creek Regional Park. This was a great opportunity for the nature center to reach a broad audience of people - many of whom were previously unfamiliar with the El Paso County Nature Centers. Bear Creek Nature Center staff manned educational tables in the walk registration area as well as at the Pawtoberfest event in Bear Creek Regional Park and were able to inform an audience of over 500 people about the mission and programming of El Paso County Nature Centers. The nature center was open "One Day Only" for dogs and many of the participants visited the nature center.



2. Author and mountaineer Dr. Jon Kendrowski presented an Active Adults Club lecture at Bear Creek Nature Center about his trek to the top of Mt. Everest and summiting and sleeping atop nearly all of Colorado's 14,000' mountains. His presentation was well-received by the attendees and Mary Jo Lewis and Dr. Kendrowski are currently discussing Dr. Kendrowski returning to Bear Creek Nature Center in the future to offer a different presentation.
3. Fall Environmental Education programs began in September with the beginning of the new school year. Almost every weekday was filled with field trips from new and returning teachers and schools. Over 700 students in almost 40 programs this month! Students in grades pre-school through high school learned about the water cycle, macro-invertebrates in the ponds, learned the power of water to shape the landscape, how humans pollute the water and how they can clean it up, food webs, and how to use their senses to discover the wetlands around them.
4. Fountain Creek Nature Center continues to be a favorite venue for birthday parties and rentals for weddings. The owner/editor of the Fountain Valley News rented the center for her wedding vows renewal ceremony bringing many local residents to enjoy the nature center.
5. The annual Fountain Community Night Out was Tuesday, September, 20 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Metcalf Park, Fountain. Hundreds of Fountain residents flocked to the park to play, eat, listen to music and enjoys the local resources for fun and education. Two nature center volunteers staffed an information and wild animal pelt table and activity station, gave away stickers, carabineers, program guides and more. We made contact with many new Ft. Carson families who have just moved to the area.

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**Date:** October 12, 2016  
**To:** Park Advisory Board  
**From:** Elaine Kleckner, Planning Manager  
**Subject:** Planning Division Monthly Report for September, 2016

### ACTION PLAN:

#### Capital Projects:

1. Black Forest Regional Park: Planning Division continues to work on recovery projects and is helping coordinate volunteer projects in 2016 and 2017.

Staff is working with Rocky Mountain Field Institute to outline winter 2016 work using Cathedral Pines funds, and 2017 work associated with the IndyGIVE campaign. 2016 winter work will focus on implementing forest management plan recommendations and drainage improvements, while 2017 work will focus on soil stabilization and trail decommissioning.

Planning for drainage improvements, forest restoration, and an update of the trails master plan commenced in July with consultant assistance from AECOM. The drainage plan will be completed in November.

2. Elephant Rock Open Space: \$31,500 was secured from Regional Building Department funds to reach the fundraising goal of \$340,000. Staff has launched the acquisition process, meeting with the County Attorney's Office on September 29.

3. Falcon Regional Park: Final payment was made to the contractor. Improvements are under warranty for one year from August.

4. Falcon Trailhead Improvements: Trail construction and repair of the railroad bridge was completed in August, 2016. Final payment has been processed. Staff will order a new identification sign and close out the grant.

5. Front Range Trail Extension: Staff completed a cultural survey and obtained SHPO and environmental clearances for the project. A kick-off meeting was held in September and design efforts are underway. Construction will commence after site specific plans are finalized.



6. New Santa Fe Regional Trail Improvements: Basic repairs to the trail have been done, but additional work will take place in 2016 using FEMA funds after SHPO and environmental clearances are obtained.

7. Pineries Open Space: The Planning Division has initiated a design-build process for Phase 1 improvements and completed a Request for Proposals. Procurement will finalize the RPF next week and advertise. The pre-bid meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 13 and proposals are due on October 24.

8. Rainbow Falls Recreation Area: CDOT is currently working on bridge repairs, which are expected to be completed by mid-October.

Parks has completed 2013 FEMA-funded work to repair primitive trails by the Creek. 2015 FEMA-funded work will be done by Public Works and should be done by the end of October. Staff has prepared an Invitation for Bids for the Transportation Enhancement Grant project. However, we may not award the Contract until we have an Option Letter and Notice to Proceed from CDOT. We may start the Procurement process once CDOT approvals appear imminent.

9. Ute Pass Regional Trail: The County received a State Trails grant to construct approximately 2/3 mile of trail between Ute Pass Elementary School and Winnemucca Road. Staff is initiating a design/build process in the fourth quarter of 2016 as SHPO and environmental clearances are being processed.

Staff continues to support the Ring the Peak Trail and is coordinating advocacy with TOSC and City Parks to the State.

### **Flood Recovery:**

1. 2015 Flood Recovery: Elaine and Jason serve on the County Financial Impact Team and meet twice a month to collaboratively advance projects. Purchase orders have been received from the State/FEMA for most projects. Procurement of contractors will be initiated once CDR Maguire completes review and revision of Project Worksheets. Grant agreements will be provided for large projects following completion of hydrologic and hydraulic analyses and other clearances.

2. Fishers Canyon Trail Repair: Even-Preisser is preparing red line drawings of needed repairs for project team review. Repairs are scheduled to be completed in October.

3. Highway 85/87/Maxwell Street Trailhead Bank Stabilization: The feasibility phase of this USACE Section 14 project is nearing the end with completion of the feasibility study/environmental assessment in early 2017. Construction is planned in 2017-2018. The 35% matching funds (approximately \$900,000) for construction was secured through a CDBG-DR grant and State disaster recovery funds.

4. Upper Fountain Creek Restoration: The USACE is doing a cost-benefit analysis to determine if there is Federal government interest in a Section 205 project in the Rainbow Falls vicinity. A determination will be made this fall.

## **Planning:**

1. City of Colorado Springs Bicycle Master Plan: Jason is serving as a CSD representative on the Technical Advisory Committee. He will coordinate review of the plan and staff comments as needed.
2. Fountain Creek Regional Park Master Plan: The Park Advisory Board endorsed the draft plan on June 8, and Board of County Commissioners approved the final plan on June 28. Planning and Park Operations divisions have launched on implementation of Phase I improvements.
3. Major Transportation Corridors Plan Update: Elaine is serving as the CSD representative on the planning committee, which meets monthly. The Plan includes multi-modal transportation improvements and accommodates trails. A first draft has been prepared and will be available for public review in October. Completion by the end of the year is the goal.
4. Widefield Community Park Master Plan Update: The Master Plan update will include site and current/future use analysis, stakeholder input and public involvement, and development of a plan illustrating future improvements, maintenance actions, and management recommendations. The online survey concludes on October 9. The first public meeting is on October 20.

## **MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:**

1. Awards: Ross accepted a Blue Gramma Award for the Fountain Creek Regional Park Master Plan on behalf of the Planning Division at the Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) annual conference.

GOCO will be providing a Starburst Award for the Fountain Creek Nature Center Expansion Project at the BoCC meeting on October 25.

2. Culturally Modified Tree Project: The Pineries Open Space Culturally Modified Tree Assessment is nearing completion. Sixty-three trees have been identified on the property, and the final report has been updated to reflect the new count. A final map is in the works. Staff will be meeting with the consultant to plan the Black Forest Regional Park CMT Assessment, to take place in the Fall of 2016.
3. Development Permit Application Reviews: Staff reviewed one development permit application in September: Sterling Ranch Master Plat Filing No. 1 Final Plat.
4. Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District: Elaine continues to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee and Dana Nordstrom serves on the Citizens Advisory Group. The committees help develop and implement watershed restoration and enhancement projects. Staff attended meetings on the development of the Monument Creek Watershed Master Plan.
5. Geographic Information Systems (GIS): Staff is working with the County Information Technology Department to expand El Paso County Parks' use of GIS for data collection, operational, and planning applications, pending software upgrade in 2016.

New regional park maps have been completed or are in process, and new and/or improved datasets have been received.

6. Grants for Capital Projects: Parks will submit a GOCO mini-grant application for the Falcon Regional Park dog park and a GOCO planning grant application for Kane Ranch Open Space. Both applications are due November 17.

7. Groundwater Quality Study: The BoCC endorsed initiation of a monitoring effort. Next steps include re-establishing the Committee and developing a scope of work and funding package for monitoring.

8. Internships: The Geography and Environmental Studies Program at UCCS has expressed interest in providing interns to the Planning Division. Staff will coordinate, with a goal of having intern(s) on board in 2017.

9. Urban Park Grants and Parklands Agreements: NES is expected to submit a request for reimbursement for the Longview Park Urban Park Grant.

The Forest Lakes Park Lands Agreement improvements have been completed and the applicant has requested a letter of completion. Staff needs to inspect.

10. Website: Staff is updating Planning pages to comply with ADA recommendations.

New pages and content are created as new projects are initiated.

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### **PARK OPERATIONS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2016**

#### **Operations/Misc. Projects**

**Fox Run Pine Meadows loss of Power** - The short in the main service wires that feed the Pine Meadows Restroom and the I-Central irrigation controller has been located. Bids have been received for the repair of the shorted service line. The repair will be less than \$5,000.00 and may be reduced further if the contractor can utilize some of the electrical supplies the parks division has on hand. The repair should be completed before the irrigation system will need to be winterized. If not, a secondary power source will be utilized to operate the irrigation controller for winterization. Staff has been using a generator to keep the system running to protect turf in the interim.

**Fountain Creek Regional Park Irrigation System** - With the failure of the automatic irrigation system at Duckwood, the system is being operated manually to avoid the loss of the newly renovated south field. This requires the pump system to be constantly monitored and is pulling staff from other duties. Contractors have located the fault in the automatic system and have recommended upgrading the whole control system to avoid this type of failure in the future. The control system is over 20 years old and has been prone to more failures recently. With funding available this year, staff recommends the upgrade to have a more reliable system.

**Black Forest Pavilion Columns** - RFQ will be released before the end of October. MGA engineering assessed the damage and made recommendations for repair. There are currently four contractors interested in making the repairs. There is a two week turn around on the RFQ.

**Bear Creek Terrace Pavilion Roof Replacement** - A pre-bid meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> with only one contractor being present. All quotes are due 10/03/2016. Once the contract has been awarded repairs will be scheduled this fall with no interruption to reservations and park patrons.

**Fox Run Paving of Entrance off of Stella Drive** - Avery Asphalt completed the asphaltting to the Stella entrance at Fox Run Regional Park.

**Fountain Creek Regional Park restroom** - The restroom is currently closed due to a rupture of one of the chlorine holding tanks. Staff is currently pricing and finding availability of the needed



parts. Funding may become an issue depending on cost of material. The repair will be done in house to save on cost. Infrastructure is key in any plans moving forward.

## **Central District**

### **Bear Creek Regional Park**

**Events** - BCRP hosted several large events to include the Zombie Run, Pawtober Fest, Vectus Volunteer day, and several large XC events.

**Goats** - The Community Garden goats are back again this year and staff has gone above and beyond to ensure their safety to warrant the success of the program. Staff constructed six mobile uncontrolled dog signs that are placed around the perimeter of the goat enclosure. Staff along with park security has made valid efforts to show more presence and aid the goat herders with moving goats from one grazing zone to another.

**Zombie Run** - Staff constructed six new obstacles for the annual Zombie Run to include a climbing obstacle, 60ft balance beam, 30ft pvc weave obstacle, tire hop, hay maze, and spider web crawling obstacle. A troop of boy scouts hosted a work day to paint, stain, and decorate the obstacles. The scouts also helped assemble and teardown the obstacles the day of the event.

**Bear Creek Terrace** - Staff along with several volunteers planted new shrubs, perennials and trees at the entrance to Bear Creek Terrace. The group then added several yards of mulch to complete the landscape renovation.

**Archery Range** - Staff and volunteers replaced all four archery range targets with higher quality sound board. The new targets will provide a safer and more enjoyable shooting experience for the archery enthusiast.

**Community Garden** - Staff and volunteers installed nearly 20 yards of mulch to the Community Garden planter bed significantly improving the aesthetic value of the area.

**Park Administration** - Staff recently planted three dwarf spruces at the Park Administration facility in hopes of providing more greenery in winter months.

**Athletic Fields** - Staff completed aerating, fertilizing and over seeding throughout the entire park and has begun spraying for broadleaf weeds.

**Illegal Camping** - Staff continues to see a large influx of illegal camping. Staff struggles to find the necessary time to remove these camps as they have become a daily occurrence.

**Trails** - Staff spent much time repairing and grading the entire trail system which was severely damaged from strong storms earlier this month. In many places new trail material was added and culverts were cleared.

**Bear Creek Dog Park** - The Park continues to experience extremely high use and as a result much time is spent with general maintenance such as trash removal and restroom cleaning. Staff continues to repair trash cribs, bag dispensers, fences, and picnic tables. Staff are currently planning and preparing for the annual Stools and Ghouls volunteer clean-up day.

**Buchanan Memorial** - Staff recently constructed two new benches for the Buchanan Memorial Pavilion and has begun constructing the pad/foundation for which the pavilion will sit.

**Rainbow Falls-** The recreational area is currently closed for bridge repairs and F.E.M.A flood recovery efforts. Staff is preparing to install 4 green, metal benches to the newly constructed picnic pads.

**Green Mtn. Falls-** Staff surveyed the trail system to ensure safety and usability after heavy rains in early September. Staff repaired several large washes along the trail network and constructed a large water diversion bar at the west end of the trail system for long term sustainability. Parks Planning staff is in the final stages of securing a contractor for trail construction between the elementary school and the Wines of Colorado. Staff is currently mowing the entire trail network and performing corridor clearing.

**Jones Park-** Staff has visited the area several times over the past month to give suggestion on proposed trail alignments around Kineo Mountain. Staff approved the alignment of the Louds Cabin spur and will be onsite next week to relocate a Forest Service bridge. Single Track Trails is currently mobilizing equipment and hopes to begin trail construction 10-4-16.

**Downtown Properties-** Staff have been performing routine maintenance for all 16 facilities, including but not limited to mowing, weed management, and trash collection. Staff has begun aerating, fertilizing, and over seeding and hopes to start fall pruning after the first heavy frost.

**Regional Development Center** - Staff removed a large diseased tree at the Regional Development center and removed several hail damaged perennials and shrubs. Staff replaced many shrubs and spent much time repairing mulch and decorative rock that was washed out/ removed by the record setting hail storms in early September. Staff was able to generate \$4,100.00 from additional work performed at the Regional Development Center. Staff hopes to utilize the additional funds to go towards the purchase of a much needed mower.

**Centennial Hall** - Staff recently moved an extremely heavy informative kiosk from the Bear Creek maintenance shop and installed the art work at the Centennial Hall facility. The kiosk will remain at Centennial Hall until renovations are complete at Rainbow Fall Recreational Area. Upon completion the kiosk will permanently reside within the recreational area.

**Training-** Supervisor/Kyle Melvin attended the new supervisor orientation class.

## **East District**

**Fairgrounds-** The fairgrounds hosted the largest racing event to date on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The World of Outlaws came through Colorado and stopped at the El Paso County Raceway. The event was a good evening for the spectators and the fairgrounds in general. Staff completed a large prep list to prepare the fairgrounds for a large group of people. Staff has now turned its focus to prepping for the Boy Scouts of the Pikes Peak Region's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The scouts have rented the entire fairgrounds, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. This event is a good opportunity for local scout troops to come see the fairgrounds and camp out with other groups. This event will also be open for the public to attend on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Livestock Pavilion-** Fairgrounds staff and Calhan Fleet Services completed the final punch list item on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. Intermountain Testing Company was onsite while the work was

completed so they could approve of the repairs. This last item completes the check list and I can proudly report to you the Livestock Building is now complete.

**Rock Island Trail-** Ransom Construction has completed the additional trail work. The trail is now resurfaced from the trailhead to Woodmen Rd. Staff is currently working on removing the spoils pile from the parking lot.

**Paint Mines-** Staff continues to maintain the trash cans and the restroom at Paint Mines. Staff will be completing a final mow and box blade before the winter months.

**Homestead Ranch-** Staff is in progress of resurfacing some of the worst areas of the trail system at HRRP. Staff is focusing on the rocky and wet areas first. Staff is using two inches of Class 6 trail base material and topping it with four inches of breeze material.

**Falcon Regional Park-** Staff has completed the first mow of the outlying seeded areas at Falcon Regional Park. Staff has been addressing the washout areas throughout the parking lot. Staff has noticed that the multi - purpose irrigation system has been vandalized. The line to the west of the field is broken right before the valve. Staff will replace ASAP.

**Fox Run CIP Paving Project –** Work is complete and the Stella entrance is open to the public. Public Works will be doing testing to ensure all deliverables were met.

## **North District**

**Black Forest Regional Park –** Staff has been working with procurement to select a contractor to make repairs to the columns to the two shelters at BFRP. The RFQ is expected to be complete at the end of September. The goal is to get work done in late fall based on availability of the contractors who are busy fixing hail damaged roofs throughout the County. Fall aeration and fertilization is complete. Fall application of broadleaf herbicide in all turf is complete. Staff completed painting of all gates and drop posts. Staff continues to monitor the Public Water System on a daily basis to ensure the public's safety.

**Fox Run Regional Park –** Electrical power was lost to the Pine Meadows side of the park. Staff is currently using a generator in order to run irrigation each day. Staff worked closely with Facilities to locate the electrical break and is waiting for contractor to begin repairs. Staff performed several irrigation line and head repairs at the park this month. Staff had several clivus units pumped. Park Admin only had enough funds to pump the worst five of the eleven clivus units in the District. The rest of the restrooms will be pumped in spring 2017. Fall aeration and fertilization is complete. Fall application of broadleaf herbicide in all turf is complete. Staff continues with drop box and culvert face cleanout. Staff completed painting of all gates and drop posts.

**Volunteer Project -** Staff worked with 6 volunteers from School District 20 to replace bad split-rail posts along Roller Coaster Rd. Avery Asphalt has completed the paving of Stella Rd. entrance. We have lost power to the Pine Meadows side of the park. Staff is currently using a generator to run irrigation each day. Staff worked closely with Facilities to locate the electrical break and is waiting for a contractor to begin repairs.

**Pineries Open Space /Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant; Phase 4 –** The Mile High Youth Corp completed its work at the Pineries Open Space. The crew began the work on 8/29 and spent 5



weeks at the Pinerias for fuel mitigation and cleanup. They camped on site during this phase of work.

**Black Forest Section 16** – Park Admin is reviewing its budget to see if it can pay the deductible in 2016 to repair the restrooms that were vandalized. If not, this will have to wait until early 2017 for repair. Staff puts this project above other deductibles that need to be paid for other projects in the division. The clivus restroom units were pumped out. Staff completed erosion repairs in the parking lot and have completed the final natural mowing of the season.

**New Santa Fe Regional Trail** – Staff continues to monitor the trail with no major damage or complaints being lodged.

**PM II Interviews** – The district PMII resigned in September and Park Admin was quick to hold interviews. The interviews were held on 09/27/2016 and a new PM II should be on staff in early October.

**Palmer Lake** - Staff completed painting of all gates and drop posts. Creek Week clean-up consisted of 12 volunteers. Volunteers replaced bad railroad ties, landscape bed clean-up and pruning, noxious weed removal and trash collection.

**Baptist Road Trail Head** - Staff completed painting of all gates and drop posts. The clivus restroom units were pumped out. Staff replaced bad split-rail post and completed the final natural mowing of the season. Staff continues to monitor the Public Water System on a daily basis to ensure the public's safety.

**New Santa Fe Trail** - Staff has completed erosion repairs from Ice Lake to Baptist Road Trail Head. Staff completed a major pruning, mowing and trimming project from Ice Lake to Woodman Road boundary.

**105 Trail Head** - Staff completed painting of all gates and drop posts. Staff replaced bad split-rail post and completed the final natural mowing of the season.

**North Gate Trail Head** - Staff completed the final natural mowing of the season.

**Pinerias Open Space** - Mile High Youth Corp has completed mitigation work as per grant.

## **South District**

**General Overview and Staffing-** Staff continued routine maintenance of the South District, while kicking off two main projects. FCRP field 1 renovation project was a huge success and Ceresa Park improvements are moving right along. Maintaining the system while working the two projects has been a significant challenge for staff. The success of these two projects is a testament to the dedication, work ethic and teamwork the South District displays daily.

**Equipment-** Staff utilized rented equipment to work on improvement projects. Besides the tool cat breaking down with a hydraulic hose problem, the rest of our equipment received routine maintenance. South District expects to receive the newly purchased John Deere skid loader and attachments by the first or second week in October.

**Willow Springs** – Staff completed routine maintenance. The bridge that was severely damaged during a storm event in August has been deemed a total loss and remains closed until the

insurance and replacement process is completed. Fountain utilities have removed all equipment from a power pole that was near the creek embankment. The creek bank was slowly approaching the pole and posed a significant public safety issue. Unfortunately this means the pond aerators are inoperable.

**Fountain Creek Regional Park** – Staff completed routine maintenance. Staff has completed the first phase of field 1 renovation with much success, as 80-100% of seed has germinated. This was achieved in spite of irrigation pump system problems and staff operating around facility reservations. By staff completing the work in-house over \$22,000 was realized in savings and has allowed additional improvements and upgrades to the remaining turf and irrigation system.

**Grinnell Boulevard** – Staff carried out routine maintenance.

**Widefield Park** – Staff conducted routine maintenance. Staff completed some sidewalk debris cleanup and trail maintenance. Staff assisted and Eagle Scout who coordinated and completed a trail replacement project of about 750 feet of trail.

**Ceresa Park** – Staff conducted routine maintenance. Hazardous tree mitigation project was completed. Fourteen dead or near dead trees were removed and various amounts of trees were pruned to remove dead branches. The stick weed problem has been eradicated by staff. Irrigation modification and ball field refurbishment is currently in process and is approximately 50% complete.

**Stratmoor Valley Park** – Staff conducted routine maintenance.

**Stratmoor Hills Park** – Staff conducted routine maintenance.

**Hanson Open Space Trailhead** – Staff conducted routine maintenance.

**Maxwell Trailhead** – Staff conducted routine maintenance.

**FC Nature Center** – Staff conducted routine maintenance. Staff began the process of the natural play area design. The center hosted the 2016 Creek Week event.

**Clear Springs Ranch** – Staff conducted routine maintenance.

**Additional Sites** – Staff performed routine maintenance checks at the following locations:  
McCrea Reservoir, Mule Train

**Other** - Staff performed weekly routine equipment maintenance.