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**STUDY SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY
July 19, 2022**

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11:45 A.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Alisha Reis
	ITEM:	Administrative Item Review / Commissioners Communication
12:15 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Marc Pedrucci / Rae-Anne Reichow
	ITEM:	Spring 2022 Open Space Sales Tax Grant Award Recommendations
12:45 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Cyndi Stringham
	ITEM:	Veterans Memorial
1:15 - 1:25 P.M.		Break
1:25 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Katie McDougal / Eddie Valdez / Glenn Robinson / Jodie Kammerzell
	ITEM:	Wagner-Peyser Federal Rule Impacts
1:55 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Katie McDougal / Eddie Valdez / Glenn Robinson
	ITEM:	Head Start Enrollment Opportunities / Head Start Facilities
2:25 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Marc Pedrucci / Russ Nelson
	ITEM:	Clear Creek / BNSF Drop Structure Replacement
2:55 P.M. - 3:05 P.M.		Break
3:05 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Heidi Miller
	ITEM:	Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice and Instructing Negotiators Regarding Coates Case

(AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS WHICH MAY ARISE)

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STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: July 19, 2022
SUBJECT: Spring 2022 Open Space Sales Tax Grant Award Recommendations
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts
CONTACT: Marc Pedrucci and/or Byron Fanning, Rae-Anne Reichow, Open Space Advisory Board
FINACIAL IMPACT: \$18,390,689.17
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: Present the Open Space Advisory Board's recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.
DIRECTION NEEDED: Approval from the Board of County Commissioners
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of County Commissioners accepts the Open Space Advisory Board recommendations for funding.

BACKGROUND:

On March 31st, 2022, the Open Space Program received 17 full grant applications and 10 mini grant applications for a total of 27 grant submissions.

The total amount requested for open space grants in this cycle is \$18,925,173.93 which includes mini grants. The total amount available for distribution was \$18,390,689.17. (Exhibit A for details).

The Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) recommended full funding of the applications that scored 1 through 14, partial funding for the project that scored 15 and recommended not funding the projects which scored 15 and 16.

If the Board of County Commissioners follows the OSAB's recommendations, the fund will not carry a balance to the next grant cycle. Detailed information about each grant and the OSAB's recommendations are below. The projects are listed according to their ranking, with mini grants listed last. See Exhibit A.

Willow Bay Phase 2 Acquisition – Adams County

Project Summary: Adams County Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts (POSCA) seeks funding for the Willow Bay Phase 2 project. This 6.6-acre acquisition sits at the center of Adams County's Willow Bay Open Space, and effectively bisects the site. Acquisition of the parcel will enable Adams County to develop Willow Bay as a contiguous open space park, instead of as two halves separated by private property. Trails, water access, and visitor amenities will all be greatly improved as a result.

Willow Bay Phase 2 is a parcel of approximately 6.6 acres at the intersection of 136th Avenue and Brighton Road. This property is almost surrounded by Adams County's Willow Bay open space, and it has a small amount of scenic shoreline on the Willow Bay lake. When Willow Bay was acquired by Adams County in 2017, Willow Bay 2 remained in private hands. This situation has created problems and delays in planning for the opening of Willow Bay to the public. As it stands the property divides Willow Bay into two halves, each inaccessible from the other except perhaps by canoe. It is not possible to construct a trail all the way around the lake, or to permit water access to parts of the lake due to private property concerns. Additionally, as Adams County wishes to respect its neighbors, planning for Willow Bay has required large buffer zones around the Willow Bay 2 property where public access would not be permitted, to avoid disturbances. Since Willow Bay is already geographically constrained, this has severely limited the possibilities for public access and recreation at Willow Bay. Adams County, together with our partners at the Trust for Public Land, has been working for the past two years to acquire Willow Bay 2 and add it to Willow Bay. Once this process is complete, planning for public access and recreation at Willow Bay will be a simpler process that allows much better outcomes. Additionally, the structures that stand on the Willow Bay 2 property, which include a house and a large barn, could be used for maintenance or equipment storage, or perhaps as amenities such as a visitor center. Acquisition of the Willow Bay 2 property is a crucial step in the process of opening the entire Willow Bay Open Space to the public.

Grant Request: 66.62% of the total project costs, up to \$986,000.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

HSV Target Property # 1 Additional Funding – City of Brighton

Project Summary: Brighton requests additional funding for the "HSV Target Property # 1". This 116.3 acres is in the Historic Splendid Valley south of Brighton, within the District Plan boundaries adopted by Adams County and Brighton. Land and water acquisition, the conservation easement, transaction and due diligence costs are included in this grant request. The City has engaged TCF to acquire the Property using a "buy-protect-sell" strategy whereby TCF will purchase from the current owner, grant a conservation easement to Adams County, then sell to Brighton subject to the conservation easement restrictions. This keeps the site as productive farmland.

Grant Request: 31.15% of the total project costs, up to \$2,812,000.00

Previous Grant Request: Yes

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

High Line Canal Trail Construction – Colfax Ave. to I-70 – City of Aurora

Project Summary: The High Line Canal is a 71-mile long utility that served as a water delivery system for over 100 years. Since the canal's original function of supplying water to settlers and farmers along its entire length, it has become a historical Front Range landmark and a beloved recreational greenway. This project involves construction of the High Line Canal Trail from East Colfax Avenue heading north to Interstate 70 (I-70) near Tower Road. This segment is one of the last segments of the High Line Canal that does not have a hard surface trail. The construction of this segment of trail will help close the gap along the High Line Canal and allow users to cross over I-70 on an elevated pedestrian bridge.

Grant Request: 21.04% of the total project costs, up to \$1,600,000.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Purple Pipe Phase II – Town of Bennett

Project Summary: The Town of Bennett has made significant progress in installing purple pipe to local parks (Trupp Park, Field of Dreams, and Paul Reid Field) since being awarded a grant by the Adams County Open Space Grant Committee back in 2019. Today, we have almost two miles of purple pipe reuse water main installed, a 2.5-million-gallon lined storage reservoir completed, and a 1,000 gallon per minute pump station due for delivery later this year. We are not able to get the next 1,600-foot phase complete due in part to (a) two long bore sections for the UP Railroad and CDOT, respectively, and (b) overall significant material, equipment and labor cost increases over the past three years' time. This new project will provide the resources needed to complete the raining section and add 2,600 feet of new pipe to serve the Town's 7-acre regional park to the south -which had not been dedicated at the time of the original purple pipe project grant concept, or application. The new regional park area is also adjacent to a large planned 25-acre school site to the west, a future reuse water user.

Grant Request: 60% of the total project costs, up to \$960,000.00

Previous Grant Request: Yes

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Aylor Open Lands – City of Thornton

Project Summary: Thornton's Aylor Open Lands project seeks to develop the 139-acre Aylor property into a public open space with a trailhead, trails, entry drive from 136th Avenue, and a library facility, in partnership with Anythink Library. Grant funding is requested to help pay for the Aylor Master Plan, Phase 1 Design, and Phase 1 Construction. Most of the land will be preserved as open space for natural habitats and agricultural demonstration. The site will be integrated into the existing trail system, becoming an important passive open space destination in the northeastern section of Thornton.

Grant Request: 70% of the total project costs, up to \$2,902,770.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Kiwanis Pool Improvements – City of Northglenn

Project Summary: Kiwanis pool, the city's only outdoor aquatics facility, has been in operation since approximately 1960. This project aims to complete the rehabilitation of this aging outdoor aquatics facility by replacing the concrete pool deck and all the leaking underground plumbing, modernizing the inefficient filtration system, bringing all electrical components to code, resurfacing the large pool and the toddler pool and providing additional shade structures and site amenities for participants.

Grant Request: 66.67% of the total project costs, up to \$1,000,000.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Riverdale Bluffs Trail System – Adams County

Project Summary: Adams County Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts (POSCA) seeks funding to develop visitor amenities at the County's Riverdale Bluffs Open Space. Purchased in 2010, this open space has been available for recreation, but there are no trails, signage, restroom facilities, or shelters, and there is only minimal parking. Adams County wishes to develop Riverdale Bluffs into an accessible open space, connected to the rest of the County system and beyond, while maintaining wildlife habitat and scenic values and respecting neighboring property owners. POSCA received an Adams County Open Space Grant in Spring of 2021 for the initial part of this project; this second phase will help complete the funding picture.

Grant Request: 34.27% of the total project costs, up to \$1,733,069.00

Previous Grant Request: Yes

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (with 1 member absent)

Swim and fitness Center Front Entrance ADA Enhancements and Upgrades – City of Westminster

Project Summary: The Swim & Fitness Center is the City of Westminster's first recreation center, opening its doors in 1975. This multi-level facility hosts activities and provides amenities on the lower level and upper level while requiring that all guest visits begin at the middle level, main entrance welcome desk. There are challenges and safety issues presented with existing ADA accessibility, front desk design and layout, and the main entrance vestibule that we prioritize in this project and seek grant funding to help resolve through the following changes:

- 1) Addition of elevator with 3 stops, redesign of interior and exterior to accommodate elevator and blend with lower and upper level circulation spaces as well as exterior ADA ramp system.
- 2) Renovation of entryway, main lobby and welcome desk/staff work area.
- 3) New main entry vestibule with new exterior enclosure.

Grant Request: 33.33% of the total project costs, up to \$1,000,000.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Sand Creek Trail System – City of Aurora

Project Summary: Sand Creek Trail is a 13-mile regional trail that passes through Aurora, Denver, and Commerce City. The trail is a collaborative initiative among these jurisdictions and the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership. Aurora works with the Partnership to achieve

mutual goals for the greenway and trail. This project will improve a 1,000' segment of trail between Sand Creek Park and the Denver border. The existing trail will be re-graded to be ADA compliant to accommodate equitable access for all residents and anew 10' wide concrete trail with a 3' foot wide parallel crusher fines trail will be constructed.

Grant Request: 70% of the total project costs, up to \$261,170.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Trail Connections, Upgrades and Rehab 2022 – City of Thornton

Project Summary: This application would help fund design & construction of trail connections for access, trail lighting, replacement of broken concrete, pedestrian bridge decking and asphalt rehabilitation for safety, plus replacement of several sections of temporary asphalt trail with city-standard permanent concrete.

Grant Request: 70% of the total project costs, up to \$651,231.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Bringing Nature Home – Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

Project Summary: Bird Conservancy fosters understanding and engagement in the world in which we live by providing universally accessible, quality, environmental education programs and opportunities for all communities to experience nature. Funding from this grant will ensure we are able to connect more under-resourced students, families and individuals to standards-based, relevant, and experiential education programs that will help them develop lifelong learning, wellness, and civic minded behaviors using birds as the hook! Together with bird lovers, scientists, conservationists, students, families, and everyone in between, we can change lives and create a better world for people and birds.

Grant Request: 64% of the total project costs, up to \$594,994.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Fitness Court – City of Commerce City

Project Summary: Commerce City PRG is partnering with National Fitness Campaign to bring a Fitness Court® to the city. This Fitness Court® provides free outdoor recreational fitness space with open accessibility to all residents. Fitness Court® has several stations that provide different functional exercises that can either be programmed with staff or individual use and guided through a free application. These stations allow multiple users, regardless of skill level, to use the court. This court is also ADA accessible and allows those with disabilities a safe space to workout.

Grant Request: 50% of the total project costs, up to \$100,000.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Sherrelwood Play Space and Shelter – Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District

Project Summary: The goal is to add amenities and enhance community health and wellness by promoting access to Sherrelwood Community Park by installing a new play space and shelter outside the water detention area. Creating this play space and shelter will create a safe and fun environment for families to be able to enjoy. The play structure and shelter will be a great addition for the new single-family townhomes being built adjacent to the park. There will also be water reduction created with adding a play space and shelter that will reduction of the Kentucky bluegrass footprint.

Grant Request: 60% of the total project costs, up \$450,000.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Legacy Ridge Golf and Parks Reclaimed Irrigation Project – City of Westminster

Project Summary: The City is requesting assistance with the reclaimed irrigation conversion for the Legacy Ridge Golf Course, and two nearby parks, Windsor and Foxshire. This project replaces all irrigation equipment and piping at Legacy. It will also change all of the irrigation from potable to reclaimed water in the parks and along Legacy Parkway. Overall, the project will reduce potable water use by 8.5 million gallons, the equivalent of 26.08 acre-feet. A new, aesthetic pond will store additional reclaimed water. Lastly, the project will convert a dirty storm water swale to a rain garden benefitting pollinators and runoff water quality.

Grant Request: 35.80% of the total project costs, up to \$1,250,305.93

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Second Creek Farm Park– City of Commerce City

Project Summary: Commerce City is requesting funds for a 10- acre neighborhood park in the Second Creek Farm subdivision. There are very few city owned and maintained recreational facilities in this part of Commerce City. Additional funding has become available from the 2K Initiative (1% sales tax) passed in November 2013. The park will include a perimeter path, open play fields, an inclusive playground, a picnic area with a large shelter, and a plumbed restroom. Other amenities will be determined after public outreach has occurred. A 10-acre future elementary school site is located directly south of the future park site.

Grant Request: 46.07% of the total project costs, up to \$2,000,000.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendations: Partial funding, \$1,895,515.24

OSAB Vote: Motion for partial funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Clear Creek Valley Large Event Shelter Phase VI – Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District

Project Summary: The goal is to continue to meet the needs of the community at Clear Creek Valley Regional Park. In Phase V, we plan to add an event shelter (60 x 90) to host events such as farmer markets, large family gatherings and other special events. We also want to add three additional shelters to allow for areas that can be used for programs as well as family events. One of the shelters would be in the community garden area to allow for educational programming and

a place for the community garden plot holders to have shade areas to get relief from the heat. The other two shelters would be located by the newly renovated sand volleyball courts.

Grant Request: 60% of the total project costs, up to \$360,000.00

Previous Grant Request: Yes

OSAB Recommendations: No Funding Recommended

OSAB Vote: Motion not to fund passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Trail Wayfinding Art Project – Town of Bennett

Project Summary: This project will include a large mural on our new at grade water storage tank. The storage tank is located within Civic Center Park and is with yards of the High 79 trail, which is the backbone of the Town's Adams County Trail system. In addition, the Town will add four smaller murals within other trail head/ park locations. The storage tank site will have a wayfinding sign that will encourage the use of the trails to locate the additional murals. All murals will feature local plants and birds.

Grant Request: 70% of the total project costs, up to \$70,000.00

Previous Grant Request: No

OSAB Recommendations: No Funding Recommended

OSAB Vote: Motion not to fund passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Mini Grant's:

Ranger Patrol E-Motorcycle – Adams County

Project Summary: Adams County Parks, Open Space, & Cultural Arts (POSCA) wishes to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of its range program through the acquisition of an electric motorcycle for use in trail and open space patrol activities. The motorcycle that has been chosen is a Zero FXP ZF7 model, which is lightweight and especially designed for tight quarters and congested areas of the kind found during events at parks. The vehicle also possesses off-road capabilities that would be very helpful in patrolling Adams County's open spaces. As an electric vehicle (EV), the motorcycle produces zero emissions and poses no risk of spills or pollution of natural resources. EVs also feature substantially lower maintenance costs than fossil-powered vehicles, so the purchase of this motorcycle will save the County money over time. The law-enforcement package that would be added to the motorcycle features lights, hand guards, and gear racks, among other useful items for the County's Rangers.

Grant Request: 63.16% of the total project costs, up to \$12,000.00

OSAB Recommendations: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Mountview Cemetery and Open Space – Town of Bennett

Project Summary: Like many Colorado cities and towns, Bennett has experienced significant population growth. To help prepare for this growth, important improvements to our local cemetery and open spaces are necessary. These improvements could include adding a parking area at the trailhead along with an Open Space Trail info exhibit or mini-kiosk to assist visitors with getting acquainted or navigating the area. Additionally, these improvements could include adding a storm-water detention pond to the open space to prevent future flooding to the area along with added cemetery plots, a storage facility for cemetery equipment, and a gazebo or shelter that overlooks the area. To move these ideas further, the Town will need to complete conceptual designs that will assist with phasing out each of the elements for the project and

projected timeline so that the funding can be appropriated in the coming fiscal years to bring this vision to life.

Grant Request: 50% of the total project costs, up to \$25,000

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Design and Planning of Hyland Hills Sports Complex – Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation District

Project Summary: The purpose of the planning and designing of the drainage, irrigation and playground & shelter placement is to determine what is needed to improve the drainage of the baseball/softball fields. The fields are in poor condition and many times unplayable. This design report will determine a long-term solution to improve the playing conditions of the fields. Hyland Hills would like to remove the batting cages and repurpose this area for more of a family gathering and event space. The existing playground that is in the middle of the parking lot (safety concern) would be removed and replaced with a new assessable playground structure located in the former batting cage location. There would be two to three shelters adjacent to the future playground. The design and planning process give cost estimates and provide project designs for future construction build out.

Grant Request: 50% of the total project costs, up to \$25,000

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Brandon Place Park Playground Swings – City of Thornton

Project Summary: This project at Brandon Place park involves the installation of ADA compliant swing and one toddler swing at the existing playground location. The new swing will be a stand-alone structure for community usage. The current play structure does not have an ADA accessible swing, nor a toddler swing available to the park users and it is our intent to provide a fully integrated play opportunity for residents and visitors. We will expand the existing playlot concrete curb to allow for the additional stand-alone swing bay and the required safety zones around the play equipment, install new Poured-In-Place ADA accessible safety surfacing, irrigation components will be adjusted to accommodate the expanded play area and site restoration.

Grant Request: 69.44% of the total project costs, up to \$25,000

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Park Ranger E Bikes – City of Commerce City

Project Summary: We are requesting funds to purchase electronic bikes, along with a bike rack to transport e-bikes, for our new Park Ranger Program. E-bikes will assist the park rangers in ensuring a safe experience for parks, trails and open space users. Electronic bikes allow for faster response times, reduced fatigue for the rangers, and an expanded patrol range. Currently the new Park Ranger Program has a mid-size truck available for patrol. Outside of the truck, rangers have only the option to walk trails for patrol. When on trails such as the Sand Creek Regional Greenway, the truck blocks most of the trail and our trail users must get off to the side of the trail for the truck to pass. In addition, there are blind spots along trails and trucks tend to startle trail

users. E-bikes are also beneficial in some of our larger parks, allowing for rangers to respond to concerns and medical needs quicker.

Grant Request: 70% of the total project costs, up to \$9,275.00

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

SCRGP Community Engagement Initiative – Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership

Project Summary: The Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership (SCRGP) requests \$25,000 to invest in a 10-month community engagement process to create an equitable community engagement strategy. This strategy will help inform our organizational decisions focused on increasing the diversity and representation of Adams County residents on the Sand Creek Regional Greenway and events over the next five years. The Sand Creek Regional Greenway is a 13-mile linear trail and greenway in the northeast Denver area. The SCRGP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to help the three partnering cities, Commerce City, Aurora, and Denver, develop the trail and greenway while encouraging stewardship. Now, as much of the trail is developed, we are excited to continue enhancing this tremendous natural resource while emphasizing our three pillars of equitable access, awareness, and engagement for all Sand Creek Regional Greenway community members.

Grant Request: 62.03% of the total project costs, up to \$24,653.00

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

North Field Batting Cages – Strasburg Parks and Recreation

Project Summary: The North Field Batting Cages are located next to the only baseball field in Strasburg. Many teams use the field throughout the year, including the Strasburg High School baseball teams, Youth Recreational baseball teams, Competitive Youth baseball teams, and the Men's Slow-pitch softball league. This equates to approximately 20+teams that utilize this field from March to October each year.

There is a need for new batting cages at North Field because the current cages have served their useful life. The existing cages are constructed out of old, donated telephone poles. The poles have settled over the years and have begun to lean. After multiple repairs, the cages have become a safety concern and need to be replaced. In addition, the location of the cages needs to be addressed. The current cages are in an area that impedes parking during events. There is also a drainage issue where the cages are located. By moving the cages to the northwest corner of the property, we can ensure proper drainage and installation and provide superior access to the ball field. The new location is also next to the equipment shed where the pitching machines are stored. The project components include the purchase and installation of the Tuff-Frame Pro Standard Batting Cages –including two tunnels. We chose this model because of the durability – the tensioned overhead cable supports cage, there are no side poles or overhead structures to cause the ball to ricochet. The heavy-duty support poles will also be important during eastern Colorado wind storms. The base of the cages will be artificial turf. Our district has purchased excess turf from a local company, so we already have the material on-hand. The installation of the turf will include a 3” fill of road base and compaction. The turf will then be installed with necessary hardware, providing an all-weather base that is conducive for year-long use. In

addition, we will improve the driveway access leading to the cages by adding additional road base. The final component will be the demolition of the existing cages.

Grant Request: 69.99% of the total project costs, up to \$24,139.00

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

South Field Shade and Scoreboard – Strasburg Parks and Recreation District

Project Summary: The South Softball Field is centrally-located in Strasburg. The field is the most highly-used ball field along the I-70 Corridor. From April to October, the field is in use 6-7 days per week. There are many teams that call the South Field home, including: Eastern Plains Pink Sox teams, Strasburg Youth Baseball teams, Big D’s Warriors Adaptive Baseball, Adult Coed Slow-pitch Softball league, and Strasburg High School Softball. In all, more than 26+ teams utilize the ball field per year. With that many teams using the field, there are hundreds, if not thousands of spectators that enjoy the field as well.

This project will include a new scoreboard for the ball field and the addition of shade structures in the spectator area. The purpose of the improvements at South Field is to provide a much-needed, improved spectator experience. Given the fact that this is the most highly-used ball field on the I-70 Corridor, the amenities will be enjoyed by many people. There is a need to make these improvements at South Field. The existing scoreboard at South Field is fifteen years old and after many repairs, it has come to the end of its useful life. Scoreboards are important at ball fields so that both teams, umpires, and fans are all on the same page during a game. The aluminum bleachers are currently uncovered. The addition of shade structures over the bleachers will greatly improve the spectators experience and will provide some much-needed protection from sun exposure, especially for our elderly audience members. The project components include the purchase and installation of a new scoreboard and the installation of shade structures over two of the three sets of existing bleachers. The third set of bleachers do not require shade because of existing mature, shade trees.

Grant Request: 63% of the total project costs, up to \$24,667.00

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Lake Appreciation Day 2022 – Barr Lake State Park

Project Summary: This will be the 15th Annual Barr Lake Appreciation Day on July 9, 2022. One of the main purposes of this event is to bring public awareness to water quality and issues that face our lakes and waterways including the importance of keeping Barr Lake free of debris and dangerous obstacles that may harm mammals, birds and waterfowl that frequent our lake. The volunteers will start out with the volunteer projects followed by lunch and then educational activities. The educational activities will range from an archery course, boat rides, climbing wall, face painter to kid’s crafts. We are proud to have so many supporters from the community come together for such a great cause. Their support has made this event a success. Our goal for this year is 200 volunteers.

Grant Request: 39.68% of the total project costs, up to \$3,900.00

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Rotary Park Pavilion – City of Northglenn

Project Summary: Rotary Park is adjacent to a neighborhood elementary school, and near multi-family and single-family housing. The park currently has a baseball field, with a backstop and covered dugouts, as well as a grassy area that extends beyond the outfield. Other than scheduled sports practices or games, there are no amenities in this park that encourage community members to gather and enjoy the park. This project would provide additional park amenities, including a pavilion on a concrete slab, picnic tables with wheelchair accessibility, trash/recycling containers and several additional trees.

Grant Request: 64.52% of the total project costs, up to \$20,000.00

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 6-0 (1 member absent)

Comments from OSAB– Spring 2022

Adams County – Willow Bay Phase 2 Acquisition

- I recommend funding for acquiring this additional parcel of land to the Willow Bay. It appears to be an area where additional Park amenities can be planned for, e.g. small water inlet for boat ramp, fishing, picnicking, that people of all ages and, hopefully, all abilities can enjoy.
- High priority project to link separate pieces of prime recreational area
- Great connection to merge land uses into a bigger park!

Adams County – Riverdale Bluffs Trail System

- I do not recommend more funding for the project until the staff do a study about the original reason to preserve the Bluffs in the first place. I think the concerns about watershed issues and wildlife conservation need to be seriously considered for its protection first. I understand the need to establish a trail as a connection for people first before a bike park is added. I think it's long overdue for Adams County Parks, Open Space and Trails to work with recreational horseback riders to use trails in the Riverdale Regional Park and some areas of the South Platte River Trail. In the over 10 years I have been on the OSAB, no qualified jurisdiction or grant request, in my memory, has been presented to OSAB for consideration. I have asked over the years. Especially in the winter when horseback riders can't access the mountains or foothills for recreational use and exercising their horses, there are areas in Adams County that can accommodate this generally ignored recreational group. Other people on the trail often love to see horses and their riders. You might be surprised to know people see the horse as part of our Western culture and love the horse for it! My native Coloradan roots are showing. Please act to help keep the horse and rider safe on the trail in Adams County.
- Very valuable open space with much needed visitor amenities. Promises to be a premier regional park.
- Would include good regional bike connectivity.
- While this is an important project and a very valuable Open Space, I have concerns that the overall design and vision of this project may not produce the desired effect for residents and trail users and may need upgrades in the future. This area does need visitor amenities which this grant will address. It will be more available to the public with trails, signage and parking.

Aurora – High Line Canal Trail Construction Colfax to I-70

- I recommend funding of one of the most difficulty portions of the High Line Canal Trail to be approved by all jurisdictions and to receive a variety of funding, be completed. This portion is near the end of nearly 71 miles of trail that reaches from Watertown Canyon to the Eastern edge of Denver, south central Adams, and into the Arsenal. This portion navigates as safely as possible a route over I70 and rail road crossing for bicyclist and walkers.

- The project will go a long way in completing High Line canal project. This will be a dream for the diverse communities along its path.
- Key bike connection within Adams County
- This project would complete the High Line Canal trail which runs 71 miles through the metro area. It will provide connectivity to many trail heads and trails. It will provide safe pedestrian crossing over I-70 and will meet criteria for expansion of I-70 lanes of traffic. The design is for safety but also esthetics. It would be wonderful to help complete this massive project that extends 71 miles that provides healthy recreation for residents on the front range.

Aurora – Sand Creek Trail System

- I understand the need to change this section of the trail to reduce the grade, so it would be more ADA accommodating. Changing the trail grade requires other significant changes to handle storm water runoff and connecting to trail already built by Denver. The Sand Creek Trail system is an important trail system that connects southeastern portions of Adams County to the South Platte River trails; Clear Creek trails. Aurora indicated completion of this trail portion is their second priority, since the OSAB funds available are not enough to fund all grant requests.
- Key trail connection
- This project will upgrade the trail so that residents with disabilities will be able to access the trail. Upgrades will make the trail safer for pedestrians and cyclists. There will be an effort to minimally disturb the native landscape. In the past, grants have been awarded to the Sand Creek Trail and Parks. it is an important connection with the city of Aurora and other jurisdictions.

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies – Bringing Nature Home

- Bird Conservancy is a long-standing leader in environmental science for school age children and youth in Adams County. It's also considered the primary environmental education resource in Adams County's Master Plan. I recommend full funding for this grant. The environmental science education introduces young children to the joys and healthy experiences Nature can bring us. Bird Conservancy education program can also instill a sense of stewardship for us and our place in our world, which is critical to us to protect and conserve the natural world we are part of.
- This project provides amazing environmental interpretive services to youth of underserved communities. My worry is that with increased grant requests, there will likely be less funding for all projects. There is a looming danger for this project that uses grant funding for staff salaries. Staff is doing a yeoman's job in seeking alternatives, but caution is warranted.
- The only application this cycle that is community engagement focused
- I am familiar with the Bird Conservancy and its past fundraising and public educational programs in the past, and it is a highly respected and worthwhile nonprofit. It has been my impression that past efforts of this nonprofit involved similar educational goals for all

ages and other outreach efforts. I don't understand the reasoning behind seeking an open-space grant for moving "outreach classrooms".

- It was explained in the oral presentation that this is mainly about salaries. I heard no explanation how the program would deal with salaries after the first year or so.
- Open Space and trails are critical for the environment and our mental and physical wellbeing. It is equally important to provide quality educational programming for residents and users of parks and open space. Environment Education is the foundation to build an understanding of Nature and the world around us and its importance. The Bird Conservancy is a Non-profit organization that provides this quality education. Adams County residents and other users benefit from these programs developed by these Educators. This grant would ensure ongoing education and appreciation for the natural world around us. What good is Open Space, parks and trails without creating stewards with the understanding of their importance?

Bennett – Purple Pipe Phase II

- I recommend full funding for Bennett's purple pipe project. I support their effort to use reclaimed water on their Park and School fields for several reasons, one being using water more than once. I support Bennett's effort to grow with the knowledge that using water in multiple applications is the best way forward for a more sustainable future.
- Very important project to minimize use of every scarcer potable water
- material costs continue to escalate; this directly helps preserve water
- In today's climate and water shortages, Purple Pipe is critical to water saving measures. Purple pipe should be laid before infrastructure is built so that there will not be damage to it by putting in the pipe after the fact. Supply chain issues and only rising costs make it prudent to fund this project. Bennett should be commended for using purple pipe and saving critical water resources

Bennett – Trail Wayfinding Art Project

- It is the hope of the town that these Way-finding signs will encourage use of their trails. Bennett chose well the artists that will design and paint these murals depicting local plants and birds. These art projects will be a source of Community Pride for this "gateway" community to the Front Range.

Brighton - HSV-Additional Funding:

- Preserving this farm and water shares significantly protects one of the largest farm fields in the Historic Splendid Valley to date. As noted HSV farm lands have some of the best soils for fresh nutritious vegetable production in Colorado. Preserving water shares to the farm fields is critical to help farmers be as economically productive as possible since we are experiencing hotter and drier days earlier in their planting phase than ever before. We need to protect local vegetable farmers as best as possible for our wellbeing, too.
- Opportunity to save a significant parcel of prime farmland from inevitable development pressure.
- Limited public use opportunity but preserves farm land in the county

- People can't eat asphalt and concrete... if this land is lost to development that is what we face. This land is the most fertile in Colorado and it is imperative that it is preserved along with the water rights. Trails and other public use will help to connect other areas in Brighton. Again, once lost, this land can never be replaced.

Commerce City – Second Creek Farm Park

- I commend Commerce City for their Park improvements both in older Park improvements and in new Parks, like Turnberry. It seems to me funding can wait for this project since OSAB funds can't cover all requests and the area where the Park is located has just started to be built (new construction). Also, the school construction hasn't begun either. I appreciate Commerce City's efforts to work and coordinated with 27-School District about Park and trail usage. The lack of funding and timing on the project are the only reasons for a lower score and suggestion to consider funding in a later grant cycle.
- Great project in an underserved community
- Good Step to keep up with rapid development being constructed there
- Having a park in this area of Commerce City will be very important but, development of the surrounding area has barely begun and will be quite extensive. The elementary school and children that would benefit from this park has yet to be built. The vision of this project is important and very much a part of Open Space goals however, funding this project now seems a bit premature.

Commerce City – Fitness Court

- I recommend full funding for Commerce City's Fitness Court. The City has funding for the Fitness Court from an outside source that needs to be used by the end of the year. The Fitness court will be in an older Park that needs additional amenities for the local community and residents. The Fitness modules can be used for a variety of people and be modified for some users. City staff will be trained on use of the modules from my understanding to help residents use the equipment.
- Much needed attraction for a healthy community in an underserved part of ADCO
- Would be helpful locally for citizens who use the facility for needed rehabilitation.
- This National Fitness Court is a unique project. Commerce City was picked to have this very special drop in Fitness Court which will provide free fitness opportunities for all residents. This need is unmet currently. It would be a shame not to take advantage of such a project. Timing and Funding are critical for this project to come to fruition.

Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District – Sherrelwood Play Space and Shelter

- I recommend full funding for the Sherrelwood project. It will be more of a neighborhood park upgrade; especially as new townhouse development will bring new residents to the neighborhood. The play space design incorporates play areas that use the hill topography in the park. A shelter is important as a gathering place and a shade area for people of all ages. I recommend more specific description of what and how the Developer is

participating in the project, e.g. budget amount. I think residents will greatly appreciate seeing some of their tax money upgrade this Park.

- Helps an underserved community
- This park located by an elementary school has no improvements or amenities. This project would enhance the community's health and wellness by providing spaces for children to play and families to gather. The play area would be ADA compliant and meet a previous unmet need in the area.

Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District – Clear Creek Valley Large Event Shelter – Phase VI

- Clear Creek Valley Park has been a wonderful Park addition to this area in Adams County and east Arvada. The Park has received strong support from OSABs over the years and has received significant financial support, too. Due to the lack of OSAB funding this year I am scoring the project lower this cycle. I understand the concern for shelters. Maybe the project can be resubmitted for funding. Is there anyway Hyland Hills can look for alternative funding sources?
- Park is accessible to many people within walking distance; farmers market would be a neighborhood amenity
- Hyland Hills should be very proud of their Park. A large event shelter and several smaller ones would enhance the park and provide new possibilities for residents and park users.

Northglenn – Kiwanis Pool Improvements Phase 2

- I recommend full funding for Northglenn's project to replace aging boiler; bring electrical wiring to code; replace leaking water pipes; and replace pool decking, etc. The pool is the only outdoor pool in Northglenn that serves people of all ages. The pool has seen an increase in use and attendance since the City, with the help of OpenSpace funding, updated the bathhouse and toddler pool areas several years ago.
- Aging pool complex serving a diverse community needs a serious upgrade to meet growing demand.
- pump system upgrades will save water
- The mechanics, pipe and concrete of this 1960's era pool is falling apart. A valiant effort has been made to keep facility in enough repair so that the pool is still usable, but the time has come to upgrade these systems for the ONLY outdoor aquatic feature in Northglenn. The urgency of this funding is so obvious. If it is not funded, the pool is in danger of closing for safety reasons and this would be a severe consequence to the Community.

Thornton- Aylor Open Lands

- I recommend full funding for this project which is unique in establishing a Park and an Anythink Library for a new residential development in east Thornton on the same land. I encourage master planning around Prairie grassland plants with minimum trails, so some of area may be suitable for native plants and wildlife. I hope it remains preserved for passive recreation use, e.g. quiet walks, wildlife viewing. I commend the City Staff and

Anythink Library staff on working together to establish a library and a park on the same land.

- Another significant piece of open space land ready for visitor amenities.
- Great partnership to include park and library
- While this land is available to Thornton, it is currently not developed. A unique partnership with Anythink Libraries would create an opportunity for many groups. It would preserve much of the property as Open space with trails and trail heads and provide a Library on a corner of the property. This grant would start the process of developing this property which at present has not been explored.

Thornton – Trail Connections, Upgrades and Rehab 2022

- I understand the need to build, trail connections between parks and trails for walkers and bike riders. I understand, too, the need to build bridges and trails strong enough to carry staff and maintenance equipment. Thornton staff are also responding to requests from the Public for better lighting in some areas for better visibility when using the trails. Due to more OSAB grant requests than money to cover all grant requests, Thornton has cited this as their second priority compared to the Swim & Fitness grant request.
- Multiple small projects that lead to overall enhancement of trail system within Thornton.
- Maintenance Project
- Being good stewards of our environmental experience on trails means maintenance and upgrades that need to be addressed to provide safe walkways and trails for the public. This grant would provide repairs and safety with lighting as well as resurfacing upgrades. Providing well connected, multi-use trails that link parks and open space, promotes wellness for a variety of trail users.

Westminster – Swim and Fitness Center Front Entrance ADA Enhancements and Upgrades

- I recommend full funding for Westminster ADA upgrades for the Swim & Fitness Center. It's about time to improved ADA access by installing an elevator for those who need to move between the 3 different levels as independently as possible. The entry changes for Staff will be an improvement to them and the public entering the building. Staff will be able to see into the parking lot, sidewalk entrance more safely. Hopefully, the staff will also have a larger and more efficient work area.
- Another aging community pool in need of a facelift and for accessibility.
- updates to a county amenity long overdue

Westminster – Legacy Ridge

- I commend Westminster's planning and strategies to work with Parks/Golf and public works, especially storm water plan, to convert Legacy Ridge Golf from potable water use to reclaimed water. I also appreciate Westminster working with Audubon programs and practices to help reduce unhealthy environmental issues for local wildlife. I hope these efforts bring about the best results for all.
- It goes without saying that any project intended to save large quantities of potable water should be encouraged and funded.

- Saves water
- This is an appealing concept to preserve universally scarce water sources, but I don't think it is necessarily appropriate for open space funding.
- The City of Westminster should be applauded for the vision to use reclaimed water (Purple Pipe) system for the golf course and adjacent parks thereby preserving potable water for the residents. It seems very important to use the purple pipe as rinsing cost and supply chain issues will only get worse in the foreseeable future.

EXHIBIT A

**Adams County Open Space Grant Program
Spring 2022 Grant Cycle**

Ranking	Applicant	Project Name	Active / Passive	Total Project Cost	Funding Request \$	Funding Request %	Funding Recommendation \$	Funding Recommendation %
1	Adams County	Willow Bay Phase 2 Acquisition	A	\$ 1,480,000.00	\$ 986,000.00	66.62%	\$ 986,000.00	66.62%
2	City of Brighton	HSV Target Property # 1 - Additional Funding	P	\$ 9,027,500.00	\$ 2,812,000.00	31.15%	\$ 2,812,000.00	31.15%
3	City of Aurora	High Line Canal Trail Construction - Colfax Ave to I-70	A	\$ 7,605,341.13	\$ 1,600,000.00	21.04%	\$ 1,600,000.00	21.04%
4	Town of Bennett	Purple Pipe Phase II	A	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 960,000.00	60.00%	\$ 960,000.00	60.00%
5	City of Thornton	Aylor Open Lands	P	\$ 4,146,815.00	\$ 2,902,770.00	70.00%	\$ 2,902,770.00	70.00%
6	City of Northglenn	Kiwanas Pool Improvements Phase 2	A	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	66.67%	\$ 1,000,000.00	66.67%
7	Adams County	Riverdale Bluffs Trail System	P	\$ 5,057,555.00	\$ 1,733,069.00	34.27%	\$ 1,733,069.00	34.27%
8	City of Westminster	Swim & Fitness Center Front Entrance ADA Enhancements & Upgrades	A	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	33.33%	\$ 1,000,000.00	33.33%
9	City of Aurora	Sand Creek Trail System	P	\$ 373,100.00	\$ 261,170.00	70.00%	\$ 261,170.00	70.00%
10	City of Thornton	Trail Connections, Upgrades and Rehab 2022	P	\$ 930,330.00	\$ 651,231.00	70.00%	\$ 651,231.00	70.00%
11	Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	Bringing Nature Home	P	\$ 929,654.00	\$ 594,994.00	64.00%	\$ 594,994.00	64.00%
12	City of Commerce City	Fitness Court	A	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	50.00%	\$ 100,000.00	50.00%
13	Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District	Sherrelwood Playspace and Shelter	A	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	60.00%	\$ 450,000.00	60.00%
14	City of Westminster	Legacy Ridge Golf and Parks Reclaimed Irrigation Project	P	\$ 3,492,474.66	\$ 1,250,305.93	35.80%	\$ 1,250,305.93	35.80%
15	City of Commerce City	Second Creek Farm Park	A	\$ 4,340,750.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	46.07%	\$ 1,895,515.24	43.67%
16	Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District	Clear Creek Valley Large Event Shelter - Phase VI	A	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 360,000.00	60.00%	\$ -	0.00%
17	Town of Bennett	Trail Wayfinding Art Project	P	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	70.00%	\$ -	0.00%
MINI	Adams County	Ranger Patrol E-Motorcycle		\$ 19,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	63.16%	\$ 12,000.00	63.16%
MINI	Town of Bennett	Mountview Cemetery and Open Space		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	50.00%	\$ 25,000.00	50.00%
MINI	Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation District	Design and Planning of Hyland Hills Sports Complex		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	50.00%	\$ 25,000.00	50.00%
MINI	City of Thornton	Brandon Place Park Playground Swings		\$ 36,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	69.44%	\$ 25,000.00	69.44%
MINI	City of Commerce City	Park Ranger E Bikes		\$ 13,250.00	\$ 9,275.00	70.00%	\$ 9,275.00	70.00%
MINI	Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership	SCRGP Community Engagement Initiative		\$ 39,746.00	\$ 24,653.00	62.03%	\$ 24,653.00	62.03%
MINI	Strasburg Parks and Recreation District	North Field Batting Cages		\$ 34,489.00	\$ 24,139.00	69.99%	\$ 24,139.00	69.99%
MINI	Strasburg Parks and Recreation District	South Field Shade and Scoreboard		\$ 39,157.00	\$ 24,667.00	63.00%	\$ 24,667.00	63.00%
MINI	Barr Lake	Lake Appreciation Day 2022		\$ 9,829.00	\$ 3,900.00	39.68%	\$ 3,900.00	39.68%
MINI	City of Northglenn	Rotary Park Pavilion		\$ 31,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	64.52%	\$ 20,000.00	64.52%
TOTAL MINI GRANTS				\$ 322,471.00	\$ 193,634.00	60.05%		
TOTAL FULL GRANTS				\$ 45,133,519.79	\$ 18,731,539.93	41.50%		
Total Requested				\$ 45,455,990.79	\$ 18,925,173.93	41.63%		
Available to Award (before recommendations)							\$ 18,390,689.17	
Available Balance minus Requested Total =							\$ (534,484.76)	
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:							\$ 18,390,689.17	
Remaining Balance							\$ -	



STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: July 19, 2022
SUBJECT: Veterans Memorial
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Facilities & Fleet Management – Planning, Design, & Construction
CONTACT: Cyndi Stringham, Project Manager
FINACIAL IMPACT: Current Budgeted Capital in 2022: \$9,836,548
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: Review and feedback
DIRECTION NEEDED: To provide an update of the overall project and budget to date with final pricing to finalize project, including the Amphitheater design.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval from Board for budget amendment to finalize pricing for project and proceed with Amphitheater design development.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Status Update
- Schedule
- Final Pricing
- Amphitheater
 - Concept
 - Budget
 - Schedule

Adams County Veterans Memorial

Facilities - Planning, Design, & Construction Division
Parks, Open Space, & Cultural Arts Department
Budget Amendment Presentation

July 19, 2022



Budget Amendment

	Original Budget (Sept 2021)	Additional Amount (July 2022)	Total Project Budget
Design/Engineering	\$ 861,100.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 952,100.00
Contractor Pricing (Package #1, 2, 3)	\$ 9,620,810.81	\$ 765,866.89	\$10,386,677.70
Other	\$ 18,089.19	\$ 30,828.11	\$ 48,917.30
Amphitheater Design		\$ 462,305.00	\$ 462,305.00
TOTAL	\$10,500,000.00	\$1,350,000.00	\$11,850,000.00

*Total without
Amphitheater design
\$11,387,695.00

Progress Photos



Steel
in the bow
of the ship





Progress Photos
continued

Any Questions?





STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: 7-19-22
SUBJECT: Wagner-Peyser Federal Rule Impacts
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Human Services
CONTACT: Katie McDougal, Glenn Robinson, Jodie Kammerzell
FINACIAL IMPACT: \$2.5 million
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: ELT Update
DIRECTION NEEDED:
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Support

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Wagner Peyser- Workforce Development Plan:

1. Background
2. Proposed Services



Workforce Development Plan

The WBC Team

Agenda

- Background
- Proposed Services



Wagner Peyser

On April 20, 2022, the US Department of Labor (USDOL) issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM).

The NPRM requires employment services to be delivered by state merit staff, effectively ending the county administration of Wagner Peyser services.

Service Reduction

- Employment Services
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program (MSFW)
- Business Services
- Innovative Initiatives
- Grant Supplementation

Cost Implications

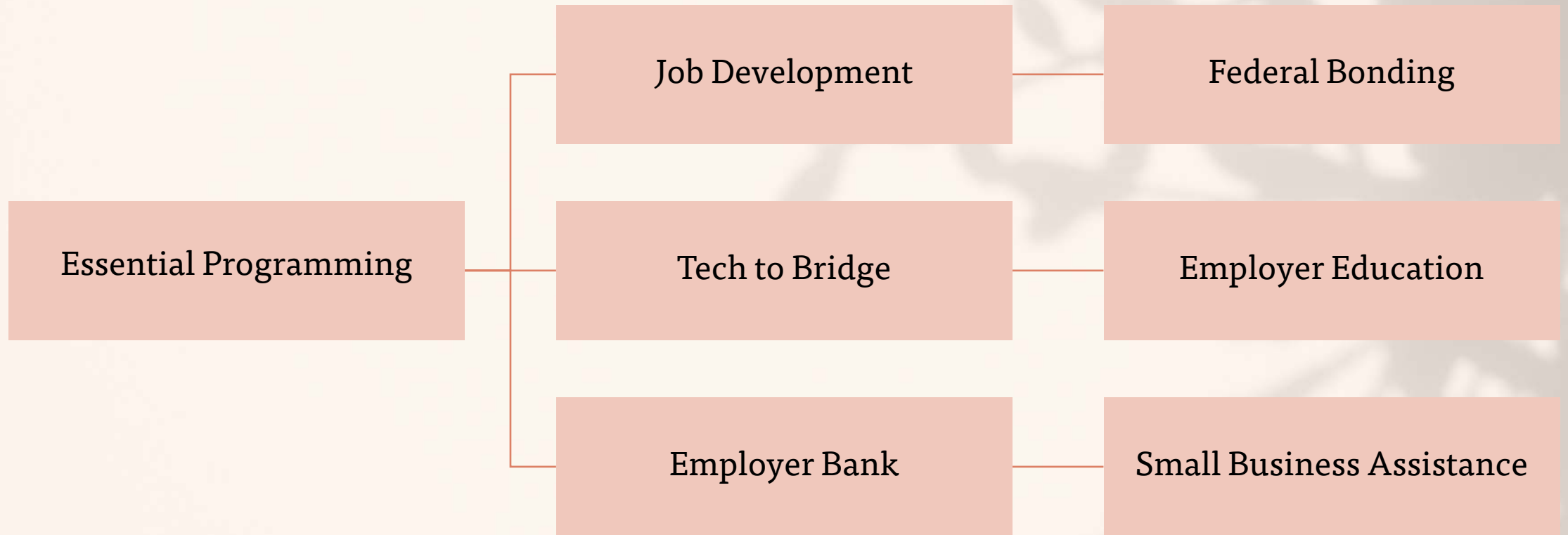
Funding

- FTE - \$1.5 million
- Wages to subsidize- \$500,000
- Tax Abatement - Up to \$350,000 per business over a 5-year period.



Proposed Services

Community Talent Pipeline



On-Site Community Partnerships



Business Incentives

Near term

Resurrection of the Tax Abatement Partnership Program.

Long term

Collaboration w/ Economic Development to develop contracts with employers to come here, hire here, and stay here.





Thank you

Jodie Kammerzell
Workforce and Business
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STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: 7-19-22
SUBJECT: Head Start Enrollment Opportunities / Head Start Facilities
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Human Services
CONTACT: Katie McDougal, Glenn Robinson, Susana Ramirez
FINACIAL IMPACT: N/A
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: ELT Update
DIRECTION NEEDED:
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Support

DISCUSSION POINTS:

1. Introduction on Head Start enrollment
2. Data Collection
3. Action Plan
4. 2022-2023 Enrollment

Head Start

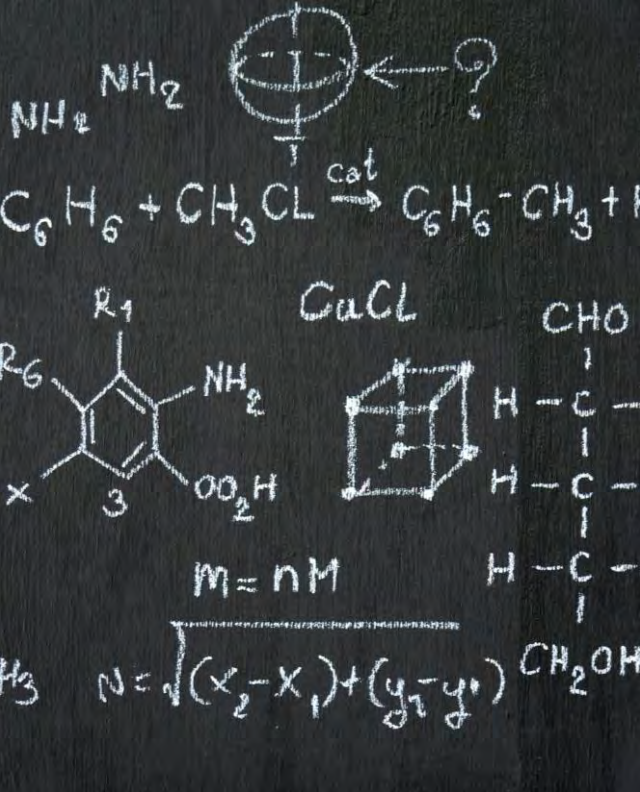
Enrollment Opportunities



Agenda

- Introduction
- Data Collection
- Action Plan
- 2022/23 Enrollment





Introduction

Adams County Head Start has had a history of being fully enrolled with income eligible children. In March of 2020, the pandemic shifted in-person education, to virtual classrooms – changing the education sector in ways still being analyzed.

Data Collection

Enrollment Challenges



Staffing Shortages



Northglenn
Classroom A



Rainbow
Classroom B



Sunshine
Classroom A

No Contact/Family Refusal

- 89 families were unreachable after filling out enrollment application
- 45 enrolled in an alternative early childhood program
- 26 families declined enrollment due to fear of COVID exposure
- 21 moved out of the area
- 3 did not have reliable transportation



Adams County Head Start Action Plan

1. Compensation
2. Development
3. Marketing



2022/23 Enrollment numbers



92

Children
returning



90

New Enrollments



104

Unable to contact



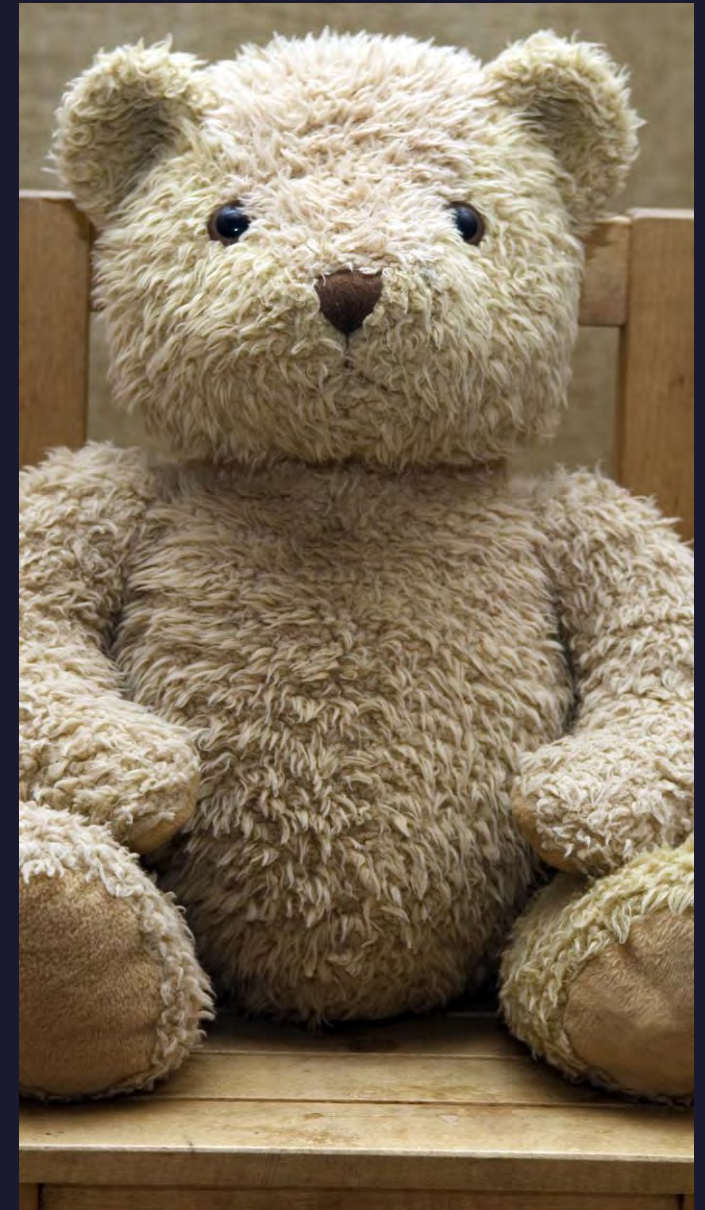
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Slots to fill

Thank You

Adams County Head Start

Human Services Department





STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: 7-19-22
SUBJECT: Head Start Facilities Update
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Human Services
CONTACT: Katie McDougal, Glenn Robinson, Eddie Valdez, Susana Ramirez
FINACIAL IMPACT: \$218,831
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: ELT update
DIRECTION NEEDED:
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Support

DISCUSSION POINTS:

1. Background and how we got where we are today, seeking new Head Start buildings.
2. Opportunities Explored
3. The Search
4. Current lease information
5. Next Steps



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Head Start Facilities

Executive Briefing

Background: Since 1978, Adams County Head Start has leased five facilities throughout the county to provide comprehensive early childhood programming for families. Purchasing new facilities became a reality in 2021 when the BOCC approved a capital improvement budget containing a request for new Head Start facilities, as the current leased facilities host their range of challenges, such as:

- Severe HVAC issues
- No air conditioning
- Lack of direct playground access (children crossing busy parking lots)
- Adequate working conditions for educators
 - Bathroom privacy
 - Proper workspace accommodations
- Annual increased rental costs
 - Maintenance costs of lease properties, that come with federal program requirements

These challenges present programmatic and regulatory volatility, and limit expansion as early childhood needs grow in our communities.

Opportunities Explored: Facilities and Fleet Management (FFM), and Human Services (HSD), have toured

- 18 existing structures (10 prior to budget approval; 8 after approval): and
- explored 2 vacant land purchases.

The Search: Informing our search is:

- Data gathered from the 2020 Head Start needs assessment
- Program requirements issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS)
- County level GIS mapping

The Process: Each potential acquisition undergoes multiple facets related to due diligence. General areas of influence factored are setback considerations, program requirements, community culture, and the Head Start program requirements and needs. FFM will work with a design architect to inform development of adequate education facilities (leased space or land acquisition).

Lease Info: The following demonstrates our current fiscal leasing obligations. An accurate fiscal analysis is unable to be completed now, as no land or building has been secured.

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Center Name	Location	Monthly \$	Annualized\$
Brighton	Brighton	\$6,515.84	\$78,190.00
Creekside	Thornton	XX	\$10,685.00
Little Star	Westminster	\$2,312.69	\$27,752.00
Northglenn	Northglenn	\$6,408.00	\$76,896.00
Sunshine**	Commerce City	XX	In-Kind
Rainbow	Westminster	\$2,812.00	\$25,308.00

**Impending sale/donation of the Sunshine Head Start location will result in rent costs that were previously not charged to the Head Start program due federal in-kind allowances.. This will result in a \$4,000-\$5,000 monthly rent cost.

Next Steps:

- Finalize GIS mapping
- Hire architectural firm
- Continued prospecting



HEAD START FACILITIES

Background



Opportunities Explored



18 EXISTING
STRUCTURES



2 VACANT LAND
PURCHASES





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The Process



Current Leases

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STUDY SESSION ITEM SUMMARY

DATE OF STUDY SESSION: July 19, 2022
SUBJECT: Update on the Clear Creek/BNSF Drop Structure Replacement
OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: Parks, Open Space, & Cultural Arts; and Public Works
CONTACT: Marc Pedrucci and Russ Nelson
FINACIAL IMPACT: Yes
SUPPORT/RESOURCES REQUEST: POSCA and PW wish to update the BoCC on the current project status and funding shortfall.
DIRECTION NEEDED:
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is working on a recommendation for the BoCC to cover the current funding shortfall of \$7,735,000 and allow the project to move forward.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

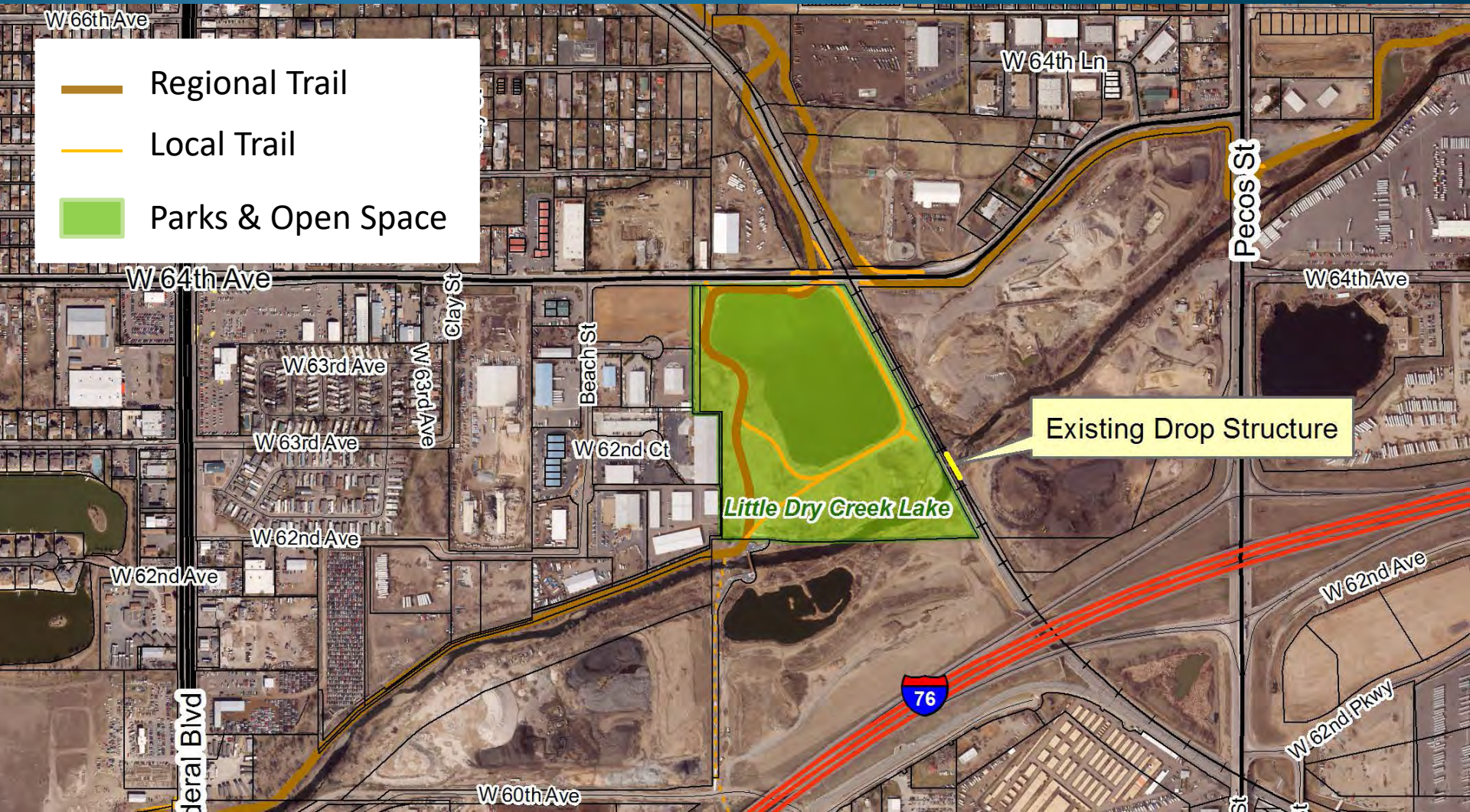
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clear Creek/BNSF Drop Structure Replacement seeks to eliminate/replace a hazardous 8' drop structure on Clear Creek with a whitewater park (two adjustable surf waves – large drops, and a series of smaller drops). The hazardous 8' drop structure is located in BNSF right-of-way and is now obsolete due to deeper foundations for the BNSF bridge piers. BNSF wants the drop structure eliminated from their right-of-way. Project partners and current funding contributions/shortfall: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>ADCO Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$6,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BNSF Railroad</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,250,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mile High Flood District</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,375,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ADCO Public Works</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$750,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colorado Water Conservation Board</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$200,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funding Shortfall</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,735,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Project Cost Estimate</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$21,310,000</td> </tr> </table> Per BoCC direction from the May 10 study session, staff asked BNSF to increase their contribution. BNSF declined to increase their contribution. POSCA and PW are requesting the BoCC allow a modification to the existing Clay Street Community Trail Open Space Grant to allow the remaining grant award of \$713,161.73 to be applied towards to the Clear Creek/BNSF Project based on geographic proximity of the original project and this current project. 	ADCO Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts	\$6,000,000	BNSF Railroad	\$4,250,000	Mile High Flood District	\$2,375,000	ADCO Public Works	\$750,000	Colorado Water Conservation Board	\$200,000	Funding Shortfall	\$7,735,000	Total Project Cost Estimate	\$21,310,000
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Clear Creek Trail and Drop Structure Project with MHFD and BNSF

July 19, 2022

Existing Conditions







ADAMS COUNTY
COLORADO

Proposed Conditions

LEGEND

- (B) BENCH SEATING
- (BP) BIORETENTION POND
- (C) RAIL CANOPY
- (CB) COBBLE BEACH
- (EB) EXISTING BRIDGE & RIVER OVERLOOK
- (FL) FALLEN LOGS
- (HP) HIGH PERFORMANCE WAVE
- (N) NATIVE UPLAND
- (P) LANDFORM / FUTURE PLAY FEATURE
- (PC) PICNIC AREA
- (PK) PARKING LOT
- (PL) PORTOLET & ENCLOSURE
- (R) ADA ACCESSIBLE RIVER ACCESS (PUT-INS, TAKEOUT)
- (RD) RECREATIONAL DROPS
- (RS) RELOCATED LITTLE DRY CREEK LAKE SPILLWAY
- (S) WAYFINDING SIGNAGE
- (SC) SPILLWAY BRIDGE CROSSING
- (T) RIVER TERRACES/INFORMAL STEPPED RIVER ACCESS
- (W) WETLAND
- (WS) RIVER WARNING SIGN



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ASSOCIATES

MARTIN MARIETTA
PROPERTY

ADAMS COUNTY PROPERTY

CDOT PROPERTY

EXISTING POND



River Run Park - Englewood





Previous BoCC Actions

- July 2018 – Executed IGA with MHFD.
- May 2019 – Approved \$3M Open Space Grant.
- November 2019 – 1st Amendment to IGA.
- October 2020 – 2nd Amendment to IGA.
- October 2021 – 3rd Amendment to IGA.



Cost Escalation Factors

1. Improvements to Little Dry Creek Lake to address water rights concerns from the DOWR
2. Discovery of a historic landfill at the project site and cost increases for contaminated soils handling and removal
3. Lowering of a buried fiber-optic line in the BNSF right-of-way
4. Technical requirements for BNSF including additional excavation and armoring of the channel
5. Inflation & fuel increases



Agency Contributions

Agency	Prelim. Design Estimate (2019)	90% Design Estimate (2022)
BNSF	\$2,250,000	\$4,250,000
Public Works	\$750,000	\$750,000
Parks & Open Space	\$4,100,000	\$6,000,000
MHFD	\$1,000,000	\$2,375,000
CWCB	\$100,000	\$200,000
Total Funding Identified	\$8,200,000	\$13,575,000
Project Cost Estimate	\$10,200,000	\$21,310,000
(Min. Funding Shortfall)	\$2,000,000	\$7,735,000



Questions?

