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Study Session

October 31, 2016

The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners typically holds weekly Study Sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Study Sessions (except for Executive Sessions) are open to the public and items for discussion are included on this agenda. Agendas (except for Executive Sessions agendas) are available through the Commissioners' Office or through the County's web site at www.arapahoegov.com. Please note that the Board may discuss any topic relevant to County business, whether or not the topic has been specifically noticed on this agenda. In particular, the Board typically schedules time each Monday under "Committee Updates" to discuss a wide range of topics. In addition, the Board may alter the times of the meetings throughout the day, or cancel or reschedule noticed meetings. Questions about this agenda? Contact the Commissioners' Office at 303-795-4630 or by e-mail at commissioners@arapahoegov.com

Study Session Topics

9:00 A.M. Calendar Updates (WHR)

*Diana Maes
BoCC Administration Manager*

9:30 A.M. E-Team Update (WHR)

*David Bessen,
Chair, E-Team
Director, Information Technologies*

10:00 A.M. BOCC Updates (WHR)

Board of County Commissioners

**11:00 A.M. *I-70 Corridor Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP)
Annual Update (WHR)**

Annual update from I-70 Corridor Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP)

Request: Information/Direction

*Jack Kever, Executive Director, I-70 Corridor Regional Economic Advancement
Partnership*

John Christofferson, Deputy County Attorney

Documents:

[REAP BRIEFING AGENDA.PDF](#)
[2016 ARAPAHOE COUNTY ANNUAL BRIEFING.PDF](#)
[SUPPORT LETTERS.PDF](#)
[2016 REAP BROCHURE.PDF](#)
[ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL PHOTOS.PDF](#)
[DELIVERABLE MATERIALS.PDF](#)

Break

1:00 P.M. *Joint Project Funding - South Platte Working Group - River Run, East Bank Trail (WHR)

Discussion of a request from the South Platte Working Group, through Open Spaces to use \$1,200,000 of the Arapahoe County pledged \$8 million of "joint project funding" from the Open Space Acquisition and Development Fund for use toward the construction of the East Bank Trail of the Mary Carter Greenway along the South Platte River

Request: Information/Direction

*Josh Tenneson, Grants and Acquisitions Manager, Open Spaces
Shannon Carter, Director, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations
Keith Ashby, Purchasing Manager, Finance
Tiffanie Bleau, Senior Assistant County Attorney*

Documents:

[BSR_SS_RIVER RUN_10.31.16.PDF](#)
[2016 MARY CARTER GREENWAY CONNECT INITIATIVE GRANT FULL GRANT-FNL.PDF](#)

1:30 P.M. *West Bijou Property Transfer Of Ownership (WHR)

Discussion of a request for the approval of the transfer of the West Bijou Property from the Plains Conservation Center (PCC) to the Savory Institute

Request: Information/Direction

*Josh Tenneson, Grants and Acquisitions Manager, Open Spaces
Shannon Carter, Director, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations
Keith Ashby, Purchasing Manager, Finance
Tiffanie Bleau, Senior Assistant County Attorney*

Documents:

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2:00 P.M. *Glendale Chamber Of Commerce Annual Update (WHR)

Annual Update from the Glendale Chamber of Commerce

Request: Information/Direction

*Jeff Allen, President, Glendale Chamber of Commerce
John Christofferson, Deputy County Attorney*

3:00 P.M. *Open Spaces 3rd Quarter Supplemental Requests (WHR)

Discussion and review of the 3rd Quarter Fairground Supplemental Requests from Open Spaces

Request: Information/Direction

Glen Poole, Operations Manager, Open Spaces
Shannon Carter, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Open Spaces
Todd Weaver, Budget Manager, Finance
Tiffanie Bleau, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Documents:

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3:30 P.M. * Executive Session (WHR)

Executive Study Session and County Attorney Administrative Meeting [Section 24-6-402 (4)(b)C.R.S.](As required by law, specific agenda topics will be announced in open meeting prior to the commencement of the closed and confidential portion of this session) (WHR)

Ron Carl, County Attorney

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Agenda

Annual Reap Briefing Meeting

October 31, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Arapahoe County Government Building

5334 Prince Street, Littleton, CO 80102

1. Introductions & Remarks - Gary Duke, Chair
2. Reap Briefing - Jack Keever, Executive Director
3. Agritourism Briefing & Participants Comments –
 - Kathy Mahan, Reap & Agritourism Administrator
 - Kristi Cranston, Agritourism Committee Chair, owner of Tall Grass Farms Alpacas
 - Denise Hopkins, owner of Caramel Apple Farm
 - Erin Brinkley-Burgardt, owner of Hog Haven Farm
4. Video
5. Discussion
6. Adjourn

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REAP Mission Statement

Stimulate private investment in order to increase opportunities for employment, expand the tax base, broaden the economy and generally improve the quality of life of our citizens.



October 24, 2016

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Arapahoe Board of County Commissioners
5334 South Prince Street
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Subject: Reap Briefing October 31, 2016

Dear Commissioners;

Reap is a 501-C-6 Corporation, governed by a 36 person community Board of Directors. It employs 2 part time staff, with an annual budget of \$55,000.

Financial Statements are provided by an independent accountant.

Reap's 2016 program priorities are:

- Agritourism
- Aviation
- Energy
- Transit
- Telecommunications
- Aging Population
- Health Care

Reap's agritourism initiative has brought awareness to the many small ranches and farms in the I-70 Corridor. Not only are these small businesses experiencing more exposure but their knowledge and input has been instrumental in developing new regulations governing rural events and activities. We are seeing many new faces and increasing interest from this community at Reap meetings. More details are included.

Monthly board and community meetings examine issues and new developments along a 40 mile stretch of I-70 from E-470 to Deer Trail in Eastern Arapahoe and Adams Counties. Topics included:

- New housing highlighting: Deer Trail, Strasburg, Sky Ranch, Prosper.
- Rural issues at State Capital
- Solar Energy, several new solar gardens plus IREA
- Greenhouse District
- Ballot Issues
- New Arapahoe County Voting System

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- Open Space
- Rush Creek Wind Farm
- Energy Efficiency
- Land Development Code

Meeting attendance averages 35, with new attendees coming and going depending on topics.

Reap is a referral body for Arapahoe County land use projects. It regularly supports new development good for the economy, leaving the details of regulation to appropriate governments. 2016 has been a particularly busy year that included providing a platform for small farms and ranches to give feedback for new regulations governing their events.

Arapahoe County has supported Reap financially and by active involvement of elected officials and staff, matched by Adams County. We appreciate this and look forward to our continuing partnership.

Sincerely,

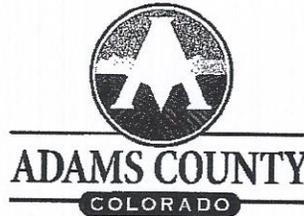
Gary Duke
Chair

Jack Keever
Executive Director

Letters of Support

- Adams County
- Arapahoe County
- Byers General Store
- Hog Haven Farm
- Guaranty Bank
- LaZyB Acres Alpacas
- Tall Grass Farms Alpacas
- Caramel Apple Farm
- Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary
- Mayberry Farm Alpacas
- Jack Keever
- Maya Rodriguez's email from 9News

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October 11, 2016

Colorado Tourism Office
1625 Broadway #2700
Denver, CO 80202

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to support the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP) Marketing Matching Grant Program application through the state of Colorado's Tourism Office. If awarded, these funds would be used to support and encourage the agritourism industry along the Interstate 70 corridor. The corridor stretches for a 40-mile segment that includes Adams and Arapahoe Counties and the towns of Watkins, Bennett, Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail. This region was defined in order to support economic development along the route. The eastern I-70 corridor offers many opportunities for out-of-state travelers and metro Denver residents seeking tourism opportunities that provide connections to farming and other rural activities.

Adams County encourages an organized agritourism program for this area. We fully support REAP's application for this grant opportunity through the Colorado Tourism Office. Adams County intends to provide a contribution to the required local match for this grant opportunity, subject to final approval of the 2017 budget.

We thank you for your thoughtful review and consideration of the application and ask for your approval. This region of Colorado will benefit greatly from the support of the agritourism economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Steve O'Dorisio'.

Steve O'Dorisio
Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to show our support for the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP) Agritourism in the I-70 Corridor matching grant application.

The I-70 Corridor offers unique and diverse experience for visitors from the Denver Metro area and those traveling along I-70.

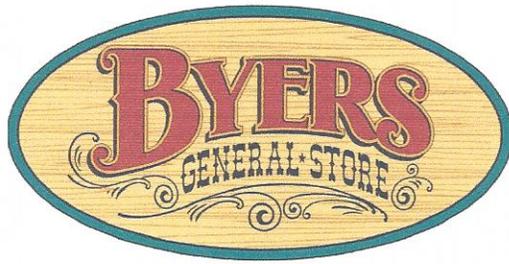
We cannot commit to a local match at this time but would appreciate your positive consideration of REAP's application for funding. If approved, we are confident that REAP can find the necessary funds to make up the local match.

Sincerely,

Nancy Doty, Chair
Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners

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568 US Hwy 36 - Byers, Colorado 80103-9700 - (303) 822-5325

October 7, 2016

Colorado Tourism Office
1625 Broadway, Ste. 2700
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Colorado Tourism Office,

Thanks, through the efforts of I-70 Reap, their partners Adams and Arapahoe Counties and the Colorado Tourism Office, agritourism is becoming a reality in the I-70 Corridor.

I am the owner of Byers General Store and Chase Pharmacy, and we support economic development to the Corridor. Farming and ranching has always been a part of the heritage in this community and many of these businesses are small and family owned. The funding that has been received over the past two years has significantly opened doors for many small agricultural businesses who couldn't otherwise afford it. The promotion of agritourism in the corridor has joined together many small farms in this community that are excited to share their animals, goods and knowledge with others.

I encourage you to support this request. This is a win-win for this community and the people visiting from the Denver Metro Area, who wish to visit a farm, go to a farm festival or experience the other destinations the corridor has to offer.

Respectfully,

Wil Chase, President
Byers General Store
568 US HWY 36
Byers, CO 80103

Hog Haven Farm
79351 E. CR 38
Deer Trail, CO 80105

Colorado Tourism Office
1625 Broadway, #2700
Denver, CO 80202

October 13, 2016

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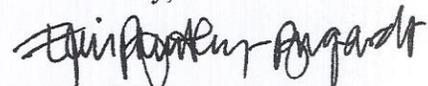
I am writing to express my support and enthusiasm for a grant for agritourism via the Colorado Tourism Office's matching grant fund. I operate a nonprofit, potbellied pig rescue operation out of Deer Trail, called Hog Haven Farm. The opportunities from Colorado High Plains Adventure, as part of this new push for tourism, has supported my organization, and given it a new level of exposure to people all across the Denver Metro area and beyond.

In September 2016, Hog Haven Farm had the opportunity to participate in the Fall Farm Festival at May Farms with other small businesses from the plains. We saw a high level of interest from attendees to this event, and had a wonderful weekend promoting the activities, small business, and agriculture that makes the eastern plains a worthy tourism destination. Offering a unique, family-friendly, affordable experience drew crowds from all over the Denver area, as well as the eastern community.

Part of Hog Haven Farm's objective is to educate the public about potbellied pigs. The Colorado High Plains Adventure is a successful endeavor with our mission statement, where education is paramount. By promoting our rescue operation, the High Plains Adventure is helping our business expand and reach a wider audience. Other small businesses in our region are also benefitting from the exposure that the events, website, and social media reach the High Plains Adventure offers.

In summary, we offer our full support of the Colorado High Plains Adventure and its use of grant money to promote our local businesses and community. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,



Erin Brinkley-Burgardt
Founder/Director
Hog Haven Farm



October 11, 2016

Colorado Tourism

Regarding: R.E.A.P.
Colorado High Plains Adventure

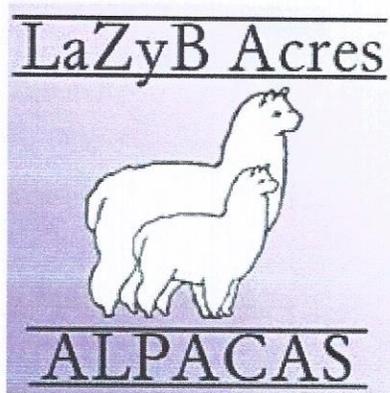
Letter of support for grant

Colorado Tourism,

I am happy to write a letter of support for the grant request by R.E.A.P. /Colorado High Plains Adventure. They have been very active in the last year in bringing people from Denver and surrounding areas out to the eastern plains. I attended a farm festival a couple of weeks ago and was very impressed. They have got the ball rolling and I expect bigger and better things in the future. I would ask that you favorably consider the request and let them continue to build on the momentum that they have started.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Duke
Market President
303-622-2540



October 10, 2016

Colorado Tourism Office
Denver, Colorado

At LaZyB Acres Alpacos we raise alpacas, angora goats and angora rabbits. The fiber/fleece from these animals is used to create yarn, finished products and artistic projects. We have approximately sixty animals that produce a useful, sustainable product. Public exposure of our farm and products are the lifeline of our business.

The results of belonging to REAP and participating in the Agritourism grant has increased visits to our ranch, more name recognition along the I-70 corridor and sales of animals and fiber products. It has also fostered increased camaraderie among the local farms, ranches and artisans bringing a better sense of community.

We enthusiastically support Agritourism in the I-70 Corridor! It will be exciting to see what great things can be anticipated with the 2017 matching grant application. We are very thankful that the Eastern Plains REAP leaders and the State of Colorado gave us a chance to participate! Plans are already being made in anticipation of more visitors to our ranch and an increase in the sales of our fiber products in 2017. Providing advertising and support of the many events on the Eastern Plains provide benefits to all of the residents!

Larry and Becky Zierer
LaZyB Acres Alpacos
47705 E County Road 34
Bennett, CO 80102

Dear Colorado Tourism Office,

I'm writing you as the committee chair for the "Colorado High Plains Adventure". First, I want to thank you for your continuing support of our efforts this past year. It's the support from CTO that can really lend a hand as we continue to grow interest from urban areas in Colorado to come see what a "Colorado High Plains Adventure" is all about.

To that end, one of the challenges for the entire region is to show the population of urban Colorado the significant opportunities that are available for education, recreation, family time, and re-discovering the historical traditions of the fiber and the livestock industries since time memorial. We hope you will agree with us that the I70 corridor is a true "Colorado Tourism Destination" and we need your help in making sure those opportunities are seen and heard.

Bringing the population of Denver to this region is one of the best ways to accomplish that and taking a "Colorado High Plains Adventure" (www.coloradohighplainsadventure.com) is a great tool to do so. We believe that, 2016, the first year of our campaign was a good start but it's just that. It's only the beginning of what is needed. Small businesses out here on the Eastern plains need to continue to attract urban citizens and for that we need to be visible through a continued agritourism marketing presence. Many of you probably saw the 9News story just a short couple of weeks ago, featuring Hog Haven, a pig rescue farm as well as my ranch, Tall Grass Farms Alpacas. I encourage you to reach out to 9news and ask them about the response they received from their media market place. Those kinds of media pushes are needed for this entire region because they reflect our community and our businesses as well the opportunities for urban Denver. To do that, we need your continued support. We need to continue the push. Taking a year off will slow down the hard work that many of us have put in to get the Eastern I70 corridor to this point.

The commercial and residential development trends are contributing factors as well. As you know, both Adams and Arapahoe Counties are greatly expanding. We have an opportunity to communicate to the rest of Colorado that we have buffalo herds, donkey and pig rescue ranches, wildlife rescue sites, working ranches including alpacas, goats, sheep, cattle, and horses. We have air shows in Watkins and we have museums. We have a lot to offer but it only works when people come.

The continued role of the "Colorado High Plains Adventure" team's 2016 first year campaign to create that visibility is an important one and your continuing support is greatly needed. As our web site points out, this area reflects six vibrant communities tied together by our history and our commerce, by real pioneers and hard working entrepreneurs, by our interesting geography, by agriculture and new business innovation, and by adventure seekers and just as importantly, the local folks who welcome visitors to their towns, ranches, homes and real lives. We look forward to your visit as well.

Thank you for considering our request again this year.

Kristi Cranston

Committee Chair
Colorado High Plains Adventure
Tall Grass Farms Alpacas
www.tallgrassfarmsalpacas.com
720-276-2408

Hello! My name is Denise Hopkins and I am the owner of Caramel Apple Goat Farm in Bennett, CO. We have been blessed to be a part of the Colorado High Plains Adventure group here on the I-70 corridor.

I would love to share with you how appreciative we have been of the past and hopefully future funds that you have shared with us to develop agritourism here on the eastern plains of Colorado.

The I-70 Corridor has so many amazing things happening, and because of your financial support, people are having a chance to learn about them. Our group is an eclectic group consisting of goat and alpaca farmers, 3 sanctuaries (pig, donkey, mustang), an event center (May Farms), Byers feed store, Byers America general store, a museum and much more. This past year we have developed a website where our separate farms and small businesses can come together and be represented as a group giving visitors the opportunity to spend the day out adventuring from farms to businesses, and back to more farms.

Because of your financial support, we had our First Fall Farm Festival on September 24th & 25th at May Farms. We had a fabulous crowd due to all the advertising we were able to do! 9News did a fantastic piece on our festival featuring Hog Haven and Tall Grass Alpacas sparking lots of interest for our event. So many families came out to meet us from all over the Front Range.

Our small goat farm has had a wonderful year. Your support made it possible for us to have a video made for our farm and soap making classes. Also, we had a photographer (yes, with a real camera, not just a phone) come out and take incredible photos of our goats. This would have never been possible without your help. Our sales of goat milk products are the best they have ever been which I think has a lot to do with our exposure through the group.

In short, thank you for supporting our small farms and businesses here on the eastern plains of Colorado. We are doing things I never thought would be possible.

Denise Hopkins
Caramel Apple Farm



October 11, 2016

To whom it may concern:

My name is Michelle Sander and I am the Executive Director of The Great Escape Mustang Sanctuary (GEMS) located in Deer Trail, Colorado. We are a 501c3 organization working with the Bureau of Land Management to identify and execute best management practices for wild horses on and off the range. Being a non-profit, we rely heavily on the public for support. At the sanctuary, we host a variety of public program offerings and having this relationship with Colorado High Plains Adventure (CHPA) is an extremely important one for us.

We are located on the I-70 corridor, east of Denver, and bringing people's attention out our way is very important. The work that CHPA is doing for all the organizations and businesses helps us to bring new activity and public awareness to all of our causes.

For us, collaboration is the key to bringing awareness and making a difference and this is exactly what CHPA is doing. They are an organization bringing business, like ours, together and creating a wonderful platform for the public to enjoy, sharing the rural lifestyle so integral to Colorado's history!

Sincerely,

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Michelle Sander
Executive Director

October 1, 2016

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Littleton, CO 80120

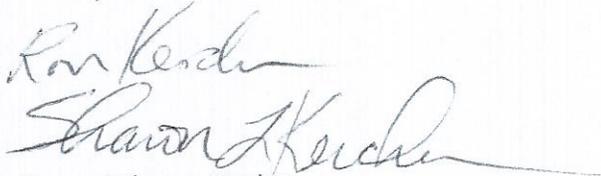
Dear Commissioners,

We are writing this letter to express our appreciation for your past support of the I-70 REAP Agritourism program. Your commitment to our western and agricultural heritage is evidenced by the wonderful expansion of the Fairgrounds, and we see that commitment extended in the County's involvement in agritourism.

We want to briefly share with you the tremendous benefits we have received as a result of the I-70 REAP Agritourism program. Being a small agricultural business, it's often difficult to get the word out about our livestock and the wonderful products made from their fiber. Our participation in hosted events drawing people from the east metro area and surrounding towns has allowed us to introduce the unique alpaca to a whole new public. The Agritourism program has also provided an avenue for us to showcase our animals and products by having visitors to our farm. A particular example is a group who visited us from a daycare program for adults. We were able to provide an educational and fun outing for these folks.

The advertising and publicity generated by the I-70 REAP Agritourism program has benefited us and provided the public outreach we would be unable to do on our own. We think it's important the public be familiar with the exciting agricultural activities taking place in this area. We encourage you to continue to support this program both financially and by lending your voice to support agritourism along the I-70 eastern corridor.

Thank you.

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Ron and Sharon Kercher
Mayberry Farm Alpacas
6889 S County Rd 185
Byers, CO 80103

October 11, 2016

Dear Grant Review Team,

Agritourism has transformed Reap's traditional approach to economic development.

While attracting business is important, it does not include helping the foundation of our rural economy, which is agriculture. The State Of Colorado and May Farms introduced Reap to the concept of promoting farms and ranches as a viable way to improve and build a rural economy.

With the state's guidance and financial support, Reap has developed The Colorado High Plains Adventure website and aggressively promoted its richness through advertising, brochures, products, videos, photographs, events and SEO services. Each of these marketing activities, including details such as design and colors has been decided by a committee of local ranchers and farmers. This has developed a whole new constituency for Reap and the state, and we couldn't be more pleased.

Agritourism is a high priority for Reap and the Eastern I-70 corridor and will remain so. We hope the State Of Colorado will continue its comprehensive financial and program support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jack Keever

admin@i-70reap.com

From: Rodriguez, Maya <maya.rodriguez@9news.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 9:46 AM
To: admin@i-70reap.com
Subject: RE: Annual Farm Festival

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These photos you sent are fantastic! Those pigs are a trip (but smart, too, as we learned).

Thank you again for helping me get everyone lined up for these stories. I really appreciate it!

Let me know if anything else pops up!

Take care,

Maya

Maya Rodriguez
Reporter, 9NEWS

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I think you will get a kick out of the photos of the pig.

Kathy Mahan
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Our Mission

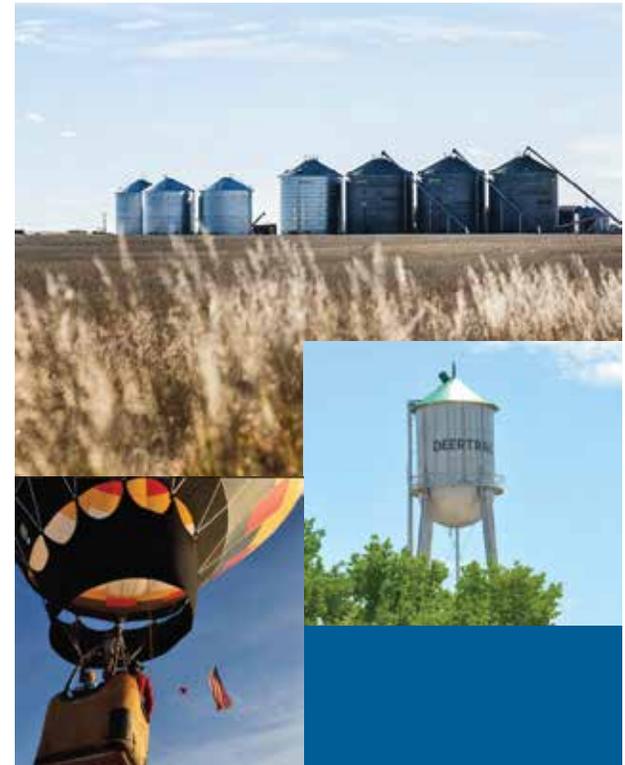
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Support Front Range Airport General Aviation, Spaceport, and resultant business development.



Artists rendering of the Spaceport at Front Range Airport

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Support planning efforts and related initiatives serving an increasingly aging population, particularly related to business development.

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Support increasing the capacity and quality of healthcare services, including urgent care.

REAP Meeting Schedule

When: Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except where noted*, and start at 11:45 a.m.

Where: All meetings are held at Front Range Airport, except where noted*. Please check our website for more information: www.I-70REAP.com

Thursday, January 14, 2016

*Friday, February 5, 2016 (I-70 Corridor Day at State Capitol)

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Thursday, July 14, 2016

August (No meeting)

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Thursday, November 10, 2016 (Board of Directors only)

December (No meeting)

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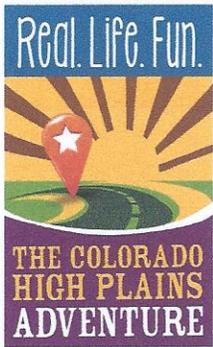


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Deliverable Materials

- Press Information – Multimedia links to website, blog, Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, & Video Clips
- Social Media Channels & Website Analytics March 1st to September 30th
- Press Releases:
 1. April 28th – I-70 Publishing
 2. April 29th – Town of Bennett
 3. May 3rd – All local News Stations & PBS
 4. September 8th – All Local News Stations
 5. September 15th – All Local News Stations & I-70 Publishing
- Revised Rack Card front & back – Distribution: Celebrations, Meetings, Businesses
- “One Road – Towns of Fun” signage
- The Colorado High Plains Adventure Banner
- “Annual Fall Farm Festival” Flyer – Distribution: Bennett Days, Denver Yarn Shops, Local Businesses, Churches, Libraries, School’s & Meetings.
- Local Newspaper Ads:
 1. I-70 Publishing Ad May 24th
 2. I-70 Publishing Ad May 27th side by side center ad
 3. I-70 Publishing Ad September 16th
 4. I-70 Publishing Ad September 23rd
- Silent Auction Basket for the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Park Steering Committee Letter
- NCM America’s Movie Network Promotion



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The Colorado High Plains Adventure: Press Information

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Colorado High Plains Adventure Social Media Channels & Website Analytics

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Website Increased to:						
Mar 2016	188	154	439	1:29	53.19%	77.66%
Sep 2016	889	728	1,960	2:11	55.23%	80.43%

Facebook Increased to:						
Mar 2016	27	0.5	340.5 Avg. Daily Reach	16 Avg. Engagement/Day	632 Avg. Impressions/Day	2
Sep 2016	340	341		16		634

Twitter Increased to:			
Mar 2016	152	3	0
Sep 2016	312	33	136

Instagram Increased to:			
Mar 2016	4	0	67 Following
Sep 2016	30	67	

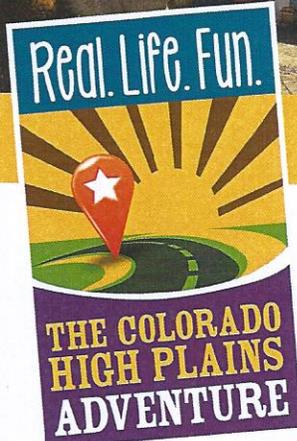
Google+ Increased to:	
Mar 2016	3
Sep 2016	12

- ❖ **Google AdWords Totals March - Present:**
 - Impressions: 91,422
 - Clicks: 779
 - Spent: \$1,253.61
- ❖ **Facebook Advertising Totals March - Present:**
 - Likes: 200
 - Clicks: 1,307
 - Reach: 71,359
 - Spent: \$918.50

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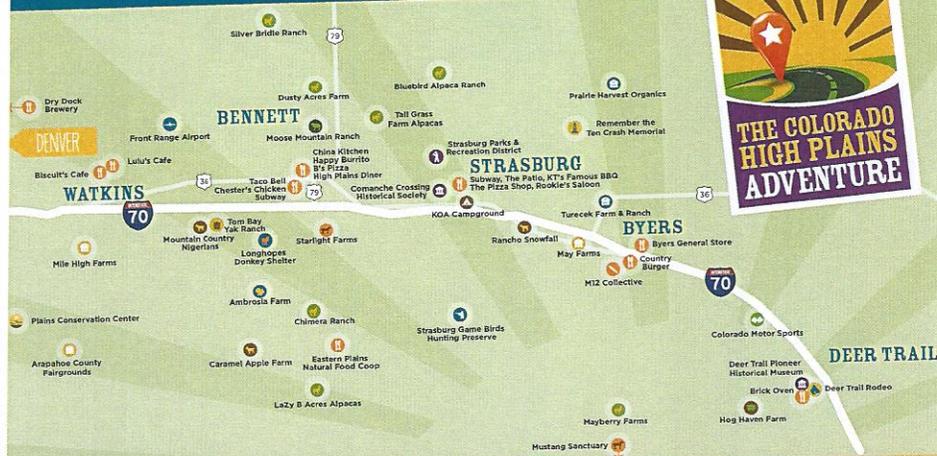
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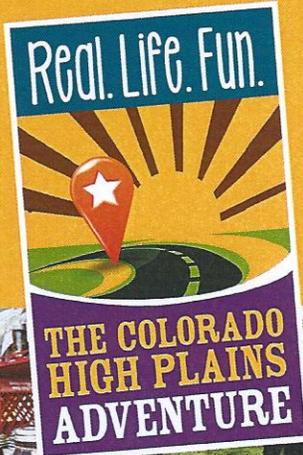
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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Alpaca Farm Visit - May 27, 2016 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tall Grass Farms Alpacas,
3990 Vanderhoof Street
Bennett, CO 80102 United States

Come out to visit the alpacas, we will have one new baby for sure! Watch fiber demonstrations: spinning, weaving and locker hooking. Learn to felt a bar of goat milk soap. Children's Alpaca crafts are available. Check out the beautiful handmade Alpaca products in the shop! Free - All Ages Welcome!

Adam's Warrior Buddy and May Farms Dog Jog
May 28, 2016 @ 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
May Farms,
64001 US Highway 36
Byers, CO 80103 United States

Warbird Auto Show - May 28, 2016 @ 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Front Range Airport,
5200 Front Range Parkway
Watkins, 80137 United States

Car Show, WarBird Show, Fly over, Swap Meet, and much more! \$10/ car to spectate

Free Tour Day at Longhopes Donkey Shelter
May 28, 2016 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Longhopes Donkey Shelter,
66 North Dutch Valley Road
Bennett, CO 80102 United States

Plan to stop by the Longhopes Donkey Shelter Saturday, May 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy a free tour of our facility and hear the many stories of our residents.

Mayberry Farm Alpacas - May 28, 2016 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Mayberry Farm Alpacas,
6889 South County Rd. 185
Byers, CO 80103 United States

Come visit our herds of sheep and alpacas at Mayberry Farm. See our collection of alpaca and fine wool fiber, yarn, roving and handmade items for sale. Pen sale : Alpacas and Lambs for sale

Caramel Apple Farm - May 28, 2016 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Caramel Apple Farm,
5690 South Tom Bay Ct.
Bennett, 80102 United States

Join in on the fun! Visit our farm to see a demonstration on making goat milk soap. Have you ever milked a goat? Now is your chance. Our store will be open for you so you can try out our line of homemade soaps, lotions, lip balms and even laundry soap.

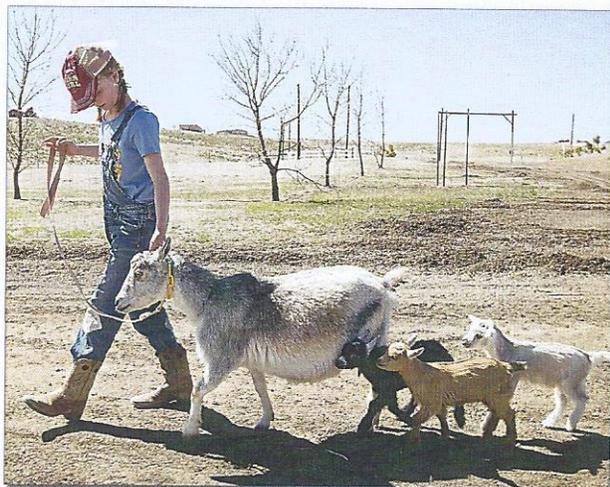
Motor Sports Racing - May 28, 2016 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Colorado Motor Sports Park,
2050 S. County Rd. 201
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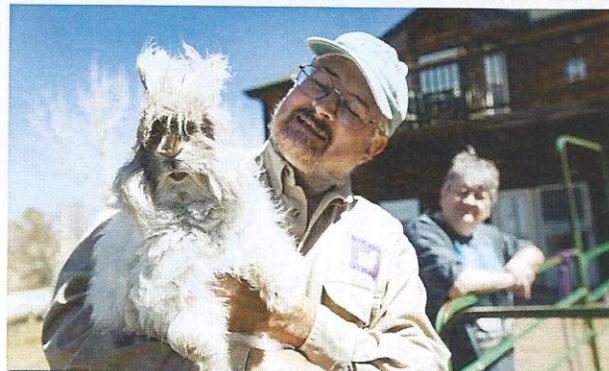
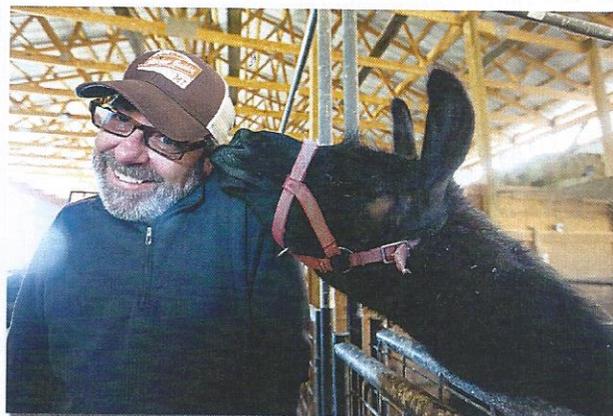
Colorado Sprint Car Series, Modifieds, Sports Mods, Stocks & Econos! Adults \$15, Seniors 62+ and Military with proper ID \$13, Kids 12 and under \$8, Pit Pass \$30

Chimera Ranch Alpacas - May 29, 2016 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Chimera Ranch,
2021 S. Ventress Ct.
Bennett, CO 80102 United States

Come wander through over 80 Alpacas of all ages and color. Hug an Alpaca, pictures are welcome! The first 10 families each day will receive a special gift bag. Purchase products from our store and draw for 5% - 20% discount on the entire purchase. See you here!

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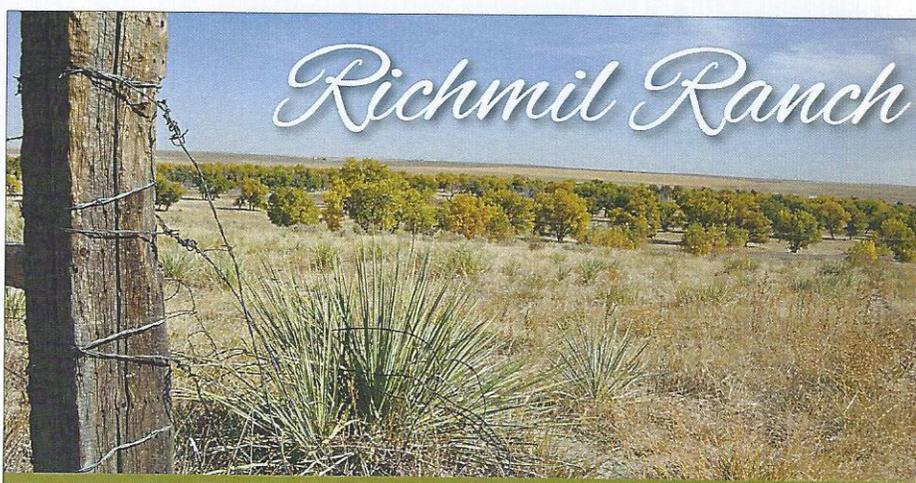
Events at May Farms



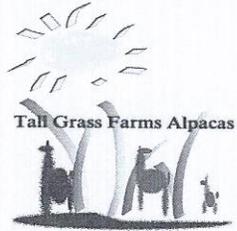
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- **May 28th 7am-3pm- 5K Dog Jog**
100% Volunteer non-profit AWB raises funds via events, donations and grants to help place PTSD service dogs with our returning veterans as well as guidance and assistance in legal, VA, counseling and financial matters. ALL proceeds raised benefit our veterans.
- **May 29th 9am-1pm -Farm Fresh Meals Brunch**
Special homemade, farm fresh brunch served by Chef Jason Fellers



Richmil Ranch



Tall Grass Farms Alpacas

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Friday - Monday

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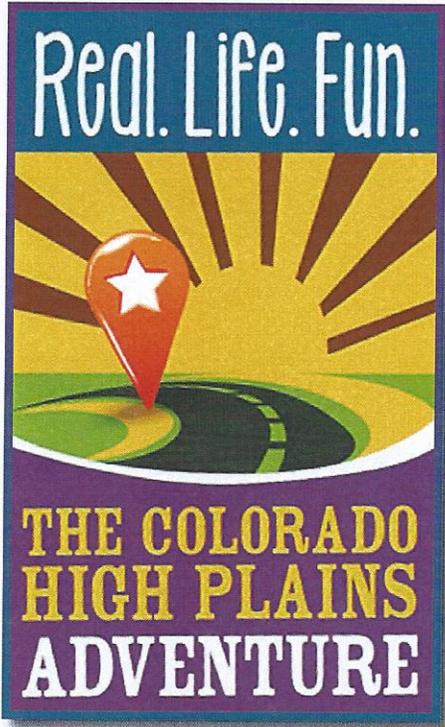
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September 24 & 25, 2016

10:00 am - 4:00 pm @ May Farms

A festival of fun for all ages!

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This event is **FREE** and open to the public. Participants include: May Farms, Tall Grass Farms Alpacas, Mayberry Farms Alpacas, Caramel Apple Farm, Chimera Ranch, Lead Valley Range, and more!

Don't forget! On the way out of town be sure to stop by Dry Dock Brewery's - North Dock for a free game of Disc Golf and your favorite beverage!

May Farms - 64001 US Highway 36

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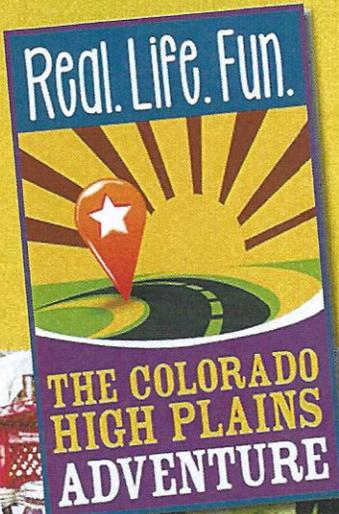
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Thank you for your great donations to the ACFP Silent Auction 2016!
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Lori Daniel
303.931.7104
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Board Summary Report

Date: October 19, 2016
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Shannon Carter, Open Spaces Department Director
From: Josh Tenneson, Grants and Acquisitions Manager
Subject: Joint Project Funding – South Platte Working Group – River Run, East Bank Trail

Direction/Information: Proposal from the jurisdictional members of the South Platte Working Group requesting funding for the River Run, East Bank Trail Project will be presented.

Request and Recommendation:

The recommendation from Open Spaces staff to the Board of County Commissioners is to approve the funding request from the South Platte Working Group for \$1,200,000 toward the construction of the East Bank Trail of the Mary Carter Greenway along the South Platte River.

Background:

Arapahoe County pledged \$8 million of “joint project funding” from the Open Space Acquisition and Development Fund for use on the South Platte River via the South Platte Working Group. The Working Group has agreed that \$4.35 million of the pledged funds should go to support the planning, design, and construction of River Run Park and the East Bank Trail. Arapahoe County has issued \$2,891,000 in joint project funding to the River Run Park project to date, leaving \$1,459,000 for future requests. Once completed, the total project cost will be just over \$15 million. All project components should be completed by the end of 2018.

A concept-level design was finalized for the project in 2014, which outlined a number of in-river and upland improvements along a one-mile reach of the South Platte River in the City of Sheridan between Union Avenue and the Broken Tee Golf Course Bridge near Oxford. The conceptual design of River Run Park was presented to the South Platte Working Group and received unanimous support. All project partners have pledged financial support to the project.

The overall River Run Park project can be broken down into four discrete project components. The four components are:

1. In-river Enhancements Downstream of Oxford Avenue (completed in 2016)
2. Trailhead and River Access Downstream of Oxford (completed in 2016)
3. East Bank Trail and Underpasses (subject of current request)
4. In-river Enhancements Upstream of Oxford (construction in 2017/18)

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 Improve Park, Trail and Open Space Opportunities
 Improve Customer Experience
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 Enhance Quality of Life

Discussion:

Rehabilitating and enhancing the South Platte River in the Union and Oxford reaches is important to the surrounding communities and stakeholders. The overall project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Maintain flood conveyance
- Replace failing grade control infrastructure
- Enhance in-river and upland recreation
- Improve river health (habitat, sediment transport, water quality)
- Create connectivity (access through river corridor and to river)
- Improve aesthetics (natural river appearance)

The \$1,200,000 that is currently being requested has been approved by the South Platte Working Group. It will specifically go towards the completion of the final mile of the East Bank Trail between Union Avenue on the south and Oxford Avenue on the north. The project will include the construction of underpasses at Union and Oxford Avenues, safety improvements at the Englewood water intake plant, storm drain outfall improvements, and construction of the trailhead on the west side of the South Platte River across from the River Run Trailhead.

The \$1.2 million requested of the County for the East Bank Trail project will be well leveraged by funding from the City of Sheridan, South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, Urban Drainage Flood Control District, and Great Outdoors Colorado. The following is a breakdown of the East Bank Trail budget.

Arapahoe County Open Spaces	\$1,200,000
SSPRD	\$ 225,000
Great Outdoors Colorado	\$1,000,000
City of Sheridan	\$ 340,000
UDFCD	\$ 125,000
Total	\$2,890,000

If the \$1.2 million is approved, \$259,000 will remain from the County’s \$8 million pledge to the South Platte Working Group. The remaining funding will likely be requested in 2017 for the in-river enhancements upstream from Oxford.

Alternatives:

Delay, modify or deny funding.

Fiscal Impact:

Eight million dollars of “joint project funding” from the Open Space Acquisition and Development Fund has been pledged for use via the South Platte Working Group. Monies committed to the project elements in this proposal are anticipated to use those working group funds. The fund balance exceeds this amount, and \$259,000 remains in the BoCC’s pledge to the working group. Furthermore, the County will not incur annual maintenance costs for this project.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approving funding for the River Run, East Bank Trail Project in the amount of \$1,200,000.

OSTAB Recommendation: This item is scheduled to be heard by OSTAB on October 24, 2016.

Attorney Comments:

None

Reviewed By:

Josh Tenneson

Grants and Acquisitions Manager

Shannon Carter, Director

Intergovernmental Relations and Open Spaces

Janet Kennedy, Director

Finance

Tiffanie Bleau

Assistant County Attorney

Attachments:

Great Outdoors Colorado Grant Application for the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail



Connect Initiative Grant
**Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail
Big Dry Creek Trail to River Run Park**



Submitted by:



in partnership with
**Arapahoe County Open Spaces, City of Sheridan,
Urban Drainage and Flood Control District**

August 2, 2016

**SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION # 2016-07 TO ENDORSE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS**

**Supporting the Grant Application for a Local Parks and Outdoor
Recreation Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors
Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the
Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail–Union to Oxford.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of South Suburban Park and Recreation District supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application which the District and its partners have submitted for the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail-Union to Oxford Project (“Project”). If the grant is awarded, the South Suburban Park and Recreation District supports the completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the South Suburban Park and Recreation District has requested \$1,000,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado to construct a multi-use trail.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT THAT:

- Section 1: The Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado.
- Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District strongly supports the completion of the Project.
- Section 3: The Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.
- Section 4: The Project site is owned by Colorado Water Conservation Board and will be owned by the Colorado Water Conservation Board for the next 25 years. South Suburban Park and Recreation District holds a lease to operate the trail.
- Section 5: The Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District recognizes that, as the recipient of a Great Outdoors Colorado Local Government grant, the Project site must provide reasonable public access.

Section 6: The Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District will continue to maintain the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail-Union to Oxford in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance in its annual budget.

Section 7: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado.

Section 8: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 2016 by the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District,

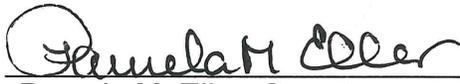
by a vote of 5 for, and 0 against.

South Suburban Park and Recreation District, by



John K. Ostermiller, Chairman

ATTEST:



Pamela M. Eller, Secretary

Section 5 – Application – Environmental Checklist

The applicant is responsible for addressing any environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives. Consultation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) local District Wildlife Manager and biological staff is required if the project is expected to have impacts on wildlife, sensitive wildlife habitats and/or lies within 200 feet of any aquatic landscape.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLIGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing*	<u>X</u>				
2. Unique or important wildlife habitat – ie: migration corridor, winter range, reproductive considerations		<u>X</u>			
3. Unique or important aquatic habitat – ie: fish passage		<u>X</u>			
4. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations		<u>X</u>			
5. Stream flow characteristics		<u>X</u>			
6. River corridors/lakes/ponds/ seasonal water ways**		<u>X</u>			
7. Wetlands/floodplains		<u>X</u>			
8. Storm water runoff		<u>X</u>			
9. Sedimentation		<u>X</u>			
10. Disturbances to neighboring properties		<u>X</u>			
11. Soil/erosion		<u>X</u>			
12. Introduction or promotion of non-native species		<u>X</u>			
13. Environmental disturbances during construction		<u>X</u>			
*If the proposed project affects threatened or endangered species or critical habitat listed at the federal or state level, concurrence with a CPW wildlife manager or biologist is required prior to the submission of this application **If the proposed project lies within 200 feet of a stream, river, lake, pond, seasonal stream or reservoir, concurrence with a CPW aquatic biologist is required prior to the submission of this application					

MITIGATION: Please describe how any impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated, some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Screening of users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete that would encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

Section 5 – Application – Environmental Checklist

BENEFIT: Please describe if the project will have a positive impact on wildlife and/or sensitive species; some consideration below:

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and wildlife impact monitoring

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act

ROB HANNA

Printed name of applicant:



Signature of applicant

7/29/2016

Date

| Eliza Hunholz, Area Wildlife Manager, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Printed name, title of authority:



Signature authority:

7.8.16

Date

Project Budget

Project Budget									
	Source of Funds	Date Secured				GOCO Grant Request	Applicant Match (\$)	Partner Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)
CASH									
	SSPR					1,000,000.00	225,000.00		\$1,225,000.00
	Arapahoe County Open Space							1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00
	City of Sheridan							340,000.00	\$340,000.00
	UDFCD							125,000.00	\$125,000.00
IN-KIND									
	[List Source]								\$0.00
	[List Source]								\$0.00
	[List Source]								\$0.00
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS						\$1,000,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$1,665,000.00	\$2,890,000.00
	Use of Funds	Number of Units	Unit	Cost Per Unit	Total Cost	GOCO Funds	Applicant Funds	Partner Funds	Total Funding (\$)
CASH									
Construction Management									
<i>Merrick and Company</i>	Construction Engineering Services	1.00	LS	307,054.65	\$307,054.65			307,054.65	\$307,054.65
General									
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Clearing and Grubbing	5	AC	\$4,515.00	\$22,575.00		\$22,575.00		\$22,575.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Mobilization	1	LS	\$192,000.00	\$192,000.00		\$192,000.00		\$192,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Potholing	5	EA	\$690.00	\$3,450.00		\$3,450.00		\$3,450.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Surveying	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00		\$6,975.00	18,025.00	\$25,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Traffic Control	1	LS	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00			\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Water Control	1	LS	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00			\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Project Sign - Handicap Signage	2	EA	\$250.00	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$500.00
									\$0.00
Erosion and Sediment Control									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete Washout Area	3	EA	\$1,188.00	\$3,564.00			\$3,564.00	\$3,564.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Inlet Protection	1	EA	\$367.00	\$367.00			\$367.00	\$367.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Silt Fence	325	LF	\$2.10	\$682.50			\$682.50	\$682.50
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Sediment Control Log	3390	LF	\$4.72	\$16,000.80			\$16,000.80	\$16,000.80
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Stabilized Staging Area	1090	SY	\$4.75	\$5,177.50			\$5,177.50	\$5,177.50
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Vehicle Tracking Control	260	SY	\$28.00	\$7,280.00			\$7,280.00	\$7,280.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Tree Protection, Fence	2269	LF	\$2.20	\$4,991.80			\$4,991.80	\$4,991.80
									\$0.00
Remove, Relocate and Abandon									\$0.00

									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Remove Structures and Obstructions	1	LS	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00			\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Remove Asphalt Pavement	965	SY	\$7.20	\$6,948.00			\$6,948.00	\$6,948.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Remove Concrete Sidewalk / Trail	9	SY	\$22.00	\$198.00			\$198.00	\$198.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Remove Tree	35	EA	\$200.00	\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Remove Pipe	50	LF	\$15.70	\$785.00			\$785.00	\$785.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Remove Wood Fence	365	LF	\$7.50	\$2,737.50			\$2,737.50	\$2,737.50
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Remove Sign	1	EA	\$50.00	\$50.00			\$50.00	\$50.00
									\$0.00
Earthwork and Subgrade Preparation									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Earthwork, Excavation and Fill On-Site	1280	CY	\$8.50	\$10,880.00			\$10,880.00	\$10,880.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Earthwork, Excavation and Haul Offsite	595	CY	\$23.10	\$13,744.50			\$13,744.50	\$13,744.50
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Excavation, Muck, Replace with Approved Material	150	CY	\$77.00	\$11,550.00			\$11,550.00	\$11,550.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Topsoil, Excavate, Stockpile, and Replace	1365	CY	\$11.30	\$15,424.50			\$15,424.50	\$15,424.50
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Topsoil, Imported, Upland	2000	CY	\$39.50	\$79,000.00			\$79,000.00	\$79,000.00
									\$0.00
Rock Work									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Soil Riprap, Type M	310	CY	\$81.40	\$25,234.00			\$25,234.00	\$25,234.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Soil Riprap, Type L	45	CY	\$98.00	\$4,410.00			\$4,410.00	\$4,410.00
									\$0.00
Storm Sewer									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Flared End Section, Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP), 18-Inch Diameter	8	EA	\$2,677.00	\$21,416.00			\$21,416.00	\$21,416.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Slab Manhole, 4-Foot Diameter, 10-15 Foot Depth	1	EA	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00			\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Storm Inlet, Type R, Single, <5 Foot Depth	1	EA	\$7,325.00	\$7,325.00			\$7,325.00	\$7,325.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Storm Inlet, Type 13, Single, 5-10 Foot Depth	5	EA	\$4,500.00	\$22,500.00			\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP), Class III, 18-Inch Diameter	477	LF	\$88.00	\$41,976.00			\$41,976.00	\$41,976.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP), Class III, 24-Inch Diameter	47	LF	\$107.00	\$5,029.00			\$5,029.00	\$5,029.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP), Class III, 48-Inch Diameter	5	LF	\$250.00	\$1,250.00			\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
									\$0.00
Structures and Miscellaneous Concrete									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete Sidewalk / Trail, 6-Inch Thick - Omaha Tan	3032	SY	\$63.80	\$193,441.60	\$193,441.60			\$193,441.60
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete Sidewalk / Trail, 6-Inch Thick - Kailua	57	SY	\$79.00	\$4,503.00	\$4,503.00			\$4,503.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete Sidewalk / Trail, 6-Inch Thick - Kailua w/ Geogrid	29	SY	\$99.60	\$2,888.40	\$2,888.40			\$2,888.40

<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete Sidewalk / Trail, 6-Inch Thick - Omaha Tan w/ Geogrid	1871	SY	\$84.40	\$157,912.40	\$157,912.40			\$157,912.40
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete Sidewalk / Trail, 8-Inch Thick - Omaha Tan - Reinforced	115	SY	\$113.00	\$12,995.00	\$12,995.00			\$12,995.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete, Structural, Retaining Wall	575	CY	\$851.00	\$489,325.00	\$489,325.00			\$489,325.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Grout	115	CY	\$287.00	\$33,005.00			\$33,005.00	\$33,005.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete Curb and Gutter with 2-Foot Pan	480	LF	\$27.50	\$13,200.00			\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Concrete Curb and Gutter with 1-Foot Pan	370	LF	\$24.00	\$8,880.00			\$8,880.00	\$8,880.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Handrail, Steel, Underpasses & Intake	598	LF	\$125.00	\$74,750.00	\$74,750.00			\$74,750.00
									\$0.00
Fence									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Fence, Chain Link Fabric, > 4-Foot Tall	145	LF	\$25.00	\$3,625.00			\$3,625.00	\$3,625.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Fence, Gate, Chain Link	1	EA	\$750.00	\$750.00			\$750.00	\$750.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Fence, Timber Rail (2-Rail)	335	LF	\$18.00	\$6,030.00			\$6,030.00	\$6,030.00
									\$0.00
Roads and Trails									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Trail, Crusher Fines, 6-Inch Thick	1469	SY	\$18.00	\$26,442.00			\$26,442.00	\$26,442.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Striping, Pavement Lot	190	SF	\$3.00	\$570.00			\$570.00	\$570.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Parking Lot, Asphalt, 5-Inch Thick	1578	SY	\$38.00	\$59,964.00			\$59,964.00	\$59,964.00
									\$0.00
Landscaping									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Erosion Control Blanket, Coconut	940	SY	\$5.95	\$5,593.00			\$5,593.00	\$5,593.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Seeding, Upland, Drilled	3.7	AC	\$761.00	\$2,815.70			\$2,815.70	\$2,815.70
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Turf Sod	5585	SF	\$0.75	\$4,188.75			\$4,188.75	\$4,188.75
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Soil Preparation and Fine Grading	3.7	AC	\$8,564.00	\$31,686.80			\$31,686.80	\$31,686.80
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Shrub / Planting, 5 Gallon	161	EA	\$45.00	\$7,245.00			\$7,245.00	\$7,245.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	Mulch, Hydromulch	3.7	AC	\$1,600.00	\$5,920.00			\$5,920.00	\$5,920.00
									\$0.00
Unclassified									\$0.00
									\$0.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC1 - Harvest Site Riprap & Boulders	330	CY	\$16.30	\$5,379.00			\$5,379.00	\$5,379.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC2 - Boulder Wall, UngROUTED, 24 to 36-Inch Boulders, 2-Foot to 4-Foot Tall	245	LF	\$181.00	\$44,345.00			\$44,345.00	\$44,345.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC3 - Surface Boulders to be Grouted	180	CY	\$213.00	\$38,340.00			\$38,340.00	\$38,340.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC4 - Toe Boulders to be Grouted, Imported	230	CY	\$213.00	\$48,990.00			\$48,990.00	\$48,990.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC5 - Soil Riprap, Type M, Harvested	330	CY	\$28.60	\$9,438.00			\$9,438.00	\$9,438.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC7 - Storm Pipe - 6-Inch PVC	55	LF	\$65.00	\$3,575.00			\$3,575.00	\$3,575.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC8 - Concrete Collar Storm Pipes	4.5	CY	\$650.00	\$2,925.00			\$2,925.00	\$2,925.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC9 - Structural Concrete, 94-Inch Storm Outfall	44	CY	\$1,200.00	\$52,800.00			\$52,800.00	\$52,800.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC10 - Steel Grate, 94-Inch Storm Outfall	1	LS	\$9,520.00	\$9,520.00			\$9,520.00	\$9,520.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC12 - Concrete, Structural, Union Intake	200	CY	\$955.00	\$191,000.00			\$191,000.00	\$191,000.00

<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC13 - Steel, Miscellaneous, Union Intake	1	LS	\$122,000.00	\$122,000.00			\$122,000.00	\$122,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC15 - Bench, 6-Feet Long	3	EA	\$1,958.00	\$5,874.00			\$5,874.00	\$5,874.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC16 - Trash Receptacle	3	EA	\$1,460.00	\$4,380.00			\$4,380.00	\$4,380.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC17 - Pedestrian Curb Ramp	1	EA	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00			\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC18 - Handicap Symbol	2	EA	\$158.00	\$316.00			\$316.00	\$316.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC19 - Steel Landscape Edger	128	LF	\$6.00	\$768.00			\$768.00	\$768.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC20 - Fir Fiber Mulch, 4-Inch Depth	4340	SF	\$1.54	\$6,683.60			\$6,683.60	\$6,683.60
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC21 - River Rock Mulch, 1.5-Inch Diameter, 4-Inch Deep	1400	SF	\$1.58	\$2,212.00			\$2,212.00	\$2,212.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC22 - Deciduous Tree, 2.5-Inch Caliber	50	EA	\$694.00	\$34,700.00	\$34,700.00			\$34,700.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC23 - Evergreen Tree, 6-Feet to 8-Feet Tall	18	EA	\$595.00	\$10,710.00	\$10,710.00			\$10,710.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC24 - Ornamental Tree, 2.5-Inch Caliber	63	EA	\$680.00	\$42,840.00	18,774.60		24,065.40	\$42,840.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC25 - Ornamental Grasses, 1-Gallon	6	EA	\$18.50	\$111.00			\$111.00	\$111.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC26 - Access Gate, Steel	2	EA	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC27 - Bike Rack, Loop	6	EA	\$600.00	\$3,600.00			\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC28 - "Tailgate" Bench	2	EA	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC29 - Gabion Wall	3	EA	\$3,300.00	\$9,900.00			\$9,900.00	\$9,900.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC30 - Irrigation System (Sod & Bubbler)	1	LS	\$70,920.00	\$70,920.00			\$70,920.00	\$70,920.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC32 - Aesthetic Wall Formliner (Oxford Avenue Underpass)	1	LS	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00			\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC33 - "No Parking" Striping Parking Lot	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$500.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC34 - Power & Lighting (West Parking Lot)	1	LS	\$21,142.00	\$21,142.00			\$21,142.00	\$21,142.00
<i>Naranjo Civil Constructors</i>	UC34 - Storm Sewer Cleanout	1	EA	\$500.00	\$500.00			\$500.00	\$500.00
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$2,890,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$1,665,000.00	\$2,890,000.00
	<i>10% Contingency (not required)</i>						\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$1,000,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$1,665,000.00	\$2,890,000.00

PRELIMINARY TIMELINE ESTIMATE

TASK	Oct '16	Nov '16	Dec '16	Jan '17	Feb '17	MAR '17	Apr '17	May '17	Jun '17	Jul '17	Aug '17
Grant Notification											
Notice to Proceed for Construction											
Construction											
Close-out											
Grand Opening											
Final Report to GOCO											

APPLICANT INFORMATION (ELIGIBLE ENTITY)

Name: South Suburban Park and Recreation District		
Mailing Address: 6631 S. University Blvd. Centennial, CO 80121		
Applicant Contact Name: Brett Collins		Title: Director of Planning and Development
Telephone: 303-483-7021	Email: Bcollins@sspr.org	Are you the Primary Contact? Yes

PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name: Arapahoe County Open Spaces		
Mailing Address: 6934 S. Lima Street Centennial, CO 80112		
Partner Contact: Josh Tenneson		Title: Grants and Acquisitions Manager
Telephone: 720-874-6723	Email: JTenneson@arapahoegov.com	Are you the Primary Contact? No

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail-Big Dry Creek Trail to River Run Park	
Grant Request (\$2,000,000 max.): \$1,000,000	Total Project Cost: \$2,890,000
Percent of overall match (% of total project cost): 65%	Percent of Cash match (% of total project cost): 65%
County of Service: Arapahoe	City: Sheridan-W. Oxford Avenue to West Union Avenue along the east bank of the South Platte River

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please upload all attachments to the GOCO application portal at <http://tinyurl.com/2017GOCOConnectInitiative>

All application attachment templates and samples have been included in the initial application e-mail.

- Signed Resolution from Governing Body
- Draft Intergovernmental Agreement, or other contract with the project partner or a signed letter of support from project partner (if necessary)
- Completed Environmental Checklist (updated version) – must be completed by Area or Regional Wildlife Manager
- Budget Form
- Preliminary Timeline Estimate
- Responses to Application Questionnaire (responses **may not exceed 9 pages, must be 12-point font, and 1" margins**)
- Attachments to Application Questionnaire:
 - Map(s) identifying trail alignment and connectivity with other trails, if applicable (Using Google Earth or Google Maps)
 - Site Photos
 - Letters of support from landowners, land managers, and/or funders
 - Non-cash letters support (**7 max**)
 - Documentation of any opposition to the project, if applicable

By signing below, the applicant certifies that it owns, leases, or otherwise has control over the property on which this project will be completed (collectively, "Control") (or is applying on behalf of an entity that has such Control). Applicant has on file documentation evidencing its Control of the property and will provide such documentation to GOCO on request.

Authorized Signature:  Date: 7/29/2016

(From applicant organization)

Printed Name and Title: ROB HANNA

APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. **COMMUNITY NEED:** Introduce the community this project will serve. Provide population and income data. Discuss the recreational interests of your community and how this project ties in to those? Provide estimates of trail usage in your community. Why does the community need this trail segment and why is it important to them? Discuss the significance of this trail segment to its users. **(15pts.)**

In 2013, the state's population increased at double the rate of the national average at 1.59 percent annual growth. Of that growth about one in five was 18 to 24 years old and one in four was 25 to 34. In 2016, the increase in growth rose to 1.89 percent. The populations entering the state tend to be active and participate in outdoor recreation, so adding recreational amenities now are important to meet the growing demand now and in the future. People who move to the state also tend to locate along the Front Range.

According to the State Demography Office, Arapahoe County ranks third in the state for total population and is one of the fastest growing counties in Colorado. It has grown by nearly 130,000 in just the last 15 years alone (as of July 2014, the population was 618,341). It's also important to note that the Mary Carter Greenway regional trail system not only serves a diverse community within Arapahoe County, Colorado, but it also serves the large populations in Denver (664,220), Jefferson (558,532), and Douglas Counties (314,592). (All populations from 2014)

The median household income in Arapahoe County in 2014 was \$62,213 across the county. However, the portion of the trail that is the subject of this application is located in the Cities of Englewood and Sheridan, which have substantially lower median household incomes than the county median. In 2013, the median household income in Englewood was \$46,290 and in Sheridan it was \$32,402. Furthermore, according to the Colorado Department of Education, 84.36% of Sheridan's and 55.98% of Englewood's K-12 students were eligible for free and reduced lunch. By comparison, the County's percentage rests at 41.4%.

Heavy trail usage is the precipitating factor driving this project. A recent study by South Suburban staff utilizing a trail user counting device showed 500,000 people recreate or commute annually along the South Platte River corridor on the Mary Carter Greenway Trail. This population includes bicyclists, walkers, runners, roller bladders, kayakers, tubers, and rafters. The South Platte and the Mary Carter Greenway offer the only large riverfront corridor serving the South Metro Area. It is a unique, powerful, and free attraction, so popular that overcrowding can often be an issue at times, especially on the weekends.

A continuous trail on both sides of the river from West Oxford Avenue to West Bowles Avenue will allow better opportunities for separation of bicyclist and pedestrians, is a safety improvement, and will spread out the traffic over the two trails. The dispersion benefits all types of trail users. The existing trail on the west side of the South Platte River is at capacity. With the River Run Trailhead project at Oxford Street nearing completion, we anticipate that even more people, especially families with children, will visit this area. It is essential that we provide a family-oriented experience and opportunities to separate the high-speed road bikers on the Mary Carter Greenway from more leisurely users. The new East Side Trail will allow us to better manage these sometimes conflicting user groups by providing an additional trail to spread out the traffic. South Suburban staff has observed that the most recent section of the east bank trail from Prince Street to the Big Dry Creek Trail helps ease congestion on both sides of the river.

2. **SCOPE:** Describe the proposed project including the length/width of trail construction, any major components necessary to complete the trail such as under/overpasses, bridges, trail heads, etc. – describe what exactly will be built. Discuss the ownership status of the trail corridor and any easements or land acquisitions necessary to complete the proposed trail. Address each trail component separately, specifically mentioning its characteristics. If the project is intended to enhance or replace an existing trail and/or trail amenities, describe their existing state, why they are no longer acceptable, and how they arrived at the condition they're in. Include site photos. **(15pts.)**

Currently the trail corridor is a blank slate with little appeal and no amenities. The area is comprised of natural grasses, volunteer trees and some trees that the District has planted. Located in an industrial area, the trail has numerous engineering challenges. Because the trail will be built on an old landfill area, special soil stabilization will be needed to keep the trail from cracking due to settling. There are two underpasses required at West Oxford Avenue and West Union Avenue which will require structural concrete retaining walls to mitigate steep slope conditions and to keep the trail above the river. The trail will be built over three large storm sewer pipes which require structural concrete. The Englewood water intake plant requires a cantilevered trail section to negotiate the slope and provide security for the facility. Because of the engineering challenges, the cost to build this section of trail is at least two times higher, and it is the reason it is the last gap in the trail system in this area. Please see the attached photos of the existing conditions along the trail corridor.

This project will complete the final multi-use trail segment of the Mary Carter Greenway East Side regional trail (along the South Platte River), from the Big Dry Creek regional trail on the south, to the River Run Trailhead in Englewood on the north. Specific multi-use trail components include: a new one-mile-long and 10-foot-wide Omaha Tan concrete multi-use trail; an underpass at West Union Avenue; an

underpass at West Oxford Avenue; structural safety elements (walls, elevated trail and fencing) at the Englewood water intake plant; storm sewer outfall reconfigurations on 94", 48" and 24" pipes; landscape screening of industrial uses; three user rest stops that interpret the industrial uses in the surrounding area; a crusher fines, soft-surface trail that will eventually connect to two new boat landing/river access points along the one-mile reach and a 40 car west trailhead parking lot on the west bank near the new River Run project.

The land the trail will be built on is owned by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. South Suburban Park and Recreation District holds an easement allowing public recreational facilities to be built on the banks of the South Platte River. The easement agreement extends to 2027 and is eligible for multiple 30-year renewal terms. No GOCO funding will be requested to acquire land for the trail. All of the land necessary for the project is available and the project is supported by the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

3. **TIMELINE:** List the permits, licenses, and approvals required to complete this project. For each one, discuss where you are in the process of securing it and when you anticipate securing it. For easements or land acquisitions, provide details on where you are in negotiations with the landowner. Discuss any wildlife concerns that may impact the implementation of this project. How will they be addressed? Reviewers will evaluate the responses given by CPW on the Environmental Checklist. **(15pts.)**

South Suburban Park and Recreation District holds a recreational use easement through the Colorado Water Conservation Board to construct and maintain public recreation facilities on the land, which is valid until 2027. The lease contains multiple renewal terms.

The construction drawings for the project are 100% complete. The project has been bid out and is ready for construction pending GOCO funding approval. The project is truly shovel ready.

All federal permits have been obtained including the Army Corp of Engineers 404 and 408 permits and the Conditional Letter of Map Revision from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Years of lead work have led to the readiness of this project today.

All local permits and utility easements with Denver Water, XCEL Energy, City of Sheridan, and City of Englewood are complete and executed. No Colorado Department of Transportation permits are required.

Existing vegetation and wildlife lacks the diversity and complexity of other areas of the South Platte River such as South Platte Park in Littleton to the south. Improvements to landscaping and the river channel in this and future phases of the project will encourage more diverse wildlife in the area. The proposed project will have minimal impact on the existing wildlife in the area.

4. **ACCESS:** Describe the larger trail network this project is a part of. How does it contribute to local, regional and/or statewide trail opportunities? Will the proposed trail increase access to existing recreational, open space, and/or environmental education opportunities for youth and families? Include maps. **(10pts.)**

The Mary Carter Greenway is the north-south spine of a regional trail system that connects many east-west trail corridors. Little Dry Creek, Bear Creek, Big Dry Creek, Littles Creek, Lee Gulch and Centennial trails are east-west trails that connect to the Mary Carter Greenway. This extensive network of trails provide many opportunities to access parks, schools, recreation centers, shopping areas, and restaurants.

This trail connection project will expand recreational opportunities along a strategic reach of the South Platte River in the cities of Sheridan and Englewood and complete an important section of the statewide Front Range Trail. The trail will create a riverfront park between West Union Avenue and West Oxford Avenue that connects Englewood's Centennial Park, Englewood and Sheridan's River Run Park, and South Suburban's Creekside Experience Park. The Creekside Experience Park is designed to connect people back to nature utilizing logs, stumps and boulders. (GOCO funded the acquisition of this property through the 2007 Legacy Grant Initiative). Please see attached map of the various park locations and trail alignment.

Future plans, over the next five years, also include planning a connecting link along the Sheridan Tributary and new pedestrian bridges to enhance connectivity and improve access to Alice Terry Elementary School/Park and Sheridan Recreation Center/Community Park from the east bank of the South Platte River. These future connections will allow for the 5,830 Sheridan residents to get access to the Mary Carter Greenway from the parks, neighborhoods and schools to the west of the South Platte River. Ultimately, these connections are important to the community because they provide: 1) recreation access to underserved communities in Englewood and Sheridan, 2) safe routes to schools and parks, and 3) direct access to the South Platte River.

5. **PLANNING:** If this project is part of an approved master plan, what priority is it given in that plan? Describe the public planning process that identified this trail as a priority. Summarize the feedback received from the public and how it was determined that your constituents want and will use the project? Has this project been deemed a priority by any other agencies or given any significant designations? Has there been public opposition to the proposed project? If so, describe the opposition and what has been done to address it. **(10pts.)**

A master plan process was conducted in 2011. The community was invited to comment on the master plan, and the master plan was approved by the South Suburban Board of Directors without any opposition.

In 2013, the South Platte Working Group hired Stream Landscape Architecture and Design to conduct the South Platte River Corridor Vision Process, which included

representatives from multiple agencies in the area to give input on future uses in the river and around the river corridor. Support for the River Run segment of trail was included as a top priority in the final report recommendations.

In 2014, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and the City of Englewood held public meetings on the River Run Park project which included the Mary Carter East Bank Trail connection from Union to Oxford. The project had overwhelming support from the general public that attended the meetings.

The Mary Carter Greenway (and South Platte Trail) is part of the Front Range Trail that will eventually extend from Wyoming to New Mexico along the front range of Colorado for 876 miles.

This project is truly shovel-ready today. In addition to substantial master planning and public outreach, all design and engineering work is complete including permitting through various agencies. All of the project partners have identified this project as a priority and funding is the only thing holding up construction.

6. **PARTNERSHIPS AND MATCHING FUNDS:** Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. Discuss the sources of matching funds. How much match is secured? How much of it is yet to be raised and what are your plans for raising those additional funds? Submit letters of commitment/support from landowners and/or funders. Beyond these letters you may submit up to 7 letters of non-cash support. **(15pts.)**

This project would not be possible but for the strong partnership and collaboration of the South Platte Working Group (SPWG). Convened in 2006 by Arapahoe County, the SPWG is comprised of 21 local jurisdictions and agencies that have contributed approximately \$50 million for projects that preserve and protect the river corridor, enhance the quality of life in Arapahoe County and improve the natural, economic and recreational features of the South Platte River. This year—2016—marks the tenth anniversary of the SPWG. The completion of the East Bank Trail would add to the 3.2 miles of new trail the working group has already developed.

All matching funds are secured for the project. The total cash match is 65% of the total project cost. The funding partners include Arapahoe County Open Spaces, City of Sheridan, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and South Suburban Park and Recreation District. Please see funding commitments in the budget summary and attached letters of support. This project is also supported by the Colorado Water Conservation Board, City of Englewood, City of Littleton, South Suburban Park Foundation and neighboring businesses along the trail.

7. **URGENCY AND NEED FOR GOCO FUNDS:** Briefly describe the project’s urgency. Why are GOCO funds necessary this grant cycle? What opportunities are lost if the grant isn’t awarded? **(5pts.)**

Presently, there is strong momentum and funding available to transform the east bank of the South Platte River through Sheridan and Englewood. The momentum comes from the current construction of the River Run Park (just north of West Oxford Avenue at the north end of the proposed trail) and the newly completed Creekside Experience (located at the south end of the proposed trail). These two projects will bookend the new trail and bring families and casual users to the project area in an unprecedented fashion. Additionally, river improvements south of West Oxford Avenue are scheduled to begin in September of 2016; the contractor will be able to perform the trail work to save on additional construction mobilization costs.

Building on the vision of the South Platte Working Group—the collaboration amongst numerous municipalities, special districts, Arapahoe County, and other partners—this project has incredible support to move forward right now. Arapahoe County Open Spaces, Urban Drainage, South Suburban Parks and Recreation and the City of Sheridan have all the funding in place to match this GOCO grant request and complete the project. GOCO support is the final piece of the puzzle to make this long-planned and prioritized vision a reality. Match funding may be lost if not acted upon now.

8. **MAINTENANCE:** Describe how the project will be developed, maintained, and managed for long-term sustainability. What planning and design practices were used to ensure that the trail and its amenities are sustainable? Estimate the annual costs to maintain the project. How did you derive those numbers; how do you intend to fund maintenance; and who is responsible? **(10pts.)**

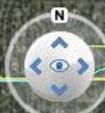
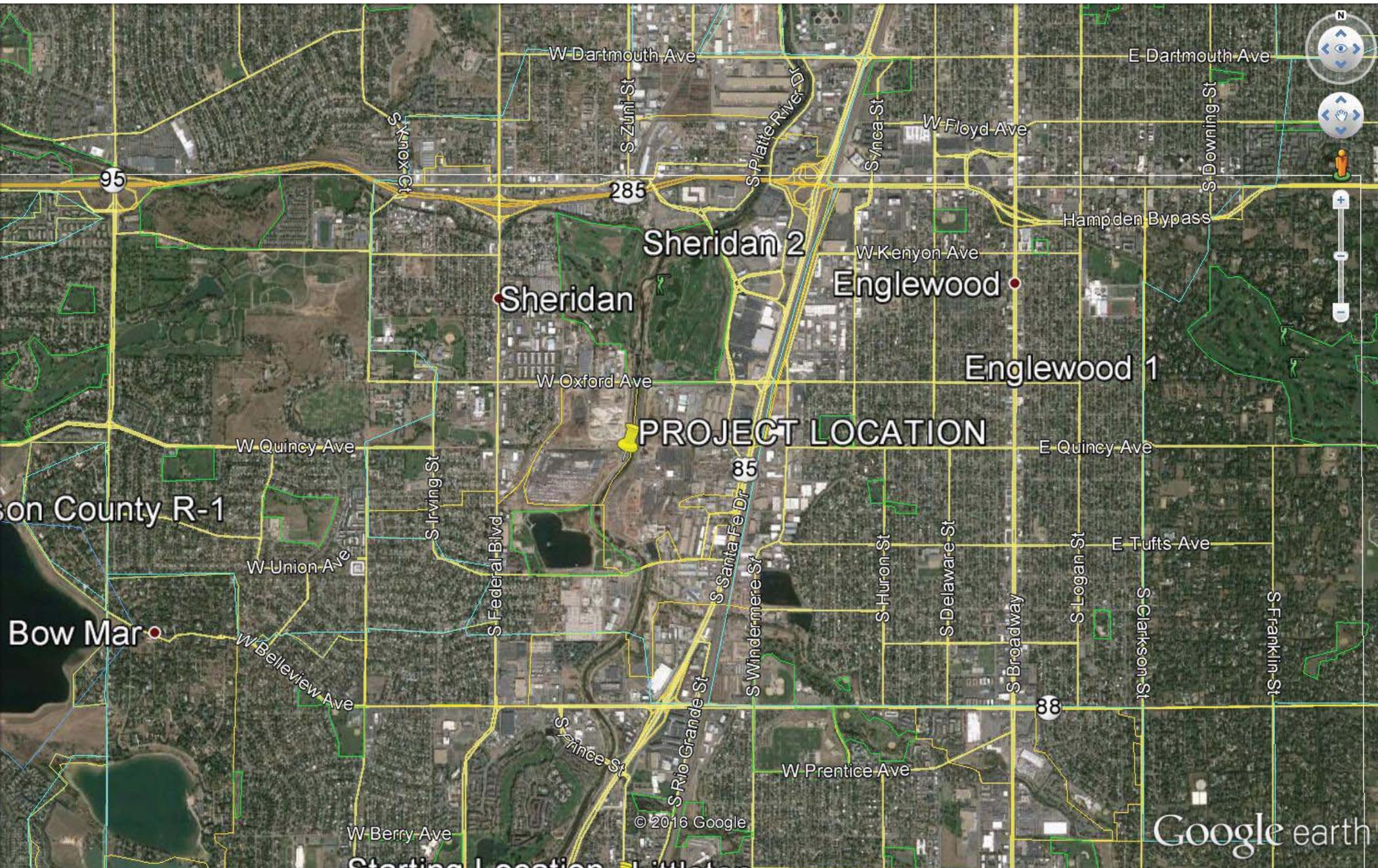
South Suburban Park and Recreation District currently manages and maintains the Mary Carter Greenway along the South Platte River from C-470 north to West Bates Avenue just north of West Dartmouth Avenue. The 10.96 miles of concrete multi-use trail and 4.89 miles of crusher fine multi-use trail is surrounded by 146 acres of natural open space along the river bank. The District will be responsible for maintenance of the new trail and surrounding adjacent landscape areas. The estimated cost to maintain the new trail is an additional \$9,240 annually which includes routine maintenance such as pruning, irrigation repair, snow plowing, sweeping, mowing and trash pick-up. This equates to \$1.75 per linear foot of concrete trail. The District has an on-going operations and maintenance account for the entire Mary Carter Greenway Trail that is appropriated annually with the overall budget.

No irrigated bluegrass is contemplated for this project. South Suburban has implemented a solar powered pumps and controllers for the irrigation system to water trees and shrubs along the river corridor from potable and non-potable water

sources. District crews maintain the natural grass by mowing 2-4 times per year to minimize weeds and undesirable vegetation along the trail. In addition, pest resistant plant choices reduce the need for chemical pest controls, hand and mechanical weeding is done to reduce the need for herbicides, tree limbs and stumps are ground for reuse as mulch around the trees and shrubs in the area.

The trail is being located in an industrial area that will be rejuvenated with the trail construction. Additional trees for shading the trail to minimize the heat island effect will be installed. In-river wetlands are being created on downstream of the drop structures to soften the edge of the channel and clean the water at low flows. Revegetation with natural and native grass species are being used on the upland slopes along the trail to soften the trail edge and provide habitat for wildlife.

9. **BUDGET:** Provide a detailed budget that accurately reflects the projects anticipated costs. Information should be consistent with the answers presented throughout the Application Questionnaire and on the Application Summary Form. **(There is no need to provide narrative in this question, scoring will be based on the budget form submitted with the application.) (5pts)**



PROJECT LOCATION

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Sheridan 2

Englewood

Englewood 1

Starting Location Littleton

Existing Conditions Photos



W. Union Ave. Underpass



Water Intake Facility



W. Oxford Ave. Underpass



Storm Sewer Outfall Pipes

Existing Conditions Photos



Looking South



Looking North



Access to W. Oxford Ave. Underpass



Just South of W. Oxford Ave.



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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June 28, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado
303 E 17th Ave, Ste. 1060
Denver, CO 80203

Re: 2016 GOCO Connect Initiative – Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail

Dear Great Outdoors Colorado:

Arapahoe County Open Spaces would like to express our support for the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail project.

The strong collaborative planning along the entire South Platte in Arapahoe County that has occurred because of the South Platte Working Group has aligned funding and engagement of all relevant federal, state, regional, county and municipal agencies to enable this project to be completed. Because of the successes of a sweeping visioning process that occurred in 2013, major projects such as River Run and the Creekside Experience – which have received GOCO support and bookend the East Bank Trail – have created a window of opportunity for this important investment.

Arapahoe County Open Spaces has dedicated \$1,200,000 towards the East Bank Trail project. We invite GOCO to join us in supporting this project, which will provide much needed trail connections and recreation opportunities for underserved populations in Arapahoe County.

Sincerely,

Shannon Carter
Intergovernmental Relations and Open Spaces Director
Arapahoe County Open Spaces



July 19, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado Board
303 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 1060
Denver, CO 80203

Re: 2016 GOCO Connect Initiative for the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail-Union to Oxford

Ladies and Gentleman,

The City of Sheridan works very closely with South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPRD) District on all of our trails and parks projects. We enthusiastically support SSPRD on their initiative to improve the South Platte River trail experience for cyclists and walkers. This includes the City partnering with multiple agencies including SSPRD, to provide a new trail connection between West Union Avenue and West Oxford Avenue on the east bank of the South Platte River.

The South Platte River Trail/Mary Carter Greenway Trail through the City of Sheridan is a well used and well loved regional bike trail. It is used by avid cyclists, families out for a stroll, dog walkers, commuters, and nature lovers. Each of these users moves at varying rates of speed which causes many safety issues along the trail, especially between Oxford Avenue and Union Avenue. Our hope is that with the proposed trail extension a separation of cyclists and walkers can occur, with one group being on the other side of the river. We anticipate an increase in the number of walkers and cyclists along the trail with the completion of River Run Park on the north side of Oxford.

The trail extension also provides a safe non-motorized transportation corridor for not only the families in Sheridan, but also in nearby communities such as Denver and Englewood. There are a high number of families in Sheridan that do not have cars and rely on public transportation and non-motorized transportation-such as bikes and feet to get to and from school and their jobs.

In support of this new trail connection, the City of Sheridan will provide up to \$415,000 in matching funds to the project. This match will go even further if Great Outdoors Colorado can be involved! Therefore, we strongly support South Suburban's application for a 2016 Great Outdoors Colorado Connect Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a new trail connection on the east bank of the South Platte River running through Sheridan.

Sincerely,


C. Devin Granbery
City Manager



URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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July 7, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado Board
303 East 17th Avenue, Suite 1060
Denver, CO 80203

RE: 2016 GOCO Connect Initiative Grant for the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail
Union to Oxford

To Whom It May Concern:

The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (District) has partnered with South Suburban Park and Recreation District, the Cities of Englewood and Sheridan, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board to design and construct river corridor enhancements along the South Platte River (SPR) between West Oxford and Union in the City of Sheridan. The Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail will not only connect several parks (River Run Park, Englewood's Centennial Park and the Murray Open Space), but it will also complete a 2.5 mile loop along the SPR.

The first phase of construction has already begun for the River Run Park trailhead and river improvements north of West Oxford. The second phase of river improvements is anticipated to begin the fall of 2017. This project will connect these new amenities to a looped trail system and provide a separation of users to the already busy West Bank trail.

South Suburban Park and Recreation District will provide maintenance for the project through their recreational lease agreement with the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

The District will provide up to \$125,000 in a funding match for the project and strongly supports South Suburban's application for a 2016 Great Outdoors Colorado Connect Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the trail project.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Hindman
Executive Director

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COLORADO

**Colorado Water
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 718
Denver, CO 80203

June 21, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado Board
303 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 1060
Denver, CO 80203

Re: 2016 GOCO Connect Initiative Grant for the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail-Union to Oxford

Ladies and Gentleman,

The Colorado Water Conservation Board supports South Suburban Park and Recreation District on their initiative to improve the South Platte River. We are partnering with multiple agencies to provide a new trail connection between West Union Avenue and West Oxford Avenue on the east bank of the South Platte River. River Run is a valuable new river resource and the proposed new trail system will connect it to the Platte.

South Suburban Park and Recreation District and will provide maintenance for the project through there recreational lease agreement with the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

The CWCB supports South Suburban's application for a 2016 Great Outdoors Colorado Connect Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the trail project.

Sincerely,

Joe Busto
CWCB Watershed & Flood Protection Section



SOUTH PLATTE WORKING GROUP

July 11, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado
303 East 17th Avenue, Suite 1060
Denver CO 80203

RE: South Suburban Parks & Recreation District – South Platte East Side Trail Application

Dear GOCO Board and Staff:

As members of the South Platte Working Group, we are writing in support of the South Suburban Parks & Recreation District's grant application for the construction of the Mary Carter Greenway East Side Trail. GOCO has been a vital supporter of our collaborative efforts to develop recreational opportunities along the Arapahoe Reach of the South Platte River in partnership with Urban Drainage & Flood Control District and the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Building on GOCO's support from a Legacy grant and the recent grant to Sheridan for a playground at River Run, we believe that the East Side Trail is the next big opportunity to leverage efforts for a big impact.

The East Side Trail was identified as an important opportunity in the working group's 2013 visioning charrette that engaged major stakeholders and landowners. (The charrette report at www.arapahoegov.com/index.aspx?NID=469.) The Mary Carter Greenway is an important draw for all sorts of users from across the Denver Metro Area. This has created segments of the greenway where the disparity of speed among users has had an impact the enjoyment on the slower users – often families with children. Development of a trail on the east side of the South Platte will be an important way for children and families to more safely enjoy the South Platte River environment and gain access to the greenway's amenities.

A grant from GOCO would be the final piece of needed funding. Design work has already been completed. This project is shovel-ready and will fill an important unmet need for communities along the South Platte- especially Sheridan and Englewood.

The East Side Trail is consistent with the goals found in our 2012 Statement of Purpose:

- To enhance the South Platte corridor as a recreational resource for the entire region; and
- To encourage and improve opportunities for education and understanding of the South Platte River's health and its tributaries.

GOCO dollars will help children and families enjoy the river environment while also harnessing local and state resources towards its mission. Please give this project every consideration.

Sincerely,

The Members of the South Platte Working Group
(Please see attached page for working group members.)

SOUTH PLATTE WORKING GROUP

Arapahoe County

Nancy Doty, Commissioner
Shannon Carter, Intergovernmental Relations
and Open Spaces Director

City of Englewood

Linda Olson, City Council
Eric Keck, City Manager

City of Sheridan

Sally Daigle, City Council
Devin Granbery, City Manager

Colorado Water Conservation Board

Joe Busto, South Platte River Coordinator

South Metro Land Conservancy

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South Suburban Parks & Recreation District

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June 6, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado Board
303 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 1060
Denver, CO 80203

Re: 2016 GOCO Connect Initiative Grant for the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail-Union to Oxford

Dear Review Committee,

On behalf of the South Suburban Park Foundation, please accept this letter demonstrating support for the South Suburban Park and Recreation District proposed initiative to improve the South Platte River. The collaborative efforts of the partnering agencies will provide a vital trail connection between West Union Avenue and West Oxford Avenue on the east bank of the South Platte River/Trail.

We understand the South Suburban Park and Recreation District will provide maintenance for the project through there recreational lease agreement with the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

The proposed project will enhance the existing South Platte Trail system be increasing trail opportunities as well as safety for all the users. As we know, this trail is extremely busy and additional links and amenities will help disperse users and provide more direct access.

The Foundation will support the project through community communication and the informational materials distributed (trail maps).

Our strong partnership with the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District truly exemplifies collaborative efforts working towards a common goal. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, we value your consideration of this community trail project. We look forward to the opening of the trail.

Sincerely,

Carrie McLaughlin
Chair



June 3, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado
303 East 17th Avenue, #1060
Denver, CO 80203

Re: 2016 GOCO Connect Initiative Grant for the Mary Carter Greenway East Bank Trail-Union to Oxford

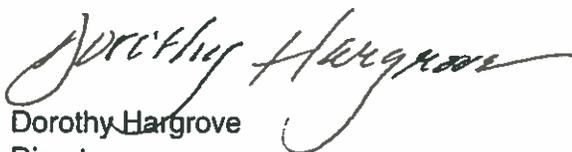
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The City of Englewood Department of Parks, Recreation and Library enthusiastically supports the South Suburban Park and Recreation District East Bank Trail project along the South Platte River.

Completion of this trail will add significant value to the existing pathways and parks, including the soon-to-be-completed River Run trailhead in which the City of Englewood has been an active partner. By connecting West Union Avenue and West Oxford Avenue this project will improve access to recreational and educational opportunities on the South Platte River for citizens of the entire region. South Suburban Parks and Recreation District will provide continued maintenance through their recreational lease agreement with the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

The City of Englewood has worked closely with South Suburban Parks and Recreation District on multiple projects, and we look forward to continuing our cooperative efforts in support of the East Bank Trail project.

Sincerely,


Dorothy Hargrove
Director





Office of the City Manager
2255 W. Berry Avenue
Littleton, Colorado 80120
303-795-3720

Great Outdoors Colorado Board
303 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 1060
Denver, CO 80203

Re: 2016 GOCO Connect Initiative Application for the Mary Carter Greenway
East Bank Trail-Union to Oxford

Ladies and Gentleman,

The City of Littleton is a regular partner with South Suburban Park and Recreation District to improve the South Platte River and local and regional connections to the river. In this instance, the East Bank Trail Project will complement the work that has been done along the Littleton stretch of the river to provide a new trail connection between West Union Avenue and West Oxford Avenue on the east bank of the South Platte River, primarily in the cities of Englewood and Sheridan.

Although the City is not a financial partner in this project, it has been in numerous other projects along the corridor and recognizes that this project will only serve to further enhance the South Platte River and the Mary Carter Greenway Trail. The City of Littleton strongly supports South Suburban's application for a 2016 Great Outdoors Colorado Connect Initiative Grant.

Sincerely,

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Michael Penny
City Manager



Board Summary Report

Date: October 20, 2016

To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Shannon Carter, Open Spaces Department Director

From: Josh Tenneson, Grants and Acquisitions Manager

Subject: West Bijou Property (aka Marrs Property) Transfer Approval

Direction/Information: To provide information and seek approval of the transfer of the West Bijou Property from the Plains Conservation Center (PCC) to the Savory Institute.

Request and Recommendation:

The recommendation from Open Spaces staff to the Board of County Commissioners is to approve the transfer of the West Bijou Property.

Background:

In 2012, Arapahoe County awarded \$95,000 of “joint project funding” from the Open Space Acquisition and Development Fund to the Plains Conservation Center, a Colorado non-profit, to help support its acquisition of property in the eastern part of Arapahoe County. Arapahoe County only contributed funds towards 128 acres, but the overall project was 1,083 acres (with 955 acres being in Elbert County). The PCC already owned 7,000 acres at the time, so the acquisition brought the total acreage of the ranch up to approximately 8,000 acres.

As a condition of using Open Space funds, Arapahoe County and Great Outdoors Colorado, the other principal funder, required that the property be placed under conservation easement. The conservation easement is held by Colorado Open Lands, but Arapahoe County maintained certain rights in the easement. One of those rights is that Arapahoe County must approve any property transfer. The PCC would like to transfer the property to the Savory Institute, another Colorado nonprofit, and now seeks Arapahoe County’s permission.

Links to Align Arapahoe:

- Increase Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Increase Community and Regional Partnerships
- Improve Park, Trail and Open Space Opportunities
- Optimize Use of Resources
- Enhance Quality of Life

Discussion:

The PCC and Savory Institute, two Colorado based nonprofits focused on grasslands conservation, wish to combine their assets and expertise to accelerate the restoration of grasslands worldwide. The PCC’s history in soil conservation and advancing regenerative agriculture dates back to its beginnings with the

West Arapahoe Conservation District established in 1949 to help prevent the disasters of the Dust Bowl from happening again. Since the late 1960's, the Savory Institute has been developing and implementing Holistic Management (HM) with pastoralists and ranchers worldwide to achieve positive financial outcomes and reverse the effects of desertification.

The Savory Institute and PCC recognize an aligned mission to promote large-scale restoration of the world's grasslands through Holistic Management ("HM"). In the emerging spirit of these cooperative missions, and in the interest of practicing economies of scale by efficient utilization of scarce resources, both parties aim to leverage their respective assets of expertise, networks, legacy, real estate and equipment to enhance their shared visibility, growth and impact.

Specifically, the Savory Institute and PCC wish to utilize the West Bijou Property as a world center of excellence, showcasing HM and serving as a central demonstration of the Savory Network's mission to restore 1/5 of the world's grasslands by 2025. Furthermore, PCC's cash and investment assets (value of approximately \$2M) will be used to launch the effort that will leverage West Bijou's ecological, cultural, and educational assets.

We believe that the combined organizations will be in a stronger position to fully realize the original conservation goals established at the time of purchase of the West Bijou Property and preserve and enhance the Property's conservation values.

In addition, the following stakeholders have also been notified of the transfer and are in full support of the motivation and intentions transfer:

- West Arapahoe Conservation District
- Great Outdoors Colorado
- Colorado Open Lands

Alternatives:

Delay, place conditions on or deny the property transfer.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact on Arapahoe County.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approving the property transfer.

Attorney Comments:

None

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Board Summary Report

Date: October 20th, 2016

To: Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Shannon Carter, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Open Spaces

From: Glen Poole, Open Spaces Operations Manager

Subject: **Third Quarter Budget Supplemental Equipment Requests, Open Space Department**

Direction/Information

The Open Space Department requests the approval to purchase the following equipment during calendar year 2016: (1) Ford Escape SUV, (2) John Deere Turf Mower and (3) John Deere Off Road Utility Vehicle (replacement of an existing vehicle). The above equipment will support the Department's administration, planning and operations functions on County's parks, trails, open space and Fairgrounds.

The Department's current budget appropriation is sufficient to purchase the equipment. Staff requests Board approval to purchase the equipment and for the approval of the associated equipment asset numbers. This request explains the funding mechanisms that support the purchases during the 2016 fiscal year.

Background

The Open Space Department recently added several new staff members and opened new parks / trails to the public. This includes the Fairgrounds Park containing two large turf lawns. The Fairgrounds Park and expanded Event Center opened to the public in June of 2016. The Open Space Operations staff is responsible for operating and maintaining this large park and its associated amenities. The Department also anticipates the opening of the Arapahoe Rd Trailhead and the Quebec Way Trailhead in early 2017.

The Open Spaces Department's expanding administrative, planning and operational responsibilities requires the addition of support equipment. The Department recently completed an assessment which identified core equipment deficiencies for the Department's three Divisions: Operations, Planning and Administration. The Planning and Administration Divisions need a small vehicle to support their meeting and project management functions. This vehicle will support out of office travel for 8 full time staff members. The Open Space Operations Division is in need of a medium duty turf mower to support their expanding turf management functions. The Open Space Fairgrounds Operations staff is requesting \$15,000 dollars in addition to the allocated IG Rents funds to replace the existing Fairgrounds Kubota Off Road Utility Vehicle with a new upgraded utility vehicle and the addition of a snow plow.

Open Space staff historically have requested equipment purchases during the third quarter supplemental process rather than in the following year's budget cycle. The resolution authorizing the Open Space Program governs how and when the Department's funds may be appropriated and expended. The resolution's language is not congruent with the County's fiscal calendar. The Department has found that it is more efficient to request equipment purchases during the third quarter supplemental process as re-appropriation funds are available. Equipment ordered during the third quarter will then be available at the beginning of the subsequent year's spring operational season. Re-appropriation funds are not available during the first quarter of the annual budget cycle. Ordering equipment in the first quarter would also create a large gap in the ability of staff to meet the Department's operational needs early in the operational season.

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Enhance the Workforce: The equipment will allow Open Space staff to fulfill its service level responsibilities efficiently and safely as they will have the equipment necessary to complete their specialized workload and travel to project sites.

Optimize Use of Financial Assets: The County's voters approved the Open Space Sales and Use Tax for the purpose of acquiring, maintaining, and preserving open space and heritage areas within the County. The Department is responsible for fulfilling this mission, and this equipment will improve the timely and efficient provision of services on the Program's parks, trails, open spaces and Fairgrounds.

Discussion

The Open Space Department requests that the Board consider: (1) approval of the purchase of equipment and the assignment of associated asset numbers and (2) if so, why the Department should purchase it within the 2016 budget year.

Department Requested Equipment Purchases:

Ford Escape 4x4 SUV Vehicle, OS Administration
(\$25,000)

Currently, the Open Space Department has two vehicles supporting 8 full time administrative staff, this includes the: OS Director, Acquisitions Manager, Planning Manager, Operations Manager, Operations Supervisor, OS Planner, Grant Administrator, OS Administrator and Office Assistant. The Open Space Department's administrative staff frequently need a vehicle for field work, site tours and cross County meeting attendance. The requested vehicle will also offset any vehicle needs when existing maintenance vehicles are down for repairs or service. The Public Works Department has significantly reduced their available pool vehicles at the same time their staff level needs have increased. This situation makes it very difficult for the Open Spaces staff to borrow a Public Works pool vehicle when they have a transportation need.

John Deer Medium Capacity Mower
(\$28,000)

Currently, the Open Space Operations Division has two turf mowers. One small turf mower that is utilized for trail shoulder mowing and other small scale mowing. As well as a large mower that is utilized for large area mowing like the turf lawn at the Fairground's Central Green. The Operations Division will have two new trailheads opening up late in 2016, Arapahoe Road Trailhead and Quebec Way Trailhead. Operations staff need a medium capacity mower to efficiently mow the Fairgrounds Park turf lawns, the front areas of the new trailheads and mowing at our recreation district sites. The requested mower will also serve as a backup in the event the large turf mower is down for repairs or service. Having two higher capacity mowers will ensure the Division can consistently meet its mowing service levels throughout the maintenance season.

John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle

(Replacement of existing vehicle, \$15,000 budget request plus \$10,000 in available IG Rents, total vehicle cost of \$26,000)

The Fairgrounds Operations staff will utilize the utility vehicle on a weekly basis for maintenance operations and inspections on the Fairgrounds property and associated park. Due to the utility vehicles off road capabilities it provides access to remote areas where standard trucks can't access while minimizing resource impacts. The utility vehicle is also useful for trail maintenance as its size minimizes staff's trail presence and allows for improved visitors interaction. The attachments will allow the vehicle to be used for clearing snow on hard surface sidewalks and smaller spaces around the Fairgrounds where larger vehicles cannot maneuver. The Fairground's current utility vehicle has reached a 15 out of 15 on the Fleet Department's vehicle rating system. The 15 rating on the Fleet scale puts the current utility vehicle due for replacement. The Fairground's has \$10,000 worth of IG rents to support the new utility vehicle purchase. This request is asking for an additional \$15,000 dollars to purchase a heavy duty utility vehicle with a cab and plow system to ensure year round use of the vehicle.

Why the Department Requests to Purchase the Equipment During 2016

The language in the resolution governing the appropriation of Open Spaces Sales and Use Tax Fund revenue is not congruent with the County's fiscal calendar. The resolution states that the total appropriation amount for the upcoming fiscal year shall be based solely on the projected revenue for the upcoming year. The resolution also states that any unspent funds shall roll-forward for the same intended purpose the following fiscal year. The roll-forward of the unspent funds has a significant positive impact on the Department's budgets. However, due to the budget calendar and State statute defining the timeline for adopting the budget, the reappropriation amount is not available until mid-way through the following fiscal year. This complicates the purchasing process, especially for large equipment. Although the funds will eventually become available, the initial appropriation is insufficient to fund the current equipment requests, so they were not included in the 2017 adopted budget. The following table reflects how the reappropriation process affected the original 2016 appropriation.

**Open Spaces Sales & Use Tax Fund
Original Appropriation vs Amended Budget (Reappropriation)**

Purpose	Initial Appropriation	Reappropriation	Amended Budget	Resolution %
Administration	\$708,324	\$1,354,677	\$2,063,001	4.00%
Grants	2,124,972	1,689,659	3,814,631	12.00%
Heritage	786,032	657,712	1,443,744	4.10%
Maintenance	573,742	4,032,187	4,605,929	3.24%
Shareback	8,854,049	-	8,854,049	50.00%
Acquisition	4,720,979	20,434,428	25,155,407	26.66%
TOTAL	\$17,768,098	\$28,168,663	\$45,936,761	100.00%

To address this issue, the Open Space staff are requesting the appropriate spending authority and the assignment of asset numbers to purchase the requested equipment within the 2016 budget. This allows Open Space staff to utilize the re-appropriated funds to acquire the equipment and to ensure equipment delivery prior to the beginning of the spring of 2017.

Alternatives

1. The Board could deny the purchase of some (or all) of the Department’s equipment requests. However, this would not address the business needs of the Department and would make it difficult for staff to provide a high level of consistent service on the Department’s properties.
2. The Board could postpone the decision until 2017. However, if it chose to approve the purchase(s) during 2017, the Department would not be able to order the equipment until mid-year. Department staff would have difficulty providing the appropriate service levels for the parks, open space and trails.
3. The Board could approve the purchase of the requested equipment for 2016, which will ensure that Open Spaces has the necessary equipment at the beginning of the 2017 operations and maintenance season. Purchasing the equipment at the end of 2016 will also avoid cost increases expected in 2017. Last year large equipment Dealers saw an increase of equipment prices between 5% and 7% from the previous year.

Fiscal Impact

The following table represents the fiscal impact of the proposed equipment purchases:

Equipment	Purchase Price	1st Year IG Rents	Open Space Division Fund
Ford Escape 4x4 SUV <u>Vehicle</u>	\$25,000	\$3,250	Administration
John Deer Medium Capacity Mower	\$28,000	\$3,640	Maintenance
John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle	\$15,000 (Plus \$10,000 in IG Rents)	\$3,380	Heritage
Total:	\$68,000	\$10,270	Total Funds: \$78,270

Concurrence

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