

COMMISSIONERS:

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

Park Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 1:30 p.m.

Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs

<u>ltem</u>			<u>Presenter</u>	Recommended <u>Action</u>
1.	Call I	Meeting to Order	Chair	
2.	Appr	oval of the Agenda	Chair	Approval
3.	Appr	oval of Minutes	Chair	Approval
4.	Intro	ductions / Presentations		
	A.	El Paso County Fair & Events Center, Non-Fair Events	Andschana Aljets	Information
5.	on ite	en Comments / Correspondence ems not on the agenda (limited ee (3) minutes unless extended by Chair)	Chair	
6.	Deve	lopment Applications		
	A.	The Estates at Cathedral Pines Final Plat	Jason Meyer	Endorsement
7.	Infor	mation / Action Items		
	A.	PPACG Active Transportation Plan	Jason Meyer	Information
	B.	Fox Run Nature Center Update	Todd Marts	Information
8.	Mont	hly Reports	Staff	Information



ItemPresenterAction

- 9. Board / Staff Comments
- 10. Adjournment

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Minutes of the February 14, 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 John Wallace, 2nd Vice Chair Kiersten Steel, 3rd Vice Chair

Susan Jarvis-Weber, Secretary Vincent Prins

Jane Newman via TEAMS

Jeremy J. Chatelain TEAMS

Staff Present:

Todd Marts, Executive Director

Brian Bobeck, Park Operations Division Manager Sabine Carter, Administrative Services Coordinator

Jason Meyer, Planning Supervisor

Ross Williams, Park Planner

Greg Stachon, Landscape Architect

Theresa Odello, Recreation & Cultural Services Manager

Absent: Janna Blanter

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

- 1. <u>Call to Order:</u> The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Thomas Lachocki, Chair.
- 2. <u>Approval of Agenda:</u> Terry Martinez made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Vincent Prins seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 0.
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Vincent Prins made a motion to approve the December 13, 2023, meeting minutes. Terry Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- 4. Introductions and Presentations:

A. Partners in the Park

Todd Marts presented the "Partners in the Park" program which was created in 2009 to provide financial support for County Parks, Trails, Open Spaces and Nature Centers. Mr. Marts named 17 partners and presented a video featuring parks and Nature Centers. He stated that the Parks Department staff acknowledges and appreciates their generous contribution. The board also thanked the partners for their generous and ongoing support.

(Susan Jarvis - Weber joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m. John Wallace joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.)

(The board recessed from 1:40 p.m. until 1:58 p.m.)

B. Nature Center Snapshot

Theresa Odello presented the 2023 Nature Center Snapshot. The mission of the El Paso County Nature Centers is to connect people to their natural and cultural resources and inspire them to become stewards of the parks and our environment. The Snapshot highlighted some of the previous year's accomplishments, contained a brief financial report, highlighted the awards received, and listed innovative new programs.

5. Citizen Comments:

Susan Davies, Trails and Open Space Coalition inquired about the planned Fox Run Nature Center. Her questions focused on how many trees would be impacted and why the building would be located at the planned site and not in a more already disturbed location. Todd Marts stated that he has received communication from neighbors with concerns about the planned Nature Center and a public meeting has been scheduled. Mr. Marts stated that the number of trees that will be impacted is not yet known due to various factors. However, the building itself and the parking area will mostly be designed around the trees, if possible, especially mature trees. The location of the nature center, which is along an existing road inside of the park, will take up approximately 1 acre of the 408-acre park. The road north of the planned Nature Center, which consists of about 2 acres, will be restored. Mr. Marts stated that a public meeting is scheduled for February 16. The meeting will consist of a lengthy presentation addressing the main concerns followed by discussion. Mr. Marts will report back to the board at the March 13 Park Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Marts also received feedback from a board member with a physical disability, who is going to be positively impacted by the planned Nature Center. The Nature Center will make it possible for him to explore the park/property with his family, which would otherwise not be possible.

Cory Sutela, Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, updated the board on the following: his successful talks with Todd Marts regarding the Jones Park property, discussions with the City of Colorado Springs regarding E-Bike access on trails throughout the region. He thanked the parks department for the great partnership.

6. Development Applications:

A. Prairie Ridge Preliminary Plan

Greg Stachon presented the Prairie Ridge Preliminary Plan and addressed questions by board members.

Terry Martinez recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the PrairieRidge Preliminary Plan: (1) Consistent with the existing cross section of Briargate Parkway, develop two 10-foot wide trails on either side of the future Briargate Parkway through the project area (2) Provide a safe crossing to the Sand Creek Regional Trail across Vollmer Road to the east; (3) Fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$109,585, and urban park fees

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in the amount of \$65,751 will be required at time of the recording of the forthcoming Final Plat(s). John Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

B. Ivilo Final Plat

Greg Stachon presented the Ivilo Final Plat.

Vincent Prins recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving Ivilo Final Plat: (1) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$1,010; (2) request that the landowner provide a 25-foot public trail easement along the north side of the proposed subdivision along Vessey Road to allow for the construction and maintenance by El Paso County of a the Palmer Divide Regional Trail, and this easement shall be shown and dedicated to El Paso County on the Final Plat. John Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

C. Grandview Reserve Phase II PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan

Ross Williams presented the Grandview Reserve Phase II PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan and addressed a statement made by a board member.

Terry Martinez recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving the Grandview Reserve Phase II PUD Development Plan and Preliminary Plan: (1) provide detailed site plans for the proposed neighborhood park; (2) fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$211,090 and urban park purposes in the amount of \$126,654 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). Vincent Prins seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

D. Sterling Ranch Filing No. 5 Final Plat

Ross Williams presented the Sterling Ranch Filing No. 5 Final Plat and addressed a question by a board member.

Vincent Prins recommended that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving Sterling Ranch Filing No. 5 Final Plat: (1) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the total amount of \$36,360 and urban park purposes in the total amount of \$21,816 due at time of the recording of this Final Plat. 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 this Final Plat. Terry Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

7. <u>Information / Action Items:</u>

Chair Thomas Lachocki stated that he started a spreadsheet for internal use by board members which captures all proposals voted on with detailed information for tracking purposes.

John Wallace made a suggestion to include a trail network development status showing on the Development Application maps of how far the trail developments have come along and/or how much distance is missing before completion of a certain trail.

A. 2024 Sunshine Act Memorandum

Todd Marts introduced the 2024 Sunshine Act Memorandum. Pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of County Commissioners for compliance with the Colorado Open Public Meeting Sunshine Act, the Park Advisory Board annually endorses this memorandum at the January or February meeting which addresses the posting place for public meeting notices and the location of meetings, the official custodian of board minutes, and the location of where the minutes will be on file.

Terry Martinez moved to endorse the 2024 Sunshine Act Memorandum. Vincent Prins seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

B. 2024 Park Advisory Board Tour

The Park Advisory Board traditionally conducts a tour of selected park sites in late spring. The tour is typically scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In 2023, the Park Advisory Board toured the South District. The following districts are potential tour opportunities for 2024: East District or North District.

Potential Friday dates in May: May 3, May 10, or May 17.

The board members selected the North District as the tour site. A date will be determined later.

8. Monthly Reports:

Todd Marts stated that the board will hear a report on the Mountain Pine Beetle assessment at the March Park Advisory Board meeting.

Susan Jarvis inquired about the Siberian Elm tree removal project at the Fountain Creek Nature Center and if the wood was reclaimed or reused. Theresa Odello stated that the removal of these very small trees needs to be done every 4 or 5 years to curb the growth of the species. Susan Jarvis -Weber also inquired about a grant given to the Mile High Youth Corp. Ross Williams stated that the Mile High Youth Corp crew will be building approximately 2 miles of single tract trail in the Pineries area. This trail will be a connector trail to create a 3.75-mile trail loop as an alternative to the existing 9-mile trail loop. Trail completion is tentatively scheduled for the second half of 2024. Part of the project will also consist of noxious weed identification and mitigation.

Chair Thomas Lachocki inquired about a flood damage update for the South district. Jason Meyer stated that projects by Duckwood Trailhead and by the Williow Springs Ponds areas

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are moving forward quickly. 100% of the design is scheduled to be completed by Summer of 2024. Hanson Park and trail and other FEMA sites are moving slower. Negotiations with FEMA about repair costs are ongoing.

9. Board/Staff Comments:

Jason Meyer thanked Greg Stachon for his years of service with the Park Planning department. Greg has accepted a position outside of County Parks.

Theresa Odello updated the board on upcoming Nature Center events. A complete list can be found in the monthly report package.

10. Adjournment:

Vincent Prins made a motion to adjourn. John Wallace seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Susan Jarvis-Weber, Secretary

El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: El Paso County Fair & Events Center,

Non-Fair Events

Agenda Date: March 13, 2024

Agenda Item Number: #4 - A

Presenter: Andschana Aljets,

Fair & Events Center Supervisor

Information: X Endorsement:

Background Information:

The mission of the El Paso County Fair & Events Center is to:

- Provide a wide variety of activities that celebrate our history, culture, and heritage.
- Produce a varied program schedule that appeals to the interests of Fair participants.
- Provide an effective venue for 4-H and FFA activities.
- Ensure that the County Fair is financially self-sufficient.

In addition to the County Fair, the Fair & Events Center is used for a variety of local events and private rentals. The 40-acre site contains a grandstand with a seating capacity of approximately 2800, approximately 108,000 square feet of indoor facility space, including numerous smaller agricultural buildings.

This presentation will highlight non-fair activities that occur at the Fair and Events Center and show how the grounds are used as a community hub for the Eastern El Paso County Community.

Recommended Action:

Information Only

El Paso County Parks

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: The Estates at Cathedral Pines Final Plat

Agenda Date: March 13, 2024

Agenda Item Number: #6 - A

Presenter: Jason Meyer, Park Planning Manager

Information: Endorsement: X

Background Information:

The Estates at Cathedral Pines is located immediately west of Black Forest Regional Park along Winslow Drive. The site is approximately 35 acres with the applicant proposing to develop eight residential lots on 30.51 acres. A private road will service the new residential lots and common open space is shown along the entrance to the subdivision. The property is zoned PUD.

The 2022 El Paso County Parks Master Plan identifies this project site as being within the Black Forest South Candidate Open Space area. This area is characterized as being along the Palmer Divide, at the headwaters of several creeks, and is unique as the only place in Colorado where montane forest growth east of the Front Range and foothills. Portions of this area were severely impacted by the Black Forest Fire placing an added emphasis on preservation of existing ponderosa pine stands.

Being zoned PUD, the applicant is required to provide 10% open space dedications or 3.5 acres. Currently, the open space dedications are not clearly being shown on the final plat. The final plat includes two tracts along Winslow Drive totaling 2.5 acres, and the inclusion of several "open space preservation areas" on the individual residential lots. However, there are no open space area calculations or plat notes stating these areas are to be preserved.

The Land Development Code (LDC 4.2.6.F.8.c) allows an applicant to include open space areas on private residential lots and include them in the open space calculations if they are subject to open space easements and restrictions. This would provide assurances that there would be no stormwater, roads, or the placement of structures within these areas typical with open space dedications. The Final Plat needs to include open space / preservation area calculations and plat notes.

Because there are no open space calculations, it is not feasible to calculate if the required 10% open space is being provided for PUD zoning. Additionally, the two open space tracts also include stormwater infrastructure which is only allowed if it comprises less than 10% of the required open space. Overall, the final plat lacks sufficient detail and information to determine if the applicant is providing the required 10% open space dedication required for PUD zoning.

The 2022 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows several existing and proposed master-planned county trails being impacted by this application. This includes the proposed Palmer Divide Primary Regional Trail along the western and southern property boundary, as well as an internal Black Forest Regional Park trail along Winslow Drive. Consistent with LDC requirements, County Parks will require trail easements where proposed projects impact county trails. For this application, 25-ft wide public trail easements will be sought around the perimeter of the site to allow for the future construction and public use of these trails as outlined below:

- Designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, northsouth along the eastern boundary of Lot 1 and Lot 8 to connect the existing county trail along Winslow Drive.
- Designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, northsouth along the western boundary of Lot 6 and 7 for the Palmer Divide Regional Trail.
- Designate and provide to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, eastwest along the southern boundary of Lot 1 and Lot 2 for the Palmer Divide Regional Trail.

Parks staff recommends fees in lieu of land for regional park purposes in the amount of \$3,680 will be required upon recording of the forthcoming final plat. Again, this application is scheduled for El Paso County Park Advisory Board consideration on March 13 and its recommendation will be provided after the hearing.

Recommended Motion (Final Plat):

The Park Advisory Board recommends that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners include the following conditions when considering and/or approving The Estates at Cathedral Pines Final Plat: (1) Provide open space dedications of 10% consistent with PUD zoning, show them as tracts or conservation areas, and include the appropriate plat note and land use table on the final plat drawings (2) show on the final plat and dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, north-south along the eastern boundary of Lot 1 and Lot 8 to connect the existing county trail along Winslow Drive; (3) show on the final plat and dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, north-south along the western

boundary of Lot 6 and Lot 7 for the Palmer Divide Regional Trail; (4) show on the final plat and dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, east-west along the southern boundary of Lot 1 and Lot 2 for the Palmer Divide Regional Trail; (5) the trail easements shall be shown on the final plat and allow for public access, as well as construction and maintenance by El Paso County; (6) revise the construction and grading plans to include a trail crossing across Windermere Court; (7) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$3,680 will be due at recording of the final plat.

Development Application Permit Review

Villagree Development Corp

5710 Vessey Rd



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Park Operations - Community Outreach - Environmental Services **Veterans Services - Recreation / Cultural Services**

February 22, 2024

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Subdivision requirements referenced in Section 8.5.2 of the El Paso County Land Development Code. Fees are based on average land values within designated areas. See El Paso County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Resolution for fees established on 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.

Name: The Estates at Cathedral Pines Application Type: Final Plat

PCD Reference #: SF2234 Total Acreage: 35.00

Total # of Dwelling Units: 8

\$114 / Dwelling Unit x 8 Dwelling Units =

Applicant / Owner: **Dwelling Units Per 2.5 Acres: 0.57** Owner's Representative:

> William Guman & Associates Regional Park Area: 2

Urban Park Area: 2 731 North Weber St

Suite 10 Existing Zoning Code: RR5

Colorado Springs, CO 80908 Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Proposed Zoning Code: PUD

REGIONAL AND URBAN PARK DEDICATION AND FEE REQUIREMENTS

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

LAND REQUIREMENTS		Urban Density (>= 1 Dwelling Unit Per 2.5 Acres):		
Regional Park Area: 2		Urban Park Area: 2		
		Neighborhood:	0.00375 Acres x 8 Dwelling Units =	0.00
0.0194 Acres x 8 Dwelling Units =	0.155	Community:	0.00625 Acres x 8 Dwelling Units =	0.00
Total Regional Park Acres:	0.155		Total Urban Park Acres:	0.00

FEE REQUIREMENTS

Urban Park Area: 2 Regional Park Area: 2

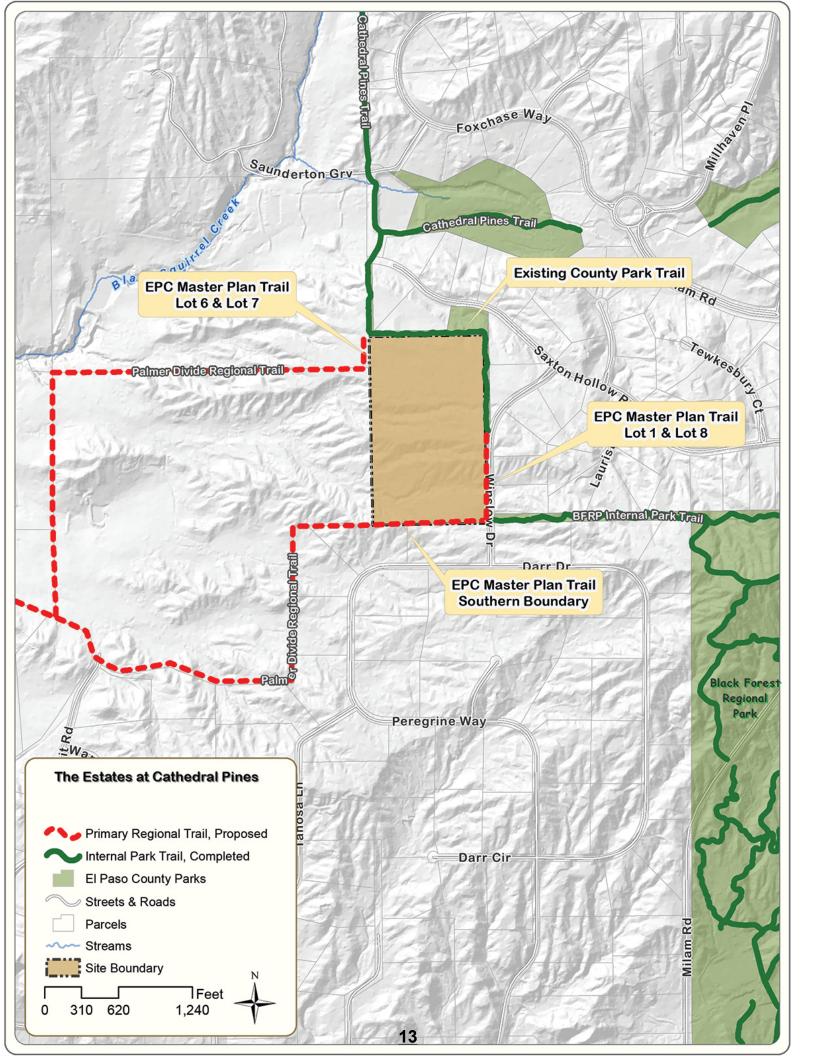
Neighborhood: \$460 / Dwelling Unit x 8 Dwelling Units = \$176 / Dwelling Unit x 8 Dwelling Units = Community: \$3,680

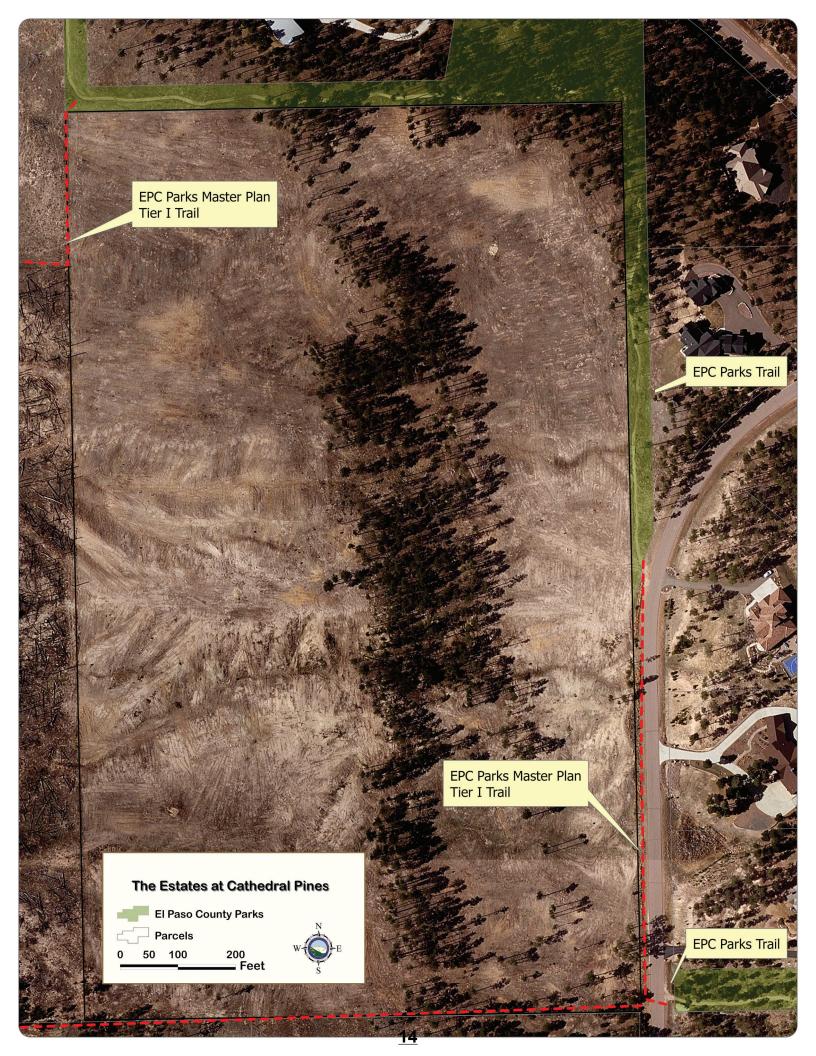
\$0 **Total Regional Park Fees: Total Urban Park Fees:** \$0 \$3,680

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 The Estates at Cathedral Pines Final Plat: (1) Provide open space dedications of 10% consistent with PUD zoning, show them as tracts or conservation areas, and include the appropriate plat note and land use table on the final plat drawings (2) show on the final plat and dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, north-south along the eastern boundary of Lot 1 and Lot 8 to connect the existing county trail along Winslow Drive; (3) show on the final plat and dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, north-south along the western boundary of Lot 6 and Lot 7 for the Palmer Divide Regional Trail; (4) show on the final plat and dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement, east-west along the southern boundary of Lot 1 and Lot 2 for the Palmer Divide Regional Trail; (5) the trail easements shall be shown on the final plat and allow for public access, as well as construction and maintenance by El Paso County; (6) revise the construction and grading plans to include a trail crossing across Windermere Court; (7) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$3,680 will be due at recording of the final plat.

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CATHEDRAL PINES SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 9

LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST OUARTER OF SECTION 2.

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO.

BE IT KNOWN BY THESE PRESENTS.

THAT VILLAGREE DEVELOPMENT LLC, BEING THE OWNER OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACTS OF LAND TO WIT:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BASIS OF BEARNICE: THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/A OF SECTION 2. TOWNSHIP IS SOUTH, RANGE 68 WEST OF THE ERTH PASS BEING MONIMENTED BY A 3-1/A* ALUMINIAM CAP STAMPED 15-9132* AT THE SOUTH 1/A CORNER AND A 2-1/2* ALUMINIAM CAP STAMPED 15-9137* AT THE CONTER (A CORNER, SAGE DUR. BEARNING RECORDE) UNDER RECEPTION NO. 205001738 IN THE RECORDS OF THE EL PASS NO. 1 COUNTY LEEK MAN RECORDS.

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2;

THENCE ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2, NO1111'44"W A DISTANCE OF 158.377 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF CATHEDRAL PINES SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 1 RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NO. 205001738 IN THE RECORDS OF THE EL PASO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDERS

THENCE ON SAID WESTERLY LINE, THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES:

- 1. N88'55'55"F A DISTANCE OF 965.20 FFFT:
- S0111'44"E A DISTANCE OF 1583.77 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERY LINE OF FALCON FOREST SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 2 RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK H-2 AT PAGE 5:

THENCE ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID FALCON FOREST SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 2, S88'55'55"W A DISTANCE OF 965.20 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING A CALCULATED AREA OF 1,528,651 SQUARE FEET OR 35.0930 ACRES.

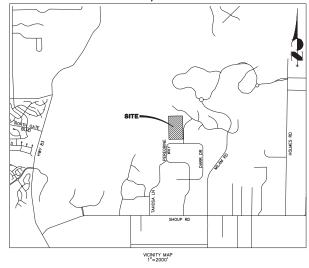
OWNERS CERTIFICATE/ DEDICATION STATEMENT:

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TRACT SO PLATTED SHALL BE KNOWN AS CATHEDRAL PINES SUBDIVISION FLINN IN. 9, EL PASO COUNTY, COURADA ARE WHEREY DESIDED TO PUBLIC USE AND SAID OWNER DEST HEREDY FERSONALLY COVENANT AND AGREE THAT ALL FLATTED STREETS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO EL PASO COUNTY STRANDRS, AND THAT PROPER DRAINGE FOR SAME WILL BE PROVIDED AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, ALL TO THE SATESACTION OF THE DOARD OF COUNTY COUNTS, AND LYON AND UPON MONTENANCE BY RESOLUTION, ALL STREETS OF DISCASSING AND UPON MONTENANCE BY RESOLUTION, ALL STREETS OF DISCASSING AND UPON MONTENANCE BY LESSON COUNTY, COURADO, AND UPON MONTENANCE BY LESSON COURTY.

THE AFOREMENTIONED, VILLAGREE DEVELOPMENT LLC, HAS EXECUTED THIS INSTRUMENT THIS DAY OF, 202, A.D.
BY:
PRINTED NAME:
AS: OF VILLAGREE DEVELOPMENT LLC
STATE OF COLORADO)) SS
COUNTY OF EL PASO)
THE FORGOING INSTRUMENT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THIS DAY OF
AS: OF VILLAGREE DEVELOPMENT LLC
WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL:
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

NOTARY PUBLIC



PCD DIRECTOR CERTIFICATE:

THIS PLAT FOR "CATHEDRAL PINES SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 9" WAS APPROVED FOR FILING BY THE EL PASO COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ON THIS 10 ANY NOTES OR CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREON. 202_ SUBJECT 10 ANY NOTES OR CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREON.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY	DATE

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE:

THE UNDERSOAND DEDISTEND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYER LICENSED IN THE STATE OF COLUMBIO, PRESENS STATES AND DECLARES THAN THE ACCOMPANION PLAY MISS SURVEYED AND DRAWN LINGER HIS REPORTING HE CHARGE AND ACQUIRATELY SHOWS THE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND, AND SUBMISSION THEORY, AND THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 38 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, 1973, AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN MIT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLDOE AND BELLET.

JARROD ADAMS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

NOTICE:

ACCORDING TO COLORADO LAW, YOU MUST COMMENCE ANY LEGAL ACTION BASED UPON ANY DEFECT IN THIS SURVEY WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER YOU FIRST DISCOVER SUCH DEFECT. IN NO EVENT, MAY ANY ACTION BASED UPON ANY DEFECT IN THIS SURVEY BE COMMENCED MORE THAN TEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION SHOWN HEREON.

CLERK AND RECORDER

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STATE OF COLORADO))SS	
COUNTY OF EL PASO)	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS INSTRUMENT WAS FILED FOR RECORD IN I	MY OFFICE
AT O'CLOCK,M., THIS DAY OF	, 20, A.D.
AND IS DULY RECORDED AT RECEPTION NO EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO.	OF THE RECORDS
STEVE SCHLEIKER, RECORDER	
BY: DEPUTY	

FEES: SCHOOL DISTRICT FEE: PARK FEE:

JOB NO. 25260.00 NOVEMBER 17, 2023 SHEET 1 OF 3

SUMMARY. 95.88% 1.88% 2.24%



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CATHEDRAL PINES SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 9

LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST OUARTER OF SECTION 2. TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, **COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO.**

PLAT NOTES:

BASIS OF BEARINGS:
THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH
P.M. BEING MONUMENTED BY A 3-1/4" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "LS 9132" AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER AND
A 2-1/2" ALUMINUM CAP STAMPED "LS 9132" AT THE CENTER 1/4 CORNER, SAID LINE BEARING NO011'44"W
AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF CATHEDRAL PINES SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 1 RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NO.
205001738 IN THE RECORDS OF THE EL PASO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER.

- 2. WATER SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY _
- 4. ELECTRIC SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED BY
- 5. FIRE PROTECTION BY THE BLACK FOREST FIRE DISTRICT.
- ALL STRUCTURAL FOUNDATIONS SHALL BE LOCATED AND DESIGNED BY A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, CURRENTLY LICENSED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO.
- 7. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS MAKE BEEN SUBMITED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE PRELIMINARY PLAN OR FINAL PLAT FOR THIS SIBMINISTON AND REE ON FILE AT THE COUNTY PLANMING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDY, DRAINAGE REPORT; WAITER RESOURCES REPORT; WASTEWATER DISPOSAL REPORT, NOTICAL HAZAROS REPORT, GEOLOGY AND SOLIS REPORT; WELLAND STUDY) 40 FERMIT.
- 8. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING PROPER STORM WATER DRAINACE IN AND THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY PUBLIC REMANGE EASEMENTS AS SEPCIFICACITY NOTED ON THE PLAT SHALL BE WANTAINED BY THE INDIVIDUAL LOT OWNERS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. STRUCTURES, FENCES, MATERIALS OR LANDSCAPING THAT COULD IMPORE THE FLOW OF RUMOR'S HALL NOT BE PLACED IN PARINAGE EASEMENTS.
- 9. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL SIDE, FRONT, AND EAR IN OT UNESS ARE HERSE PLATED ON DITHER SIDE WITH A 10 FOOT PUBLIC UTILITY AND PRAINAGE EASTMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. ALL EXTENCE SUBDIMISED BOUNDAIRES ARE HERBEY PLATED ON THE SIDE OF THE SULT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THESE EASEMENTS IS HERBEY VEST WITH THE INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS.
- 10. DEVELOPER SHALL COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS, REGULATIONS, ORDINANCES, REVIEW AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS, IF ANY, OF APPLICABLE AGENCES INCLIDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IT HE COLORADO PARKS AND MULDIUE, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, U.S., SAMY CORP OF ENGINEERS AND THE U.S. RISH AND MILDIUE SERVICE REGARDING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELIES TO THE LISTED SPECIES.
- THE ADDRESS EXHIBITED ON THIS PLAT ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. THEY ARE NOT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
- 12. NO DRIVEWAY SHALL BE ESTABLISHED UNLESS AN ACCESS PERMIT HAS BEEN GRANTED BY EL PASO COUNTY.
- 13. NO LOT OR INTERST THEREIN, SHALL BE SOLD, CONVEYED, OR TRANSFERRED WHETHER BY DEED OR BY CONTRACT, NOR SHALL BUILDING PERMITS BE ISSUED, UNIT, AND UNLESS EITHER THE REQUIRED PUBLIC AND COMMON DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AND COMMETED AND PERLUMNATURY ACCEPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS ACCEPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS ACCEPTED THE PAPPLICANTY OF THE CLERK AND RECORDED FOR ELASO COUNTY, COLORADO OR, IN THE ALTERNATY, OTHER COLLATERAL IS PROVIDED TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE COMPLETION OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELASO COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND BORNEERING CRITERIA MANUAL ANY SUCH ALTERNATIVE COLLATERAL MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR, IF PERMITTED BY THE SUBDIVISION MEROPEMENT CORE AND COUNTY OF COMMISSIONERS OR, IF PERMITTED BY THE SUBDIVISION MEROPEMENT CORE AND COMMISSIONERS OR, IF PERMITTED BY THE SUBDIVISION MEROPEMENT CORE AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR, IF PERMITTED BY THE SUBDIVISION MEROPEMENT CORE THE PLANNING AND COMMINITY DEVELOPMENT CHART AND MEET THE P

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- 14. NO STRUCTURES OR FENCES ARE PERMITTED WITHIN DESIGNATED "FLOODPLAIN" AREAS.
- 15. THIS PROPERTY IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN A DESIGNATED FEMA FLOODPLAIN AS DETERMINED BY THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP FOR EL PASO COUNTY, COMMUNITY MAP NUMBER 08041C0315G, EFFECTIVE DATE DECEMBER 7, 2018.
- 17. FOR ALL INFORMATION REGARDING EASEMENTS, RIGHT-OF-WAY OR TITLE OF RECORDS, JR ENGINEERING, LLC RELECT UPON TITLE COMMITMENT NO. 1966976, PREPARED BY STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY, WITH A COMMITMENT DATE OF MARCH 6, 2023 at 8:00 AM.
- MAIL BOXES SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL EL PASO COUNTY AND UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGULATION.
- 19. THE SUBDIVIDER(S) AGREES ON BEHALF OF HIM/HERSELF AND ANY DEVELOPER OR BUILDER SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNESS THAT SUBDIVIDER AND/OR SAID SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY TRAFFIC MPACY FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LP ASSO COUNTY ROAD IMPACT FEE FRORM RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION NO. 19-471), OR ANY HERDIGENTS THERETO, AT OR PRIOR TO THE TIME OF BUILDING PERMIT ASSISTED AND ASSISTED ASSISTE
- 21. THE PRIVATE ROADS AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT WILL NOT BE MAINTAINED BY EL PASO COUNTY UNTIL AND UNLESS THE STREETS ARE CONSTRUCTED IN CONFORMANCE WITH EL PASO COUNTY STANDARDS IN EFFECT AT THE DATE OF THE REQUEST FOR DEDICATION AND MAINTENANCE.

LAND SUMMARY CHART									
TRACT	AREA (SF)	AREA (AC)	USE	MAINTENANCE	OWNERSHIP				
A	71,465	1.6406	DRAINAGE, UTILITIES, PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, OPEN SPACE	TBD	TBD				
В	37,599	0.8632	DRAINAGE, UTILITIES, PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, OPEN SPACE	TBD	TBD				
TRACT TOTAL	109,064	2.5038							
LOT TOTAL	1,329,318	30.5169							
R.O.W.	90,269	2.0723							
TOTAL	1,528,651	35.0930							

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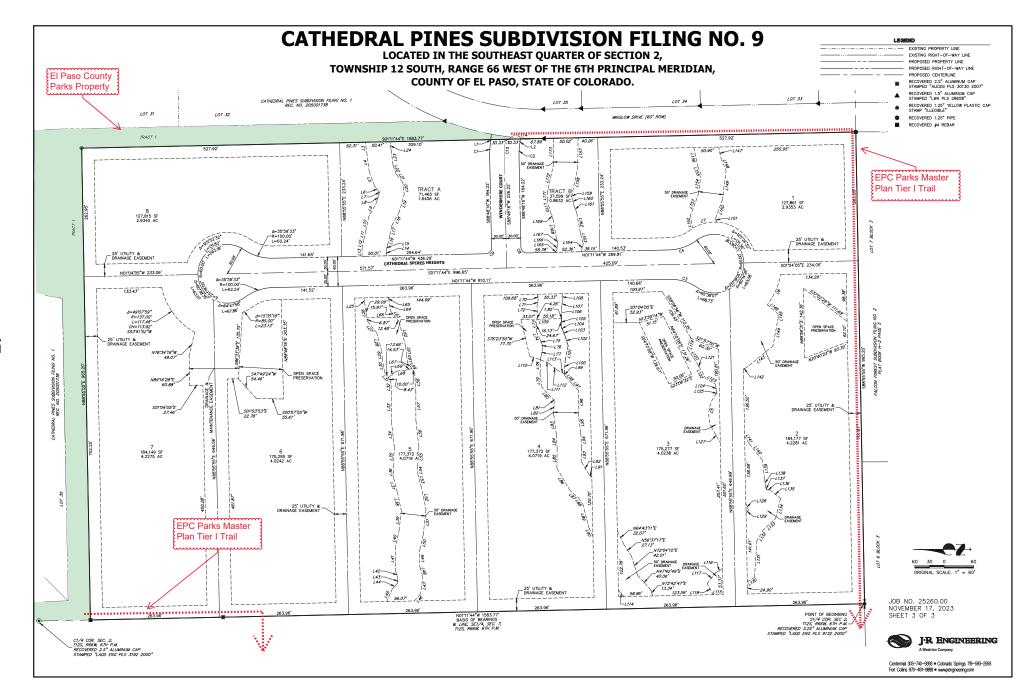
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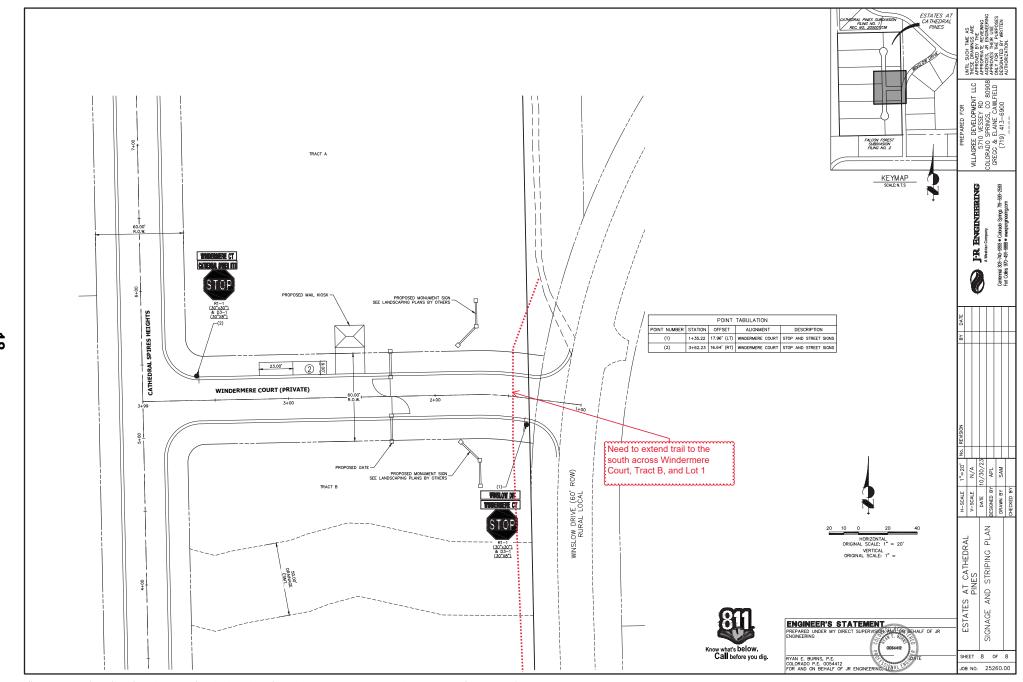
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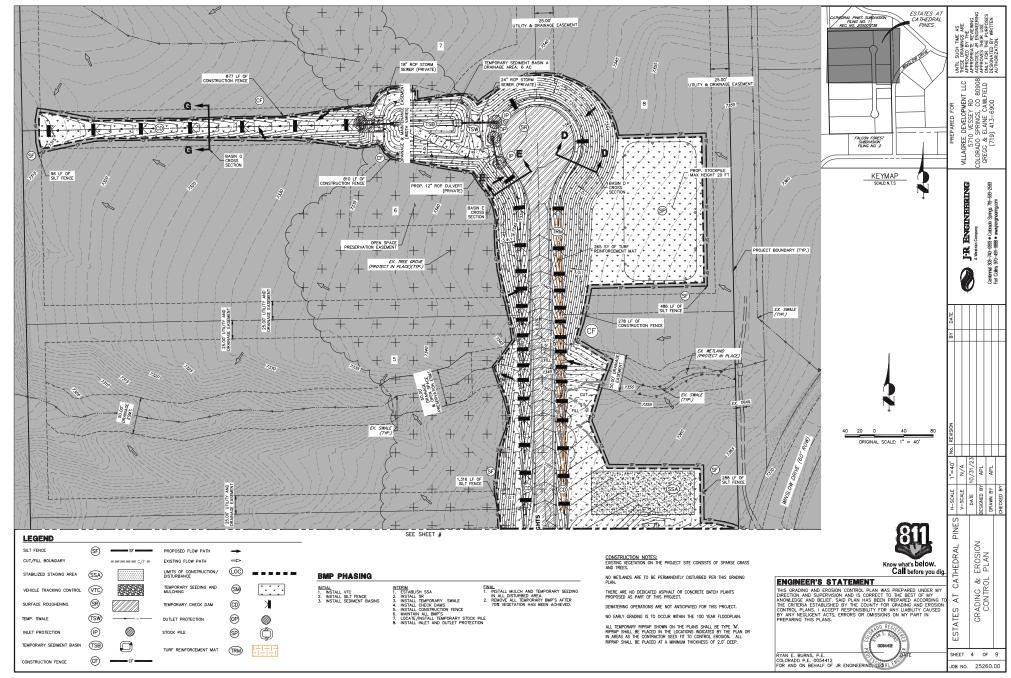
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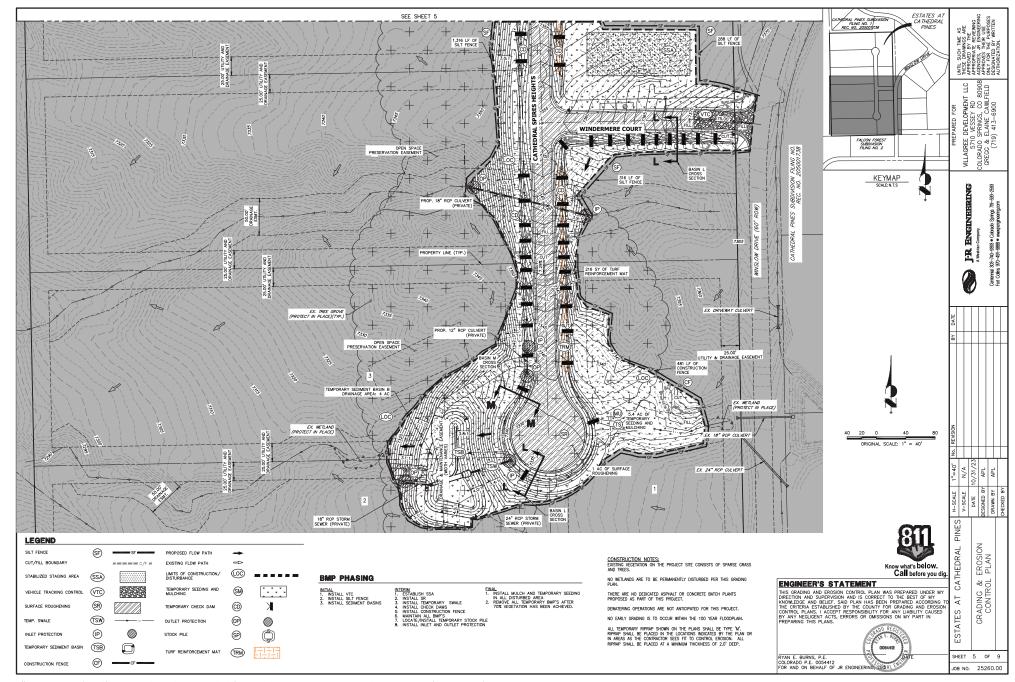


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El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: PPACG Active Transportation Plan

Agenda Date: March 13, 2024

Agenda Item Number: #7 - A

Presenters: Jason Meyer, Park Planning Division Manager

Information: X Endorsement:

Background Information:

The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) is updating the Pikes Peak Region's Active Transportation Plan. The Active Transportation Plan and Long-Range Transportation Plan set the vision for the future of the transportation network. They help identify important projects, prioritize investments for the next 20 years, and provide guidance for future projects. These plans are critical to help make the decisions for our region.

Recommended Motion: Information only.



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

We are updating the Pikes Peak Region's Active Transportation Plan!

Walking. Biking. Rollerblading. Skateboarding. These are all forms of active transportation! Our region needs a plan to make sure we can all get where we want to go using active modes. This plan will ultimately be part of the region's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Here's where you come in!

It's important that we hear from people of all ages as we plan for the future—including you! Tell us what we need to know about how you get where you want to go today and what you'd like to see in the future.

Long-term Transportation Planning

The Active Transportation Plan and Long-Range Transportation Plan set the vision for the future of the transportation network. They help identify important projects, prioritize investments for the next 20 years, and provide guidance for future projects. These plans are critical to help make the decisions for our region.

To find our more about these plans, please visit their websites!

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ppacg.org/2050-long-range-transportation-plan/

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ppacg.org/transportation/walk-bike-ride/

Two ways to provide input before March 29!



















El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Fox Run Nature Center Update

Agenda Date: March 13, 2024

Agenda Item Number: #7 - B

Presenters: Todd Marts, Executive Director

Information: X Endorsement:

Background Information:

The Fox Run Nature Center Team hosted a public meeting in Black Forest on the Fox Run Nature Center. The attached presentation was given followed by a small group discussion opportunity. All questions and comments were collected and are now addressed on the Fox Run Nature Center Project website.

Recommended Motion: Information only.





MEETING PURPOSE & GOALS

PROVIDE AN ACCURATE PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT AND MISSION OF EL PASO COUNTY NATURE CENTERS

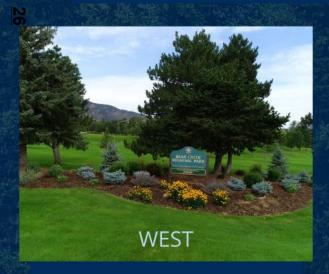
COLLECT QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK ON THE PROJECT





EL PASO COUNTY REGIONAL PARK SYSTEM

PROVIDE VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION FOR ALL EL PASO COUNTY RESIDENTS & VISITORS



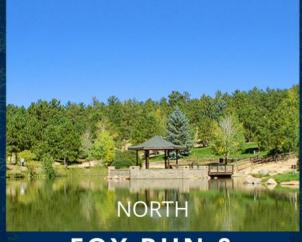
BEAR CREEK REGIONAL PARK



FOUNTAIN CREEK REGIONAL PARK



FALCON &
HOMESTEAD
REGIONAL PARKS



FOX RUN & BLACK FOREST REGIONAL PARKS

EL PASO COUNTY NATURE CENTERS

MISSION

To connect people to their natural and cultural resources and inspire them to become stewards for the parks and our environment.





EL PASO COUNTY NATURE CENTERS

NATURE CAMPS



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



EL PASO COUNTY NATURE CENTERS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FIELD TRIPS





ADULT PROGRAMS

OPEN TO THE PUBLICFREE FOR GENERAL VISITORS

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



NATURE CENTERS STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS



GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

CREEK WEEK CLEAN UP

WILDFIRE MITIGATION

WEED CONTROL

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NATURE CENTERS



FOUNTAIN CREEK

MARCH 9, 2024 9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.



MARCH 23, 2024 9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

EL PASO COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN

2013 MASTER PLAN

GOAL 1

Provide high quality recreation and educational experiences for users of county park facilities and recreational areas.

OBJECTIVE C

Expand nature-based programming and develop nature center facility in the northern area of the County.



EL PASO COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN

2022 MASTER PLAN

GOAL 11

Provide high quality recreation and educational experiences for users of county park facilities and recreational areas.

OBJECTIVE 11.1

Expand nature-based programming and develop nature center facility in Fox Run Regional Park.



NORTHERN NATURE CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY

2019 FEASIBILITY STUDY

El Paso County completed the Northern Nature Center Feasibility Study to identify a location for a future nature center in northern El Paso County. This study involved detailed site analysis, public input, stakeholder discussions, financial analysis, and a focus on a site that inspires visitors.

The study recommended Fox Run Regional Park as the location for the new Northern El Paso County Nature Center.



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CURRENT CAPITAL PROJECTS | FOX RUN



\$330,000
PINE MEADOWS PLAYGROUND

The project consisted of the removal and replacement of a play structure at the Pine Meadows playground within Fox Run Regional Park and establishing ADA accessible routes.

A concrete sidewalk leading to the playground was updated to meet ADA. Additional improvements included parking spaces and ADA accessibility to restrooms.

CURRENT CAPITAL PROJECTS | FOX RUN



\$2 MILLION

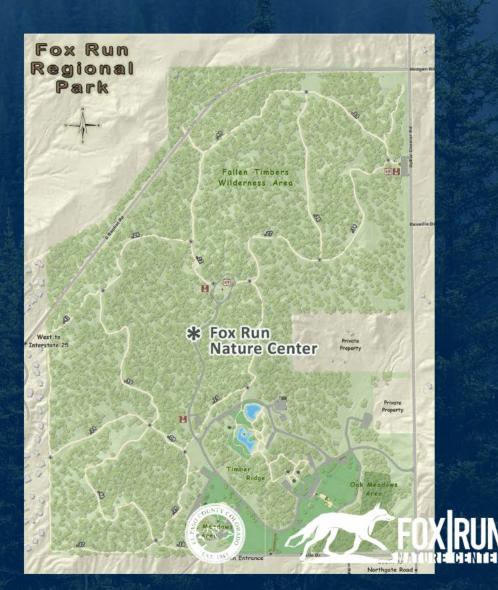
RESTROOM, GAZEBO & POND IMPROVEMENTS

LOCATION OF NATURE CENTER

APPROXIMATELY 1 ACRE DISTURBANCE

Fox Run Regional Park

Total Park Acreage is 410 Acres
Park Opened in 1985



LOCATION OF NATURE CENTER

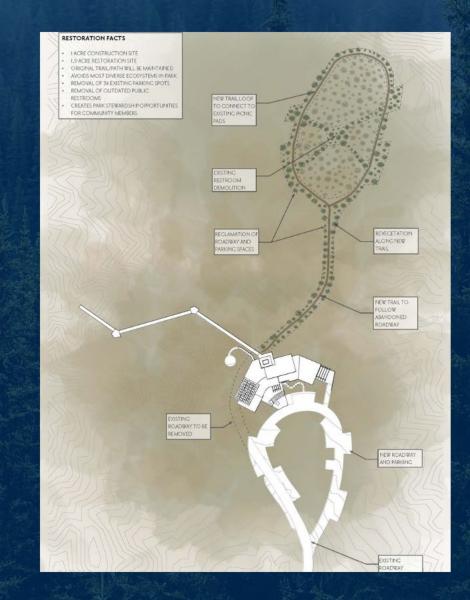
APPROXIMATELY 1.9 ACRE RESTORATION

1 ACRE CONSTRUCTION SITE

1.9 ACRE RESTORATION SITE

ORIGINAL TRAIL/PATH WILL BE MAINTAINED

AVOIDS MOST DIVERS ECOSYSTEMS IN PARK
REMOVAL OF 34 EXISTING PARKING SPOTS
REMOVAL OF OUTDATED PUBLIC RESTROOMS
CREATES STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



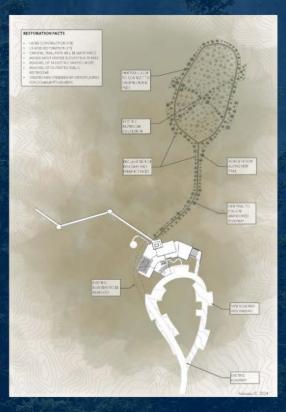
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NET GAIN RESTORED TOTAL PARK = 410 ACRES









DESIGN OF NATURE CENTER

SITE PLAN & DESIGN NOTES

LOCATION ON EDGE OF FOREST WHICH IS MORE DYNAMIC

UTILIZE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



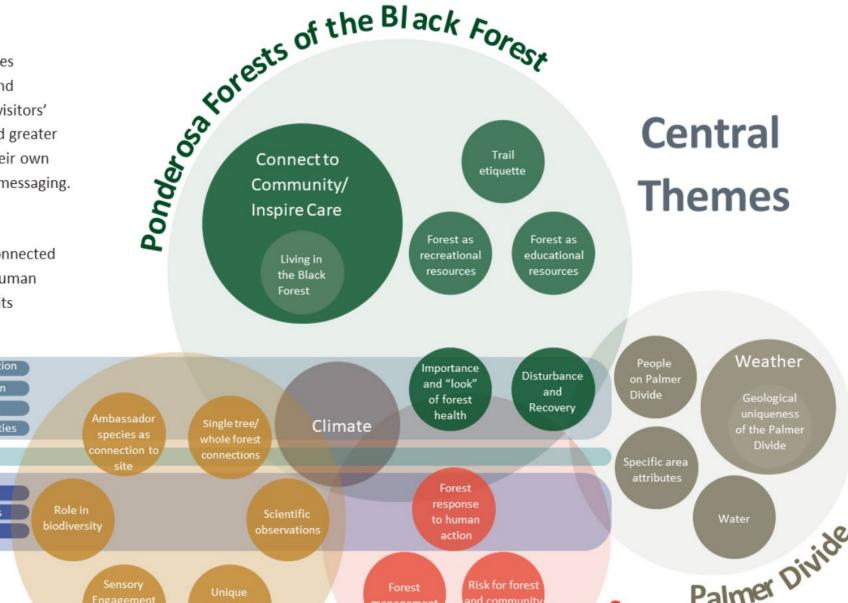




The visitor experience at Fox Run Nature Center balances

The Black Forest's Fox Run Regional Park is integrally connected to and made healthy through its biological inventory, human presence, and our concern and passionate support for its evermore important future.

experiences from which to explore the nature center's messaging.



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Animals & Plants

Play, Joy, and Discovery!

Conservation

Species of Fox Run

Species as forest health indicators Bio-facts, Taxidermy, Tactiles

Importance of land/resource conservation

Conservation observations at Fox Run

Visitor connections to conservation

Conservation programmatic opportunities

Role in biodiversity

smell)



PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY

TREAT ALL WITH KINDNESS & RESPECT

VALUE DIVERSE VIEWS & OPINIONS

ALL QUESTIONS & COMMENTS WILL BE POSTED ON WEBSITE







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El Paso County Parks 2024 Action Plan

Recreation / Cultural Services	Project Manager	Priority	Status
Fox Run Nature Center Fundraising	Theresa Odello / Dana Nordstrom		In Progress
Mid-Week County Fair Attendance	Andschana Aljets		In Progress
Execute three larger events at the Fairgrounds	Andschana Aljets		
Signage Update and Design at Bear Creek Nature Center	Mary Jo Lewis		
Teen Volunteers at Fountain Creek Nature Center	Jessica Miller		
Fountain Creek Nature Center Field Guide	Victoria Dinkel		
Volunteer Restoration Days at BCNC	Kylee Taylor		In Progress
Trail Camera at BCNC	Kylee Taylor		
Fairgrounds Corporation Bylaws	Theresa Odello		
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 Assessment	Kyle Melvin	High	In Progress
Pineries Open Space Forestry	Kyle Melvin	High	Bid Development
Vegetation Management	Scott Myers	High	Contract Award
Homestead Ranch RP Playground Improvements	Scott Myers		In Progress
Fox Run RP Entrance Improvements (Stella Dr)	Ben Dumakowski	High	In Progress
Pineries Open Space Drainage Improvements	Ben Dumakowski	High	On-Hold (Weather)
Bear Creek Dog Park Trail Improvements	Adam Robertson		
Bear Creek RP Entrance Improvements (Argus Dr)	Adam Robertson		In Progress
Bear Creek Regional Park Bridge Improvements	Adam Robertson	High	In Progress
Homestead Ranch RP Facility Improvements	Adam Baker	High	Bid Development
Fairgrounds Audio Improvements	Adam Baker	High	Construction
Fountain Creek RP Landscape Improvements	Jamie Haas		
Fountain Creek RP Entry and Rules Signage	Jamie Haas		Completed
Park Planning Divisions	Project Manager	Priority	Status
Fountain Creek Regional Park Parking & ADA	Greg Stachon		
Fox Run Nature Center Design	Jason Meyer		
Paint Mines Interpretive Park Master Plan	Ross Williams		
Administration	Project Manager	Priority	Status
Develop a Department & Divisions Mission Statement	Todd Marts		
Implement PAY-TRAC	Deb Reid		Completed

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Community Services Department Parks / Recreation & Cultural Services Divisions February 2024 Monthly Report **Facility Revenue Totals To Date** 2023 2022 2024 Budget Current Totals to Date | Totals to Date **Balance** 135,146 Parks Facility Reservation Revenue \$ 180,000 \$ 44,854 \$ 65,286 \$ 32,851 County Fair / Fairgrounds \$ 301,000 \$ 25,599 \$ 275,401 29,058 49,876 \$ 481,000 \$ \$ 82,727 Total 70,453 \$ 410,547 94,344 \$ **Fundraising Revenue** 2024 2024 2023 2022 Purpose Goal Amount Balance Totals to Date | Totals to Date County Fair Sponsorships 80,000 \$ 92,500 \$ 10,000 \$ 20,000 Fair Operations \$ (12,500)Partners in the Park Program Park Operations \$ 45,000 \$ 30,000 \$ 15,000 \$ 47,500 \$ 5,000 7,181 \$ 1,225 \$ 8,013 Trust for County Parks Park Operations 10,000 \$ 2,819 \$ \$ Nature Center Fundraising Nature Center Support 2,127 \$ 22.873 1,932 \$ 25,000 \$ \$ 690 \$ County Fairgrounds Support (Fairgrounds Corp) Programming/Facility Support \$ 40,000 \$ 80,000 \$ (40,000)\$ 70,000.00 \$ 40,000 200,000 \$ Total \$ 207,446 \$ (7,446)\$ 129,415 \$ 74,945 Grant / 3rd Party Funding **Awarded Parks Division Reservations** 2024 2024 2024 2023 2023 2022 2022 Year to Date Rentals Attendance **Evaluation** Rentals Attendance Rental Attendance January 10 1072 N/A 11 966 3 510 15 898 N/A 15 778 5 446 February March April May June July August September October November December 25 Total 1970 0 26 1744 8 956

Parks Facility Reservations	2024	2024	2023	2023	2022	2022	
February	Rentals	Attendance	Rentals	Attendance	Rentals	Attendance	
Bear Creek Regional Park	<u>itentais</u>	Attendance	iteritais	Attendance	rtentais	Attendance	
Archery Lanes							
Athletic Fields				1			
Pavilions							
	3	324	1	200	1	400	
Trails	3	324	1	300	1	400	
Vendor							
Tennis Courts							
Pickleball Courts							
Vita Course			4.0				
Meeting Room	7	98	10	114			
Black Forest Regional Park							
Athletic Fields							
Pavilions							
Vendor							
Tennis Courts						1	
<u>Falcon Regional Park</u>							
Baseball Fields							
Vendor							
Fountain Creek Regional Park							
Athletic Fields							
Pavilions							
Trails	1	300	1	300			
Disc Golf Course				1			
Vendor							
Fox Run Regional Park							
Athletic Fields							
Gazebo	1	150	1	30	1	20	
Warming Hut	1	20	1	30	1	20	
Pavilions				1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Vendor							
Trails							
Homestead Ranch Regional Park							
Pavilions		+					
Athletic Fields		+					
Trails				1			
Palmer Lake Recreational Area				1			
Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trail		<u> </u>					
New Santa Fe Trail							
Monument Trail Head New Santa Fe Trail				+ +		1	
Baptist Road Santa Fe Trail				+		_	
AFA Santa Fe Trail				1			
Vendor - Santa Fe Trailheads				ļ		1	
Paint Mines Trail	2	6	1	4	2	6	
Rock Island Trail							
Black Forest Section 16					·		
Rainbow Falls Historic Site							
Pineries Open Space				1			
Total Park Facility Reservations	15	898	15	778	5	446	

Fairgrounds Facility Reservations		2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2022	2022
Year to Date		Rentals	Attendance	Evaluation	Rentals	Attendance	Rentals	Attendance
January		17	385	N/A	8	173	7	150
February		19	770	N/A	14	735	19	726
March			-					
April								
May								
June								
July								
August					<u> </u>			
September					<u> </u>			
October								
November								
December								
Total		36	1,155	N/A	22	908	26	876
Total		36	1,100	N/A	22	900	20	6/6
Estamon In Esta William Control		2024	2024	0000	2000			
Fairgrounds Facility Reservations		2024	2024	2023	2023			
February		<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Attendance</u>			
Swink Hall - Fairgrounds								
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	20	1	20			
Little Britches Club		2	40	1	20			
Fair Advisory Board		1	25	1	15			
Calhan FFA		1	100	1	20			
4-H Activities		3	300					
Jr. Livestock Sale Committee Meeting		1	20					
4-H Livestock Judging Clinic		1	100					
Grand Stands Building								
Track				1	35			
Barns				1	200			
Livestock Arena				1	100			
4H Horsemanship Cinic		1	100	2	5			
Whittemore - Fairgrounds		·	.00	_				
Arena				1	60			
Open Riding		5	5	1	200			
Month Total Fair Facility Reservations		19	770	14	735			
Month Total Fall Facility Reservations		13	110	17	733			
Vandalism Report								
Incident	Date	Location	Area	Cost				
<u>Intolucin</u>	Date	Bear Creek Dog	Alta					+
Two new honners stelen	1/23/2024	Park	Control	\$175				
Two new banners stolen	1/23/2024	Widefield Park	Central South	\$200				+
United Flight Memorial - Graffiti removal Tunnel - Graffiti removal	1/24/2024	Widefield Park	South	\$200 \$50				+
		Widefield Park						+
Fireworks set off in portable restroom	2/22/2024	Black Forest	North	\$900				1
			Total	\$1,325				

Volunteerism		202	24	2023		2022		
Total for Year	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	Total Hours	<u>Volunteers</u>	Total Hours	<u>Volunteers</u>	Total Hours	
January		167	827	138	728	180	609	
February		272	1,259	292	1,302	60	327	
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Totals		439	2,086	430	2,030	240	936	
		20	24		,	-		
February		Volunteers	Total Hours					
Park Advisory Board		9	35					
Fair Advisory Board		14	119					
Fairgrounds Corporation		5	14					
Fair and Events Center		16	144					
Friends of the Nature Centers		38	277					
Adopt-A-Park / Trail / Volunteer Projects		190	670					
Total		272	1,259					
			1,=22					
Programming		2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2022	2022
Totals for Year		Programs	Attendance	Evaluation	Programs	Attendance	Programs	Attendance
January		48	1434	4.98	45	1152	29	452
February		49	1995	4.99	43	2032	37	952
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Totals	800 / 21,000	97	3429		88	3184	66	1404

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		2024	2024	2024			
February	Facility	Programs	Attendance	Evaluation			
Fishing 101 & Indoor Gardening	BCNC	1	22	5.00			
Nature Adventures: Happy Feet:	FCNC	2	47	5.00			
2s & 3s Outdoors: Clever Coyote	FCNC	2	64	5.00			
Adult Bird Club Class	FCNC	1	15	0.00			
Adult Bird Club Field Trip	FCNC	1	15				
Scout: My Tiger Jungle Adventure Badge	FCNC	1	25	5.00			
Room Rental: REI	FCNC	1	40	3.00			
Room Rental: Baby Shower	FCNC	1	50				
Room Rental: Birthday Party	FCNC	1	30				
Birthday: Walk the Wetlands	FCNC	1	24				
Adult Care Group	FCNC	3	21				
Walk the Wetlands	FCNC	1	10				
Puppet Theatre Matinee	BCNC	1	41				
Group Visits	BCNC	4	60		1		
Disability Etiquette Training	BCNC	1	43		1	+	
Nature Explorers: Baby Names in Nature	BCNC	2	50	4.90			
Bighorn Sheep Day	BCNC	1	200	4.90			
Little Wonders: Move and Dance with Animals and Plants		2	50	5.00			
Partner Appreciation Night	BCNC	1	40	5.00			
Kids Morning Out: Nature Math	BCNC	1	20				
		1					
Bear Den Rental- Scout Group Pikes Peak Birding & Nature Festival Meeting	BCNC BCNC	1	50 11				
		1					
Outreach: Career Fair at New Summer Charter Academy	BCNC		250	5.00			
Colorado Wildlife Detectives	BCNC	1	15	5.00			
Winter Adaptations	BCNC	8	102	5.00			
Cornhole League	FEC	3	180				
Game Expo	FEC	1	400				
Calhan Cheer	FEC	4	120	4.00			
TOTALS		49	1995	4.99			
			Paint Mines				
		Fountain Creek		Rainbow Falls			
Winiter Centests (1)	Dani Carala Natura Cantan	Nature Center	Interpretive Park	Historic Site			
Visitor Contacts (does not include programs)	Bear Creek Nature Center						
January	604	659	0	0			
February	702	634	0	0	 	+	1
March							
April							
May							
June							
July					-		
August					-		
September					-		
October							
November							
December		45					
Totals	1306	1293	0	0	1		

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PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES **MONTHLY REPORT**

February 2024

General Updates:

COMMISSIONERS:

CAMI BREMER (CHAIR)

1. Facility rentals have generated \$44,854.00 which is 23% of our \$180,000 annual revenue goal.

Special Events:

- 1. The Pikes Peak Road Runners hosted two larger running events in February: The Winter Series III and IV were held on the Fountain Creek Regional trail and Bear Creek Regional trail. Winter Series III started out at the El Pomar Youth Sports Park where runners headed south on the Fountain Creek Regional trail and back. Winter Series IV started downtown at the America the Beautiful Park where runners entered the east trail system of Bear Creek Regional Park and returned back to the downtown area.
- 2. El Paso County Search & Rescue held K9 training for ten K9s and handlers on the trail systems of Bear Creek Regional Park.



Winter Series Run @ Bear Creek Regional Trail





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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Monthly Report – January 2024 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Monthly Report – February 2023

Community Outreach

Partners in the Park:

We are seeking partners for Homestead Regional Park, Black Forest Regional Park, Fountain Creek Regional Park, and Widefield Community Park. Please forward any suggestions to <u>DanaNordstrom@elpasoco.com</u>

El Paso County Fair:

We have surpassed our financial goal and sponsors have committed \$100,000 towards the County Fair this year. Please mark your calendars for the VIP Luncheon at noon, on opening day, Saturday, July 13 at the Fair and Events Center, 366 10th Street, Calhan, 80808.



<u>Fox Run Nature Center:</u> We will host an **Open House**, at **Pikes Peak Brewing Co** in Monument with updates about the Fox Run Nature Center, on **March 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. Bird Dog BBQ will provide free appetizers. To learn more and stay up to date, please visit our project website at www.tdg-frnc.com.

Great American Clean Up:

Our community-wide clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday**, **April 27**. County Parks Staff is hosting two material pick-up events, crew leader training, and three clean-up events. For more information please visit https://www.fountain-crk.org/great-american-cleanup/





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Recreation & Cultural Services Division Monthly Report: February 2024

Programs & Special Events:

On Friday, February 2, the second annual Fishing 101 program
was held at Bear Creek Nature Center. 16 participants gathered
in the Bear Den to listen to a guest speaker from the Pikes Peak
Chapter of Trout Unlimited talk about fishing in the Pikes Peak
Region. The program lasted about two and a half hours and
consisted of slide presentations, web presenting,



demonstrations with certain kinds of fishing gear, and a fishing activity with real fishing poles. This class is a great opportunity for new anglers to receive information before the fishing season starts.

On Saturday, February 17 the first Intro to Indoor Gardening class
was held at Bear Creek Nature Center. While it snowed heavily the
morning before the program, that didn't stop the participants who did
come from bringing in their indoor plants to repot and learn about indoor
gardening. For this program we partnered with an instructor from CSU
Extension, and it turned out to be a great partnership as the instructor,
Barb, was amazing. In addition to receiving help with repotting,
participants were able to leave with newly propagated succulents that we



participants were able to leave with newly propagated succulents that were picked and transplanted during the class.

- Fountain Creek Nature Center hosted both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts this month! Mr. Andy led the boys and their families around the Nature Loop to complete a scavenger hunt, map the things they found, study tracks, and coached them in teaching others about what they discovered. Mr. Andy also led a Walk the Wetlands outing for Girl Scouts of Colorado who wanted to offer a program to young girls not already in the scout program, to show them the natural and educational resources available through Girl Scouts and the Nature Center.
- On the evening of February 22, Bear Creek Nature Center invited 2023's El Paso County Nature Centers Sponsors, programming partners, Partners in the Park, and major supporters to a 'Partner Appreciation' event. Guests mingled while enjoying "mocktails", light refreshments, and live folk music from nature center volunteer band Peppergrass. Remarks made by Bear Creek Supervisor Mary Jo Lewis, Recreation & Cultural



Services Division Manager Theresa Odello, and Community Services Director Todd Marts expressed gratitude and also gave attendees a window into the impact of their support and the exciting Fox Run Nature Center on the horizon.

Outreach Events and Other Items:

 In February, the El Paso County Fair & Events Center hosted a highly successful Game Expo, drawing attendance of over 400 individuals. The event showcased traditional and new board games, learn to play and open play, game related vendors, and group activities like game board Jeopardy and musical bingo,



fostering a lively exchange among enthusiasts and professionals alike. 4-H animal projects, beef tag-in, and Creation Station Clinics kicked off the 4-H season. Additionally, the Little Britches Goat Clinic provided a charming platform for goat enthusiasts to gather, learn, and connect. These diverse activities, along with our ongoing Cornhole League and Community meetings, underscored our commitment to fostering community engagement and catering to a broad range of interests.

- Fountain Creek Nature Center was the party spot this month! While the outdoors was chilly, the Program Room was booked with multiple celebrations for birthdays and babies. The smell of cake, sounds of laughter and singing, and site of fun decorations exuded from our large rentable room. Everyone commented on the beautiful view, great space, and accessible price.
- Fountain Creek Nature Center has a new educational animal a Chaco Golden Knee Tarantula! Named Dorada, meaning golden in Spanish, this tarantula will help us teach audiences about arthropods and spiders. We are often asked about tarantulas that live in Colorado, and Dorada will help visitors understand spiders better to be more confident in the outdoors. While she's still a bit shy, Dorada is calm and is able to be handled!



• Where can you find Big Horn Sheep wandering around inside? At Big Horn Sheep Day at Garden of the Gods, of course. At least 101 "big horn sheep" meandered the exhibits with headbands they made at Bear Creek Nature Center's table on Saturday, February 17. Although most chose to be rams, a few ewes showed off their tinier horns. Because, as everyone learned, both male and female sheep have horns. And lots of people (almost 200) "herd" about all the Nature Centers' wonderful programs!



• What exactly is a naturalist? For us at the nature centers, being a naturalist often revolves around scat. But on February 23, Kindergarten through 8th grade students at New Summit Charter Academy learned about careers in the outdoors, environmental education, and some fun bear facts from Kylee Taylor, Bear Creek Nature Center's Interpretive Programs Coordinator. The Academy's Love of Learning career fair showcased over 120 different career paths for students to explore. Students learned how naturalists at



the nature centers work to connect people to the outdoors and inspire stewardship through environmental education. Over 250 students were encouraged to pursue careers in the outdoors with nature nerds and science fiends alike found joy in the hands-on learning provided by just a black bear skull and pelt!







Special Events and Program Calendar March 13 - April 10, 2024

Date	Day of Week	Program	Location	Target Audience	Notes*				
March 13	Wednesday	Little Wonders - TREE-mendous	Bear Creek Nature Center	Children ages 2-3 with an adult	9-10:15am and 1-2:15pm, \$3/person				
March 14	Thursday	Nature's Classroom– Homeschool Field Trips: Discover Bear Creek	Bear Creek Nature Center	Children ages 5-7 with adult	1-3pm, \$4/person				
March 14	Thursday	Nature's Classroom– Homeschool Field Trips: Colorado Wildlife Detectives	Bear Creek Nature Center	Children ages 8+	1-3pm, \$4/person				
March 15	Friday	2s & 3s Outdoors: On the Move	Fountain Creek Nature Center	Children ages 2-3 and their families	10-11:15 am, 2-3:15pm, \$3/ person				
March 16	Saturday	Painting in the Park: Pottery Edition	Fountain Creek Nature Center	Adults, Children 5+	10am-12pm, Price TBD upon registration at coloradosprings.colormemine.com				
March 16	Saturday	Forest Bathing Walk	Bear Creek Nature Centers	All Ages	10am-12:30pm, \$30/person				
March 16 & 17	Saturday & Sunday	Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association– Beekeeping School	Bear Creek Nature Center	Adults	8:30am-3:45pm, \$65/person				
March 20	Wednesday	Nature Explorers - Dear Dogs	Bear Creek Nature Center	Children ages 3-4 with an adult	10-11:30am and 1-2:30pm, \$3/person				
March 20	Wednesday	Rock Island Cornhole	Fair & Events Center	Teens & Adults to Play; All ages are welcome	6-10pm, \$10/ person				
March 22	Friday	Homeschool Fridays: Walk the Wetlands	Fountain Creek Nature Center	Children in grades Pre-k -2nd with their families	2-4pm, \$4 per person				
March 23	Saturday	Communication in Nature	Fountain Creek Nature Center	Ages 12+	10am-12pm, \$5 per person or \$4 per member				
March 23	Saturday	Active Adults: The Great American Eclipse of 2024 with Colorado Springs Astronomical Society	Bear Creek Nature Center	Adults	10:00-11:30am, \$5/person				
March 25-29	Monday- Friday	Spring Break Camp: Arts in the Park	Fountain Creek Nature Center	Children in grades 1-5	9am-3pm daily, \$165 per child, military/member discounts available				
March 27	Wednesday	Rock Island Cornhole	Fair & Events Center	Teens & Adults to Play; All ages are welcome	6-10pm, \$10/person				
March 29	Friday	Nighttime EGG-stravaganza	Fox Run Regional Park	Ages 7+	Every 15 minutes between 7:45 and 8:30pm, \$6/person				
March 30	Saturday	Chocolate Bunny Egg Hunt	Fountain Creek Nature Center	Ages 2-12 with caregiver	9-10am, 11am-12pm, 1-2pm, \$6/child				
March 30	Saturday	Chocolate Bunny Egg Hunt	Bear Creek Nature Center	Ages 2-12 with caregiver	9-10am, 11am-12pm, 1-2pm, 3-4pm, \$6/person				
March 30	Saturday	Swing into Spring Fair	Fair & Events Center	All Ages	10am-5pm, free admission				
April 3	Wednesday	Rock Island Cornhole	Fair & Events Center	Teens & Adults to Play; All ages are welcome	6-10pm, \$10/person				
April 4, 11, 18 & 25	Thursdays	Eco Art and Meditation	Bear Creek Nature Center	Adults	12-2pm, \$30 /person				
April 5	Friday	Nature Adventures: Who Gives a Hoot?	Fountain Creek Nature Center	Ages 3-6 with their families	10-11:30am, 2-3:30pm, \$3/person				
April 6	Saturday	Kids' Morning Out: Nature's Small Gifts	Bear Creek Nature Center	Ages 6-12	9am-1pm, \$25/child includes lunch				
April 6 & 13	Saturdays	Children's Mindfulness Series with Mighty Mindful Kids	Bear Creek Nature Center	Children ages 5-12 with caregiver	2-4pm, \$30/person for both sessions				
April 10	Wednesday	Rock Island Cornhole	Fair & Events Center	Teens & Adults to Play; All ages are welcome	6-10pm, \$10/person				
April 13	Saturday	Auto Races	Fair & Events Center	All Ages	www.bstpromotions.com				
		* Nature Center Members may receive an additional discount							

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PARKS PLANNING DIVISION & PARK OPERATIONS DIVISION

MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

Parks 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.

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. A design contract with Baseline Engineering was completed in 2022. A separate contract for construction will be advertised with Baseline providing construction support services. County Parks submitted a CDBG grant application in February 2023 for project funding. El Paso County Parks was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for this project in July 2023. In late February 2024, a pre-bid meeting was conducted as part of the contractor solicitation process. Construction will likely occur in mid-2024.

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 through the project website. Conceptual design work continued throughout 2023. Design Development will continue in 2024 with final design anticipated in summer 2024. Parallel to the design effort, fundraising and public engagement will continue including two public meetings scheduled on February 16 at the Black Forest Community Club, and March 14 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 will be completed in two phases, design first with a construction project to follow. A design was completed by Design Edge in 2023. The project is slated for construction in 2024.

Homestead Ranch Regional Park Improvements –This project implements recommendations from the 2022 Homestead Ranch Master Plan. The scope of work includes trail upgrades, parking lot and drainage improvements, signage, and forest management tasks. Fencing repairs are complete. Signage is on hand. Parking lot and trail improvements were completed in December of 2023.

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.

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.

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 spring 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. Design should be completed in summer 2024.

Development Permit Application Reviews - Staff reviewed one development application for endorsement at the March 2024 meeting and provided internal administrative comments for an additional seven applications during February 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 EI 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 has received training in the new ArcGIS Promapping 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 Pineries 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 February. Parking lot and trail maintenance, landscape bed maintenance, snow removal, daily illegal camping checks, playground inspections, monitoring of pickleball court open / closure, and rotating equipment and vehicles to Fleet for annual maintenance and repairs were priorities during the reporting period.

The Central team is in the process of restoring the footbridge at Bear Creek East. This project will entail replacement of all decking and railing with new material, painting, fabrication of new bridge panels, and installation.

Park staff completed removal of all existing landscape material from the island entrance bed at Bear Creek West. This landscape bed will receive an update with new plant material and rock mulch in the coming months.

Multiple winter storms throughout February stalled progress on the rockslide debris removal project at Rainbow Falls Historic Site. Staff were able to restore a pathway for patrons during the last reporting period and additional workdays will be required to complete cleanup of debris along the trail edges.

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 Fairgrounds team continues to work on off-season maintenance tasks, general event cleanup, and building prep. The team assisted with the setup and tear down of several special events to include the Game Expo and a Little Britches Sheep and Goat Clinic. The fairgrounds team also had to complete repairs to a damaged vinyl gate. The team continues to work on facility caulking and indoor painting.

The parks team was able to complete gate repairs at Falcon Regional Park. Staff continued repairing soft spots in bridge decking along the Rock Island Trail. We also updated multiple signs at various park locations.

The district is also working with Fleet to get all our equipment serviced prior to the spring season.

North District:

District Properties - Fox Run Regional Park, Fox Run Regional Trail, Black Forest Regional Park, Black Forest Section 16, Pineries 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 priority has continued to be snow removal, maintaining access, and safety standards within the North District. We have also performed several repairs to the roads, parking lots, and repaired hazardous trail conditions. Shop organization, painting park accessories, and building new trash cribs are being addressed. Employees were also encouraged to attend education classes offered for irrigation, agronomy, and a workshop on communication this month.

The Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance recently hosted a job fair. The El Paso County Parks department attended and is currently looking to fill several seasonal positions within all park districts. Contacts made at the job fair were encouraged to attend the seasonal hiring event on March 11th at Bear Creek Nature Center. We hosted the same event last year with good results.

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 lack of snow during this reporting period has allowed our team the opportunity to complete several priority maintenance tasks to include pruning landscape beds, mulch augmentation, hazard tree removal, and illegal camp clean-ups. During inclement weather days we've continued implementing 5S standards throughout the breakroom, restrooms, and maintenance shop. Staff completed installation of a new park entry sign and rules sign at Fountain Creek Regional Park. We have also started on a backlog of trail maintenance with the focus being between FCRP and Willow Springs.

The trail restoration and stabilization work has included the addition of trail base in several places. Also, we have installed larger rock in places that required a more stable product to help with compaction and filling very soft spots in the trail. These areas were then topped with a pea gravel/sand/road base mix to help absorb moisture and stabilize the trail. These areas will be top dressed in the coming weeks with trail base to match the existing trail. Our team is currently working on the trail section near Ceresa Park.

We have also been working on cleaning up parks to include, tree removal, limb clean-up, tree trimming, grounds maintenance, leaf mulching, sign replacements, and flower bed preparation.

Annual inventory and bulk supply purchases of paper / plastic supplies have been received and stocked. We have been rotating equipment to Fleet for repairs and service as needed.