

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PARK OPERATIONS ~ ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ~ RECREATION/CULTURAL SERVICES ~ CSU EXTENSION

Park Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – 1:30 p.m.

Fountain Creek Nature Center
320 Pepper Grass Lane, Fountain, CO 80817

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Presenter</u> | <u>Recommended Action</u> |
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| 1. Call Meeting to Order | Chair | |
| 2. Approval of the Agenda | Chair | Approval |
| 3. Approval of Minutes | Chair | Approval |
| 4. Introductions / Presentations | | |
| A. Colorado State University Demo Garden Project | Tony Rose Andrew Kurtchi Nathan Jahner | Information |
| B. Kite Festival Review | Ryan Dorough | Information |
| 5. Citizen Comments / Correspondence on items not on the agenda (limited to three (3) minutes unless extended by Chair) | Chair | |
| 6. Development Applications | | |
| A. Habitat for Humanity Preliminary Plan | Jason Meyer | Endorsement |

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Presenter</u> | <u>Recommended Action</u> |
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| 7. Information / Action Items | | |
| A. Jones Park Open Space Master Plan | Todd Marts | Endorsement |
| 8. Monthly Reports | Staff | Information |
| 9. Board / Staff Comments | | |
| 10. Adjournment | | |

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of the June 12, 2024
El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting
Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Members Present:

Thomas Lachocki, Chair
Terry Martinez, Vice Chair via TEAMS
John Wallace, 2nd Vice Chair
Kiersten Steel, 3rd Vice Chair
Susan Jarvis-Weber, Secretary
Janna Blanter
Jane Newman

Staff Present:

Todd Marts, Executive Director
Sabine Carter, Administrative Services Coordinator
Brian Bobeck, Park Operations Division Manager
Jason Meyer, Park Planning Division Manager
Theresa Odello, Recreation & Cultural Services Mgr.
Ross Williams, Park Planner
Jessica Miller, Fountain Creek Nature Center Supervisor
Andschana Aljets, Fair & Event Center Supervisor

Absent: Vincent Prins, Jeremy J. Chatelain

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

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Thomas Lachocki, Chair.
2. Approval of Agenda: **Janna Blanter made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with amendments made by the Chair: Grant announcement before item 4 A, Fair presentation after item 4 A. Jane Newman seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 - 0.**

(Terry Martinez joined the meeting.)

3. Approval of Minutes: **Janna Blanter made a motion to approve the May 8, 2024, meeting minutes. Jane Newman seconded the motion. The motion carried 7 – 0.**
4. Introductions and Presentations:

Commissioner Stan Vanderwerf encouraged voting at the upcoming election. He expressed his appreciation for the re-opening of the Rainbow Falls Historic Site. Commission Vanderwerf expressed his gratitude towards the board and staff for the work they do across the region. Chair Thomas Lachocki and Todd Marts acknowledged Commissioner VanderWerf's service as the liaison to the Park Advisory Board and expressed their gratitude.

Todd Marts recognized staff for receiving the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) award. This is a competitive award with over 90 nominees. El Paso County Parks was one of 25 Parks receiving the award. The award was received for the VIP trail which is a visually impaired person trail. Theresa Odello accepted the award on behalf of her team and the maintenance crews that brought this trail to life.

A. Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival

Jessica Miller provided an overview of the Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival. This month's four-day festival had 81 unique opportunities for participants. The festival's draw is a birding experience in unique locations across the region. Field trips took participants from Pikes Peak to the prairie.

B. 2024 County Fair (additional item)

Andschana Aljets presented an overview of the 2024 El Paso County Fair being held on July 13-20 at the Fair & Events Center. Mrs. Aljets highlighted new, weekly entertainment and engagement opportunities, daily entertainment and ticketed events. Mrs. Aljets also highlighted the many Fair sponsors and thanked them for their support.

Kate Johnson, El Paso County Chair of the Fair Advisory Board and Fair Queen Coordinator introduced Maddy Norton as the new 2024 Fair Queen. Maddy gave a lively presentation of the upcoming Fair and highlighted the many daily programs, concerts and events.

5. Citizen Comments:

Jeff Cooper, Executive Director of the Richard Petritz Foundation gave a PowerPoint presentation about E-mountain biking, active aging and park policies. As a citizen using E-bikes, he highlighted specifics regarding E-mountain biking and advocated for allowing E-bikes on all County trails. Chair Lachocki suggested meeting with Mr. Cooper to analyze the presented materials and to report back to the board.

Susan Davies, Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC) stated that the City of Colorado Springs will open up a survey to gauge the public's opinion regarding allowing E-bikes on all trail systems. Currently they are only allowed on urban trail systems. TOSC reached out to all candidates running for a County Board position and posed questions to them regarding parks trails, open spaces and Nature Centers and their importance to the quality of life, are they a valued infrastructure etc. If the candidates are open to surveying the public regarding these assets and if the public finds them valuable, would the candidate be open to increasing support most likely in the form of a TOPS tax. Mrs. Davies also promoted a listening session for the Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative organized by the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance.

6. Development Applications:

A. **Greaves Vacation Replat**

Ross Williams provided an overview of Greaves Vacation Replat.

Janna Blanter recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Greaves Vacation Replat: (1) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$920 be due at recording of the final plat; (2) show on the final plat and dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, along the southern boundary of the site parallel to Snow Mass Drive. Jane Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

B. **Rolling Hills Ranch North Filing No. 1 Final Plat**

Ross Williams provided an overview of the Rolling Hills Ranch North Filing No. 1 Final Plat and addressed questions from board members.

John Wallace recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Rolling Hills Ranch North Filing No. 1 Final Plat: (1) regional park fees will not be required pursuant to the existing Park Lands Agreement for regional park land dedication; and (2) require fees in lieu of land dedication for urban park purposes in the amount of \$72,417 to be paid at time of the recording of the Final Plat. A Park Lands Agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees, provided the agreement is reviewed and approved by the County and executed prior to recording this Final Plat. Terry Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

C. **Settlers Ranch Filing No. 3 Final Plat**

Ross Williams provided an overview of the Settlers Ranch Filing No. 3 Final Plat and addressed a question by a board member.

Jane Newman recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following condition when considering and/or approving the Settlers Ranch Filing No. 3 Final Plat: require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$12,120, to be paid at time of the recording of this Final Plat. Janna Blanter seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

D. **Grandview Reserve Phase III PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan**

Ross Williams provided an overview of the Grandview Reserve Phase III PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan. Chair Lachocki suggested to communicate to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners that when a development moves into open space/candidate open space that the motion is stated as such for the purpose of awareness. Discussion followed. Staff commented that they can work with the

County attorney's office to work on language to bring awareness to the reviewing agencies that a development is moving into open space/candidate open space.

John Wallace recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Grandview Reserve Phase III PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan: (1) provide detailed site plans for the proposed neighborhood parks; (2) fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$162,610 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$97,566 will be required at time of the recording of the forthcoming Final Plat(s). A Park Lands Agreement may be an acceptable alternative to urban park fees provided the agreement is approved by the County and executed prior to recording the forthcoming Final Plat(s). Jane Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

E. Monument Ridge East Preliminary Plan

Ross Williams introduced the Monument Ridge East Preliminary Plan. He stated that the Letter of Intent is missing from the preliminary plan and the developer has been contacted to resubmit. Mr. Williams also addressed questions by the board regarding the short distance from the back of the townhomes to the freeway which is listed as 'open space'.

Janna Blanter recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Monument Ridge East Preliminary Plan: (1) provide a Letter of Intent in all forthcoming submittals; (2) provide a Preliminary Plan with associated Landscape Plan and detailed tract table; (3) fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$172,710 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$103,626 will be required at time of the recording of the forthcoming Final Plat(s). Jane Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 – 0.

7. Information / Action Items:

N/A

8. Monthly Reports:

Susan Jarvis-Weber inquired about the cost of the shuttle service to enter Rainbow Falls. Todd Marts explained why the parking lot is closed, he explained the estimated cost to fix it which would be temporary, and the park area still not being safe due to several rockfaces contributing to the ongoing rockslides. A County managed shuttle service was also discussed which would be cost prohibitive. In order to safely open Rainbow Falls to the public again, Adventures Outwest was hired. Adventure's Outwest owns a larger parking lot close by and already has the infrastructure in place to run shuttles.

Todd Marts stated that with all likelihood the Jones Park Masterplan draft will go before the Park Advisory Board in July for review and or endorsement.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

9. Board/Staff Comments:

Theresa Odello promoted the upcoming Kite Festival at Falcon Regional Park on June 15.

10. Adjournment:

Jane Newman made a motion to adjourn. Janna Blanter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Susan Jarvis-Weber, Secretary

El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Colorado State University Demo Garden Project

Agenda Date: July 10, 2024

Agenda Item Number: #4 - A

Presenter(s): Tony Rose - Park Maintenance III, Andrew Kurtchi – Park Maintenance II, Nathan Jahner – Park Maintenance I

Information: X **Endorsement:**

Background Information:

Presenters will discuss successful completion of a bluegrass sod lawn into a water-wise, xeriscape demonstration garden. This project exhibits exceptional multi-department collaboration, implementation of best management practices, and provides a platform to help educate the residents of El Paso County on proper horticultural practices. The project will also create significant water use savings and reduce overall lawn maintenance.



2024 EPC Park Operations CSU Extension Building Demo Bed

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Objectives

- To demonstrate a low maintenance and low water “waterwise” garden.
- To work side by side with CSU extension.
- To work with volunteers and master gardeners to provide information about native grass/plants and waterwise practices.
- To educate the public on irrigation installation.
- To show how you can use these same methods (waterwise, xeriscape) at your home garden/lawn.

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What is waterwise?

Waterwise is a term used to describe a water- and plant-management practice that emphasizes using plants that have lower supplemental water needs and grouping plants by water needs to encourage more efficient water.

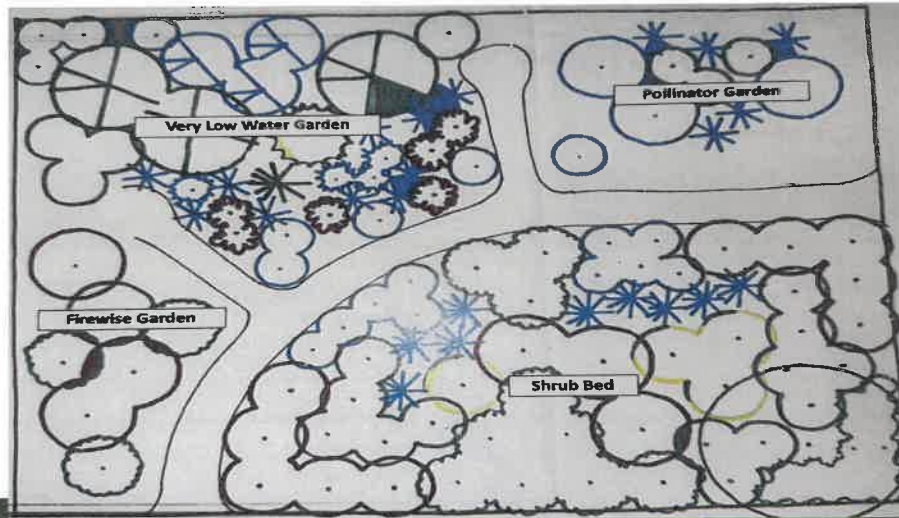
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- Step 1**
- Create and design a new landscape, remove current landscape,
 - In this case remove sod with a sod cutter.



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Final Plan



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Step 2

-Construct ADA compliant path and add split rail fence around the property.

-Also added boulders to enhance the landscape.



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Step 3 irrigation installation



-This requires installing a pressure reducer on an existing zone valve.

-We also had to run a drip line.

-Some sprinkler heads were also removed from the old landscape.



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Step 4



-We then planted over 150 plants with the help from volunteers and ran the rest of the irrigation through the whole garden.

This included installing an emitter then running spaghetti tube from the poly pipe to each individual plant.



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Step 5

The final step was moving in the rock and mulch. Gorilla hair mulch and 3 different types of rock to separate the 4 different gardens.



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Conclusion

After completing the demo bed plants we also added a demonstration of native grasses (blue gramma and buffalo grass). We separated the grass sections into 3 sections, buffalo/ buffalo mixed with blue gramma/blue gramma.

The native grass area of the project is the only area that has rotor sprinkler heads. One section will be mowed and the other will be left alone to demonstrate a low maintenance turf area.

We are excited to see the completion of this project and look forward to using the knowledge of this landscape in future projects.

Grants

CSU donated plants

Broadmoor Garden club

Irene from CSU

All the volunteers

Master gardeners

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El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Kite Festival Review

Agenda Date: July 10, 2024

Agenda Item Number: #4 - B

Presenter: Ryan Dorough, Recreation Program Planner

Information: X **Endorsement:**

Background Information:

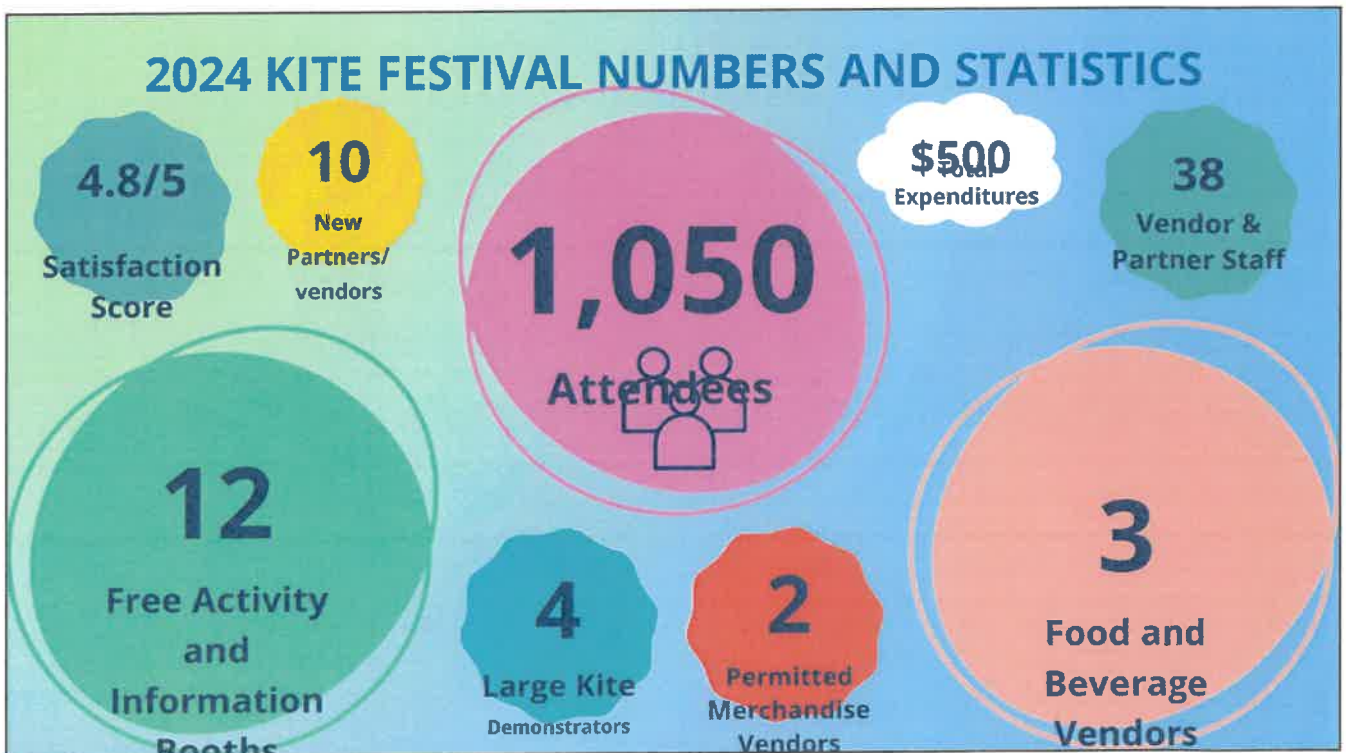
2024 was the third year of the El Paso County Kite Festival. The goal of this event is to provide a fun opportunity for families and people of all ages to learn, enjoy, appreciate, and partake in activities that celebrate the area's meteorological phenomena of prevalent winds. The event includes wind crafts, bubbles, music, games, vendors, and of course, kite flying.

Partners, Sponsors and Vendors Included:

- Girl Scouts of Colorado
- Pikes Peak Library
- Z-Ultimate
- Pikes Peak Children's Museum
- Macaroni Kids
- ThirtyOne
- Mad Hatter Adventures
- Northwest Mutual
- Dentists of Falcon and Orthodontics
- Engage the Rockies
- Farm Bureau Insurance
- El Paso County Nature Centers



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THANK YOU SPONSOR, VENDORS, & PARTNERS

Activity and Information

Food

Vendors

Merchandise

Vendors

= new partner/vendor

EL PASO COUNTY

Department of
Parks & Community Services

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Remembering the day

"Brings families together for a fun event."

"The variety of making a kite, making your own, large ones from more experienced fliers for the kids to watch."

"It was just so dang cute!"

"Fun for all ages."

"I loved the location!"

"Have come since the first year!"

"Meeting other kite fliers!"

"Kite making booth, music selection, vendors (liked about the festival)."

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S KITE FESTIVAL...



Use more of the park, including prepping natural areas(mowing), adding another



Bigger and more interactive "free activity booths." (not just prize



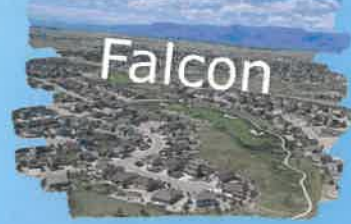
BECOME A SPONSOR

SPONSORS

Goal: Sponsor Packages with tiers at \$500, \$1000,... etc.



Increased decorations, art displays, and photo opportunities



Falcon

More local community partners, and easier ways for them to register (permits, insurance, & fees simplification).



Adding utilities-Sponsored or park additions

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AWARD WINNING EVENT!



National Association of Counties

2024 Achievement Award Winner for the Kite Festival

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El Paso County Parks

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Habitat for Humanity Preliminary Plan

Agenda Date: July 10, 2024

Agenda Item Number: #6 - A

Presenter: Jason Meyer, Park Planning Manager

Information: **Endorsement:** X

Background Information:

The Habitat for Humanity preliminary plan is located southeast of Colorado Springs, southeast of the intersection of South Marksheffel Road and Drennan Road. The property is currently zoned RS-5000, CAD-O (Commercial Overlay)

The 2022 El Paso County Parks Master Plans show no impacts to parks, trails, or open space. The City's proposed Jimmy Camp Creek Trail is located 0.25 miles to the east and Curtis Road Bicycle Route is located 1 mile south of the property. The project site is located within the Fountain Creek and Jimmy Camp Creek Candidate Open Space Area. However, as stated in the letter of intent the site has little habitat value as it has been partially graded in the past and is surrounded by residential development. Being that this site is zoned RD-5000 and CAD-O, there are no open space dedication requirements. However, the letter of intent states that 1.07 acres (12%) of the site will remain as open space for park, landscape, drainage, detention, and utility use. The applicant also states that a park site will be developed within Tract A. The preliminary plan lacks sufficient detail to locate the park site. Staff strongly recommends the park site not be located within the detention pond.

Staff recommends that the applicant submit a more complete Preliminary Plan that includes a detailed Landscape Plan with all possible recreational amenities including sidewalks, trails, common areas, and park site. As no park land or trail easement dedications are necessary for this development, staff recommends fees in lieu of land dedication for regional and urban park purposes, to be paid upon the recording of the forthcoming final plat.

Recommended Motion:

The Park Advisory Board recommends that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving Habitat for Humanity Preliminary Plan: (1) provide a Preliminary Plan with an associated Landscape Plan; (2) fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$20,705 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$12,423 will be required at time of the recording of the forthcoming Final Plat.

Development Application Permit Review



PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Park Operations - Recreation and Cultural Services

Parks Planning - Environmental Services - CSU Extension Office

June 26, 2024

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

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| Name: | Habitat for Humanity Prelim Plan | Application Type: | Preliminary Plan |
| PCD Reference #: | SP243 | Total Acreage: | 9.00 |
| | | Total # of Dwelling Units: | 41 |
| Applicant / Owner: | Owner's Representative: | Dwelling Units Per 2.5 Acres: | 11.39 |
| Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity | NES | Regional Park Area: | 4 |
| Bobby Ingels | Andrea Barlow | Urban Park Area: | 4 |
| 2802 N Prospect St | 619 N Cascade Ave, Suite 200 | Existing Zoning Code: | RS-5000; CAD-O |
| Colorado Springs, CO 80907 | Colorado Springs, CO 80903 | Proposed Zoning Code: | RS-5000; CAD-O |

REGIONAL AND URBAN PARK DEDICATION AND FEE REQUIREMENTS

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| Regional Park land dedication shall be 7.76 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents, while Urban Park land dedication shall be 4 acres of park land per 1,000 projected residents. The number of projected residents shall be based on 2.5 residents per dwelling unit. | The EPC Land Development Code defines urban density as land development of higher density and intensity which is characteristically provided with services of an urban nature. This category of development includes residential uses with densities of more than one dwelling unit per 2.5 acres. |
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LAND REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park Area: 4

0.0194 Acres x 41 Dwelling Units = 0.795
Total Regional Park Acres: 0.795

Urban Density (≥ 1 Dwelling Unit Per 2.5 Acres): **YES**

Urban Park Area: 4

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| Neighborhood: | 0.00375 Acres x 41 Dwelling Units = | 0.15 |
| Community: | 0.00625 Acres x 41 Dwelling Units = | 0.26 |
| | Total Urban Park Acres: | 0.41 |

FEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Park Area: 4

\$505 / Dwelling Unit x 41 Dwelling Units = \$20,705
Total Regional Park Fees: \$20,705

Urban Park Area: 4

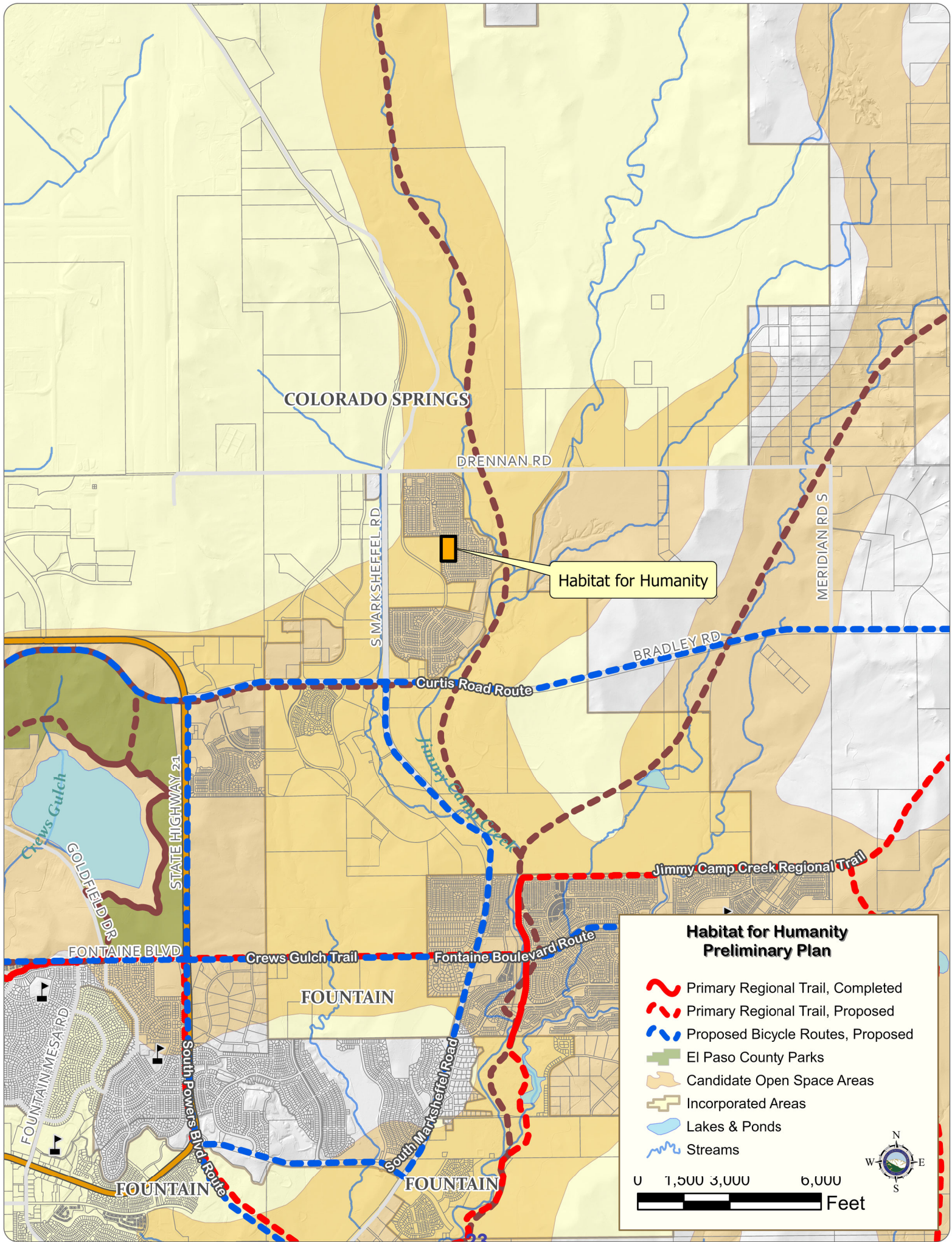
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| Neighborhood: | \$119 / Dwelling Unit x 41 Dwelling Units = | \$4,879 |
| Community: | \$184 / Dwelling Unit x 41 Dwelling Units = | \$7,544 |
| | Total Urban Park Fees: | \$12,423 |

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff Recommendation: The Park Advisory Board recommends that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving Habitat for Humanity Preliminary Plan: (1) provide a Preliminary Plan with an associated Landscape Plan; (2) fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$20,705 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$12,423 will be required at time of the recording of the forthcoming Final Plat.

Park Advisory Board Recommendation:

PAB Endorsed 06/12/2024



PRELIMINARY PLAN

LETTER OF INTENT

JUNE 2024

OWNER:

PIKES PEAK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
BOBBY INGELS
2802 N. PROSPECT ST.
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(719) 471-0073

SITE DETAILS

ADDRESS: PEACEFUL MEADOW STREET, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80925

TSN: 5503101010

ACREAGE: 9

CURRENT ZONING: RS-5000 CAD-O

CURRENT USE: VACANT

REQUEST

N.E.S. Inc. on behalf of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity requests approval of the following applications:

1. A Preliminary Plan for 41 single-family units on the 9-acre property.
2. A finding of water sufficiency within the Preliminary Plan and subsequent Final Plat to be approved administratively.

LOCATION

Rising Moon is located north of the intersection of Peaceful Meadow Street and Harvest Moon Terrace and is on the border between the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County. Chia Drive forms the northern boundary of the property, and 13 single-family homes with an existing 6' privacy fence abut the site to the east. Further to the north, east, and south of the site are single family homes in the Morning Sun I and Cuchares Ranch subdivisions, which are zoned RS-5000 and RS-6000. Directly west of the site is a vacant parcel within the City of Colorado Springs. This property is the future site of Meadowworks Filing No. 4, approved by the City of Colorado Springs in 2022, which extends across Horizonview Drive to Marksheffel Road on approximately 90 acres and is zoned R-1 6.



HISTORY

The property is part of the Colorado Centre Master Land Use Plan approved in 1984. It was identified at that time as a school site for Widefield School District No. 3 (WSD3) and placed under a deed restriction

that specified use of the site as a school. Per El Paso County resolution 07-123, the land was given to WSD3 for this purpose on April 5th, 2007. However, when WSD3 ultimately determined that the 9-acre site was not large enough to accommodate a school per state statutes, the district partnered with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) and Careers in Construction Colorado (CICC) to evaluate alternative uses for the site.

To address a chronic shortage of affordable housing options for teachers within WSD3 and a desire to provide students with real-world construction skills through CICC, the organizations together proposed to develop the site as a PPHFH community that would be constructed in part by WSD3 students and have a portion of homes restricted to employees of the WSD3 system. On December 12th, 2023, the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted: 1) to remove the reverter clause on the site requiring it be used for school uses; 2) to convey the property to PPHFH; and 3) to broaden the allowable use of the site for affordable housing for teachers and school district employees.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On January 10, 2024, NES distributed a letter to approximately 120 neighbors within a 500-foot radius of the site to notify them of a Neighborhood Open House to discuss the proposed preliminary plan for Rising Moon. The Neighborhood Open House was held on January 30th from 6:00pm until 7:30pm at the Manufacturing Industry Learning Lab (MiLL) located at 4450 Foreign Trade Boulevard. Representatives from Habitat for Humanity, WSD3, CICC, and NES were available at four stations to review the project design and process and to address questions. Approximately 40 members of the public attended, in addition to representatives from El Paso County Planning & Community Development and the WSD3 School Board.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Together with WSD3 and CICC, PPHFH proposes to develop the site with single-family detached housing that will meet the needs of the community while satisfying the intent of the education-based deed restriction of the site.

The mission of PPHFH is to bring together people throughout El Paso County to improve access to homeownership through affordable housing. Some of those most in need of affordable housing in El Paso County are educators. According to data collected by WSD3, the median salary in WSD3 is \$46,604, which is 65% of the median household income for Colorado Springs. WSD3 is also one of the lowest funded districts in Colorado, ranking 174 of 178. Low educator salaries, low school district funding, and a low housing opportunity index in Colorado Springs together contribute to an approximately 20% annual teacher turnover rate in WSD3. The district has identified affordable housing as a critical need to create a more stable workforce for current and future employees.

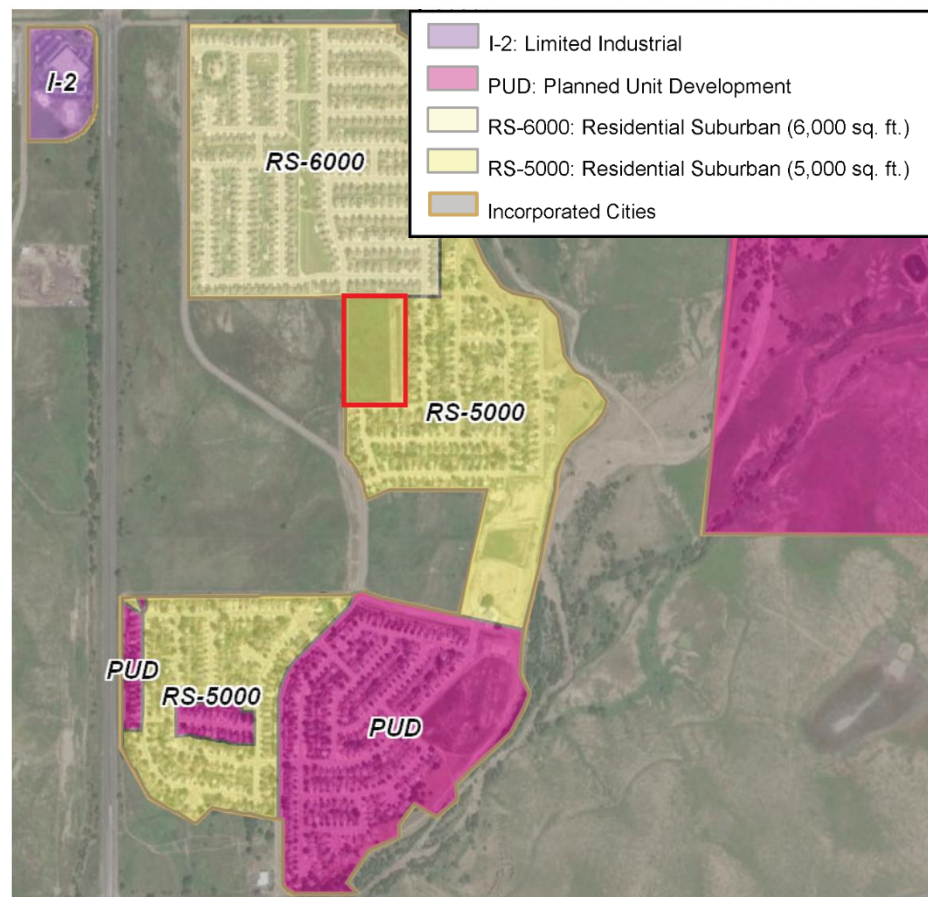


As a solution to this need, the project will designate at least 14 of 41 proposed single-family homes specifically for employees of WSD3. The remaining lots will be for Habitat-qualifying area workforce families. To qualify, applicants must earn 35-80% of the area median income and qualify to pay an affordable mortgage issued by PPHFH, which is capped at 30% of their income at the time they enter the homeownership program. Additionally, each family member 18 years of age or older must complete 200 hours of sweat equity in building their own homes and their neighbors' homes, as well as participate in mandatory homeowner education classes.

Homes will be constructed by both Habitat for Humanity and CICC, which operates throughout the State of Colorado to provide mentorship and hands-on training for students interested in pursuing a career in the construction industry. CICC works closely with WSD3 through the MiLL to provide students with unique opportunities and hands-on learning experiences. Located in a 46,600 square foot facility less than two miles from the project site, the MiLL was created to develop a highly skilled workforce for the trades and has programs in cabinet manufacturing, construction, and welding for high school students. Students enrolled in CICC's Home Build program at the MiLL will apply their classroom skills to a real-life project by building a portion of the homes at Rising Moon.

The site is zoned RS-5000, which is consistent with the surrounding Morning Sun subdivision to the east and south.

The Cuchares Ranch subdivision to the north is zoned RS-6000. To the east, the approved Meadowworks Filing No. 4 is located within the City of Colorado Springs limits and is zoned R-16, which has a minimum lot area of 6,000 square feet. The proposed project does not seek a rezone and will adhere to the dimensional and use standards of the RS-5000 zone. The property is also located within the



Commercial Airport Overlay District (CAD-O). The proposed project is an allowed use and will comply with the regulatory requirements of this overlay district.

The Preliminary Plan proposes 41 units on 9 acres; a gross density of 4.5 dwelling units per acre. Lots will generally measure approximately 50 feet by 100 feet and will contain single-family detached homes. The dimensional standards established by the El Paso County Land Development Code for RS-5000 require a 50' front building setback, a 5' side building setback, a 25' rear building setback, and a maximum building height of 30'. In addition, typical lots will have a 7' rear utility/drainage easement, a 5' side utility easement (both sides), and a 15' front utility easement that includes a 5' public improvements and utility easement and a 10' Mountain View Electric Association Easement. Maximum lot coverage is 40/45%.



A 1.07-acre detention pond will be located north of the existing Peaceful Meadow Street between the proposed Harvest Moon Terrace and Summer Solstice Way. This area will also be used as a park, and will comprise Tract A, which is a replat of Tract B in the Morning Sun I Plat. An additional 0.04 acres in the southwest corner of the site will be known as Tract B and used for drainage, landscaping, and utilities. 2.07 acres will be utilized for the road rights-of-way.

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION: The site will have four internal, public roads. The existing Harvest Moon Terrace will be extended from south of the site up to the proposed Sickie Moon Lane, which will connect at its northern terminus to Sickie Moon Way. Sickie Moon Way is designed on an east-west orientation and connects to Summer Solstice Way, which extends south to create a continuous loop to the existing Peaceful Meadow Street. The proposed Lunar Light Lane will bisect this loop.

There will be two access points from the development onto Peaceful Meadow Street. The first access point will be a full-movement intersection with Harvest Moon Terrace. The second access point will be

located east of the first access point and will be a three-quarters intersection with the newly constructed Summer Solstice Way.

COMPATIBILITY/TRANSITIONS: The site is surrounded by residential development of similar densities. This development will maintain its current RS-5000 zoning, which is the same as the adjacent Morning Sun Filings 1-2 to the east, and similar to the RS-6000 zoning to the north.

TRAFFIC: A Traffic Impact Analysis was prepared for the site by LSC Transportation Consultants in 2024 and is included in this submittal. The study provides an analysis of anticipated project impacts and concludes the following:

- The project will be required to participate in the El Paso County Road Impact Fee Program. The applicant will be required to pay the “Full Fee” amount at building permit. The current (2024) fee for 41 residential lots is \$157,030.
- Estimated site vehicle trip generation includes 30 total morning peak hour trips and 40 total afternoon peak hour trips. The project is anticipated to generate 387 daily/24-hour trips.
- The proposed subdivision streets are proposed as Urban Local streets, which are designed to accommodate bicycles.
- All individual approaches and turn lanes at all study-area intersections would operate at LOS C or better during both short-term and long-term peak hours, with or without the addition of site-generated traffic.

AIR QUALITY: The proposed residential use will not negatively impact air quality. The proposed development is located within a developing area with convenient access to Marksheffel Boulevard, providing shorter travel times to employment and commercial facilities.

WATER & WASTEWATER: This site will be served by the Colorado Centre Metropolitan District (CCMD) for water and wastewater. A commitment letter for water and wastewater is included in this submittal. A Water Resources Report, provided by CCMD, is also included in this submittal. A finding of water sufficiency with the Preliminary Plan is requested, with subsequent Final Plat to be approved administratively.

CCMD has sufficient supply and infrastructure in the area to serve this development. Per the Water Resources Report, the district has 849 acre-feet per year of consumable water. 463 ac-ft are available and uncommitted. The estimated water requirement for the site is 4,100 gal/day on an average daily-maximum monthly basis, with a total requirement of 10.66 ac-ft per year. 2.16 ac-ft are committed to the site as a school, with an additional 8.5 ac-ft of uncommitted water required. Sufficient supply is available as demonstrated by the water and sewer service commitment letter. Public sewage disposal is further addressed in the Wastewater Report prepared by Classic Consulting Engineers & Surveyors LLC.

OTHER UTILITIES: Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. will supply electricity service. Colorado Springs Utilities would supply natural gas; however, homes within Rising Moon will be entirely electric, with gas connections extended only to the street. Utility commitment letters are submitted with this application.

DRAINAGE: A proposed private Extended Detention Basin will provide full capture and detention of the on and off-site flows as described in the Preliminary Drainage Report prepared by Classic Consulting. The

drainage improvements associated with this development are consistent with the Master Development Drainage Plan. The drainage improvements are designed to the most current El Paso County Engineering Criteria Manual, the Jimmy Camp Creek Drainage Basin Planning Study, the City of Colorado Springs/El Paso County Drainage Criteria Manual, and the Urban Storm Drainage Criteria Manual.

FLOODPLAIN: This site is not within a designated F.E.M.A. Floodplain as determined by Flood Insurance Rate Map number 08041C0769G, effective December 7, 2018.

WETLANDS: The National Wetlands Inventory indicates there are no wetlands on the site. An unknown perennial, semi-permanently flooded riverine system is located just west of the site property line. This designation specifically indicates a system for which a distinction cannot be made between a lower perennial, upper perennial, and tidal designation. Surface water persists throughout the growing season most years. This system has been channelized and is located within an irrigation ditch.

VEGETATION: The site has been disturbed and consists of non-native grassland with no trees. Landscaping in public rights-of-way will be maintained by the homeowners association.

WILDLIFE: According to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Species Activity Map, the site falls within the overall range of Black-Tailed Prairie Dog, Mountain Lion, Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Scaled Quail, White-tailed Deer, and Wild Turkey. The site is also within the overall range of Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse; however, it is not within the species' occupied range according to the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Application Map nor the species' Critical Habitat designation. There are no perennial water sources on the site, which is one of the primary requirements for Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse. The project is therefore exempt from Section 1.106.6 of the El Paso County Land Development Code. The site is surrounded by existing development and contains non-native grassland with no trees. It does not provide suitable wildlife habitat.

WILDFIRE: The fire burn probability and intensity scale on the site are both low according to the Colorado State Forest Service Online Wildfire Risk Viewer. The primary wildland fuel type is dry climate grass.

GEOLOGIC HAZARDS: It is expected that the existing geologic and engineering geologic conditions at the site will impose some constraints on the proposed development and construction. The most significant factors affecting development will be associated with expansive soils and loose/collapsible soils, which can be satisfactorily mitigated through proper engineering design and construction practices. The proposed development and use are consistent with anticipated geologic and engineering geologic conditions. More information is provided in the Soils & Geology Report prepared by Entech Engineering, Inc.

SCHOOLS: Grand Mountain School K-8 is located 4.6 miles southeast. Sunrise Elementary School and King Elementary School are located less than 6 miles southwest of the site, as is the private Fountain Valley School. King Elementary School is located 5.7 miles southwest. Multiple other schools, including Widefield Elementary School of the Arts, French Elementary School, the Haven School, Widefield High School, Discovery High School, and Sproul Junior High School are located approximately within 8 miles of the site to the west.

DISTRICTS SERVING THE PROPERTY:

The following districts will serve the property:

- Widefield School District 3
- Colorado Centre Metropolitan District
- Colorado Springs Fire Department
- Mountain View Electric Association
- Black Hills Energy

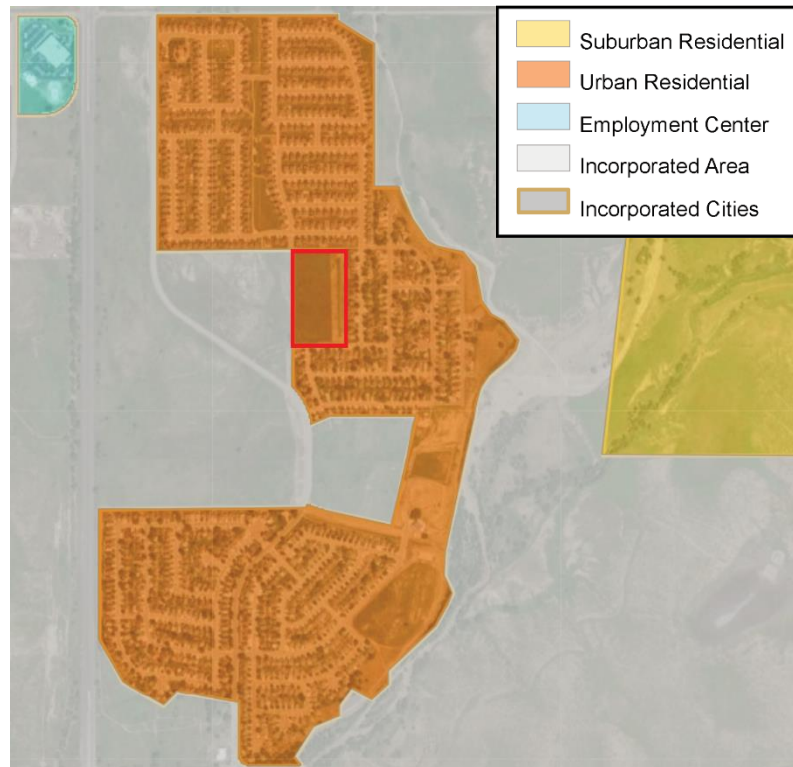
RELATIONSHIP TO THE ADOPTED COUNTY MASTER PLANS

The relevant El Paso County Plans for Rising Moon are the Your El Paso Master Plan, the Water Master Plan, and the 2040 Major Transportation Corridor Plan (MTCP).

Your El Paso Master Plan

The proposed use of the vacant site as a single-family housing development is consistent with the Your El Paso County Master Plan.

Your El Paso County Master Plan designates the site as an Urban Residential placetype, which has a primary land use of single-family detached residential with a density of five units per acre or more. Primary uses also include single-family attached residential and multifamily residential. Supporting uses include mixed use, restaurant, commercial retail, commercial service, institutional, parks, and office. The Urban Residential placetype is characterized by established neighborhoods immediately adjacent to equally dense or more dense urban neighborhoods in incorporated areas, as well as new, largely residential neighborhoods in previously undeveloped areas where centralized utility services are available. An interconnected network of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure make Urban neighborhoods walkable internally and well-connected to adjacent placetypes.

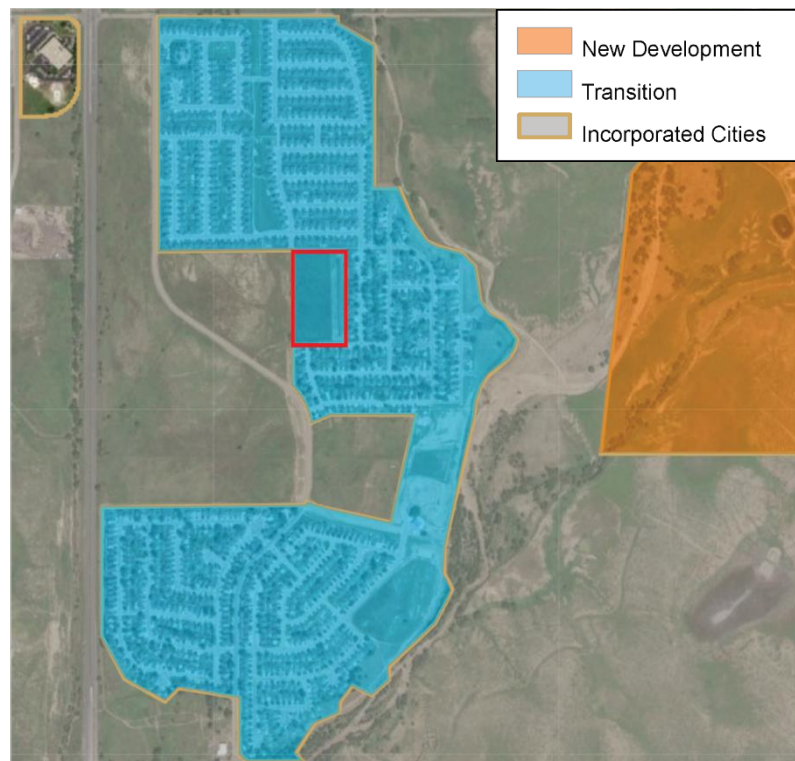
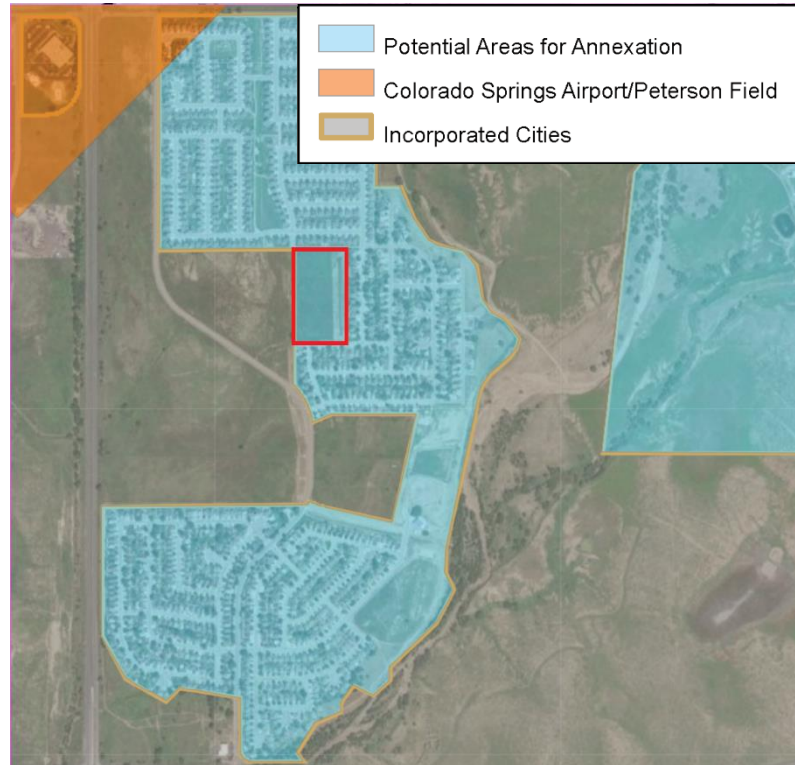


The proposed Rising Moon development is consistent with this character because it is walkable internally, supports all modes of transportation, and has sidewalks on both sides of the street; it has

single-family detached homes at a density of approximately 4.6 DU/AC; and its buildings are oriented toward the street and follow a uniform setback. Moreover, stormwater infrastructure is strategically integrated into the design of the neighborhood, including a 1.07-acre detention pond.

The site is located within Potential Areas for Annexation on the Key Areas map, which is characterized by portions of the County that are anticipated to be annexed as development occurs. This Key Area reflects the significant portion of the County's expected population growth that will be located in one of the eight incorporated municipalities, necessitating annexation of unincorporated County areas to plan for and accommodate new development. The proposed Rising Moon single-family development (RS-6000) is located within a newly constructed neighborhood surrounded by land that is currently undeveloped and located within the limits of the City of Colorado Springs. Rising Moon is consistent with the zoning and density of the Cuchares Ranch (RS-6000) and Morning Sun (RS-5000) subdivisions to the north, south, and east.

The site and the surrounding subdivisions are also designated as a Transition Area in the County Master Plan's Areas of Change map. These areas are fully developed parts of the County that may completely or significantly change in character. In these areas, redevelopment is expected to be intense enough to transition the existing development setting to an



entirely new type of development. This designation recognizes areas that are fully developed parts of the County and may completely or significantly change in character. In the case of Rising Moon, the site will transition to the proposed Meadowworks Filings 1-4 developments to the west and south, which are zoned R-16 (minimum lot area 6,000 sf). As the site and surrounding neighborhoods have been developed on greenfield properties, they represent a significant change in character in an urbanizing area.

The Rising Moon Preliminary Plan supports the Your El Paso Master Plan core principles, goals, and objectives by introducing attaining homeownership and aging-in-place opportunities of a scale and character that are consistent with the site and surrounding area's Urban Residential placetype.

Core Principle 1: Land Use & Development

Goal LU1: Ensure compatibility with established character and infrastructure capacity.

Goal LU3: Encourage a range of development types to support a variety of land uses.

- *Objective LU3-1: Development should be consistent with the allowable land uses set forth in the placetypes first and second to their built form guidelines.*
- *Objective LU3-4: The Urban Residential placetype should consist of established neighborhoods immediately adjacent to equally dense or more dense urban neighborhoods in incorporated areas, as well as new, largely residential neighborhoods in previously undeveloped areas where centralized utility services are available.*

The Rising Moon development will integrate within the established Urban Residential character of the surrounding Cuchares Ranch and Morning Sun subdivisions. The allowable uses within this placetype include single-family detached residential at a density of 5 DU/AC or more; at 4.6 DU/AC, the project supports Objective LU3-1. Moreover, the project site is located at the edge of an established neighborhood and is immediately adjacent to equally dense lots.

Core Principle 2: Housing and Communities

Goal HC1. Promote development of a mix of housing types in identified areas.

- *Specific Strategy: Infill development in the Colorado Centre area should further support single-family detached units with some single-family attached, possibly along Horizon View Drive.*

Goal HC3. Locate attainable housing that provides convenient access to goods, services, and employment.

Goal HC4. Support aging-in-place housing options to meet residents' needs through all stages of life.

- *Objective HC4-1: Denser housing development should occur in Suburban Residential, Urban Residential, Rural Center, and Regional Center placetypes.*
- *Objective HC4-3: Support the development of housing types that further support aging in place.*

The project will provide affordable single-family detached housing while maintaining the density and character of the surrounding neighborhoods. The unique Habitat model requires that qualifying homeownership applicants earn 35-80% of the area median income and qualify to pay an affordable mortgage issued by PPHFH capped at 30% of their income at the time they enter the homeownership program. Moreover, each family member 18 years of age or older must complete 200 hours of sweat equity in building their own home and their neighbors' homes, as well as participate in mandatory homeowner education classes. These requirements foster a deep connection to the neighborhood and make homeownership more affordable for not only educators, but also other professions the community struggles to recruit and retain, such as first responders. Affordable units, together with HOA-maintained common spaces, support aging-in-place by providing a needed housing option to allow those of all ages and abilities to remain in the neighborhoods and areas they desire.

Core Principle 4: Transportation & Mobility

Goal TM1. Establish a transportation network that connects all areas to one another, emphasizing east-west routes, reducing traffic congestion, promoting safe and efficient travel.

- *Objective TM1-4: Encourage sidewalks and other multimodal facilities in all new development in placetypes, as appropriate, and upgrade existing infrastructure to these types of facilities when needed.*

The project will construct new sidewalks along the northern edge of Peaceful Meadow Street, which will connect to the existing infrastructure throughout the neighborhood and provide residents with continuous, safe walking spaces.

Core Principle 5: Community Facilities

Goal CFI3. Ensure adequate provision of utilities to manage growth and development.

- *Objective CFI3-2: Promote urban level development in areas served by centralized utilities.*

Goal CFI4. Use best management practices to protect water quality, conserve water, minimize impacts of flooding, and beautify El Paso County.

- *Objective CFI4-16: Stormwater detention, retention ponds, or other best management practices (BMPs) should be required to minimize flooding, maximize infiltration, and minimize water quality impacts from impervious surface contaminants.*

Rising Moon is an Urban Residential infill project that will connect to existing utilities, minimizing the need to construct new infrastructure. A detention pond will be located on-site to minimize flooding, maximize infiltration, and minimize water quality impacts from impervious surface contaminants.

Water Master Plan

Goal 1.1 – Ensure an adequate water supply in terms of quantity, dependability and quality for existing and future development.

Goal 6.0 – Require adequate water availability for proposed development.

Policy 6.0.11– Continue to limit urban level development to those areas served by centralized utilities.

The project is located within the Region 7, Fountain Area of the El Paso County Water Master Plan (WMP). The WMP specifically states: “Region 7 could experience the largest demand growth in the County by 2060... Areas northwest of Fountain along the east and west sides of Marksheffel Road are also expected to grow by [2040], as well as the area south of Fountain on the west side of I-25... One large development is expected south of Fountain by 2060, along the west side of I-25. Another is expected in the northeast corner of Region 7, along both sides of Bradley Road.”

The WMP notes that Region 7 has a current water supply of 15,376-acre feet per year and a current demand of 10,141-acre feet per year. The 2040 water supply is projected to be 25,241-acre feet per year and the projected demand is 15,846-acre feet. The Water Resources Report prepared by CCMD and submitted with this Preliminary Plan application provides calculations on the portable water supply. The quality of the water produced by the CCMD for domestic and commercial consumption is subject to regulations prescribed by the CDPHE that limit the amount of certain contaminants in treated or untreated water. The water distribution system design for this project will conform to all applicable criteria set forth by El Paso County and the CCMD.

2040 Major Transportation Corridor Plan

The 2040 Improvements map identifies the site as an area of High Growth, with more than 2 new homes per acre in the 2010-2040 period. The most proximate 2040 roadway improvements are located 1.8 miles southeast of the site along Bradley Road from the Colorado Springs City Limit to Curtis Road, and 2.5 miles south of the site along Marksheffel Road extending south to Link Road. The 2060 Corridor Preservation map shows Bradley Road as a Minor Arterial and Marksheffel as an Expressway.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

COUNTY PRELIMINARY PLAN CRITERIA (7.2.1.D.2.E)

1. The proposed subdivision is in general conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Master Plan;

See above analysis.

2. The subdivision is consistent with the purposes of this Code;

See above analysis. The proposed development complies with the requirements of the LDC and will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the present or future inhabitants of El Paso County. The project offers additional, affordable housing choice in a developing area. This proposed

affordable housing development will provide new homeownership opportunities that will benefit the citizens of El Paso County.

3. The subdivision is in conformance with the subdivision design standards and any approved sketch plan;

There is no approved sketch plan for this property. The subdivision design standards are met and no waivers are requested.

4. A sufficient water supply has been acquired in terms of quantity, quality, and dependability for the type of subdivision proposed, as determined in accordance with the standards set forth in the water supply standards [C.R.S. §30-28-133(6)(a)] and the requirements of Chapter 8 of this Code;

A sufficient water supply is available as demonstrated in the Water Resources Report prepared by CCMD and through the water supply commitment from Colorado Centre Metropolitan District.

5. A public sewage disposal system has been established and, if other methods of sewage disposal are proposed, the system complies with state and local laws and regulations, [C.R.S. §30-28-133(6)(b)] and the requirements of Chapter 8 of this Code.

Public sewage disposal is addressed in the Wastewater Treatment Report prepared by Classic Consulting.

6. All areas of the proposed subdivision, which may involve soil or topographical conditions presenting hazards or requiring special precautions, have been identified and the proposed subdivision is compatible with such conditions. [C.R.S. §30-28-133(6)(c)];

A Geotechnical Report prepared by Entech Engineering, Inc. is included with the Preliminary Plan submittal. This identifies subsurface soil conditions of clay with varying amounts of sand overlying sand with silt and silty sand. Expansive clays or soft soils encountered beneath foundations will require mitigation which may include overexcavation. These geologic conditions will impose some constraints on the proposed development and construction but can be satisfactorily mitigated through proper engineering design and construction practices.

7. Adequate drainage improvements complying with State law [C.R.S. §30-28- 133(3)(c)(VIII)] and the requirements of this Code and the ECM are provided by the design;

The drainage improvements associated with this development comply with State Law as well as the LDC and the ECM. It is anticipated that all developed flows will be intercepted on-site in a proposed public storm system then directed toward the proposed private Extended Detention Basin for detention and stormwater quality treatment. See Drainage Report prepared by Classic Consulting for more information.

8. The location and design of the public improvements proposed in connection with the subdivision are adequate to serve the needs and mitigate the effects of the development;

The public improvements proposed with this subdivision are all adequate to serve the needs of the proposed development. No off-site improvements are required.

9. Legal and physical access is or will be provided to all parcels by public rights-of-way or recorded easement, acceptable to the County in compliance with this Code and the ECM;

All lots will be accessible by new public streets and will be compliant with the LDC and ECM.

10. The proposed subdivision has established an adequate level of compatibility by:

a. incorporating natural physical features into the design and providing sufficient open spaces considering the type and intensity of the subdivision;

There are no substantial natural features on site. 1.11 acres of the 9-acre site will remain as open space for park, landscape, drainage, detention, and utilities use.

b. incorporating site planning techniques to foster the implementation of the County's plans, and encourage a land use pattern to support a balanced transportation system, including auto, bike and pedestrian traffic, public or mass transit if appropriate, and the cost-effective delivery of other services consistent with adopted plans, policies and regulations of the County;

The site has been planned to the standards of its RS-5000 zoning and access is provided by standard public local streets. 5-foot sidewalks are included along both sides of all roads within the site and connect to the existing surrounding neighborhood, providing opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle transportation.

c. incorporating physical design features in the subdivision to provide a transition between the subdivision and adjacent land uses;

The proposed Rising Moon development is surrounded to the north, east, and south by existing RS-5000 and RS-6000 constructed neighborhoods. To the west, across the future Chia Drive Extension, is the Meadowworks Filing No. 4 approved Final Plat (AR FP 21-00595), which is zoned R-1 6. Physical design considerations are not necessary within the site to transition between adjacent land uses because these adjacent uses are compatible with the use of the site.

d. incorporating identified environmentally sensitive areas, including but not limited to, wetlands and wildlife corridors, into the design; and

There are no wetlands on the site according to data from the National Wetland Inventory. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Species Activity Mapping GIS database identifies the site as being within the overall range of 21 species, as well as the winter range for mule deer. However, because the site is currently surrounded on three sides by existing Urban Residential development, it does not offer suitable habitat for these species. Although land to the west has not yet been developed, it has been identified and approved for residential use since the Colorado Centre Master Plan was approved in the 1980s. Development of this area for residential purposes was approved by the City of Colorado Springs in 2022. As a landlocked parcel, the site

does not currently and will not in the future offer suitable wildlife habitat. The fire risk on this site is low to moderate according to the Colorado State Forest Service Online Wildfire Risk Viewer. There are no existing trees on the site; the loss of disturbed grassland is not considered to be significant.

e. incorporating public facilities or infrastructure, or provisions therefore, reasonably related to the proposed subdivision so the proposed subdivision will not negatively impact the levels of service of County services and facilities;

The Traffic Report prepared by LSC Transportation Consultants demonstrates that the proposed site-generated traffic resulting from the proposed development is not expected to negatively impact traffic operations for the existing or proposed surrounding roadway network, nor cause change to previously approved roadway classifications or current roadway design plans. All movements at the study intersections are projected to remain at LOS C or better during both morning and evening peak hours, with or without the addition of site-generated traffic.

11. Necessary services, including police and fire protection, recreation, utilities, open space and transportation systems, are or will be available to serve the proposed subdivision;

Water and sanitary sewer service is to be provided by the Colorado Centre Metro District. Mountain View Electric Association Inc. and Black Hills Energy will provide electric and natural gas services to the subdivision, although natural gas will not be required as the houses will be entirely electric. Fire protection will be provided by the Colorado Springs Fire Department. The required Will Serve letters are included with the submittal.

12. The subdivision provides evidence to show that the proposed methods for fire protection comply with Chapter 6 of this Code; and

The site lies within the Colorado Springs Fire Department Fire Protection District. A Fire Protection Report is included with the submittal.

13. The proposed subdivision meets other applicable sections of Chapter 6 and 8 of this Code.

The proposed subdivision meets the applicable sections of these parts of the Code.

RISEING MOON FILING NO. 1
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NSHIP 15S, RANGE 65 WEST, COUNTY OF EL PA
PRELIMINARY PLAN

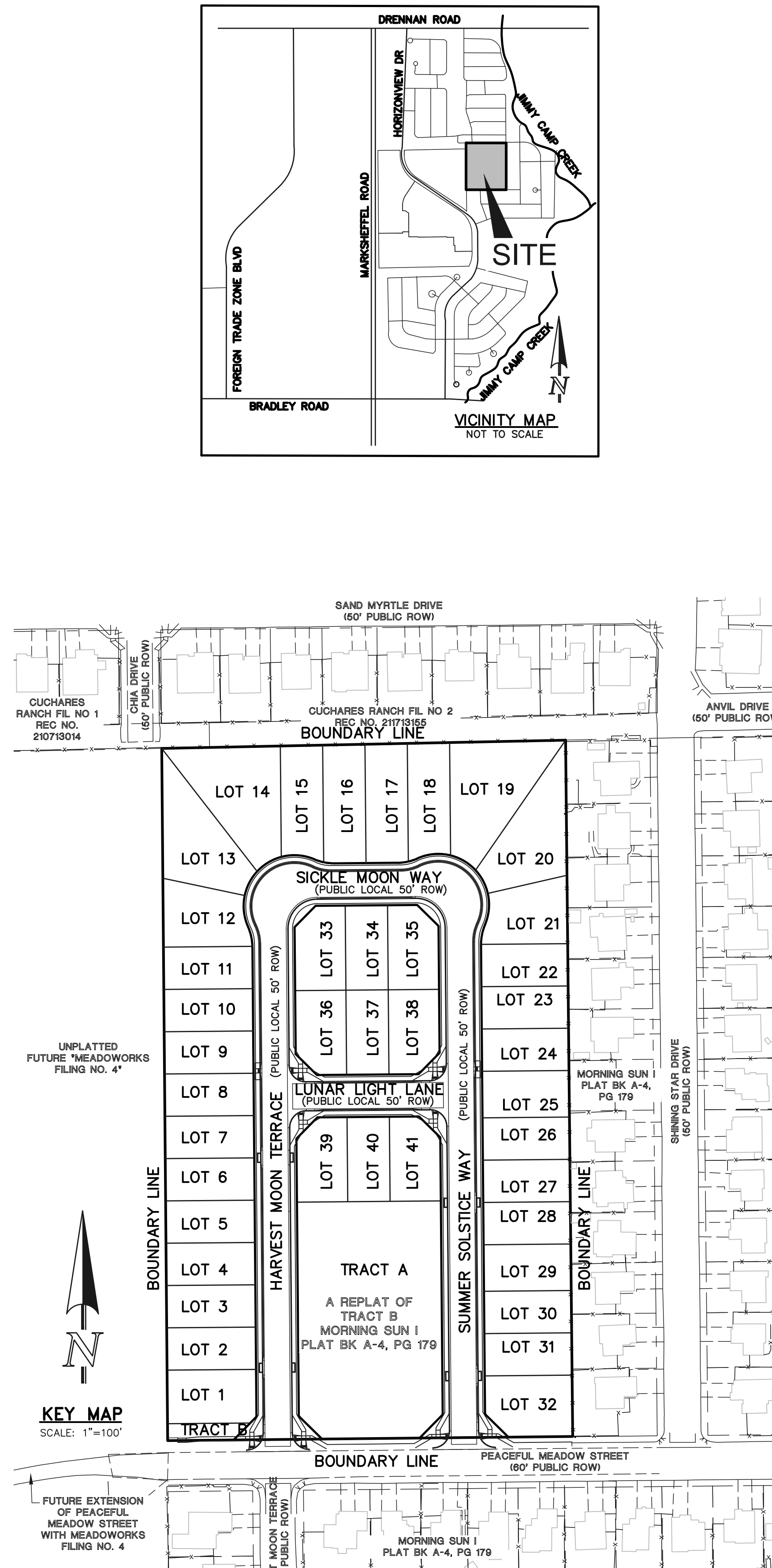
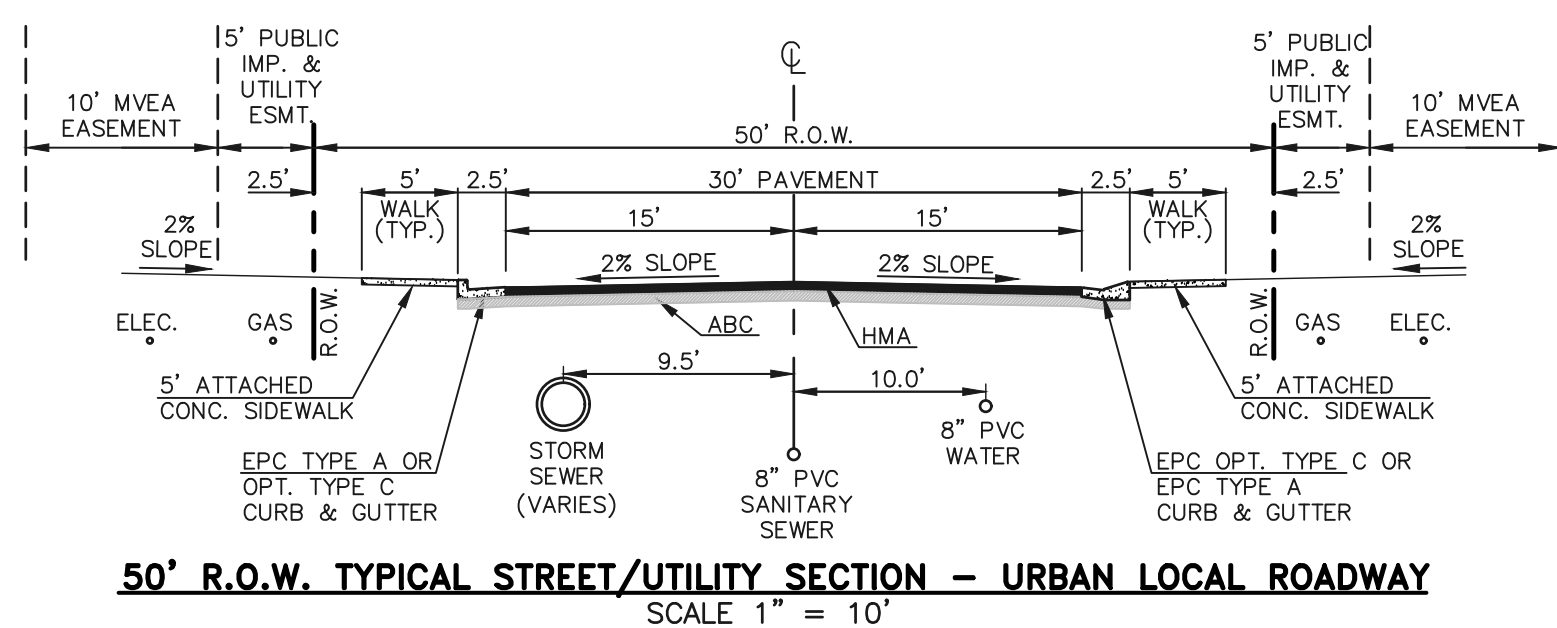
SITE DATA

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| TAX ID NUMBER: | 5503101010 |
| TOTAL AREA: | 9.00 ACRES |
| DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE | FALL 2024 |
| CURRENT ZONING: | RS-5000 CAD-0 |
| CURRENT USE: | VACANT |
| PROPOSED USE: | SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN |
| PROPOSED GROSS DENSITY: | 4.5 DU/AC (41 LOTS/9.00 AC) |
| PROPOSED NET DENSITY: | 7.0 DU/AC (41 LOTS/5.82 AC) |
| LANDSCAPE SETBACKS: | N/A |

GENERAL NOTES:

1. ALL SIDEWALKS SHOWN ON PRELIMINARY PLAN ARE TO BE 5' CONCRETE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
2. LANDSCAPING IN PUBLIC-RIGHTS-OF-WAY WILL BE MAINTAINED BY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.
3. DEVELOPER SHALL ANALYZE THE NEED TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY OFFSITE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. IF OFFSITE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY, THEY WILL BE SPECIFICALLY OUTLINED PER A SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT OR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEVELOPER AND EL PASO COUNTY.
4. ALL STREETS SHALL BE NAMED AND CONSTRUCTED TO EL PASO COUNTY STANDARDS AND ANY APPROVED DEVIATION. UPON ACCEPTANCE EL PASO COUNTY, PUBLIC STREETS SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY.
5. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING DEPICTED IN THIS PLAN IN WORDS OR GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION, ALL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO ROADS, STORM DRAINAGE AND EROSION CONTROL SHALL CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE RELEVANT ADOPTED EL PASO COUNTY STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC), THE ECM, THE DRAINAGE CRITERIA MANUAL (DCM), AND THE DCM VOLUME 2. ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THESE STANDARDS MUST BE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED AND APPROVED IN WRITING TO BE ACCEPTABLE. THE APPROVAL OF THIS PRELIMINARY PLAN DOES NOT IMPLICITLY ALLOW ANY DEVIATIONS OR WAIVERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN OTHERWISE APPROVED THROUGH THE DEVIATION APPROVAL PROCESS.
6. THE SUBDIVIDER(S) AGREE ON BEHALF OF HIM/HERSELF AND ANY DEVELOPER OR BUILDER SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNEES THAT SUBDIVIDER AND/OR SAID SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EL PASO COUNTY ROAD IMPACT FEE PROGRAM RESOLUTIONS (RESOLUTION NO.19-471), OR ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AT OR PRIOR TO THE TIME OF BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITTALS. THE FEE OBLIGATION, IF NOT PAID AT FINAL PLAT RECORDING, SHALL BE DOCUMENTED ON ALL SALES DOCUMENTS AND ON PLAT NOTES TO ENSURE THAT A TITLE SEARCH WOULD FIND THE FEE OBLIGATION BEFORE SALE OF THE PROPERTY.
7. THE FOLLOWING UTILITY PROVIDERS WILL SERVE THE RISING MOON FILING NO. 1 PRELIMINARY PLAN AREA INSTALLED BY THE DEVELOPER:
WATER: PIKES PEAK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC.
COLORADO CENTRE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
WASTEWATER: COLORADO CENTRE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
GAS: COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES GAS
ELECTRIC: MOUNTAIN VIEW ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
8. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THIS SUBDIVISION AND ARE ON FILE AT THE COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDY; DRAINAGE REPORT; WATER RESOURCES REPORT; WASTEWATER DISPOSAL REPORT; GEOLOGY AND SOILS REPORT; FIRE PROTECTION REPORT.
9. DEVELOPER SHALL COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS, REGULATION, ORDINANCES, REVIEW AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS, IF ANY, OF APPLICABLE AGENCIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REGARDING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE LISTED SPECIES (E.G., PREBLE'S MEADOW JUMPING MOUSE).
10. THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PLAN HAVE FAMILIARIZED THEMSELVES WITH ALL CURRENT ACCESSIBILITY CRITERIA AND SPECIFICATIONS AND THE PROPOSED PLAN REFLECTS ALL SITE ELEMENTS REQUIRED BY THE APPLICABLE ADA DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES AS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN BY EL PASO COUNTY DOES NOT ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADA OR ANY REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES ENACTED OR PROMULGATED UNDER OR WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LAWS.
11. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL LOTS HAVE THE FOLLOWING EASEMENTS, 7' REAR PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT, 5' SIDE PUBLIC EASEMENTS, 5' FRONT PUBLIC UTILITY AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT EASEMENT, AND ADDITIONAL EXCLUSIVE 10' FRONT PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT. THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THESE EASEMENTS IS HEREBY VESTED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS.
12. THERE SHALL BE NO DIRECT LOT ACCESS TO PEACEFUL MEADOW STREET FOR ANY RESIDENTIAL LOTS.
13. ANY LANDSCAPING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WILL REQUIRE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AT TIME OF FINAL PLAT.
14. GEOLOGIC HAZARD NOTE: THE GEOLOGIC HAZARD IDENTIFIED IN THE ENTECH REPORT INCLUDE THE POTENTIAL FOR RADON. A MAP OF THE AREA CAN BE FOUND IN THE REPORT "SOILS AND GEOLOGY STUDY RISING MOON - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY" PREPARED BY ENTECH ENGINEERING, INC., DATED MARCH 27, 2024 AVAILABLE AT THE EL PASO COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

INVESTIGATION ON EACH LOT IS RECOMMENDED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION PER THE ENTECH REPORT. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER SHOULD BE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED ESPECIALLY REGARDING SITE GRADING FOR SURFACE RUNOFF AND PERIMETER DRAINS WHERE SHALLOW GROUNDWATER IS ENCOUNTERED OR EXPECTED. SITE SPECIFIC SOIL AND FOUNDATION INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD SPECIFICALLY EVALUATE FOR THE PRESENCE OF GROUNDWATER AND POTENTIALLY EXPANSIVE AND/OR COLLAPSIBLE SOILS AND FILL PRIOR TO FOUNDATION DESIGN.

TRACT TABLE

| TRACT | AREA (SF) | AREA (AC.) | USE | OWNERSHIP/MAINTENANCE |
|-------|-----------|------------|--|------------------------|
| A | 46,871 | 1.07 | PARK, LANDSCAPE, OPEN SPACE, DRAINAGE, DETENTION, UTILITIES | HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION |
| B | 1,748 | 0.04 | DRAINAGE, LANDSCAPE, UTILITIES | HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION |
| | | | TOTAL TRACT AREA = 1.11 ACRES | |

ZONE DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

| ZONE | MIN. LOT SIZE | MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT | MAX. LOT COVERAGE | MIN. LOT WIDTH AT FRONT SETBACK LINE | FRONT BUILDING SETBACK | SIDE BUILDING SETBACK | REAR BUILDING SETBACK |
|---------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| RS-5000 | 5,000 SF | 30' | 40%/45% | 50' | 25' | 5' | 25' |

LAND USE DATA TABLE

| LAND USE | ACRES | % OF LAND |
|--|-------|-----------|
| SINGLE FAMILY | 5.82 | 64.7% |
| ROAD ROW | 2.07 | 23.0% |
| DRAINAGE, LANDSCAPE, UTILITIES | 0.04 | 0.4% |
| PARK, LANDSCAPE, UTILITIES, OPEN SPACE, DETENTION | 1.07 | 11.9% |
| | | |
| TOTAL | 9.00 | 100% |

PROJECT TEAM


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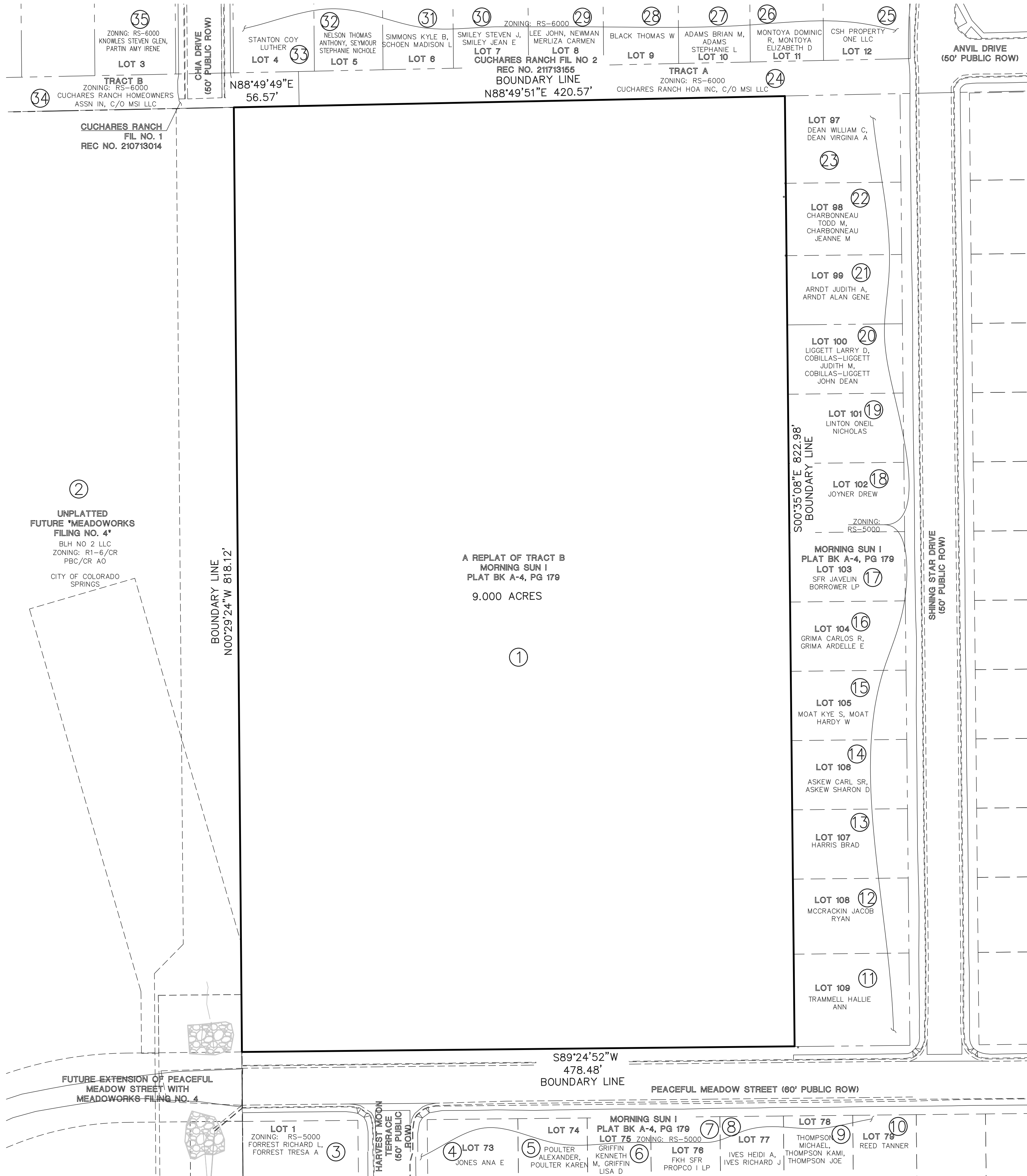
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PRELIMINARY PLAN



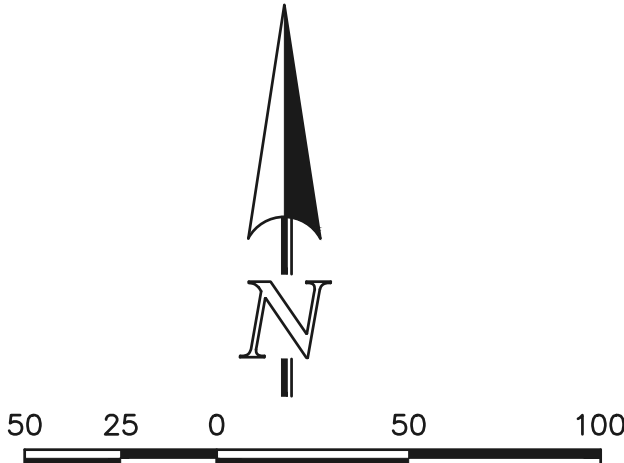
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 CONTAINING A CALCULATED AREA OF 9.000 ACRES.

BASIS OF BEARINGS

ALL BEARINGS ARE RELATIVE TO THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, IS ASSUMED TO BEAR S89°53'55"W.

| ADJACENT OWNER | NAME | MAILING ADDRESS | CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | PIKES PEAK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC. | 2802 N PROSPECT ST | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80907-6325 |
| 2 | BLH NO 2 LLC | 111 S TEJON ST STE 222 | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80903-2246 |
| 3 | FORREST RICHARD L | 4052 HARVEST MOON TER | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1110 |
| 4 | JONES ANA E | 9303 PEACEFUL MEADOW ST | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1120 |
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| 9 | THOMPSON MICHAEL | 9343 PEACEFUL MEADOW ST | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1120 |
| 10 | REED TANNER | 9351 PEACEFUL MEADOW ST | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1120 |
| 11 | TRAMMELL HALLIE ANN | 4036 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1103 |
| 12 | MCCRACKIN JACOB RYAN | 4028 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925 |
| 13 | HARRIS BRAD | 4020 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1103 |
| 14 | ASKEW CARL SR | 4012 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1103 |
| 15 | MOAT KYE S | 7049 TAFT COURT | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80911 |
| 16 | GRIMA CARLOS R | 3960 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1133 |
| 17 | SFR JAVELIN BORROWER LP | 1717 MAIN ST SUITE 2000 | DALLAS TX 75201 |
| 18 | JOYNER DREW | 3944 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1133 |
| 19 | LINTON ONEIL NICHOLAS | 3355 CALAVERAS WAY | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80910-1409 |
| 20 | LIGGETT LARRY D | 3928 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925 |
| 21 | ARNDT JUDITH A | 3920 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1101 |
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| 23 | DEAN WILLIAM C | 3904 SHINING STAR DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1101 |
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| 25 | CSH PROPERTY ONE LLC | 1717 MAIN ST STE#2000 | DALLAS TX 75201 |
| 26 | MONTTOYA DOMINIC R | 9575 SAND MYRTLE DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1113 |
| 27 | ADAMS BRIAN M | 9565 SAND MYRTLE DR | PUEBLO CO 81003 |
| 28 | BLACK THOMAS W | 10445 CHEETAH WINDS | LONE TREE CO 80124 |
| 29 | LEE JOHN | 9545 SAND MYRTLE DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1113 |
| 30 | SMILEY STEVEN J | 9535 SAND MYRTLE DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1113 |
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| 32 | NELSON THOMAS ANTHONY | 9515 SAND MYRTLE DR | COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80925-1113 |
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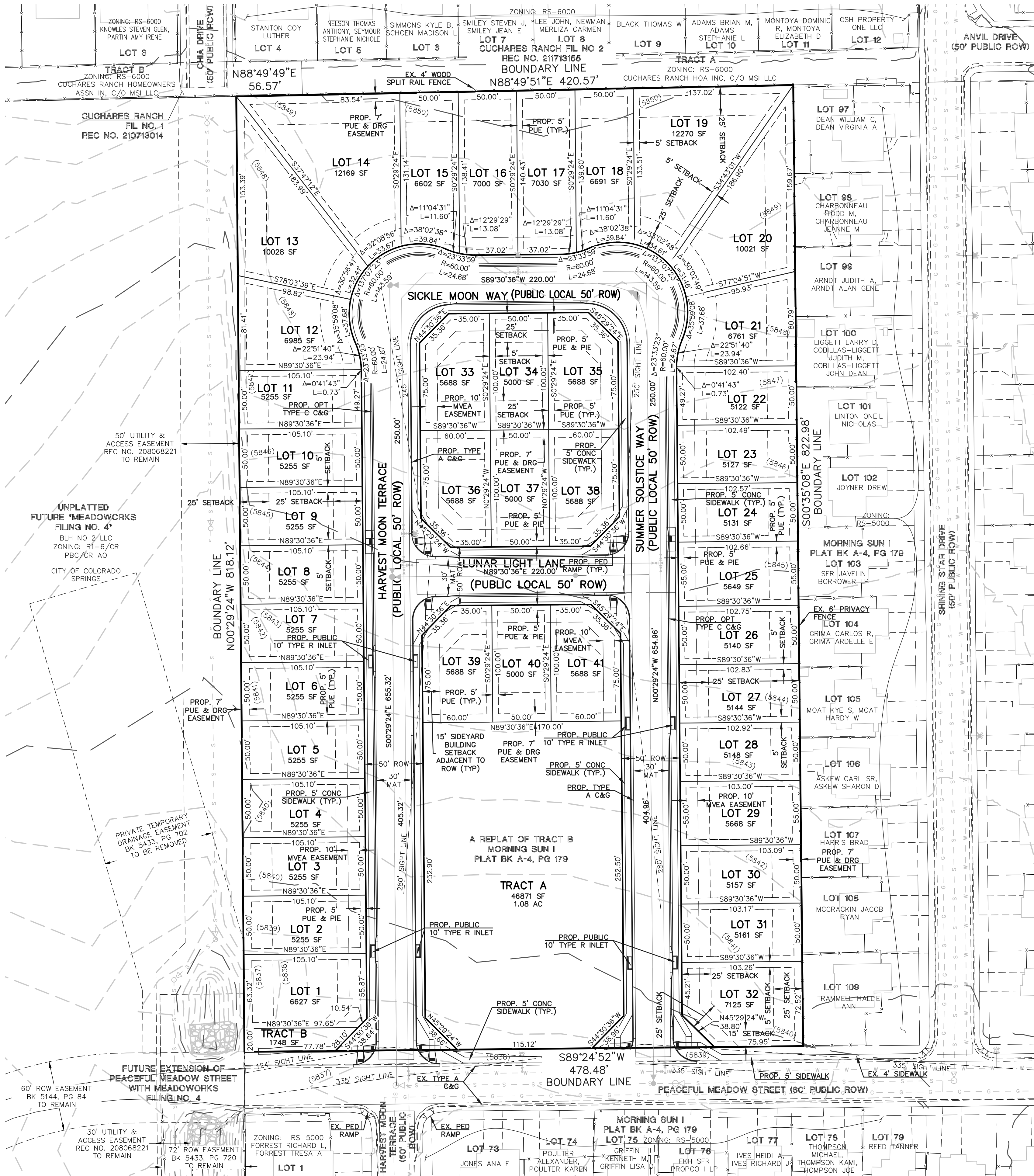
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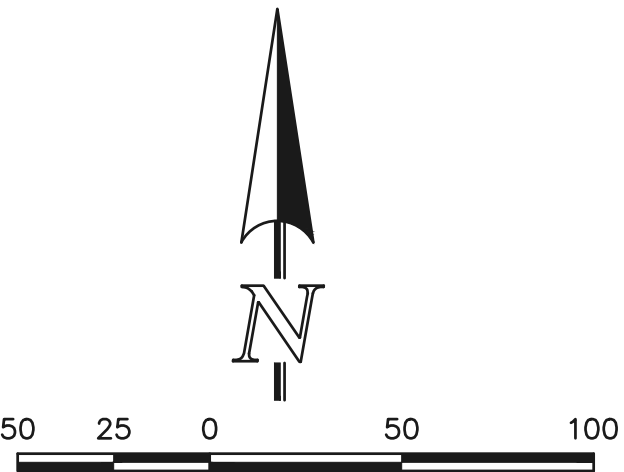
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LEGEND

- EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT
- EXISTING WATER MAIN
- EXISTING SANITARY SEWER MAIN W/ MANHOLE
- PROPOSED STORM INLET
- EXISTING GAS MAIN
- EXISTING FENCE



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PRELIMINARY PLAN



El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Jones Park Open Space Master Plan

Agenda Date: July 10, 2024

Agenda Item Number: #7 - A

Presenter: Todd Marts, Director Parks & Community Services

Information: **Endorsement:** X

Background Information:

The Jones Park Open Space Master Plan is a guiding document whose purpose is to provide a sustainable approach to the allocation of resources for the next five to seven years, and to document baseline information while outlining future improvements for the open space. The Master Plan establishes recommendations based on input by Parks staff, stakeholders, the general public, and guiding documents and relevant plans. The Master Plan will guide El Paso County Park's efforts to continue to provide a high quality of recreation and wise management of the natural resources that are valued by citizens of all ages and abilities while protecting the natural environment.

The Jones Park Open Space Master Plan process began in 2019 with a contract with Altitude Land Consultants. The consultant led internal and public outreach with El Paso County staff members from the Parks and Community Services Department (Park Operations, Cultural and Recreational Services, Community Outreach, Environmental Services). Further outreach included representatives from adjacent and associated Federal, State and local agencies, trails and open space organizations, as well as the general public. The public was encouraged to review the draft Jones Park Open Space Master Plan.

The combination of relevant guiding documents and agreements and public input led to the recommendations and implementation priorities for the future of Jones Park Open Space. An electronic version of the master plan may be viewed at:

- Direct Link: <https://communityservices.elpasoco.com/park-planning/#1689952327910-11e84b5d-6bfb>

Staff requests Park Advisory Board endorsement of the Jones Park Open Space Master Plan.

Recommended motion:

Move to endorse the Jones Park Open Space Master Plan to then be sent to Palmer Land Conservancy for their approval and then to the El Paso County Board of Commissioners for their approval.

**El Paso County Parks
2024 Action Plan**

| Recreation / Cultural Services | Project Manager | Priority | Status |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Fox Run Nature Center Fundraising | Theresa Odello / Dana Nordstrom | High | In Progress |
| Mid-Week County Fair Attendance | Andschana Aljets | High | In Progress |
| Execute three larger events at the Fairgrounds | Andschana Aljets | Medium | In Progress |
| Signage Update and Design at Bear Creek Nature Center | Mary Jo Lewis | High | In Progress |
| Teen Volunteers at Fountain Creek Nature Center | Jessica Miller | High | received applications |
| Fountain Creek Nature Center Field Guide | Victoria Dinkel | High | Design |
| Volunteer Restoration Days at BCNC | Kylee Taylor | | Completed |
| Trail Camera at BCNC | Kylee Taylor | High | Purchased - Install |
| Fairgrounds Corporation Bylaws | Theresa Odello | Low | |
| Park Operations | Project Manager | Priority | Status |
| Hammock Post Design and Installation | Kyle Melvin | High | In Progress |
| Stratmoor Valley Forestry | Kyle Melvin | | Completed |
| Pineries Open Space MPB Project | Kyle Melvin | | Completed |
| Pineries Open Space Forestry Trail Corridor | Kyle Melvin | High | In Progress |
| Vegetation Management | Scott Myers | | Completed |
| Homestead Ranch RP Playground Improvements | Scott Myers | | Completed |
| Fox Run RP Entrance Improvements (Stella Dr) | Ben Dumakowski | High | In Progress |
| Pineries Open Space Drainage Improvements | Ben Dumakowski | High | In Progress |
| Bear Creek Dog Park Trail Improvements | Adam Robertson | | Completed |
| Bear Creek RP Entrance Improvements (Argus Dr) | Adam Robertson | | In Progress |
| Bear Creek Regional Park Bridge Improvements | Adam Robertson | | Completed |
| Homestead Ranch RP Facility Improvements | Adam Baker | High | Contract Award |
| Fairgrounds Audio Improvements | Adam Baker | | Completed |
| Fountain Creek RP Landscape Improvements | Jamie Haas | | In Progress |
| Fountain Creek RP Entry and Rules Signage | Jamie Haas | | Completed |
| Park Planning | Project Manager | Priority | Status |
| Fountain Creek Nature Center Entrance Ramp | Ross Williams | High | In Progress |
| Paint Mines Interpretive Park Master Plan | Ross Williams | High | In Progress |
| Fox Run Regional Park Ponds and Gazebo | Brian Bobeck | Medium | In Progress |
| Fox Run Nature Center Design | Jason Meyer | Medium | In Progress |
| Fox Run Regional Park Restrooms and OWTS | Jason Meyer | High | Bid Process |
| Ute Pass Regional Trail Phase II | Jason Meyer | High | In Progress |
| NRCS Willow Springs and Duckwood Trailhead | Jason Meyer | High | In Progress |
| FEMA Recovery Projects | Jason Meyer | Medium | In Progress |
| Administration | Project Manager | Priority | Status |
| Develop a Department & Divisions Mission Statement | Todd Marts | High | In Progress - June-July |
| Implement PAY-TRAC | Deb Reid | | Completed |

| Community Services Department | | | | | | | | |
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| Parks / Recreation & Cultural Services Divisions | | | | | | | | |
| June 2024 Monthly Report | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Facility Revenue Totals To Date</u> | | 2024 | | | | 2023 | 2022 | |
| | | Budget | Current | Balance | | Totals to Date | Totals to Date | |
| Parks Facility Reservation Revenue | | \$ 180,000 | \$ 154,762 | \$ 25,238 | | \$ 181,865 | \$ 169,532 | |
| County Fair / Fairgrounds | | \$ 301,000 | \$ 224,516 | \$ 76,484 | | \$ 186,156 | \$ 169,444 | |
| Total | | \$ 481,000 | \$ 379,278 | \$ 101,722 | | \$ 368,021 | \$ 338,976 | |
| <u>Fundraising Revenue</u> | | 2024 | 2024 | | | 2023 | 2022 | |
| | Purpose | Goal | Amount | Balance | | Totals to Date | Totals to Date | |
| County Fair Sponsorships | Fair Operations | \$ 80,000 | \$ 112,500 | \$ (32,500) | | \$ 102,500 | \$ 52,000 | |
| Partners in the Park Program | Park Operations | \$ 45,000 | \$ 62,500 | \$ (17,500) | | \$ 75,000 | \$ 62,450 | |
| Trust for County Parks | Park Operations | \$ 10,000 | \$ 34,838 | \$ (24,838) | | \$ 18,367 | \$ 21,020 | |
| Nature Center Fundraising | Nature Center Support | \$ 25,000 | info available next month | \$ 25,000 | | \$ 7,586 | \$ 6,540 | |
| County Fairgrounds Support (Fairgrounds Corp) | Programming/Facility Support | \$ 40,000 | \$ 80,000 | \$ (40,000) | | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 40,000 | |
| Total | | \$ 200,000 | \$ 289,838 | \$ (89,838) | | \$ 273,453 | \$ 182,010 | |
| <u>Grant / 3rd Party Funding</u> | | Awarded | | | | | | |
| <u>Parks Division Reservations</u> | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 | |
| <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Evaluation</u> | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Rental</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | |
| January | 10 | 1072 | N/A | 11 | 966 | 3 | 510 | |
| February | 15 | 898 | N/A | 15 | 778 | 5 | 446 | |
| March | 15 | 292 | N/A | 51 | 1306 | 29 | 702 | |
| April | 278 | 7613 | 4.3 | 299 | 10619 | 271 | 8698 | |
| May | 491 | 16030 | 4.8 | 448 | 16919 | 419 | 15932 | |
| June | 635 | 23181 | 4.3 | 552 | 20087 | 489 | 22846 | |
| July | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1444 | 49086 | 4.4 | 1376 | 50675 | 1216 | 49134 | |

| <u>Parks Facility Reservations</u> | | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 | |
|---|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| <u>June</u> | | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | |
| <u>Bear Creek Regional Park</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Archery Lanes | | 49 | 201 | 56 | 112 | | | |
| Athletic Fields | | 48 | 2750 | 58 | 3000 | 48 | 3045 | |
| Pavilions | | 119 | 5440 | 106 | 5203 | 102 | 5219 | |
| Trails | | 6 | 1270 | 2 | 200 | 3 | 475 | |
| Vendor | | 11 | 28 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 6 | |
| Tennis Courts | | 2 | 4 | | | | | |
| Pickleball Courts | | 16 | 76 | 13 | 69 | | | |
| Vita Course | | | | | | | | |
| Meeting Room | | 4 | 30 | 5 | 43 | 2 | 16 | |
| <u>Black Forest Regional Park</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Athletic Fields | | 15 | 600 | 7 | 245 | 21 | 1130 | |
| Pavilions | | 24 | 874 | 19 | 802 | 21 | 801 | |
| Vendor | | | | | | | | |
| Tennis Courts / Pickleball Courts | | 36 | 142 | | | 19 | 72 | |
| <u>Falcon Regional Park</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Baseball Fields | | 90 | 2310 | 90 | 2625 | 46 | 1180 | |
| Athletic Field | | 1 | 100 | 3 | 180 | | | |
| Vendor | | 5 | 10 | 9 | 42 | 4 | 12 | |
| <u>Fountain Creek Regional Park</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Athletic Fields | | 1 | 100 | 1 | 150 | 3 | 1130 | |
| Pavilions | | 49 | 2474 | 51 | 2439 | 53 | 2227 | |
| Trails | | 1 | 150 | 1 | 150 | | | |
| Disc Golf Course | | 2 | 135 | 2 | 202 | 1 | 50 | |
| Vendor | | 2 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 4 | |
| <u>Fox Run Regional Park</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Athletic Fields | | 34 | 1290 | 17 | 505 | 24 | 825 | |
| Gazebo | | 7 | 455 | 2 | 54 | 22 | 855 | |
| Warming Hut | | 3 | 35 | 6 | 110 | 14 | 158 | |
| Pavilions | | 80 | 3408 | 73 | 3081 | 75 | 3429 | |
| Vendor | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | | | |
| Trails | | 1 | 150 | | | 1 | 100 | |
| <u>Homestead Ranch Regional Park</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Pavilions | | 15 | 603 | 13 | 589 | 19 | 739 | |
| Athletic Fields | | 1 | 100 | | | | | |
| Trails | | | | | | 1 | 200 | |
| <u>Palmer Lake Recreational Area</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trail | | 1 | 200 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 1000 | |
| <u>New Santa Fe Trail</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Monument Trail Head New Santa Fe Trail | | 2 | 100 | 1 | 50 | | | |
| Baptist Road Santa Fe Trail | | 1 | 50 | 1 | 50 | | | |
| AFA Santa Fe Trail | | 1 | 50 | 1 | 50 | | | |
| Vendor - Santa Fe Trailheads | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Paint Mines Trail</u> | | 6 | 34 | 8 | 62 | 4 | 23 | |
| <u>Rock Island Trail</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Black Forest Section 16</u> | | | | | | 1 | 150 | |
| <u>Rainbow Falls Historic Site</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pineries Open Space</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Total Park Facility Reservations | | 635 | 23181 | 552 | 20087 | 489 | 22846 | |

| <u>Fairgrounds Facility Reservations</u> | | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 |
|---|--|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Year to Date</u> | | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Evaluation</u> | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
| January | | 17 | 385 | N/A | 8 | 173 | 7 | 150 |
| February | | 19 | 770 | N/A | 14 | 735 | 19 | 726 |
| March | | 22 | 1000 | N/A | 12 | 1160 | 13 | 471 |
| April | | 26 | 6873 | N/A | 18 | 7161 | 50 | 2781 |
| May | | 26 | 4657 | N/A | 23 | 4150 | 30 | 3791 |
| June | | 50 | 6639 | N/A | 17 | 4490 | 12 | 391 |
| July | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | 160 | 20,324 | N/A | 92 | 17,869 | 131 | 8,310 |
| <u>Fairgrounds Facility Reservations</u> | | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 | 2023 | | | |
| <u>June</u> | | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | | | |
| <u>Swink Hall - Fairgrounds</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Lions Club Meeting | | 1 | 30 | 1 | 30 | | | |
| Fair Corp Meeting | | 1 | 10 | 1 | 10 | | | |
| 4-H Club Meeting | | 1 | 20 | 1 | 20 | | | |
| Hitch N' Post 4H Meeting | | 1 | 40 | 1 | 20 | | | |
| MVEA Public Meeting | | 2 | 300 | 1 | 30 | | | |
| Fair Advisory Board | | 1 | 30 | 1 | 20 | | | |
| Jr. Livestock Sale Committee Meeting | | 1 | 5 | 1 | 15 | | | |
| Special Election Setup / Teardown | | 2 | 15 | | | | | |
| Special Election - Voting | | 14 | 150 | | | | | |
| Small Business Resource Event | | 1 | 50 | | | | | |
| <u>Grand Stands Building</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>FSB Pavilion</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Grounds</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 4-H Camping (Stierwalt Clinic) | | 10 | 120 | | | | | |
| <u>New Barn</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Poultry Barn</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Poultry Meeting | | 1 | 200 | 1 | 50 | | | |
| <u>Livestock Arena</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Jr. Livestock Filming | | 1 | 25 | | | | | |
| 4-H Mini Horse Meeting | | 2 | 200 | 1 | 65 | | | |
| 4-H Mini Horse Project | | 2 | 200 | 1 | 55 | | | |
| 4-H Beef Project Meetings | | 1 | 100 | 1 | 75 | | | |
| 4-H Stierwalt Clinic | | 2 | 400 | 1 | 50 | | | |
| 4-H Camelid Show | | 1 | 100 | 1 | 200 | | | |
| <u>Whittemore - Fairgrounds</u> | | | | | | | | |
| 4-H Dog Show | | 2 | 200 | 1 | 250 | | | |
| MVEA Public Meeting | | 1 | 50 | 1 | 100 | | | |
| <u>Arena</u> | | | | | | | | |
| BST Auto Races | | 2 | 4394 | 2 | 3500 | | | |
| Month Total Fair Facility Reservations | | 50 | 6,639 | 17 | 4,490 | | | |

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| <u>Vandalism Report</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Incident</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Cost</u> | | | | |
| Two new banners stolen | 1/23/2024 | Bear Creek Dog Park | Central | \$175 | | | | |
| United Flight Memorial - Graffiti removal | 1/24/2024 | Widefield Park | South | \$200 | | | | |
| Tunnel - Graffiti removal | 1/24/2024 | Widefield Park | South | \$50 | | | | |
| Fireworks set off in portable restroom | 2/22/2024 | Black Forest | North | \$900 | | | | |
| "Site of New Northern Nature Center" sign stolen | 3/27/2024 | Fox Run | North | \$600 | | | | |
| Tunnel - Graffiti removal | 3/19/2024 | Widefield Park | South | \$1,400 | | | | |
| Tunnel - Graffiti removal | 3/19/2024 | Cruz Gulch | South | \$200 | | | | |
| Tunnel - Graffiti removal | 4/29, 4/30 | Carp Lake Tunnel | South | \$400 | | | | |
| Tunnel - Graffiti removal | 6/24/2024 | Carp Lake Tunnel | South | \$500 | | | | |
| | | Total | | \$4,425 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2022 | | |
| <u>Volunteerism</u> | | 2024 | | 2023 | Total Hours | Volunteers | Total Hours | |
| Total for Year | Goal | Volunteers | Total Hours | Volunteers | | | | |
| January | | 167 | 827 | 138 | 728 | 180 | 609 | |
| February | | 272 | 1,259 | 292 | 1,302 | 60 | 327 | |
| March | | 234 | 1,009 | 229 | 932 | 118 | 682 | |
| April | | 421 | 1,724 | 413 | 1,701 | 407 | 1,830 | |
| May | | 607 | 2,617 | 501 | 2,225 | 491 | 2,021 | |
| June | | 669 | 2,831 | 658 | 2,263 | 225 | 1,606 | |
| July | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | 2370 | 10,267 | 2231 | 9,151 | 1,481 | 7,075 | |
| | | 2024 | | | | | | |
| June | | Volunteers | Total Hours | | | | | |
| Park Advisory Board | | 9 | 35 | | | | | |
| Fair Advisory Board | | 15 | 96 | | | | | |
| Fairgrounds Corporation | | 5 | 10 | | | | | |
| Fair and Events Center | | 15 | 78 | | | | | |
| Friends of the Nature Centers | | 43 | 582 | | | | | |
| Adopt-A-Park/Trail Groups / Volunteer Projects | | 582 | 2,030 | | | | | |
| Total | | 669 | 2,831 | | | | | |

| <u>Programming</u> | | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Totals for Year</u> | | <u>Programs</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Evaluation</u> | <u>Programs</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Programs</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
| January | | 48 | 1434 | 4.98 | 45 | 1152 | 29 | 452 |
| February | | 49 | 1995 | 4.99 | 43 | 2032 | 37 | 952 |
| March | | 79 | 3920 | 4.96 | 89 | 2376 | 48 | 986 |
| April | | 172 | 4379 | 4.97 | 161 | 5139 | 109 | 3003 |
| May | | 170 | 6313 | 4.97 | 162 | 4216 | 148 | 5401 |
| June | | 98 | 8080 | 4.96 | 89 | 2647 | 76 | 1595 |
| July | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 800 / 21,000 | 616 | 26121 | 4.97 | 589 | 17562 | 447 | 12389 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | | | | |
| <u>June</u> | <u>Facility</u> | <u>Programs</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Evaluation</u> | | | | |
| Get Outdoors Day | FCNC | 1 | 362 | | | | | |
| Dinosaur Resource Center Family Fun Day | FCNC | 1 | 107 | | | | | |
| Dragonflies & Damselflies | FCNC | 1 | 18 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Hummingbird Homecoming | FCNC | 1 | 27 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Nature Adventures: Dazzling Dragonflies | FCNC | 2 | 72 | 5.00 | | | | |
| 2s & 3s Outdoors: Undersogs | FCNC | 2 | 61 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Birthday Party: Big Bugs | FCNC | 1 | 24 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Birthday Party: Rad Reptiles | FCNC | 1 | 24 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Program Room Rental | FCNC | 2 | 40 | | | | | |
| Trailability Program | FCNC | 8 | 16 | | | | | |
| Group Visits: Painting, Pueblo Ext, Ft. Carson, Le Petite A | FCNC | 4 | 63 | | | | | |
| Nature Camp: Surfin' the Food Web | FCNC | 5 | 150 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Nature Camp: Surfin' the Food Web at Fox Run | FCNC | 5 | 150 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Nature Camp: Scutes, Scales, and Pollywog Tails | FCNC | 5 | 150 | 4.90 | | | | |
| Awesome Arthropods | FCNC | 9 | 122 | | | | | |
| Walk the Wetlands | FCNC | 2 | 37 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Nature Camp: SUN POWER | BCNC | 5 | 150 | 4.90 | | | | |
| Group Visit & Birthday Rental | BCNC | 2 | 33 | | | | | |
| Trailability | BCNC | 9 | 17 | | | | | |
| Nature Explorers: Let's Explore | BCNC | 2 | 50 | 4.90 | | | | |
| Little Wonders: Let's Wander | BCNC | 2 | 50 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Birding 101 | BCNC | 2 | 34 | | | | | |
| Kids' Night Out: Where the Wild Things Are | BCNC | 1 | 21 | | | | | |
| Bear Den Rental: Donn Weipert Memorial | BCNC | 1 | 43 | | | | | |
| Nature Camp: Middle School | BCNC | 5 | 150 | 4.90 | | | | |
| Sidewalk Astronomy CS Astro | BCNC | 1 | 150 | | | | | |
| Nature Camp: Weather and Water | BCNC | 5 | 140 | | | | | |
| Wildflower Hike w Native Plant Soc | BCNC | 1 | 15 | | | | | |
| Bear Den Rental: Hunt Memorial | BCNC | 1 | 25 | | | | | |
| Volunteer Flora and Fauna Walk | BCNC | 1 | 12 | | | | | |
| CPW-Teacher Hike | PMIP | 1 | 35 | | | | | |
| Archery Camp | BCRP | 2 | 32 | | | | | |
| Palmer LC Paint Mines Tour/Hike | PMIP | 1 | 32 | | | | | |
| El Paso County Kite Festival | Falcon RP | 1 | 1094 | 4.80 | | | | |
| Cornhole League | FEC | 3 | 180 | | | | | |
| BST Race Day | FEC | 2 | 4394 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 98 | 8080 | 4.96 | | | | |

| Visitor Contacts <i>(does not include programs)</i> | Bear Creek Nature Center | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Paint Mines Interpretive Park | Rainbow Falls Historic Site | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| January | 604 | 659 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| February | 702 | 634 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| March | 1166 | 1327 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| April | 1137 | 1197 | 985 | 0 | | | | |
| May | 1332 | 1673 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| June | 2099 | 1506 | 1159 | 2596 | | | | |
| July | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 7040 | 6996 | 2144 | 2596 | | | | |

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT**

June 2024

General Updates:

1. Facility rentals have generated \$154,762 which is 86% of our \$180,000 annual revenue goal.

Special Events:

1. The organization "Legacy Race Battling Breast Cancer" chose the Bear Creek Regional trail and the Penrose Event Center to hold their inaugural fundraiser at our amazing park this year. The Legacy Race supports people in the Pikes Peak region with breast cancer and who are at risk of breast cancer.
2. Fountain Creek Regional Park was the host of a wonderful fundraiser event. "Aiden's Adventures 5K" invited the community to a walk/run followed by festivities and food trucks in memory of an adventurous little boy who passed away in a tragic accident in 2021.
3. The West trail system of Bear Creek Regional Park was host to the "Bear Creek Ruck" organized by Highlander Events. Men were required to carry a 30 lbs. ruck, women carried a 20 lbs. ruck. Highlander Events, a Colorado event company, hosts trail rucking races in some of the most epic mountains and desert locations in the US.
4. Ducks Unlimited choose the New Santa Fe Regional Trail as their "2024 DU Dash Race" showcasing the group's commitment to wetland conservation. The race united runners, supporters, and nature enthusiasts alike in their shared mission to protect and restore wetlands.
5. Team Top Shelf Disc Club held another disc golf tournament at the Widefield Community Park. "The Battle on the Front Range" brought nearly 100 disc golfers to the park enjoying a few rounds of disc golf.

6. Several permits were issued to local businesses and organizations to include bounce houses in their events. A number of food trucks also applied for vendor permits to sell at events at County Parks.
7. 8 commercial photography permits were issued for the Paint Mines Interpretive Park.
8. All athletic fields are seeing a daily high usage by many sports leagues. Baseball, soccer, youth rugby, Lacrosse, Frisbee, flag football and mixed-sports camps are taking place throughout our park system.

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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Monthly Report – June 2024**

El Paso County Fair:

Please join us for the **VIP Luncheon hosted by the County Commissioners at Noon, on Opening Day, Saturday, July 13** at the Fair and Events Center. If you haven't received an email invite, please contact DanaNordstrom@elpasoco.com.



Nature Center Fundraiser: Please mark your calendars for this year's Happy Trails BBQ, on Friday, August 9th, from 6-9 pm at the Bear Creek Nature Center. The theme this year is Country Classic! To purchase a ticket, reserve a table, or for more information please call Mary Jo Lewis at 719-520-6388.

Partners in the Park:

Please join me in welcoming our **NEW Partner in the Park, Colorado Springs Toyota Dealers Association** for their support of Bear Creek Regional Park, Bear Creek Regional Park East, Fountain Creek Regional Park, Widefield Community Park, Homestead Ranch Regional Park, and Black Forest Regional Park!

We are seeking a partner for the New Santa Fe Regional Trail. Please forward any suggestions to DanaNordstrom@elpasoco.com

Fox Run Nature Center:

To learn more and stay up to date, please visit our project website at <https://www.tdg-fnc.com/>




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Recreation & Cultural Services DIVISION

MONTHLY REPORT: June 2024

Programs & Special Events:

- The Fountain Creek Nature Center is well known for its ponds and wetlands, and no summer visit is complete without seeing blue, red, and green gems racing over the water and resting delicately on leaves. Andy hosted **Dragonflies & Damselflies**, a program celebrating our aerial predators of the pond. After a lesson indoors and a craft, Andy led the guests along the trails to see many dragonflies and their little cousins the damselflies. They marveled at the ponds teeming with diverse life and explored the water to spot larval dragonflies and damselflies swimming around, some of which may have been in the water for years!
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- Fountain Creek Nature Center is a bird-watcher's paradise, and **Hummingbird Homecoming** showed participants the diversity, beauty, and unique features of hummingbirds in our parks and the world beyond. Guests learned about where hummingbirds came from, their impact on cultures through the ages, and how to help them in our own yards. On the walk, visitors borrowed binoculars to watch a male black-chinned hummingbird guard a nectar feeder and put on an amazing display for a female nearby. Everyone is certainly inspired to watch for hummers all summer, especially at our Nature Centers!
 - Many thanks to the Colorado Springs Astronomical Society for running Bear Creek Nature Center's **Sidewalk Astronomy** the morning of Saturday, June 22. Over 100 people attended, enjoying looking at the Sun and learning about ultraviolet light by making bead bracelets. It was a brilliant success and a continuation of the nature center's fruitful partnership with CSASTRO!
 - Is birding creeping up on you as you are near 30 years old? Have you taken more of an interest in the tweets and twitters outside your window in the evening? Caught a glimpse of a bird and wanted to know more about it? Then **Birding 101 with Aiken Audubon** is the perfect gateway! Nearly 20 people attended this 2-part program at Bear Creek Nature Center on June 13 and 15. Night one delved deep into how to even begin identifying a bird, their behavior, and their habitats. Participants spent the next session outside, ooh-ing and aah-ing over the myriad of birds at Bear Creek Nature Center. Birds of a feather flock together; join the flock!

- The theme of June at Bear Creek Nature Center was **CAMP**, as Bear Creek hosted **nature camp** for three out of the four weeks in June. ‘**Sun Power**’ taught elementary-age campers all about the sun as the ultimate source of energy for life on earth through a variety of experiments, stories, and games. Campers put their own pizza box solar ovens to great use, making nachos, English muffin pizzas, and s’mores throughout the week! Middle School Camp gave older campers a chance to experience an archery lesson, gain compass skills, and hike to ancient, upturned sea floors in Red Rock Canyon. The month wrapped up with half-day camp ‘**Water and Weather**’, enabling campers to learn about these natural phenomena in a myriad of fun ways! Parent evaluation comments included, *“You’ve inspired him to dream of becoming a wildlife biologist. Thank you for being incredible mentors. Camp will be a childhood memory that he will always treasure.”*



- Sixteen adults spent a pleasant Saturday morning at Bear Creek Nature Center traveling the trails with a CO Native Plant Master to learn about the **wildflowers found at Bear Creek**. This walk was geared towards an adult audience that was interested in diving into plant identification using a dichotomous key and learning Latin as well as common names of plants. Some blooming species seen along the way included Curly-cup gumweed, Common yarrow and Mariposa lily.



- The third annual **El Paso County Kite Festival** at Falcon Regional Park occurred this month on June 15. It was a record-setting event with approximately 1050 attendees. This year, attendees had the opportunity to participate in activities such as making kites and interacting with 11 other activity booths and merchandise vendors. Three permitted food and beverage vendors provided good eats and treats for the events attendees. Spectators also had the opportunity to see large-kite enthusiasts fly their massive kites. For those who made it out to the festival, they had an amazing and magical day of flying kites!



- **Archery Camp** at Bear Creek Regional Park is in full swing. Three camp sessions have already come and gone, and there are two camp sessions left for the season. This year Archery School of the Rockies has provided a returning instructor, who has been with the camp for more than 4 seasons, and one new instructor. Archery camp this year is completely full, with waitlists for each session.

Outreach Events and Other Items:

- Fountain Creek Nature Center attended two outreach events simultaneously at **Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center’s Family Fun Day** and **Get Outdoors Day in Memorial Park**, connecting with almost 500 people in just a few hours across the Pikes Peak Region. In Woodland Park, Andy and volunteer Mary and Lyn taught visitors about our modern-day dinos, birds! Down in Colorado Springs, a big group of staff and volunteers from both nature centers offered the famous pond study to show families what amazing, tiny life lives in our local waters, and how we can help keep it clean.

- Things are happening out at **Paint Mines Interpretive Site**! Our two new part-time seasonal interpreter/caretakers have complimenting skills, and they are proving to be a great asset to the park and for educating the visitors. On the 18 we partnered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to coordinate and facilitate a teachers-education program, where around 30 teachers from around the area came to learn about the field trips program, learn how they can best utilize the program, and how to be a good field trip leader for their school. On the 20 Park Planner Ross Williams and Recreation Program Planner Ryan Dorough led a hike to thirty Palmer Land Conservancy members to learn about the park and the new master plan that is planned to be completed by the end of 2025.



- **Rainbow Falls Historic Site** operations are in full swing, and now has two fully trained part-time seasonal interpreters/caretakers. The opening of the site on the 14 proved to be successful as the partnership with Adventures Out West and their shuttle system has been going very smoothly. Adventures Out West is a great partner as they have been helping keep the visitors comfortable and accurately informed by providing things like a shade canopy and extra signage to direct people to the parking area on Higginbotham Flats, where their parking lot is located. Attendance was very steady, but not overwhelming.



- June at the **El Paso County Fair & Events Center** was marked by a whirlwind of activities. The month featured two exhilarating auto race nights that drew enthusiasts for high-speed excitement. Amidst the thrill of racing, countless 4-H project meetings took place, fostering youth development and preparation for the upcoming Fair. Our team was also busy with meticulous preparations of the grounds, ensuring an outstanding experience for all Fair attendees in July. Swink Hall also served the community as a polling location for 3 weeks in June, while weekly cornhole games offered a fun and relaxed way for community members to connect. June highlighted our commitment to providing diverse and enriching experiences for everyone in our community.



Special Events and Program Calendar

July 11-August 14, 2024

| Date | Day of Week | Program | Location | Target Audience | Notes* |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--|
| July 8-12 | Monday - Friday | Nature Camp: Wild Child Adventures | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Children entering grades 6-8 | 9am-3pm daily, \$165/child |
| July 13 | Saturday | Mindfulness Photography | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Adults | 1-3pm, \$25/person |
| July 13 - 20 | Saturday - Saturday | El Paso County Fair | EPC Fairgrounds | All ages | 10am-11pm visit elpasocounty.com for more details |
| July 17 | Wednesday | Habitat Hunters | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Children 2-6 with an adult | 10am-12pm, FREE |
| July 17 | Wednesday | Nature Explorers: Bird Bash | Bear Creek Nature Center | Children ages 3-5 with an adult | 10-11:30am \$3/person |
| July 17 | Wednesday | Jazz in the Parks | Bear Creek Regional Park | All Ages | 6-8pm, Free |
| July 18 | Thursday | Nature Adventures: Crazy About Cottonwoods | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Children ages 3-6 with an adult | 9-10:30am, \$3/person |
| July 18 | Thursday | Little Wonders: Ants in Action | Bear Creek Nature Center | Children ages 2-3 with an adult | 9-10:15am \$3/person |
| July 19 | Friday | Nature Adventures: Crazy About Cottonwoods | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Children ages 3-6 with an adult | 9-10:30am, \$3/person |
| July 19 | Friday | End Of Summer Reading Party | Aga Park, Fountain | All, primarily families with children | FREE, 10am-12pm |
| July 19 & 20 | Friday & Saturday | Firefly Night Hike & Celebration | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Ages 7+ | 8-9:30pm, \$5/person |
| July 23-25 | Tuesday-Thursday | Archery Camp | Bear Creek Archery Range | Ages 6-17 | \$115 per camper, 9am-12pm |
| July 24 | Wednesday | Jazz in the Parks | Bear Creek Regional Park | All Ages | 6-8pm, Free |
| July 25 & 26 | Thursday & Friday | 2's & 3's Outdoors: Butterfly Boogie | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Children ages 2-3 with an adult | 9-10:15am \$3/person |
| July 26 | Friday | FestABLE | Independence Center | All, primarily individuals with accessibility needs | 10am-2pm, FREE |
| July 27 | Saturday | Monarch Pinning | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Adults | 10-11:30am, \$40/person, cronkartco.com |
| July 27 | Saturday | Sustainability Series: Composting Basics- You Can Be Successful | Bear Creek Nature Center | All ages | 10-11am, \$5/ person |
| July 29 - August 2 | Monday - Friday | Nature Camp: Cattail Kids | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Children entering grades 1-5 | 9am-3pm daily, \$165/child |
| July 30 | Tuesday | Stay Alive! Women's Wilderness Education | Bear Creek Nature Center | 18+ | 5-7pm, \$30/person |
| July 31 | Wednesday | Jazz in the Parks | Bear Creek Regional Park | All Ages | 6-8pm, Free |
| July 31 | Wednesday | Bear Creek Restoration Crew | Bear Creek Nature Center | Adults | 5-7:30pm, Free |
| August 1 | Thursday | Night Sky & Milky Way Photography Workshop at the Paint Mines | Paint Mines Interpretive Park | Adults | 9pm-7am, \$300/person, with 3Peaks Photography |
| August 3 | Saturday | Backpack Bash | Panorama Park | Children and their Families | Free, 9am-12pm |
| August 3 | Saturday | Kids' Morning Out: Creek Critters | Bear Creek Nature Center | Children ages 6-11 | 9am-1pm, \$25/ child includes lunch |
| August 7 | Wednesday | Jazz in the Parks | Bear Creek Regional Park | All Ages | 6-8pm, Free |
| August 8 & 9 | Thursday & Friday | Nature Adventures: What Big Teeth You Have! | Fountain Creek Nature Center | Children 3-6 with an adult | 9-10:30am, \$3/person |
| August 9 | Friday | Happy Trails- A Country Classic | Bear Creek Nature Center | Adults | 6-9pm/ \$50/person |

* Nature Center Members may receive an additional discount

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PARK PLANNING DIVISION & PARK OPERATIONS DIVISION

**MONTHLY REPORT
JUNE 2024**

Park Planning

Capital Project Management / Planning:

Bear Creek Regional Park Pickleball Retaining Wall and Shade Structures – The retaining walls directly west of the pickleball courts were dilapidated and needed replacement. A project was developed to remove the old timber walls and construct a new concrete block retaining wall. A crusher fine plaza behind the retaining wall was installed to provide an area for observation, seating, and event space. Timberline Landscaping began construction in April and completed the project in May 2023. Two shade structures have been ordered for the plaza area with anticipated installation in 2024. Geotechnical engineering has been completed and additional structural engineering with helical piers was added to the shade structure footings due to existing soils. Shade structure installation is scheduled for July 2024.

Crews Gulch Regional Trail Paving – The Crews Gulch Primary Regional Trail runs southwest to northeast from Ceresa Park and the Fountain Creek Regional Trail, northeast through Widefield Community Park, to its terminus at Fontaine Boulevard. While some of the trail is paved through Widefield Community Park, the section south of Quebec Street was gravel surfaced. The 2017 Widefield Community Park Master Plan identified the southern section of the Crews Gulch Trail as a candidate for concrete paving, thus allowing for more robust ADA accessibility through the park. El Paso County Parks was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to complete this project. A Notice to Proceed was issued to Jarcco Construction in May 2023. Construction began on June 19th. The newly paved trail section was completed and opened to the public in late July. Staff has applied for a new 2024 Community Development Block Grant to complete the second phase of the project in 2025.

Fountain Creek Nature Center Sidewalks – The main sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the main entrance does not meet ADA compliance. Additionally, the current storm drains are not adequately sized to convey stormwater. El Paso County completed the design of this project in 2022-23. El Paso County Parks was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for this project in July 2023. A contract was awarded to CMS of Colorado Springs, and pre-construction meeting was held June 3rd, 2024. Project team is awaiting updated project timeline from contractor before commencement of demolition and construction.

Fox Run Nature Center – A request for proposals was issued in June 2022 seeking architectural and site design services for the new nature center located in Fox Run Regional Park. After a review of four submitted proposals, a team led by TDG Architecture was selected. A project kick-off was held in October.

The El Paso County Commissioners allocated \$1 million in funding towards the project in November. Several site visits and project team meetings have been held to discuss building location and exhibit design. Public and key stakeholder engagement started in May 2023 and included interviews, community events (15+), sign postings, and project website. Conceptual design work continued throughout 2023. Design Development will continue in 2024 with the final design anticipated in summer 2024. Parallel to the design effort, fundraising and public engagement will continue including two public meetings held on February 16 at the Black Forest Community Club, and April 18 at Pikes Peak Brewing.

Fox Run Regional Park Oak and Pine Meadow Restrooms – This project consists of renovating the Oak and Pine Meadow restrooms from a pit vault composting system to a flush system. The current pit vault composting waste systems will be removed, and a new on-site wastewater treatment system will be installed with new internal plumbing and fixtures. The project design was completed by Design Edge in 2023. Bids for construction were received in May 2024. A contract was awarded to IS West with construction scheduled to start in early July.

Paint Mines Interpretive Park Master Plan – In recent years the number of visitors to the park has increased leading to several management challenges which includes vehicle congestion, user-created social trails, climbing on the formations, and overall site degradation. In response to these challenges, the County completed two projects in 2020 - 2021 aimed at improving the existing parking areas, resurfacing existing trails, completing minor ditch and drainage improvements, and adding fencing and signage to guide park visitors. El Paso County is now looking to create a Master Plan which will build-upon these improvements and provide a long-term plan to manage park visitors while also protecting the fragile formations. DHM Design has been chosen to facilitate and develop the Master Plan, which will be completed by early 2025. A public survey has been launched, and public open house has been scheduled for Thursday, June 27th at 5:00-6:30 at Bear Creek Nature Center.

Pineries Open Space – El Paso County Parks has been awarded a GOCO / Mile High Youth Corps grant for the construction of a 2-mile natural surfaced singletrack trail in the southwest corner of the open space property. This trail will create an approximate 3.75-mile loop in addition to the existing 8.5-mile loop. Forest mitigation project sites have been identified and the trail corridor flagged in preparation for trail construction. Forestry work is nearing completion with trail construction following in late Summer 2024.

Santa Fe Open Space – The master plan process has been completed with BoCC approval in March 2021. A contract for single-track trail corridor clearing and construction was awarded to Performance Recreation in September 2021. Construction has been completed and the grand opening was held on April 7, 2022. The Phase I Improvement Project was completed in April 2023 through the installation of two new custom information kiosks and Martin Marietta Partners in the Park signs at each entrance of the open space on the New Santa Fe Regional Trail. The 2024 CIP has identified a project to commence in summer 2025, which will involve the construction of approximately 0.50 mile of singletrack trail on the open space's northwest side. Trail corridor forestry work has been completed in preparation for trail construction in late summer early fall 2024.

Ute Pass Regional Trail - El Paso County was previously awarded two federal grants to fund design and construction of the remaining 3.75-mile segment of the Ute Pass Regional Trail. An Intergovernmental Agreement with CDOT was approved by the BoCC in April 2019. A revised scope of work was approved in 2022 to reduce the project to 1.5 miles to end at the intersection of US 24 and Fountain Ave. Stantec Consulting Services was selected to complete engineering and design of the Ute Pass Regional Trail. Permitting and regulatory approvals are ongoing. Review and coordination with several agencies are ongoing. A third grant was awarded to the County in 2022 and other funding options

are being pursued. The final design package is under final review and should be completed in summer 2024.

Other:

June 2023 Flooding Response – El Paso County was notified in August that a presidential declaration was made for the June storm events. FEMA teams visited in October and project development and estimates are still being developed. NRCS approved emergency watershed protection program funds for repairs to Duckwood Trailhead and Willow Springs Ponds. A contract was awarded to Basis Partners in December for these two projects. Project meetings began in January and survey and geotechnical data has been collected. 60 % plans were delivered in May. 90% design plans were delivered in June and are under review. Construction is anticipated in winter 2024-2025 when flows in Fountain Creek are generally lower.

Development Permit Application Reviews - Staff reviewed two development applications for endorsement at the May 2024 meeting and provided internal administrative comments for an additional 10+ applications during April 2024.

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District - Staff continues to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee. The committee helps develop and implement watershed restoration and enhancement projects. The district has launched the greenway master plan and staff is participating as a stakeholder.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - Staff is working with the County Information Technology Department to expand El Paso County Parks' use of GIS for data collection, operational, and planning applications. New regional park maps have been completed or are in process, and new and/or improved datasets have been developed and set into production. Staff received training in the new ArcGIS Pro mapping software program and is migrating existing maps to the new format.

Grants - Great Outdoors Colorado is funding seven weeks of work by the Mile High Youth Corps and Rocky Mountain Field Institute at Pinerias Open Space in 2024.

Interdepartmental Coordination- Staff is representing County Parks and providing technical assistance for several projects to ensure compliance with the El Paso County Parks Master Plan and to support advancement of multi-modal opportunities. This includes the Peyton Drainage and Transportation Master Plan, Eastonville Road design project, South Powers Extension Study, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) Active Transportation Plan, Jackson Creek Parkway Corridor Plan, and the El Paso County Land Development Code update.

Park Operations

Central District:

District Properties - Bear Creek Regional Park, Bear Creek Dog Park, Bear Creek Nature Center, Rainbow Falls Historic Site, landscape maintenance at eleven (11) County facilities, Ute Pass Regional Trail, Jones Park Open Space

Monthly Summary – Central staff continued their daily efforts to keep all properties clean and safe during the month of June. Irrigated and native turf mowing operations, vegetation management, landscape bed maintenance, irrigation checks and repairs, trail maintenance, daily illegal camping checks, and multiple projects were priorities during the reporting period.

Bear Creek Regional Park was handpicked as home to the new Return to Nature Memorial and park staff have been busy modifying an existing landscape bed to accommodate the request. This tragic event that impacted families throughout multiple counties in our area will be remembered at El Paso County Parks Headquarters, just north of the Veteran Memorial.

After a two-and-a-half-year closure due to parking challenges, Rainbow Falls Historic site re-opened its gates to patrons on June 14th. Adventures out West was contracted to run a shuttle service from the Higginbotham Flats parking area at the top of Serpentine Drive down to the main lot at the Falls. This workaround alleviates continuous parking and traffic issues that were common to the site.

The Downtown team in coordination with C.S.U. Extension constructed a native plant demonstration garden at 17 N. Spruce St. This garden will provide the community with examples of plant species native to the area, as well as displaying two different varieties of low water native grasses. Staff removed an existing bluegrass turf area, reworked irrigation, installed a crushed gravel pathway, added moss rock boulders, and installed perimeter fencing. Master Gardener volunteers assisted with planting over two hundred plants and dispersing sixty bags of wood mulch and five tons of rock mulch. The final stage of the project is now complete, both buffalo and blue gramma native grass seeds were sown into five tons of class A topsoil and new seedlings are starting to appear.

East District:

District Properties – El Paso County Fair and Events Center, Falcon Regional Park, Falcon Regional Dog Park, Homestead Ranch Regional Park, Paint Mines Interpretive Park, Rock Island Regional Trail, Drake Lake Open Space, Palmer Divide Trail at Wood Lake, Heritage Ranch Open Space, Latigo Trails Open Space, Falcon Vista Open Space, Peyton Pines Open Space, Forest Green Open Space

Monthly Summary – The team assisted in supporting an auto race and several 4H shows this month and we have now wrapped up most of the major events and rentals prior to the County fair. The fairgrounds team has diverted the majority of their focus to fair preparations. The El Paso County Fair is only a few weeks away and the team is in overdrive mode setting up buildings, deep cleaning and working on aesthetic improvements. The County fair will consume much of our time for the next two months.

Many fairgrounds' projects will be wrapping up this month, just in time for the fair. Most of the ADA projects are completed or are wrapping up beginning of July. This should be a nice upgrade for any folks with mobility challenges that attend the fairgrounds. We also have a concrete refurbishing project and an audio upgrade project that is wrapping up. The concrete project has a punch list the contractor is working on and the audio contractor is just waiting on a couple of parts and an opening in their schedule to complete the install. Both projects will be done before the fair.

The parks team continues to work on weekly mowing operations and bed maintenance. High Plains Little League will be completing their season with an All-Stars tournament at the beginning of July. Falcon Regional Park hosted a Kite Festival this month that staff provided event support. The parks team has a project list they will continue to work through as time allows. It is a busy time of year for all of us.

North District:

District Properties - Fox Run Regional Park, Fox Run Regional Trail, Black Forest Regional Park, Black Forest Section 16, Pinerias Open Space, Palmer Lake Recreation Area, Santa Fe Open Space, New Santa Fe Regional Trail, Baptist Road Trailhead, Forest Lakes Regional Trail, Cherry Creek Regional Trail

Monthly Summary – The North District team completed several projects, kept the properties clean and well maintained this month. Basic mowing, trimming, plant bed maintenance, and irrigation repairs are the typical weekly responsibilities. However, it has been rewarding to accomplish some additional projects throughout the month as well.

There are new trails scheduled to be constructed at the Santa Fe Open Space and Pinerias Open Space this year. The forestry project was completed at the Santa Fe Open Space to clear the path for the new trail. The Pinerias also has a forestry project underway for the same purpose. There will be over five miles of trail added to the North District upon completion.

The Santa Fe Trail apron was mowed to keep the trail clean of weeds and improve the function of the trail. The North District team also installed a new horse mounting block at the Pinerias restroom. This will assist riders to dismount without riding to the parking lot, it should be a welcomed addition.

Two hammock stations were also installed at Fox Run Regional Park. The hammock posts are already being used and will reduce potential damage to any smaller trees adjacent to the active use areas. Three additional stations will be installed this season as well.

South District:

District Properties - Fountain Creek Regional Park, Fountain Creek Dog Park, Fountain Creek Nature Center, Fountain Creek Regional Trail, Clear Springs Ranch, Christian Open Space, Willow Springs Park, John Ceresa Park, Crews Gulch Trail, Kane Ranch Open Space, Stratmoor Hills Park, Stratmoor Valley Park, Schreder Open Space, Widefield Community Park, Grinnell Boulevard

Monthly Summary – The south district team completed several priority maintenance tasks to include renovations to disc golf tee box #3 at Widefield Community Park, aeration and over seeding of the south athletic field in Fountain Creek Regional Park, and illegal camp clean-ups. Interviews were conducted for our vacant Skill Craft II position and a conditional offer was made. We are optimistic that this vacancy will be filled during the next reporting period.

Irrigation assessments were completed at Fountain Creek Regional Park and Widefield Community Park to ensure optimal programming, and watering efficiency. Through testing, our team was able to troubleshoot and repair several irrigation shortcomings, and turf quality is improving as a result. To combat current drought conditions our team continues to designate adequate time to ensure all irrigation systems are working efficiently.

Staff completed landscape renovations of several small landscape beds adjacent to the east parking lot in Fountain Creek Regional Park. These areas were prepped by removing soil and unwanted vegetation to establish proper subgrade, placing decorative boulders, installing weed prevention fabric, and topping off with decorative gravel mulch. These improvements greatly improved aesthetics and will help simplify maintenance efforts.

Our team completed a selective broadleaf herbicide application along the section of trail from Hanson Bridge to Ceresa Park. This effort will reduce mowing frequency along trail aprons, eliminate unwanted weeds, and allow native grasses to thrive.