



PLAN JEFFCO UPDATE

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THE ANNUAL PLAN JEFFCO DINNER WITH THE COMMISSIONERS, OSAC, AND OPEN SPACE STAFF WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

Jefferson County was formed 150 years ago in 1859. As the focus of a historical theme, the feature of the evening will be a presentation by “Dr. Colorado” Tom Noel on “**The Historical Importance of Jefferson County Open Space.**” Dr. Noel is Professor of History at the University of Colorado Denver, the author of 26 books on Colorado history, and a biweekly columnist in the Denver Post. Dr. Noel’s has been working with the Jefferson County historical Society on the 150th Anniversary. His presentation will include contemporary and historic photos of Jeffco Open Space.

Table decorations will also have a historical theme with each table representing a different Open Space park or historical site in Jefferson County.

The dinner will be at:
Mount Vernon Country Club
Social Hour at 6:00 P.M.
Buffet Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

The cost is \$25.00 per person

Please make reservations by April 15 with:
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Payment in advance is appreciated, please
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Bond Funds: Where have they gone??

In 1998 the Jefferson County voters approved the issuance of \$160 million in bonds to accelerate the acquisition of open space lands. In total the lands acquired by purchase total 16,236 acres and the lands acquired by easement total 3,448 acres. The total amount spent through the end of 2008 is \$148,029,304. Following is a review of what has been accomplished with the bond funds during the past ten years.

Westminster: Addition of 23.4 acres to City park, addition of 58 acres to the lands surrounding Standley lake, acquisition of 1491 acres of recreation rights on Standley Lake, addition of 16.5 acres to the Westminster Hills Open Space, and acquisition of 20 acres along 92nd East of Wadsworth.

Arvada and Apex (North Jeffco):

Acquisition of 482 acres along Leyden Creek, acquisition of 8 acres adjacent to Tucker Lake, addition of 114 acres to Long Lake Ranch, acquisition of 15 acres in the Hills at Standley Lake, 11 acres adjacent to Pioneer Park, 26 acres between the Farmers and Croke Canals West of Kipling, addition of 6 acres to Majestic View Park, and the acquisition of 40 acres of the Moore Farm at 72nd and Ward Road.

Wheat Ridge: Acquisition of 212 acres in the Clear Creek Greenbelt, 3 acres near 44th and Lamar, 5 acres at 37th and Jay, and 8 acres at 35th and Kipling.

Edgewater: Acquisition of 4 acres of the King Soopers property at 22nd and Chase and the church at 25th and Chase.

Golden: Grampas Park at 44th and Salvia, 49 acres on the Southwest slope of North Table Mountain, 15 Acres on the West slope of

South Table Mountain, and 0.2 acres for the Clear Creek Trail corridor.

Pleasant View: 41 acres for the park at Camp George West.

Lakewood: 3.6 acres along Colfax at Dover adjacent to the Whitlock Rec Center, 1.3 acres at addition to Mountair Park, 3.2 acres for Two Creeks Park east of Wadsworth at 10th Ave, 7 acres addition to Sunset Park 10th and Kipling, 5.2 acres addition to Belmar Park, 12-acre addition to O’Kane Park, 3 R-1 cottage schools, 14 acres adjacent to the White Fence Farm on Jewell, 3 acre addition to the Bear Creek Greenbelt, a 0.5 acres park at the City Commons, 49 acres (part of the Homestead Golf Course), and 17 acres at Ohio and Chase.

Morrison: Right of way easements for the Bear Creek Trail.

Foothills Rec District: 135 acres of the Fehringer Ranch, 11 acre acquisition at Temple and Marlowe, 9 acres adjacent to Weaver Creek Park, 9 acres along Elmhurst between Wadsworth and Pierce, 12 acres adjacent to the Lilley Gulch Trail at Wadsworth, 40 “sledding hill” at Kipling and Ken Caryl, 8 acres at Garrison and Ute, and shares in the Harriman Ditch Company.

North Backdrop and Mountains: 83 acres along Hwy 72 west of Plainview Road, 1516 acres along south side of Hwy 72 west of Hwy 93, 378 acres along Hwy 72 west of the railroad overpass, 60 acre conservation easement at the entrance to Coal Creek Canyon, and a 70-acre easement about 3 miles up the canyon.

North Central Backdrop and Mountains: 266-acre acquisition and 619-acre easement on the north side of Ralston Creek, 443 acres straddling on south side of Ralston Creek, and 71 acres of backdrop across Hwy 93 from North Table Mountain.

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North Table Mountain: Acquisition of 1,252 acres of North Table Mountain plus 440 acres in a land exchange.

South Table Mountain: Acquisition of 762 acres plus easements of 659 acres of easements.

Central Backdrop and Mountains: 571 acres on slopes of Mt Tom, 417 acres of conservation easements along Crawford Gulch, 4,406 acres along Clear Creek including Centennial Cone Park, 487-acre in additions to Centennial Cone Park, and 76-acre backdrop below Mt Galbraith.

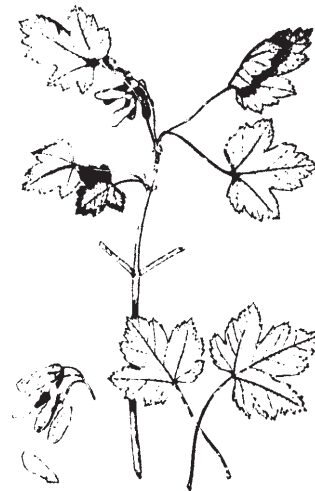
South Central Backdrop and Mountains: 4 acres of Mt Glennon, 1955 acres backdrop at South Valley and Hildebrand Ranch, 1-acre addition to Deer Creek park, 117-acre addition to Mt Falcon Park, and additions of 787 to Alderfer-Three Sisters Park

South and West Mountains: additions of 188 acres to Meyer ranch Park plus a 10-acre easement, 301 acres of Flying J Ranch Park, 445 acre acquisition of Beaver Ranch Park, 410-acre addition to Reynolds Ranch Park, and 120 acres adjacent to the Cathedral Spires Natural Area plus a 120-acre conservation easement.

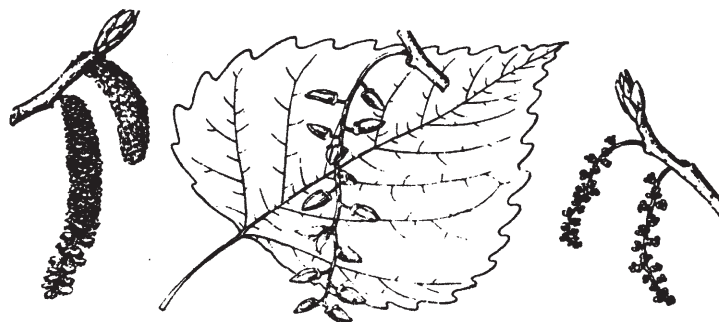
About \$12 million was left at the end of 2008.



Lanceleaf cottonwood



90. Mountain Maple



Plains cottonwood

MANY JOBS FOR OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEERS

How about combining your recreational or educational interests with being a volunteer for Jefferson County Open Space? Want to help building a trail? Learn to identify birds? Meet and greet trail users? Help school kids tune in to nature?

The addition of a Volunteer Services Coordinator, in 1995, as a full time staff member has been a key element in the growth, development, land preservation and informational outreach efforts for Jefferson County Open Space. The present coordinator, Jana Johns, provided Plan Jeffco with some impressive volunteer numbers from 2008. Ongoing program volunteers, numbering 432, combined with 592 Special Project volunteers, add up to an impressive 1,024 people. Serving in one or more of a dozen different categories, these volunteers logged 20,356 hours for the year. They served in the following sub-sections: Acquisition, Building and Construction, Citizen Outreach, Hiwan Homestead Museum, Lookout Mountain Nature Center, Natural Resources, Park Maintenance, Volunteer Services, Ranger Services, Trails, and Planning and Development.

Some volunteers are trained for long term service in many established positions such as Park Patrollers and Hosts, or Tour guides and Naturalists who guide groups of school children or adults visiting the Homestead. Some casual volunteers are from civic groups such as the Scouts, service clubs, or businesses,

who request a single, one day project performed in a limited time. One of the latest additions to the program is the formation of Mini Crews Leader volunteers who work on trails during late weekday afternoons once a month, after work. These crews are coordinated by staff and provided with necessary tools, but are trained to work on their own.

Park Patrollers and Park Hosts make up the largest number of volunteers. Patrollers commit to 40 hours per year and cover the major trails of our parks, hiking, biking or on horseback. They are ready to inform or assist those using the park, reminding visitors of trail etiquette and safety rules such as keeping dogs on leash. They have been trained in First Aid and CPR should they encounter any accidents or emergencies.

The Park Hosts are the information “specialists” of the program and stay within two miles of the park entrances, (for most of their time,) ready to answer questions or give directions. They also assist with visitor experience surveys to provide information about park use and visitor satisfaction. Presently, there are close to 150 patrollers and 50 hosts.

Plan Jeffco talked with Linda Knudson who, along with her husband Walt, have been Park Hosts for many years. She explained that although they commit to 35 hours a year, when and where they put in that time is up to them. They do report to their supervisor when and to what park they are going and the

time spent on that particular trip. They are usually bird watching while on duty and so get questions about that specialized activity. They thoroughly enjoy meeting the many different park visitors and find their hosting to be a very positive experience.

The interpretive, educational and tour needs at the Lookout Mtn. Nature Center and Preserve are being assisted by 80 volunteers.

Volunteers man the information desk, greet visitors, take school groups on tour and help with public outreach programs. In 2008, a combined total of 30,205 visitors came to the Nature Center, which was staffed by volunteers 80% of the time. Within those numbers, 4,815 school children attended programs led by volunteers 60% of the time and 9,153 people attended various public and outreach programs led by staff with volunteer assistance much of the time.

Alice Kruse has been a volunteer at the center for 21 years, starting her service when the Nature Center was in the former carriage house of the Boettcher Mansion. Now she is usually at the information desk or showing visitors around the exhibits. As an expert bird watcher, she conducts a special tour at Crown Hill Park on International Migratory Bird Day on the second Saturday in May.

At Hiwan Homestead Museum, volunteers serve as Tour Guides, Receptionists, Instructors, and behind the scenes in a variety of school and adult programs and other related functions. The museum hosted 16,543 visitors in 2008, and presently has 65 volunteers.

Some volunteer positions with Open Space are more behind the scenes and do not deal with the public. There is an Avian Census program which monitors the relation of bird species to different habitats in five of our parks. They are: Van Bibber, Lair O' the Bear, Meyer Ranch, White Ranch and Mount Falcon. These parks are monitored in May, June and July, the most active months when migrating birds have arrived and selected territory for the summer and joined those who stay year 'round in nesting and raising their young. One area at Crown Hill has been mapped as a grid and includes a restricted pond area as well as surrounding habitats. In this way, bird and water fowl sighting locations in relation to habitat are more precisely recorded.

Other birders enter into a Cliff Nesting Raptor observation effort, monitoring the populations of the Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Peregrine Falcon and Red Tail Hawk. They locate nesting raptors and keep watch for several weeks to observe the number of nestlings. They even attempt to observe if and when those nestlings fledge and successfully leave the nest. This job starts in the middle of February or March and lasts into July. Volunteers and staff are watching around 35 nests and 10 falcon ledges at this time. (Falcons use a depression on the ledge, not much of a nest.) One ledge has been claimed by a Great Horned Owl, which is unusual because they usually nest in trees, often reusing and repairing an old nest.

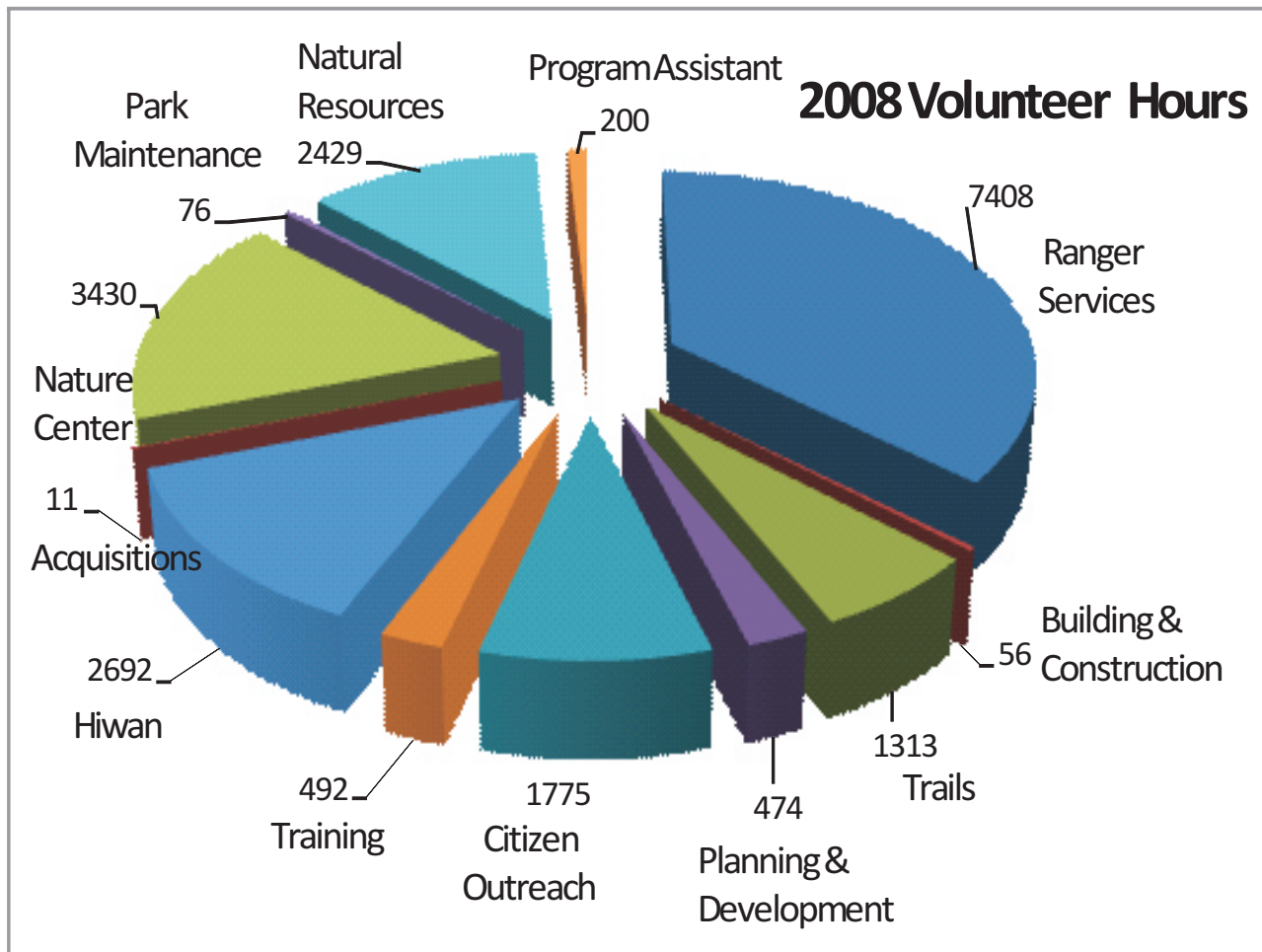
There has been an installation of bird nest boxes at Meyer Ranch, hopefully to attract blue birds, (Western and

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Mountain.) Volunteers checking on the boxes have found other Inhabitants as well, including swallows, wrens and even mice, or hornets, as well as blue birds.

Natural Resources would like to expand the number of bird census volunteers. Since some specialized skill is required, they are utilizing a computer software training program to assist newcomers with their identification skills, as well as pairing them with experienced mentors.

Volunteers are recruited to work on building and maintaining trails on one of four days during the summer and early autumn. These are single day projects, starting work at 8 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. Tools and breakfast are provided, along with on-the-job training by Trails staff. Work days for this year are: June 6, July 18, Sept. 12, and Oct. 10. Try to



register 3 days ahead by calling 303-271-5922.

Three other special project jobs that have used volunteers are: Weed Population Monitors, Forest Steward fire mitigation helpers, and park clean ups.

In order to handle the coordination of such a widespread range of volunteer services, Jana works with a group of 13 staff members, who serve as volunteer supervisors to their ongoing volunteers. These supervisors are responsible for position-specific training and day to day interaction with their team of volunteers. But the list of Jana's responsibilities is lengthy. Examples of a few of the items are: Recruitment, screening and placement of volunteers, determining the direction of the volunteer program, publishing the quarterly newsletter, planning and execution of the yearly recognition event, maintaining the website information for volunteer opportunities and overseeing the volunteer input of logged hours and data base records.

As a matter of interest, Jana graduated from West Texas A & M University with a degree in English, including courses in technical writing. In the strange ways of the world, this degree led her to public relations jobs and volunteer management from the beginning, which eventually led to Colorado and Open Space and coordinating this program. Another vocation of hers is playing drums and singing in the Cara Cantarella Band at different venues in the area.

Meeting the goals of Open Space in creating, developing and preserving large public open spaces, connecting trails to natural and cultivated parks in our county as well as providing interpretive and educational

awareness for our citizens is a challenging task which could only be done with the contributions of such a well designed integrated volunteer organization.

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2009 Joint Venture Grants

Boards of County Commissioners for the past few years have devoted \$150,000 annually from the County's share of the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF). These funds are distributions from the Colorado Lottery. The balance initially was used in upgrading the Fairgrounds and more recently major repairs and improvements to the Boettcher Mansion. The CTF funds are available to any non-profit or governmental institution provided the funds are spent on governmentally-owned properties. The 2009 CTF grants include: \$18,073 to Beaver Ranch for a furnace replacement and septic system maintenance, \$13,20 to Columbine Knolls Rec for a security system at Marker Park, \$21,194 to the Conifer Area Council for a trail master plan and trail construction along Sutton Road, \$8,000 to Evergreen P&R for a special needs playground surface at Buchanan Park, Friends of Dinosaur Ridge to shelter fossils along Triceratops Trail at Fossil Trace Golf Course, \$19,163 to Pleasant View Metro for backstop replacement at Wolf park, \$25,000 to Prospect Rec for resurfacing parking lots at Maple Grove Park, and \$15,450 South Suburban P&R for a trail shelter in the Trail Mark subdivision.

The 2009 Open Space budget included \$2 million for joint venture grants to cities and districts. The 2009 grants include: \$227,457 to Arvada for an future skate park at O'Kane park, \$82,868 to Golden for a Clear Creek Park master plan and improvements to the white water course, \$350,000 to Lakewood for ballfield construction in Coyote Park, \$300,000 to Westminster for renovation of the City Park aquatics facility, \$275,000 to Wheat Ridge for the first phase of park construction at 35th and Kipling, \$28,600 to Apex P&R for dugout covers at the Harold Lutz Sports Complex, \$92,820 to Columbine Knolls Rec for tennis court renovation, \$60,000 to

Evergreen P&R for a maintenance facility, \$375,500 to Foothills P&R for lighting improvements at the Schaefer Athletic Complex, repairs to the Kipling Trail and at Clement Park. \$84,000 to Ken-Caryl Metro for a pool slide, \$11,255 to Normandy Estates for fencing and pool furnishings, \$82,500 to Pleasant View Metro for improvements at Camp George West Park, and \$30,000 to Prospect Rec for reclamation and reseeding at the Strippgen Property (Indiana and at Bibber Creek).



WESTERN MOUNTAIN MAHOGANY
Cercocarpus ledifolius

Great Outdoors Colorado: Grant Funding Opportunities

The largest funding source for the preservation of open space in Colorado is the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Trust Fund. Created in 1992 by a citizen initiative, the GOCO Colorado initiative amended the Colorado Constitution to redirect a portion of lottery proceeds to the GOCO Trust Fund for projects that preserve, protect and enhance Colorado's wildlife, parks and open space. The amendment also created the GOCO Board overseas distribution of the funds.

GOCO receives only a portion of the lottery revenues. The Colorado Conservation Trust Fund and the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation are allocated 50% of the proceeds with GOCO receiving the remaining revenues up to an annual cap that varies with inflation. In Fiscal Year 2007-2008 the GOCO cap was \$53.1 million. Revenues in excess of the cap, \$8.2 million, were contributed to the School Capital Construction Assistance Fund, created by voters in 2000 with the passage of the Lottery's Powerball game.

The Colorado Constitution requires GOCO to allocate its proceeds equally to four areas. These four areas of funding include: Colorado State Parks; Local Government; Colorado Division of Wildlife; and Open Space. Per the Colorado Constitution, these four areas are defined as:

1. "Investments in the wildlife resources of Colorado through the Colorado Division of Wildlife, including the protection and restoration of crucial wildlife habitats, appropriate programs for maintaining Colorado's diverse wildlife heritage, wildlife watching, and education programs about wildlife and wildlife environment"
2. "Investments in the outdoor recreation resources of Colorado through the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, including the State Parks

system, trails, public information and environmental education resources, and water the recreational facilities."

3. "Competitive grants to the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife, and to counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions of the state, or non-profit land conservation organizations, to identify, acquire, and manage open space and natural areas of statewide significance".
4. "Competitive matching grants to local governments or other entities that are eligible for distributions from the Conservation Trust Fund, to acquire, develop or manage open lands and parks".

In Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the GOCO Board awarded \$83.7 million for 141 projects that preserved public lands, provided active play facilities, protected wildlife habitat, built trails and improved and expanded the Colorado State Park system.

Specific grants funded through COGO of importance to open space programs include:

Legacy Grants:

Legacy grants fund large projects of statewide or regional significance and typically draw funding from more than one of GOCO's funding purposes. These grants typically are very large, multi-jurisdictional and multi-year projects. An example of the is the acquisition of the 21,000 acre Greenland Ranch in Douglas County where Douglas County could not afford to preserve this property by itself but due to the statewide significance was able to draw on all four of the identified GOCO funding sources. These grants are offered periodically as GOCO's financial position allows. Jefferson County received a legacy grant to assist in

acquisitions in Clear Creek Canyon.

Local Government Park, Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education Facility Grants

These grants are available to cities, counties, and park and recreation districts on a competitive basis for land acquisition, expand and improve local parks, outdoor recreation facilities and environmental education facilities. These grants are offered twice a year.

Open Space Grants

Open space grants fund the preservation on lands as passive open space through fee simple purchase of lands or the purchase of development rights, the purchase of conservation easements or a combination of both these techniques. These funds are available on a competitive basis to cities, counties, special districts, land trusts, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Colorado State Parks. These grants are offered twice a year.

Trails Grants

Grant funding for the planning and design, construction and maintenance of pedestrian, horse and bicycle trails are available for any local government. These grants are offered once a year through the Colorado State Trails Program.

Planning Grants

GOCO provides grants to local governments, land trusts, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Colorado State Parks. These monies may be used for creating large community wide master plans or for meeting smaller planning needs for the planning and management of park or open space property.

Program Funding Through December 2008

Funding includes all county and municipal allocations

<i>Adams County:</i>	\$17,563,070
<i>Arapahoe County</i>	\$10,974,022
<i>Boulder County</i>	\$14,117,557
<i>Broomfield County</i>	\$544,025
<i>Denver County</i>	\$15,016,447
<i>Douglas County</i>	\$34,492,904
<i>Jefferson County</i>	\$24,908,053
Multi-County	\$3,130,337
Multi-County	\$3,890,043
Multi-County	\$18,250,113
Multi-County	\$2,681,762
Multi-County	\$5,384,764
Multi-County	\$3,285,575



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May 1, 2008 Study Session: Information was provided by Mat Alldredge, Colorado Division of Wildlife, and Bryan Posthumus Open Space natural resources on mountain lion studies. Study along the front range began in 2007. The study area was Lyons to Ward to I-70 to Superior. Part of the study included using hounds and baiting on the Lacy and White Ranch properties. Efforts were increased during the winter. Findings are that lions are not frequenting areas where they have been shot by bean bags. The lions are not sensitive to human activity. One in White Ranch was trapped within one hour of the trap being set.

Regular Session: Approval was given to negotiating with Colorado Department of Transportation for trail corridor between Matthews-Winters and Apex Parks. Approval was given to a resolution directing staff to negotiate for three points of public access to South Table Mountain. Approval was given to accepting a 2-acre donation adjacent to Alderfer-Three Sisters that would be made through the Jeffco Open Space Foundation. Approval was given to acquiring 979 acres of mineral rights under-lying Mt Galbraith Park,

June 5, 2008 - Study Session: Presentations and discussions related to the up-date of the Open Space Master Plan. Comments made earlier by PLAN Jeffco and others were reviewed and discussed.

Regular Session: Presentation was made by Regis Frank for Open Space assistance on developing an outdoor firing range in Jefferson County. The proposal was placed on the August agenda for decision. Wheat Ridge requested approval to dispose of 0.75 acres of park-land at 38th and Kipling. The land does not figure into their park plans and would serve as parking for the adjacent restaurant. Approval was granted. Approval was given to final terms for acquisition of the Bombard property along Weir Gulch at Ohio and Depew.

July 3, 2008 - Study Session: The 2009 Budget and five-year financial strategies were presented and discussed. The projections are based on an annual 2.5% increase in revenues. The operating budget for 2009 was to remain the same as 2008 except for changes for County support services. The cost of those services was expected to increase by \$300,000. Plans also are to upgrade two, 0.75 time FTE Park Service employees to full-time. The additional costs would be absorbed in the Operating Budget. Major Development Projects in 2009 will include: replacing the Kestrel Pond boardwalk in Crown Hill Park, construction of a parking lot at Mayhem Gulch in Clear Creek Canyon, construction of a parking lot off of Hwy 93 for access to North Table Mountain.

Regular Session: 2009 Budget Recommendations were approved. Approved acquiring 30.2 acres from Open Lands adjacent to Reynolds Park. The 30.2 acres result from a surveying error and Open Lands will accept Open Space acquiring the land for payment of the outstanding property taxes, about \$.600. Approval was given to leasing 0.3 acres from CDOT for construction of the Mayhem Gulch parking lot. Approval was given for final terms on acquiring 60 acres of meadow land adjacent to the west side of Meyer Ranch Park.

August 6, 2008 - Study Session: Kim Frederick reviewed the trail maintenance efforts during the past 20 years. As of 2008 Open Space is maintaining 168 miles of trail using 66 hours of regular staff per mile and 40 hours of Youth Work Program. Major efforts have been restoration of trail segments with significant damage due to erosion. Colleen Gadd reviewed trail use management over the past few years. The trails are monitored by 10 permanent and 4 seasonal rangers plus 150 volunteer park patrollers. Yielding on trails and dogs of leach are the major enforcement problems. In the past ten years there have been 4000 verbal warnings,

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155 written warnings, and only 32 tickets. On the occasions that a park is posted for “Directed Education & Enforcement Program” (DEEP) rule violators will be ticketed. Because of yielding and speeding complaints, Rangers in plain-clothes have been used in the parks. This has complaints from some ticketed bikers who did not observe the postings.

Regular Session: Approval was given for due diligence on the McLeod, 24-acre, property west of Colorow Road from the Nature Center. Approved revision to the Alderfer-Three Sisters lease with Evergreen P&R to eliminate the restroom adjacent to the parking lot from the lease such that Open Space will be responsible for its maintenance. Regis Frank was present to respond to his June request for Open Space assistance in developing an outdoor shooting range. Mr Frank was informed that it would not be appropriate to convert any present Open Space lands to a shooting range and that if land was acquired by Open Space it would have to be managed by a governmental entity, not a private entity.

September 4, 2008 - Study Session: Amy Ito reviewed the trail construction priorities. The hard surface trail from Van Bibber Park to the Fairmont Trail is budgeted for construction in 2011 and 2012. A soft-surface trail from White Ranch park to Golden Gate State park is budgeted to start in 2010. At present no funds are budgeted for a trail up Clear Creek Canyon or Bear Creek Canyon from Morrison the Idledale. Both will be very expensive projects. There is potential to extend the natural-surface trail from Pence Park to Evergreen, but a trail corridor needs to be acquired through one more property. It would require a bridge across Bear Creek near the Church of the Transfiguration in Evergreen. Other priority trails include Evergreen to Conifer, Meyer Ranch to Flying J Ranch, Meyer Ranch to Beaver Ranch, Reynolds Park to the Platte River and the

Colorado Trail, and Reynolds Park to the Platte River on the west side of the Foxton Road.

Regular Session: Approval was given to negotiating for a trail corridor through West Jefferson Middle School and the adjacent Denver Mountain Park as part of the Flying J to Meyer Ranch trail. Approval was given to final terms for acquisition of 7 acres adjacent to the southeast corner of Elk Meadow park.

October 2, 2008 - Study Session: Discussion was focused on shooting ranges in Jefferson County. Contact had been made with the manager of the rock Flats and Two ponds Refuges who said that it would not be a compatible use. Steve Snyder reported that his interpretation of the Open Space Enabling Resolution would not allow the funds to be spent for a private use facility. The consensus of the OSAC comments was that only a city or district would be in position to assist with a shooting range.

Regular Session: PLAN Jeffco showed a DVD summary of the conference on the Economic Impacts of Preserving Open Space Lands that was held February 2nd. A written summary also was distributed. There was discussion on how to apply the information presented at the conference. One point made during the conference was that redevelopment had the best over-all economics. This raised the question as to whether there was a way that Open Space could assist in redevelopment projects. Amy Ito gave an overview of the Denver Mountain Parks Master Plan. The Plan estimates \$30 million is required to bring the existing facilities up to standards.

November 6, 2008 - Study Session: A review of the Master Plan was the subject of the study session. There had been a request from some landowners to place a disclaimer on the maps included in the Master Plan. Language for such

a disclaimer was discussed and a refined version will be included on the Master Plan maps.

Regular Session: Canceled

December 4, 2008 - Study Session: Open Space holds 3100 acres in Conservation Easements. Various members of staff made presentations relating to the legal aspects of easements, the rights and obligations transferred. Open Space develops baseline documentation for each easement and then monitors each easement annually. At present Open Space holds 19 conservation easements of which 9 were donated.

Regular Session: A number of residents of the neighborhoods near Coyote Gulch Park in Lakewood came to object to Lakewood's upcoming Joint Venture request for a ball field. Approval was given to the 2008 Master Plan update and revision of easements on North Table with Excel and Sage and Company. The easements restrict access to the west side access and to existing roads on the mountain. Approved the amended Alderfer-Three Sisters lease with Evergreen P&R.

January 8, 2009 - Study Session: OSAC reviewed of the Guiding Position Statements that had been subject of discussions at previous study sessions. The positions are to provide management consistency and guidance in areas not covered by the policies and procedures. The positions relate to: Public access, trail use, Historic and cultural values, resource protection, fees natural resource protection, carrying capacity, resource preservation, development, dog restrictions, non-trail use recreation, single-use parks, extreme recreation, non-open space purposes, commercial advertising.

Regular Session: The efforts put into trail maintenance by the Mini Crew Volunteers was acknowledged. A number of residents of the neighborhoods near Coyote Gulch Park in

Lakewood came to object to Lakewood's upcoming Joint Venture request for a ball field. The Conservation Trust showed a short PowerPoint presentation on their preservation efforts. Approval was given to amending Open Space's lease of the Fairmont Trail corridor to include a bridge for North table Mountain access.

February 5, 2009 - Study Session: Joy Lucisano, Acquisitions Manager, detailed the status of many of the acquisition process. One acquisition project is "Imminent" with regard to closing is the Van Bibber trail corridor under the Excel power lines between Van Bibber Park and the Fairmont Trail. "Likely" projects that are close to final terms include the McLeod property across Colorow Road from the Nature Center, an easement on South Table with Denver West, trail corridor along Highway 93 at I-70, Hudler addition to Centennial Cone Park, and a donation on the Stafford Hogback. "Maybe" projects are ones being actively pursued that have some impediment (in Planning and Zoning, not interested at this time, under new ownership). The Maybe's include: Portions of the former Rooney Ranch at Alameda and Rooney Road, Pitcock conservation easement on the South side of Ralston Creek, Northern portion of the Lockheed Martin property adjacent to Hildebrand Ranch, and three properties on the slopes of Mt Tom.

Regular Session: Approval was given to acceptance of 2.7-acre donation adjacent to the Hiwan Homestead Museum. OSAC concurred with staff not to proceed with proposals for 11.7 acres close to Alderfer-Three Sisters and the 40-acre Fox property south of Bellview between the Stafford and Lyon's Hogbacks. Approval was given to transfer 0.45 miles of County owned trail corridor west of Youngfield and 1.25 miles of trail easement from Coors to Wheat Ridge. Approval was given the an easement to the Aspen Park Metro district for access to three wells on Meyer Ranch Park. Approval was given to begin due diligence on two properties

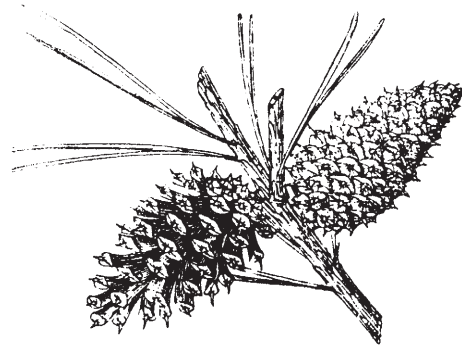
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for Westminster - the Stewart property, 32 acres east of Wadsworth on 108th and most of the Sisters of the New Covenant retreat an in-holding in Westminster Hills Open Space. Approval was given to begin due diligence on three properties adjacent to the Northwest side of White Ranch and Ralston Creek.

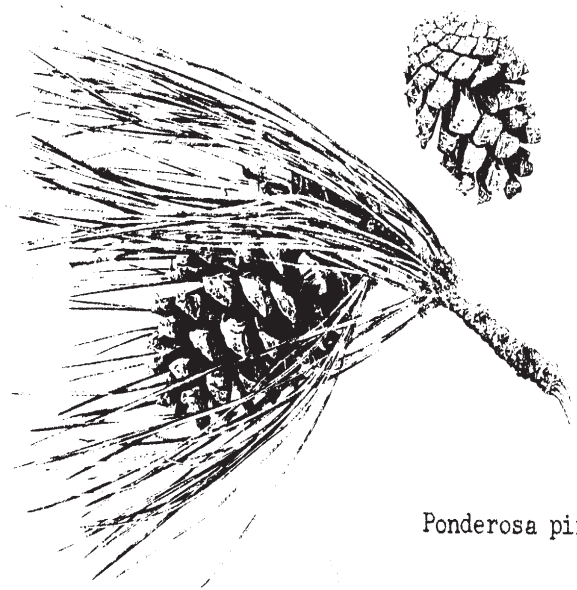
March 5, 2009 - Study Session: Joy Lucisano presented a review of the priority projects requested by individual cities. At this time most of the properties do not have willing sellers.

Regular Session: Ralph Schell reviewed the activities of the "Greater Rocky Flats Conservation Partnership." Approximately \$4,500,000 is remaining from the National Resource Damage Fund granted for Rocky Flats clean-up that is available for acquisitions in the area of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. Jeffco is proposing the portions of Section 16, north east of Hwy 72 and Hwy 93 intersection, that have high preservation values and part of the Stewardship trust Program. Whereas Boulder City and County propose acquisition of the entire property.

Approval was given to the final version of the "Guiding Position Statements." Final terms were given to acquisition of the Hudler property adjacent to Centennial Cone. Open Space has had a trail easement through the property, but also had to provide private access to this partial in-holding.



Lodgepole pine



Ponderosa pine

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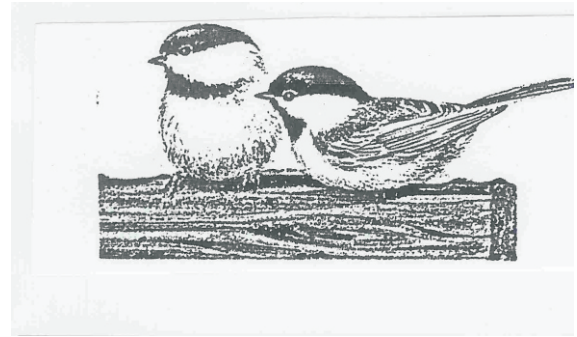
Messenger

my work is loving the world.
here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird-
equal seekers of sweetness.
here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums
here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

are my boots old? is my coat torn?
am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect?
let me

keep my mind on what matters,
which is my work

which is mostly standing still and learning to be
astonished.
the phoebe, the delphinium.
the sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
which is mostly rejoicing, since all the
ingredients are here,



which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a
heart and these body-clothes,
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-
up clam,
telling them all, over and over, how it is
that we live forever.

By Mary Oliver



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