

Open Space Advisory Board

Agenda

**Wednesday, May 8th, 2013
Louisville Public Library
1st Floor Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street
7:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Staff Updates
- VI. Board Updates
- VII. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- VIII. Discussion: Draft Timeline and Questionnaire for Public Process for New Trails Planning
- IX. Discussion: Touch-a-Truck Event Preparation
- X. Discussion: Process for Prioritizing Open Space Properties for Boulder County Submittals
- XI. Discussion Items for Next Meeting on June 12th, 2013
- XII. Adjourn



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Open Space Advisory Board **Agenda**

Wednesday, April 10th, 2013

Spruce Room

Louisville City Hall

7:00 pm

I. Call to Order – Vice-Chair Helen Moshak called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present:

Board Members Present: Alison Gorsevski, Linda Smith, Mike Schantz, Laura Scott Denton, Helen Moshak,

Board Members Absent: Tom Davinroy, Spencer Guthrie, Missy Davis

Staff Members Present: Ember Brignull, Catherine Jepson and Joe Stevens

III. Approval of Agenda – Mike moved to approve the agenda. Linda seconded. The motion was unanimous.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Alison moved to approve the minutes from the March 13th, 2013 meeting. Linda seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

V. Staff Updates –

- OSAB had requested information about dogs licensed in Louisville.
 - Around 600 - 700 dogs are licensed each year. Dogs are required to be licensed in the City every year.
 - The Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) survey results, performed in 2010, found that 48% of the people surveyed had at least one dog. A total of 638 people responded to the survey.
- Price of property: OSAB had asked what the cost to purchase open space property would be expected to sell for in Louisville.

- The estimated price is \$30 to \$32,000 an acre. A 200 acre property would cost approximately \$6 - 6.5 million.
- The City would be responsible for \$1.5 -1.6M, which is 25% of the purchase price, because the property would be purchased under agreement with cooperating entities.
- Staff provided a sample of the possible restroom facilities for Harper Lake and/or Aquarius. Staff is considering a vault-style toilet for both of these locations. The restrooms would be handicap accessible. Staff plans to draft a CIP in the near future.
- Open Government Training is on Monday, April 29th in Council Chambers. Missy and Catherine are the only people that need to attend.
- The Fishing Frenzy event will happen on Friday, April 19th. There are two sessions available: early morning and late morning.
 - The Warembourg Pond is currently being filled. Fish will be stocked in the next week by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
- Staff has created photo-point documents in order to monitor and track vegetation changes on Open Space properties.
 - Photos are taken with regularity and in the same location to allow for comparison.
 - Davidson Mesa, Bullhead Gulch, CTC and the Aquarius Parking Lot will be monitored.
- There are four nesting raptors on Open Spaces in Louisville: 3 red tailed hawk nests and one great horned owl. The owl nest has 3 chicks.
- The McCaslin & Washington Underpass – The submittal is 90% done. The submittal includes the recommendations from Staff and comments from OSAB from our December meeting.
 - Dec. 13th, 2012 OSAB Meeting Minutes include the recommendations from Staff and OSAB.
 - Construction is still anticipated in the summer of 2013. The parking lots will be constructed after the underpass, with construction occurring sometime in the fall of 2013.
- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has proposed to purchase parcels for the US36 Managed Lane/Bus Rapid Transit Project. Property slivers within Davidson Mesa and Damyanovich Open Spaces have been identified.
 - Council will address this at the next City Council meeting on April 16th.
 - Joe said that the impacts will be relatively minimal on the Open Spaces because most of the slivers are along the right-of-way along US 36. Joe reports that CDOT is presenting other opportunities that will likely benefit Open Space.

VI. Board Updates

- Laura is going to send out some maps developed by Garmin that show popular fitness routes in the area. The maps show user intensity and how the routes are being used, based upon fitness data uploaded by Garmin users.

VII. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

- None

VIII. Discussion: Public Process for New Trails Planning

- The 2008 Process:
 - An Open House was held on April 3rd, 2008. The intent was to collect public comment, trail ideas and recommendations.
 - The Open House was advertised through the City's website, flyers, the City newsletter, and in OSAB Meeting Minutes.
 - Ideas were collected by talking directly with Staff and OSAB members, filling out the trail recommendations form, marking their proposed trail ideas on the map, and emailing staff.
 - Attendance wasn't great – only 9 people attended.
 - Staff compiled the information, brought the information to OSAB and then OSAB voted on the trail priorities based on these suggestions.
 - Following is the timeline for the Community Trails Open House from April 3rd, 2008:

COMMUNITY TRAILS OPEN HOUSE

WHY: To identify new neighborhood trail links and to improve access and connectivity to existing trail system

Project Background

- The City of Louisville Parks & Recreation Department has funding available for the engineering and construction of new trails.
- The City of Louisville would like public input to help identify areas in need of new trails or trail connections.
- Timeline: The process of identifying, prioritizing, engineering and constructing new trails may be a multiyear project.

Step 1:

Public input on trail locations –Open House

Step 2:

Staff review of public input, results presented to OSAB May 14th, public welcome. Check website for changes in meeting times.

Step 3:

Trail engineering and construction- Date and location TBD

- Ideas for 2013 process:
 - Incorporate Facebook.
 - Use an internet-based map to mark the map and provide a description of the trail recommendation.
 - Send a staff member or OSAB member to seek input from other Boards.
 - Crossings, underpasses, and social trails may all be addressed in the 2013 brainstorming session.
 - Gather popularity data – Which Open Spaces are most used? What do you use the trails for (types of activities)? How many “votes” did each recommendation get?
 - Gather information at the Farmer’s Market or the Thursday evening concerts at Community Park.
 - Contacting other neighboring Open Space Boards to see if they have any recommendations.
 - Include on the trail recommendation form the opportunity to write whatever comments the commenter may have about Open Space.
- Alan is discussing beginning the Open House / information gathering process in the fall.
 - July, August, and September would be a good time frame for collecting data to be plugged in to the CIP process.

IX. Discussion: Open Space Management Plan – 2014 CIP Project

- The 2004 Open Space Master Plan needs to be updated.
- \$50,000 has been budgeted for the 2014 revisions.
- What are some of the issues/topics that should be focused on in the 2014 Master Plan?
 - Social trails should be addressed on a broader scale and within the specific Open Spaces.
 - Education would be crucial. Volunteering efforts would also be important
 - Develop best management practices and review what other cities are doing in their property management documents
 - Wildfire mitigation, prescribed burns as a specific tool
 - Education – convey the importance of the education piece of management, include specific recommendations for each property
 - Wildlife management –coyote management
 - Vegetation monitoring
 - Volunteering
 - Open Space zoning

X. Discussion Items for Next Meeting on March 13th

- New Trail Planning
- Update on way finding – Staff from Planning to update us on their efforts?

- Introduction to the process for prioritizing properties for Boulder County submittals
- Update about the Study Session with City Council from Tom

XI. Adjourn at 9:13 pm

Coyotes Are Active In This Area



Coyotes in populated areas are typically less fearful of people. They have been known to attack pets and approach people too closely. Please read and share these tips with your children.

If a Coyote Approaches You:

- Do not run or turn your back
- Be as big and loud as possible
- Wave your arms and throw objects
- Face the coyote and back away slowly
- If attacked, fight back

Protect Your Pets:

- Keep pets on a short leash
- Use extra caution dusk through dawn
- Avoid known or potential den sites and thick vegetation
- Do not allow dogs to interact with coyotes

Be Prepared!

If You Have Concerns About an Encounter With A Coyote:

- Recreate during daylight hours
- Walk with a walking stick
- Keep a deterrent spray handy
- Carry noise makers or rocks to throw

Call your local Division of Wildlife office or Denver headquarters at (303) 297-1192 or visit

www.wildlife.state.co.us to learn more about coyotes.



CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

You are in Coyote Country



If you are approached by a coyote:

- Be as **BIG** and **LOUD** as possible.
- In a **LOUD** and **FORCEFUL** voice, command the coyote to **GO AWAY**.
- Use arm gestures to exaggerate your size and voice.
- Keep small children near you; do not let them run away.
- **ALWAYS** keep your pets on leash.
- Throw objects (not food) adjacent to the coyote.
- Slowly move towards a busy, populated area. There is no need to run.

For more information on coyotes, please visit our website at auroragov.org/nature or call 303-739-7160.

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Coyote Management Plan Outline

1. Introduction
 - Purpose of the report
 - Biology and history
2. Urban Coyote Ecology
 - Home ranges and territories
 - Disease concerns
3. City's Role in Coyote Management
 - Education and outreach
 - Reporting
 - a) Coyote report form and response
 - Encounter techniques
 - a) Hazing techniques
4. Coyote Attractants
 - Feeding
 - a) Unintentional feeding
 - b) Intentional feeding
5. Coyote Interactions and Management
 - Pet and coyote interactions
 - a) Unattended pet attacks
 - b) Attended pet attacks
 - Human and coyote interactions
 - a) Observations
 - b) Sightings
 - c) Encounters
 - d) Incidents
 - e) Attacks
 - Agency reporting
 - a) Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 - b) Other local governments
 - c) Local newspaper
 - Removal
6. Conclusion
 - Coexisting with coyotes
 - Continuing education
7. Contact Information
8. References
9. Pertinent Laws and Regulations



TRAIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to be contacted for upcoming trail maintenance volunteer opportunities:

Yes No

TRAIL RECOMMENDATION:

1) Trail location description (and/or draw trail on map located on back of this worksheet):

2) Why would this be a good addition to the trail system?

3) Type of trail (please circle preference)

8' Wide Crusher Fines/ Narrow Crusher Fines/ Cement/ Stairs/ Natural Surface/ No Preference

Other: _____

4) ADA accessible (please circle preference)

Yes / No / No if alternative ADA accessible route is available / No Preference

5) Who would benefit from this trail (please circle)

Neighborhood only / School & Work Commuters / Recreationalist

6) Did you mark this trail location at the map station? (please circle)

Yes or No

Please drop off at the door on your way out or mail to:

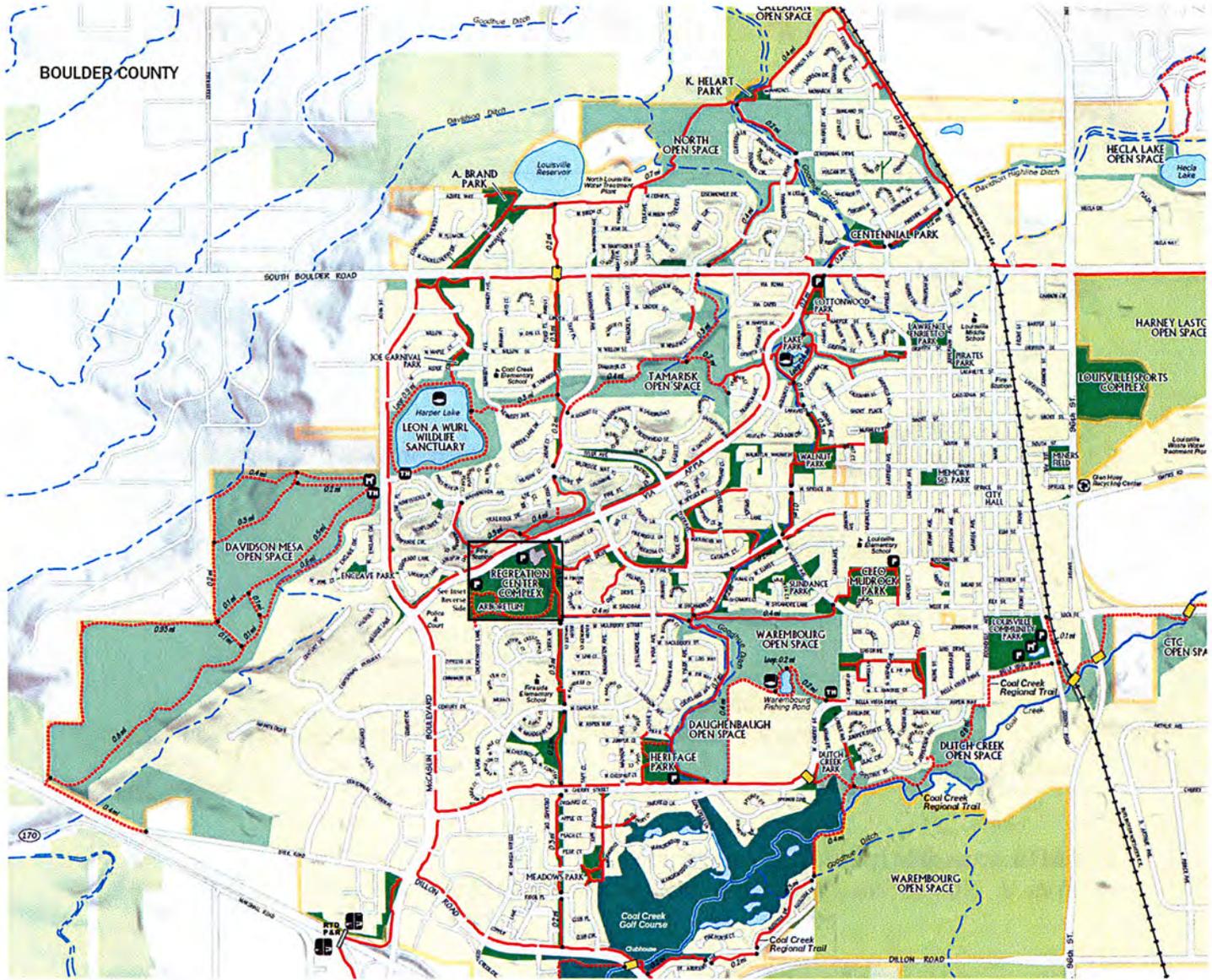
City of Louisville, Attn: Ember Brignull, 749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027

THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR IDEAS WITH US!



City of Louisville

Parks & Recreation Department



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COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MALCOLM FLEMING, CITY MANAGER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. ##, SERIES 2012- A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO BOULDER COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REGARDING 2013 PROPERTY AND TRAIL REQUESTS

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY:

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

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

The information requested is as follows:

A. Open Space requests: Between all of our open space programs, we have acquired a lot of open space in Boulder County. What significant parcels are left in your area that should be protected in order to consider the job done? Please list properties numbered in order of priority, even if you have submitted them in a previous year.

B. Trail requests: Boulder County will give stronger consideration to trail projects that connect to existing community trails on county open space properties and regional trails, and trails that are recommended in management plans. Trails that serve primarily a local population are not likely to be considered for funding through the Boulder County Parks and Open Space CIP. Please list projects numbered in order of priority, even if you have submitted them in a previous year.

Attached you will find the Open Space Advisory Board's recommendation to City Council for consideration and submittal to the County regarding future property acquisition and trails projects.



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DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable at this time. However, the intent of this exercise is to gauge support for cost sharing of specific opportunities as they become available in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Louisville City Council approve Resolution No. **##**, Series 2012 - A resolution to approve the Open Space Advisory Board Recommendation to Boulder County Parks and Open Space regarding 2013 property and trail requests.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. **##**, Series 2012: A Resolution approving the Open Space Advisory Board's Recommendation to Boulder County Parks and Open Space Regarding 2013 Property and Trail Requests
2. City of Louisville Property & Trail Request For 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 58
SERIES 2012

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD'S
RECOMMENDATION TO BOULDER COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
REGARDING 2013 PROPERTY AND TRAIL REQUESTS**

WHEREAS, Boulder County Parks and Open Space invited the City of Louisville Open Space Advisory Board and the Louisville City Council to submit property and trail requests for potential partnership opportunities.

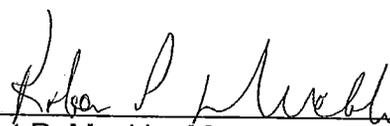
WHEREAS, on August 8, 2012, the Open Space Advisory Board made recommendations regarding the 2013 property and trail requests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:**

1. Approve the recommendations of the Open Space Advisory Board to Boulder County Parks and Open Space regarding 2013 property and trail requests.
2. In forwarding these recommendations, City Council affirms its intent that open space acquisitions are upon condition of a mutually acceptable purchase agreement being reached between willing buyers and willing sellers, and City Council does not intend any acquisition be made through eminent domain.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of September, 2012.





Robert P. Muckle, Mayor



Nancy Varfa, City Clerk

July 12, 2012

RE: Annual Open Space, Trail and GIS Requests & Open Space Advisory Committees Gathering

Dear City Managers and Open Space Managers:

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

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

Attached please find a request form for open space and trail projects, and GIS information in word document form for easy response. The PDF attachment contains background materials including County responses to 2011 requests, 6-year Capital Improvement Projects budget and project descriptions. We are happy to provide hard copies upon request. Please return your trail, open space and GIS request forms by Monday, Sept. 10, 2012.

We are available to attend your advisory board or council meeting to answer any questions and discuss planned projects and opportunities for working together on open space and trail projects. Please contact Tina Nielsen at 303-678-6279 or nielsen@bouldercounty.org to make arrangements.

Finally, we would like to host a gathering of open space advisory committee members from all Boulder County communities on Saturday, September 29th. We'll be in touch regarding details, but please talk to your board members and let us know what topics they are interested in discussing with this county-wide group.

Sincerely,



Ron Stewart

Director



Tina Nielsen

Special Projects Manager

Attachments

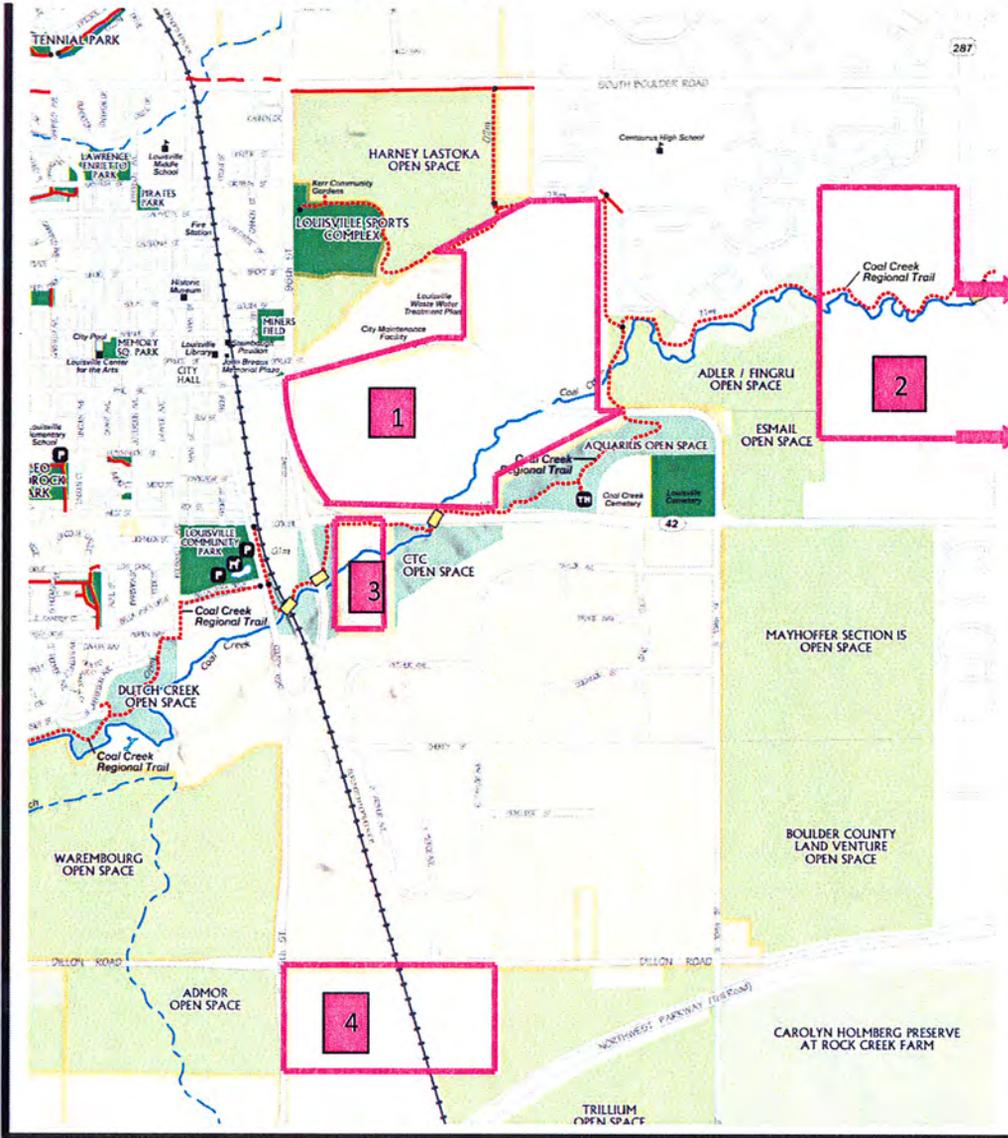
- A. Open Space, Trail & GIS Request Form
- B. 2011 Community Open Space Requests: Summary and Status Report (via email)
- C. 2011 Community Trails Requests: Summary and Status Report (via email)
- D. 2013-2017 CIP project spreadsheets (via email)
- E. 2013-2017 CIP Project Descriptions (via email)

CITY OF LOUISVILLE PROPERTY & TRAIL REQUESTS FOR 2013

Property Request

1. **Mayhoffer Property.** The Mayhoffer Property is approximately 200 acres in size and is designated as 'Rural Preservation' in the Super IGA and agricultural 'Lands of National Importance' in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. The Louisville Open Space Advisory Board has ranked this property as Louisville's number one open space priority. Benefits of acquiring this property include: protection of the Coal Creek riparian corridor, buffering between Louisville and Lafayette and preservation of agricultural use.
2. **Highway 287 and Coal Creek.** This property is comprised of two separate parcels totaling approximately 120 acres. The property is primarily located west of Highway 287 with a parcel both north and south of Coal Creek. Acquisition of both parcels is recommended with an understanding that the parcels may not become available at the same time. In the past, Lafayette has listed this property as their number one priority. Benefits of acquiring this property include: protection of the Coal Creek riparian corridor, enhancement of the regional trail experience, buffering between developments, and protections of the view-shed from Highway 287.
3. **Highway 42 and Coal Creek.** This area is approximately 18 acres in size and is located south of Highway 42 between two existing Louisville Open Space properties. The property is also adjacent to the regional Coal Creek trail, is within the Coal Creek riparian corridor and was designated as a 'Significant Riparian Corridor' in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. Benefits of acquiring this property include: protection of the Coal Creek riparian corridor and creation of a larger contiguous 47 acre open space property.
4. **96th Street and Dillon.** This area is approximately 76 acres in size and is located south of Dillon Road between the jointly owned Admor and Trillium Open Space properties. This parcel was designated as agricultural 'Lands of National Importance' in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, this is the last parcel needed to complete the buffer zone between Louisville and Broomfield.

Map of Louisville 2013 Property Requests



- 1) Mayhoffer Property
- 2) Highway 287 and Coal Creek
- 3) Highway 42 and Coal Creek
- 4) 96th Street and Dillon

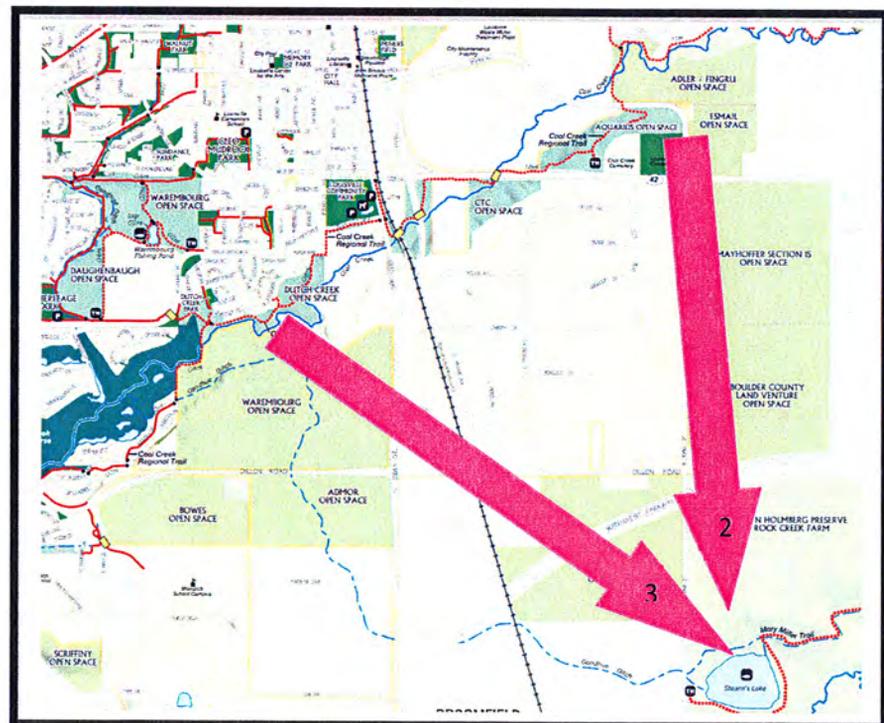
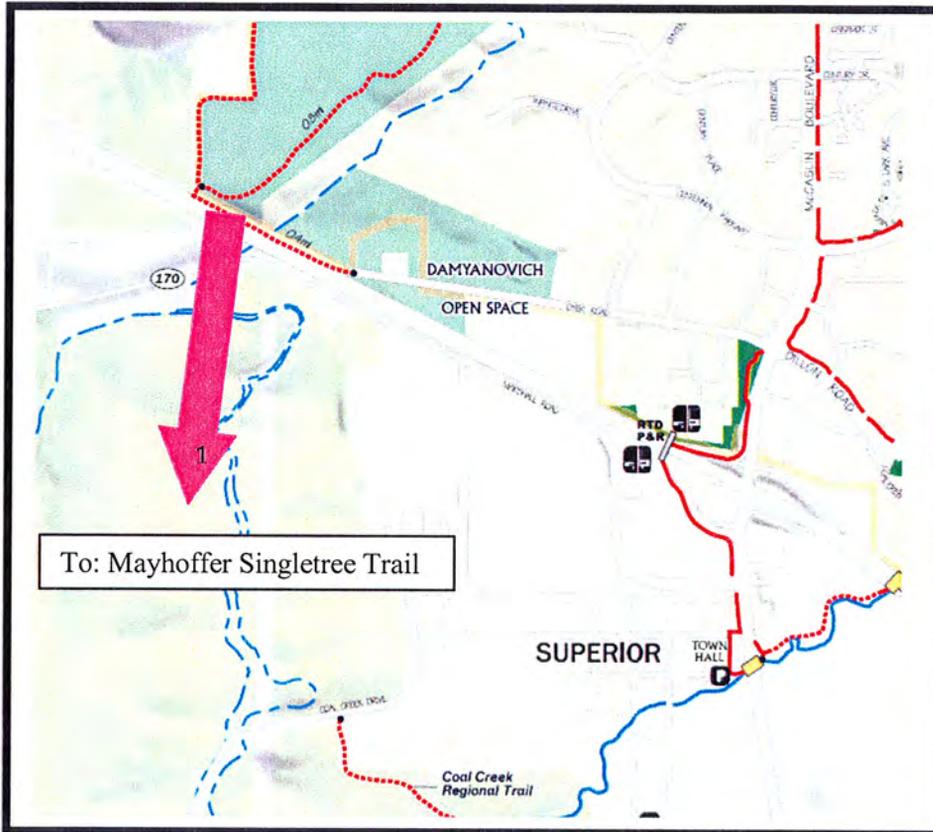
Trail Request

- 1. Overlook Underpass Trail- Connecting Davidson Mesa to the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail:** An underpass is proposed at this location with construction expected in 2014. The proposed underpass would enable citizen's safe access across Hwy. 36 which would make a connection possible from the Davidson Mesa trail system to the Mayhoffer- Single Tree Trail. This connection would allow citizens to access the Cowdrey Draw, Marshall-Mesa, Community Ditch and Doudy Draw Trails along with other City of Boulder Trails in the Foothills.
- 2. 104th Street Trail- Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm:** Continue to work with Boulder County and the City of Lafayette to resolve crossing issues, determine trail alignment and seek grant funding for this trail connection. The total trail length would be approximately two miles. This trail would connect the regional Coal Creek trail to the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm and the regional Rock Creek trail.
- 3. Warembourg Trail- Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm:** This trail would provide a second connection between the regional Coal Creek and Rock Creek trails. This segment would be a more direct connection for Louisville residents as it departs from a more central location within the community. This connection would also provide a nice loop experience by connecting into the proposed 104th Street trail. Although this concept is identified as a conceptual trail corridor in the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan additional discussions is needed to determine trail alignment in regards to agricultural areas and privately owned parcels. This Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan has this recorded as a conceptual trail corridor.

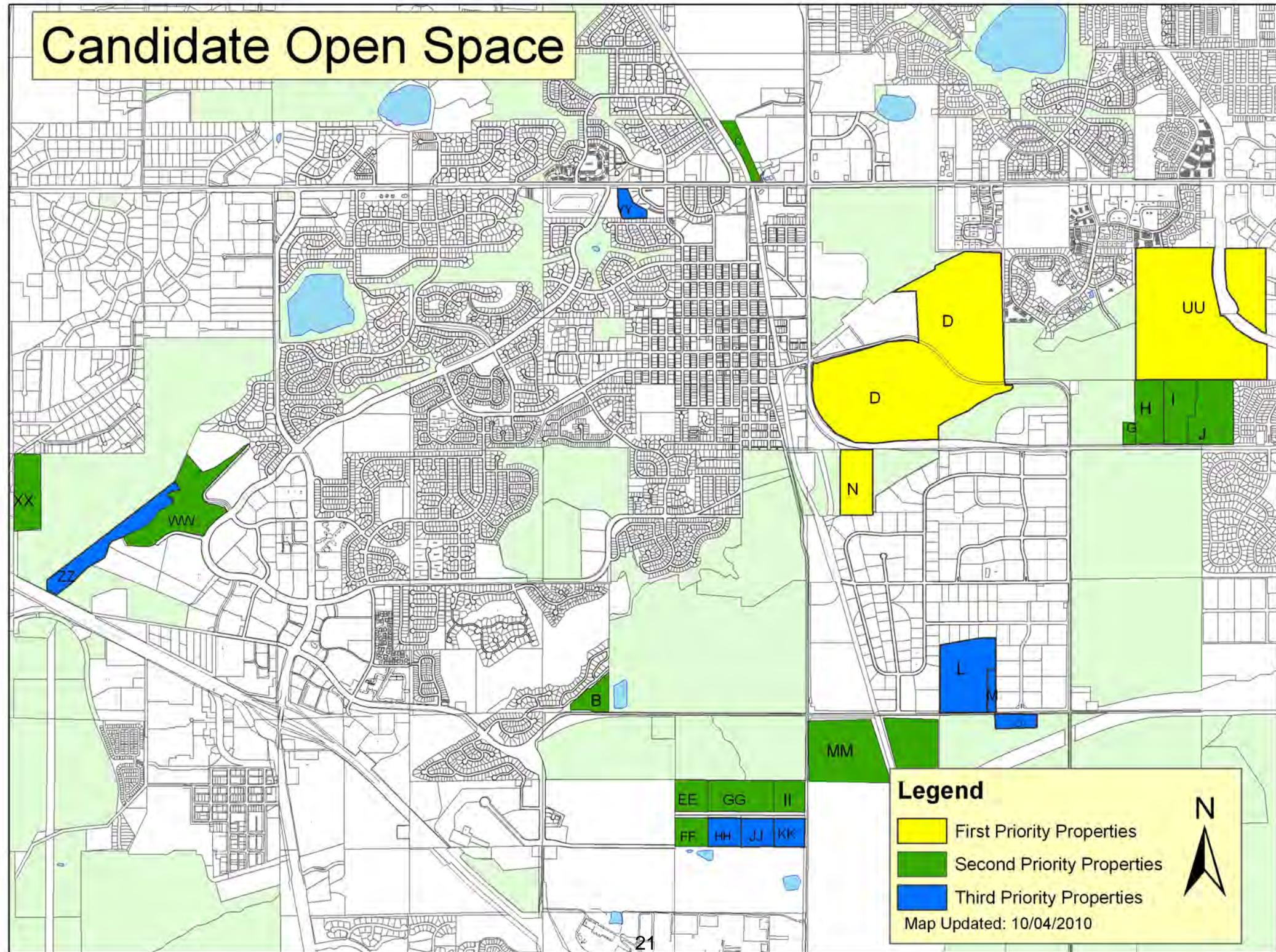
Map of Louisville 2013 Trail Requests

Arrow does not depict actual trail alignment.

- 1) Overlook Underpass Trail- Connecting Davidson Mesa to the Mayhoffer-Singletree Trail
- 2) 104th Street Trail
- 3) Warembourg Trail- Connecting Coal Creek Trail with Rock Creek Trail and the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm.



Candidate Open Space



Legend

- First Priority Properties
- Second Priority Properties
- Third Priority Properties

Map Updated: 10/04/2010



City of Louisville Candidate Open Space

I.D. #	Tier	Properties	Vegetation	Wetlands	Riparian	Wildlife Habitat	Connectivity	Open Water	Topographic & Geological Significance	Size	Total for Resource Values	Public Visibility	Scenic	View	Historical Significance	Agricultural Preservation	Recreational Potential	Existing Conditions	Threat of Development	Buffer	Potential for Partners	Undefined Unique Features	Comp. Plan	Total for Cultural Values	Total Score
1	1	D	Mayhoffers																						
2	1	N	Rural Preservation																						
3	1	UU	Hwy 287																						
4	2	MM	96th St. Ag. Lots																						
5	2	XX	Large Lots W. of Davidson Mesa																						
6	2	GG	Rural Preservation																						
7	2	EE	Rural Preservation																						
8	2	II	Rural Preservation																						
9	2	FF	Paradise Lane																						
10	2	H	Hwy 42 Ag. Lots																						
11	2	J	Hwy 42 Ag. Lots																						
12	2	II	HWY 42 Ag. Lots																						
13	2	WW	Western Centennial Valley																						
14	2	GG	Hwy 42 Ag. Lots																						
15	2	B	Xcel (off of Dillon adjacent to Warembourg)																						
16	3	JJ	Paradise Lane																						
17	3	ZZ	Xcel/PSCO Corridor																						
18	3	O	Dillon Road Lots																						
19	3	KK	Paradise Lane																						
20	3	YY	Church Land E. of Cott. Park																						
21	3	HH	Paradise Lane																						
22	3	L&M	Dillon Road Lots																						

Although listed in numerical order, preference for acquisition will be based on the tier level.
 Tier one (in yellow) reflects the highest priorities for acquisition followed by tier two (in green) and tier three (in blue). Updated 10/04/10