

# PLAN JEFFCO UPDATE

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# Explore Clear Creek on Jeffco's Peaks to Plains Trail

The Trail is a link in the statewide system to connect the Platte River with the Continental Divide.

By Vicky Gits PLAN Jeffco Board

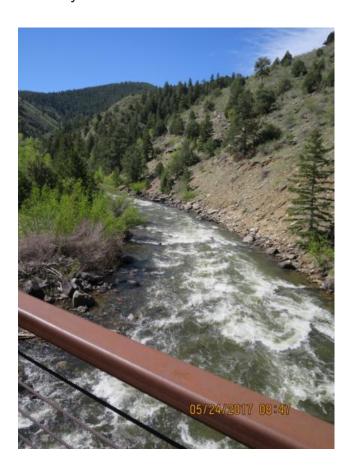
On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Jefferson County Open Space celebrated the grand opening of Phase Two of the Peaks to Plains Trail in Clear Creek Canyon next to US 6, the two-lane highway to Central City and Black Hawk.

A map of Clear Creek Park can be found at: <a href="https://www.jeffco.us/1196/Clear-Creek-Canyon-Park">https://www.jeffco.us/1196/Clear-Creek-Canyon-Park</a>

A brochure on the park can be found at: https://www.jeffco.us/964/Parks

The striking design, elaborate rock work, attractive amenities, concrete surface, generous width and four weathered steel bridges distinguish this Clear Creek segment from practically every other trail in the JCOS system and anywhere else in the Front Range.

Phase Two offers casual sightseeing, wading and fishing, and panning for gold in a place where for years there was nothing but an unpaved pullout and a couple of garbage cans. The one-mile path includes covered picnic areas and a riverside boardwalk, all of which are on the south side of US 6. Highway 6 was moved some 25 feet to the north, to that visitors can park and access the trail system without Open Space having to build an expensive crossing of the busy roadway.



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Phase One, consisting of three miles from Mayhem Gulch to Highway 119, broke ground in Jan. 2014 and was completed June 2016.

The design of the trail reflects, as much as possible, the natural, historic and railroading elements that make the river a special place. Engineers created magnificent rugged rock retaining walls and artful resting areas using only boulders.

The four miles of the path already completed opens up the majestic, cliff-lined canyon to modern-day hikers and cyclists for the first time. Ultimately the Peaks to Plains Trail segment will be part of a 65-mile regional route, connecting the Continental Divide at the Eisenhower Tunnel on Interstate 70 to the South Platte River in Adams County. The canyon stretch alone is 16.5 miles.

Historically, the area has been off-limits to almost everyone but gold miners, railroaders, kayakers, river rafters, motorists and gravel truck drivers. The path starts at a point about 9 miles west from where US 6 meets Highway 93 in Golden.



The Peaks to Plains segment is one of the most difficult and ambitious projects Open Space has ever attempted. So far, it has cost \$25 million, \$19 million of which came from Jefferson County Open Space sales tax and \$4.6 million from Great Outdoors Colorado.

Clear Creek County residents contributed \$1.1 million in Open Space tax funds for the 1-mile section that spans part of Clear Creek County. (Clear Creek County has about 2.5 miles left to build.)

Parking is abundant, and includes 110 spaces in Phase One (the Mayhem Gulch trailhead) and 57 in Phase Two (the Big Easy trailhead), plus other small lots.

# Protecting the resource

The project represents the first significant development of the Clear Creek Canyon Open Space Park, consisting of 3,129 acres, acquired over 45 years by Jefferson County Open Space. Centennial Cone Open Space Park is accessible from the Mayhem Gulch lot.

"The trail segment not only provides a way for people to enjoy the canyon, it will help preserve it," said Jeffco Open Space director Tom Hoby. "The trail is a model for creating

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balance between protection and public access. By providing the trail and hardened, appropriate access to the creek we are protecting the stream banks and wildlife habit. Otherwise visitors would access anywhere and everywhere and damage habitat and vegetation," he said.

While \$6.25 million per mile is steep for a trail in Jefferson County, Hoby maintains it is not enough to preclude obtaining future properties for open space.

"We acquired the land in Clear Creek Canyon many years ago and now we are providing access opportunities in a way that protects the park and natural resources. ...the P2P Trail or any other stewardship or capital project has not prevented us from acquiring any property during my seven and a half years as director. Simply put, if we want to purchase a piece of property with willing sellers and an agreed-upon price, we will figure out a way to do it," Hoby said



#### Tour the trail

A good place to start your visit to the Peaks to Plains Trail is the improved, permanentrestroom-equipped Mayhem Gulch parking lot, 9.4 miles west of Golden on Highway 6.

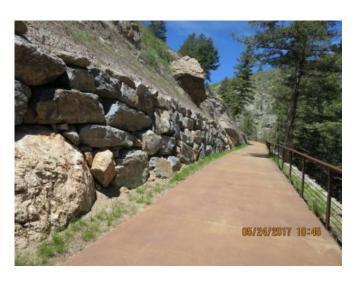
A tunnel under the highway and a bridge across the river takes visitors to the trail, a stunning, 10-foot-wide swath of polished, rose-stained concrete. Designed without stairs, it is totally handicapped accessible from the parking lot. Infants in strollers have been sighted here.

At this point, one can either go west for three miles or east for about one mile. Everywhere are interesting cliffs, gnarled trees, rock formations, sparkling whitewater and four stunning, weathered-steel bridges.

Efforts were made to retain some of the old stone gravity walls built in the mining days. Most of the old railroad bed is now under the highway but part of it was used to form the platform for the trail approaching the Oxbow Trailhead in Clear Creek County and can still be seen.



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Engineers had to work their way around Preble's Jumping Mouse habitat, create new mouse habitat and remove huge mounds of dredging materials from the old mining days.

The walls of the canyon start with a moderate incline but grow steeper and more rugged as you work your way upstream. One might run into gold prospectors and see rock climbers working the crags along the way.

About two miles into the trip, the highway disappears into Tunnel 5 as the trail takes an interesting jog when the creek bends around a mountainous outcropping. Here there are no highway sounds impinging on the ambience.

The trail ends in a five-car parking lot with a portable toilet, one mile west of the county line at Tunnel 5. From here the route extends five miles south to the city of Idaho Springs. The elevation gain from Mayhem Gulch is only 500 feet.



## Working with nature

Project Manager Scot Grossman of Jeffco Open Space hopes people don't notice the trail's relative newness. "We have taken a lot of time and energy to make it look like it has always been there," Grossman said.

"We made revisions and revisions and revisions to trail alignment to keep certain trees or a grove of river birch near the river,"

Grossman said.

"It's all about attention to detail and working with nature," he said. "I hope people go out and look and have the idea the trail is older than a year."

The second phase of the trail, which includes The Big Easy Recreation Area, is distinctly different from the first. "When you go around the bend, the flora and fauna are entirely different. You are more down in the creek."

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Muller Engineering won a national award for its work on this project.

#### Twists and turns

At the western end, the Clear Creek County portion of the trail is one mile long. It includes the technically daunting underpass where US 6 and Highway 119 converge and the trail follows the creek as it forms the oxbow around Tunnel 5.



Clear Creek County aims to raise \$2 million to go ¾ mile up to and around Tunnel 6, a smaller, flatter oxbow, in 2019. Part of the oxbow route lies on an old railroad bed.

The main attraction of the Clear Creek segment is peace and quiet. "If you get back about 10 minutes you lose the traffic and feel like you are in the middle of nowhere," said Martha Tableman, Clear Creek County - Open Space Coordinator. Various local entities are working on parts of a 35-mile section through Clear Creek County that will eventually connect to the Eisenhower Tunnel.

Clear Creek has no more tunnels to deal with, other than Tunnel 6. Jeffco has four out five total in the canyon. (Tunnel 4 is defunct). "Jeffco has a much bigger task," Tableman said. Clear Creek County will have to contend with potential future upgrades and interchanges on Interstate 70.

Assuming the trail is built, then after Tunnel 6 going towards Idaho Springs, one could theoretically cycle on the shoulder along to Highway 40 and hook up with the Scott Lancaster Trail at Two Bears Tap and Grill (formerly Kermit's). But the shoulder is not an ideal cycling surface.



# Mouth of the Canyon

The next segment of the trail will be 1.75 miles long, west of Golden, from where the concrete trail now ends to a point west of Tunnel One.

The work is part of a larger \$9.4 million Mouth of the Canyon project, funded largely by Jefferson County Open Space. It includes two improved parking areas and partial restoration of the Welch Ditch flume. Projected completion

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is October 2019.

The Colorado Department of Transportation Alternatives Program and GOCO Connect are contributing \$2.85 million. Seven other financial partners and eight community partners are contributing \$1.3 million.

More state money, \$480,000, from CDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program, is going to the remaining Clear Creek County portion of the Peaks to Plains Trail. This section is intended to connect the Oxbow section and the Scott Lancaster Trail.

Tableman, the Clear Creek Open Space Coordinator, is hoping for another \$2 million from Great Outdoors Colorado. (Clear Creek County is contributing \$120,000 and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, \$250,000.)

Hoby estimated construction on the Peaks to Plains Trail will cost \$10 million from 2018 to 2020, with \$3.3 million coming from grants and partners.

Maintenance is projected to cost \$15,000 a year.

The 8-mile trail gap from the Big Easy Trailhead to Tunnel 1 remains to be funded and no construction timeline has been projected.

The Peaks to Plains through Jeffco is not only a way to enjoy and protect the creek, said Tom Hoby of Jeffco Open Space, it is something that citizens of this era can leave to the next. "It is a lifetime legacy project. It will be in place for hundreds of years for many generations to enjoy."

# Peaks to Plains Facts

#### Timeline:

June 19, 2012: Great Outdoors Colorado awards grant of \$4.6 million

**Jan. 2014**: Construction on Phase One begins

**June 28, 2016**: Grand opening Phase One, Tunnel 5 to Mayhem Gulch Parking Lot and Restroom

**Sept. 29, 2017**: Grand opening Phase Two, Mayhem Gulch Trailhead to Big Easy Trailhead

#### Trail info

**3.9** miles total; Big Easy Trailhead to Oxbow parking lot.

**Elevation gain**: approximately 500 feet, about 5 percent grade

**Length of Canyon**: 16.5 miles (Junction of I-70 & US 6 to Golden)

**Trail composition**: Natina-stained concrete (www.natinaproducts.com)

Width and Depth: 10 feet, six inches

**Bridge material**: Core-10 weathered steel

Ownership: Part Jeffco Open Space; part Clear Creek County Open Space; parts

built inside CDOT right-of-way

**How to get there:** Golden to Mayhem

Gulch: 9.4 miles on U.S. 6

# Phase One - Mayhem Gulch to Oxbow

**Miles:** 3 (2 in Jefferson, 1 in Clear Creek County)

**Access:** Tunnel 5 Oxbow Trailhead, Cannonball Flats, Mayhem Gulch Trailhead

**Parking**: Mayhem Gulch (110 spaces) with permanent restroom; Cannonball (12 spaces), Oxbow (5 spaces);

Bridges: 3 with overlooks

# Phase Two – Big Easy to Mayhem Gulch

Miles: .92 mile

**Parking:** 57 spaces with permanent restrooms, Big Easy Trailhead

**Big Easy** Trailhead: multiple river access points, picnic areas, boardwalk, accessible fishing area.

**Bridge**: 1 with overlook

Interesting fact: At this point, about 1,500 feet of US 6 was moved north 25 feet to allow more room at mile marker 262.5 for creation of parking lot and amenities adjacent to river.

# Funding - \$25 million - 3.92 miles

\$4.6 million, Great Outdoors Colorado River Corridors Grant (2012) (of this amount \$2.8 million went to the Clear Creek County portion)

\$19.05 million, Jefferson County Open Space Sales Tax

\$1.1 million, Clear Creek County Open Space tax

\$100,000, Gates Family Foundation \$150,000, Jeffco Partners

#### **Mouth of the Canyon Master Plan**

Jan. 2017: Includes a 1.75-mile segment of the Peaks to Plains trail, from end of concrete to west of tunnel 1; two parking areas and Welch Ditch Trail improvements. \$2M grant from Great Outdoors Colorado Connect Initiative and \$850,000 grant from CDOT Transportation Alternatives Program

# Peake to Plains Trail Facts

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# **State and National Recognition**

Open Space and contractor Muller Engineering Co. Inc. received an Honor Award for the Peaks to Plains Trail from the American Council of Engineering Companies on April 25, 2017, at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Jeffco Open Space was one of eight recipients of the Denver Regional Council of Governments 2017 Metro Vision Awards for the first segment of the Peaks to Plains Trail.



Scot Grossman is Open Space's Manager for the Peaks to Plsins Trail projects



Clear Creek Trail

# PLAN Jeffco Board Changes

A thank you to those who were eligible to vote for participating in our mail board election (eligible voters were those who had paid dues within the past two years.) The eight members up for re-election were retained by a unanimous vote of the 44 who participated. The ninth board member did not require re-election. See the following from Margot Zallen:

In September, after I resigned from my 35+ year position as Chairperson/President of PLAN Jeffco, the Board generously voted to name me as President Emeritus. In this position, I have been asked to continue to give the briefings about the history of the Jeffco Open Space Program and PLAN Jeffco that I have historically given to all new members of the Open Space Advisory Committee, County Commission candidates, new key staff of the Open Space Division and others. As President Emeritus, I will be a permanent member of the PLAN Jeffco Board of Directors and will continue my outreach efforts as an open space preservation advocate and yes, sometimes as a "watch dog".

After so many rewarding, demanding and sometimes stressful years of serving as a Board Member and the "CEO", I decided that it was time to turn the management role over to the next generation. I am so pleased that two members of the Board, that years ago I had recruited to become Board members, Michelle Poolet and Peter Morales, agreed to serve as Co-Presidents of PLAN Jeffco. At our September 2017 Board meeting they were officially voted into those positions. It's been a long time since 1971 when I joined the effort to form

the Open Space program. And at this time of my life it is time to move on to new challenges.

Margot Zallen, President Emeritus

At the November 16 board meeting, the board re-elected Michelle Poolet and Peter Morales as Co-Presidents, John Litz as Treasurer, and Betty Seeland as Secretary. Other members of the board: Ann Bonnell, Paul Murphy, Vicky Gits, Don Moore, Vera Smith, and our President Emeritus, Margot Zallen. We have a few openings on the Board, and are currently considering candidates. If you're interested in serving, or would simply like to observe one of our Board meetings, please contact planjeffco@planjeffco.org, of John Litz at (303) 237-9493.



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# Twenty-five Years of Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)

When Colorado legalized the lottery, even though it had been promoted to raise funds for capital projects, parks and open space, distribution of the funds was up to the legislature. As usual the State had many potential uses of the funds for capital projects and kept reducing the amount available for parks and open space. In 1992 the Colorado voters passed an amendment defining the minimum amount of the funds that should go to parks and open space and created Great Outdoors Colorado. In 1998 the Colorado voters extended the amendment until 2024. Another vote for extension probably will be occurring in the next few years.

In the past 25 years GOCO has distributed more than \$1.1 billion in grants, helped to conserve more than 1 million acres of open space, acquired 47,000 acres for State Parks, assisted with funding 900 miles of trails, helped install 35 playgrounds, and contributed to the development or improvement of more than 1,000 local parks statewide.

What has GOCO done for Jefferson County residents? Through 2017, almost \$43,000,000 has been directed toward projects in Jefferson County. Twenty-two agencies have received grants to assist in funding projects. GOCO gives grants through two types of programs. Larger grants tend to be given for directed programs where the requesting agency proposes a project that matches the program criteria. Smaller grants are available just by application. Typically, grant requests are three times the funds available.

Grants given to Jeffco projects have been in the following categories.

Local Agency Acquisitions	\$13,526,046
Planning	\$ 459,345
Trails	\$ 6,687,741
Sports Parks	\$ 4,879,219
Park Development	\$ 3,883,752
Specific Use Parks	\$ 1,225,000
Playgrounds	\$ 1,270,652
Nature Centers/Education	\$ 1,561,877
Restoration	\$ 656,674
Staunton State Park	\$ 8,458,043
Golden Gate State Park	\$ 240,000

# Grants to specific entities have totaled:

Districts	
Apex P&R	\$ 891,395
Bowles Metro	\$ 125,000
Coal Creek P&R	\$ 132,436
Evergreen P&R	\$ 953,567
Foothills P&R	\$ 1,298,030
Ken Caryl Ranch Fndn.	\$ 25,000
Ken Caryl Ranch Metro	\$ 45,000
Pleasant View Metro	\$ 150,000
Prospect R&P	\$ 3,452,380
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Cities/Towns	
Arvada	\$ 1,745,675
Edgewater	\$ 60,881
Golden	\$ 410,386
Lakewood	\$ 3,639,038
Morrison	\$ 461,000
Wheat Ridge	\$ 632,982
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County		
Denver Mtn Parks (DMP)	) \$	323,940
Jefferson	\$17	,329,774

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Audubon Nature Center \$	125,000
Mountain Area Land Trust \$	8,031
The Conservation Fund \$	375,000

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State of Colorado	
State Parks	\$ 9,218,783

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# **Local Agency Acquisitions**

PLAN Jeffco always has encouraged a focus on acquisitions. Statewide, GOCO has assisted in conserving more than 1 million acres by a combination of conservation easements and fee acquisition. In Jefferson County, GOCO has assisted in conserving 445 acres with easements and acquisition of 5992 acres in fee. The conservation easement includes much of the NREL property on South Table Mountain. Fee acquisitions include 27 acres by Arvada, 65 acres by Westminster, 866 acres by State Parks for Staunton State Park, 10.5 acres by Foothills P & R, 875 acres by Ken Caryl Ranch Foundation, 148 acres by Prospect R&P, and 3,919 by Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS). Major properties acquired by JCOS that used grant funds from GOCO include 788 acres on South Table Mountain Park, 1,238 acres of North Table Mountain Park, and 1,450 acres of Hildebrand Ranch Park.

#### **Planning**

Twelve grants for planning have ranged from park site plans to trail master plans. Lakewood has used GOCO funds for Fehringer Ranch, Ray Ross, Two Creeks, and Carmody Park Master Plans plus a Bike Trail Master Plan. Evergreen P&R has used GOCO funds for Buchanan Park expansion and the Evergreen Lake Trail.

#### **Trails**

Trail funding by GOCO includes for DMP the new trail in Genesee Mountain Park, Golden - along Clear Creek and 44th Avenue; Evergreen P&R - Evergreen Lake; JCOS - Clear Creek east off Golden; Peaks to Plains trail along Clear Creek at the west County Line; and Peaks to Plains to be constructed along Clear Creek at the mouth of Clear Creek Canyon.

## **Sports Parks**

Thirteen grants have been make for development of sports fields. These range from a turf field at Coal Creek K-8 School to allow



North Table Mountain by Dan Shier



Hildebrand Ranch

Coal Creek P&R to have programs using the field to development of the Long Lake Sports Complex. Other projects include soccer fields, ball fields, and lighting of the Conifer High School Field. The one acquisition relating to sports parks was a \$3,000,000 grant to assist in the purchase of the Applewood Golf Course by Prospect R&P.

## **Park Development**

GOCO Funds have been used for development or improvement of 25 parks. These include: Gold Strike Park in Arvada; Bergen Meadow in Evergreen; Harriman Lake for Foothills P&R; Bear Creek Lake, Carmody, Coyote Gulch, Gary R. McDonnell, and Ray Ross Parks plus O'Connell Community Center in Lakewood; Applewood and Maplegrove for Prospect R&P; Standley Lake and Children's Sensory for

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Westminster; Discovery Park for Wheat Ridge; and six small projects for State Parks.

#### **Specific Use Parks**

Nine grants in Jeffco have included a Tee-Ball complex for Westminster, in-line hockey rink at the Whitlock Center in Lakewood, skate parks for Arvada and Westminster, two splash pads at Surfside Park in Lakewood, and a water feature at Clement Park.

# **Playgrounds**

GOCO Funds have been used to build or improve fourteen playgrounds. Two at schools in Wheat Ridge, five at schools in Lakewood, three at schools in Arvada, one at an Edgewater school, one at Kyffin Elementary for Foothills P&R, one at Marshdale Elementary for Evergreen P&R, plus one in the Morrison Municipal Park.

## **Nature Centers/Education Facilities**

Grants have assisted in funding nature/visitor centers at Golden Gate State Park, Bear Creek Lake Park, Dinosaur Ridge, Audubon Nature Center at Chatfield, and Lookout Mountain

Nature Center, plus education facilities at the Ridge Recreation Center. Partial funding also has been provided for two community gardens in Evergreen and one in Ken Caryl, plus a nature observation park and learning garden at Grant Ranch.

#### Restoration

Restoration projects have included trail reconstruction and Bear Creek bank and channel stabilization after the 2013 floods; Russian olive removal in the Bear Creek Greenbelt; plus Youth Corps funding for DMP and Evergreen P&R for maintenance work in their parks.

#### **Staunton State Park**

Much of the funds for the planning, development and opening of this park were provided by GOCO grants. A major acquisition for the Park was the 860-acre Davis Ranch.

#### **Golden Gate State Park**

Grants used for Golden Gate State Park have been for the environmental center.

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# OSAC Notes - OSAC Notes

August 3 - Study Session The Study Session was a field trip to view the Remodeled Phase 1 of Carmody Park in Lakewood.

## Regular Session

Mary Ann Bonnell gave a presentation on Classes 1 and 2 e-bikes and staff's recommendations for use on Open Space managed trails. This initial recommendation is to allow Class 1 bikes on hard surfaced trails. Class 1 bikes require the rider to pedal in order to have electric assist and are limited to 20 miles per hour.

The budget as presented at the July meeting was approved for submittal to the Commissioners.

The new full color park map of Elk Meadow won second place in the Small Printed Map Category at the "Esri User Conference" and the "Sky Map" of South Valley Park's airspace won second place in the Most Unusual Maps Category.

A total of 20 rattlesnakes on North Table Mountain Park were captured, fitted with a transmitter, and released. In searching for rattlesnakes, two Plains Black-Headed snakes were found. These snakes send most of their lives underground eating centipedes.

September 7 - Study Session The Study Session was a field trip to North Table Mountain Park to view the Rattlesnake Study Area.

# Regular Session

Mary Ann Bonnell reviewed the results of OSAC member's ride-alongs with Park Services staff in August. All participants enjoyed the experience and continue to be pleased with the competency of the Open Space staff.

Approval was given for a utility easement at 38th

and Kipling across part of the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center property.

Approval was given to acquisition of 14.1 acres under the Public Service Transmission line on the western top of South Table Mountain. Public Service will hold an easement for the power lines and towers. The acquisition will allow Open Space full use under the lines for trails and parking.

Tom Hoby reviewed the stewardship work by the Golden Giddyup participants. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 67 individuals worked on North Table Mountain, Apex, and Windy Saddle Park trails. In total the Giddyup Trail Team spent 2,375 hours doing trail stewardship in the parks.

October 5 - Meeting was cancelled to allow some of the OSAC members to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO).

## November 2 - Study Session

The study session was devoted to discussion of the topics for an OSAC retreat to be held in lieu of the regular meeting February 1, 2018. Some of the topics include future financial planning; 2020 Master Plan - include more goals and metrics, visitor management plans, and park carrying capacity; Beaver Ranch, Jeffco trails plan, Dinosaur Ridge, and Coal Creek Canyon.

# Regular Session

Katie Matthews and others of the Communications Team made a presentation on how the Team communicates with park visitors, Jeffco residents, teams within Open Space and other County departments.

Nancy York, Scott Grossman and Rob Thayer presented an overview of the Planning and Projects Team including a discussion of the acquisitions process, project planning, and GIS activities. GIS currently is working on producing a county-wide trail map.

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Tom Hoby reviewed his presentation made at the September Colorado Open Space Alliance on the threat of population growth on the available open space and other parklands.

The Jeffco Outdoors Regional Map Series received First Place honors at the 2017 "GIS in the Rockies Conference".

JCOS will be recognizing individuals and community partners at a Conservation Awards Program January 24, 2018, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Lakewood Cultural Center.

Volunteer hours for Open Space in 2017 passed the 41,000 mark on October 30. The value to Open Space and the taxpayers is more than \$1,000,000.

The basic cut for the Black Bear Trail connecting Deer Creek Canyon Park and Hildebrand Ranch Park was completed in early November. The finished trail should be completed by the end of November.

## **OSAC** Changes

This year four members of OSAC were scheduled for re-appointment. In addition, a replacement was required for John Wolforth, the Jeffco Planning Director, who recently left County employment.

Chris O'Keefe, the new Jeffco Planning & Zoning Director, was appointed as Wolforth's replacement. Chris was raised in Chicago in a politically active family, but one who took advantage of the nearby outdoors. After receiving a degree in philosophy from Emory University in Atlanta, Chris traveled some and then realized he needed to get a real job. He studied planning at Georgia Tech and then was employed by the city of Wilmington, North Carolina for 27 years. After 15 years as planning director he was looking for a change and, since his wife had relatives in Colorado, leaped at the chance when the Jeffco job became available. Chris and family presently are living in Ken Caryl.

There were 58 applicants for the other four positions, including the four incumbents. Janet Shangraw (the OSAC Chair), Kathleen Staks (who serves on the Governor's resource staff), and John Litz (PLAN Jeffco Board) were reappointed. Paul Murphy, PLAN Jeffco Board Member and an avid mountain biker, was not re-appointed after three years of serving on the committee. The new OSAC member is Jeremy Hakes. Jeremy is Safety Manager for a local construction firm and has been an Open Space Park Patroller for 14 years. He had previously applied for this position twice before; third time was the charm. Jeremy was born in Denver, educated in Jeffco, and lives in Golden.

by John Litz



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PLAN Jeffco is the county-wide volunteer citizen's group that organized and drafted the Open Space Resolution that resulted in the formation of the Jefferson County Open Space Program in 1972. We currently function as advocates for Open Space, observing meetings of the Open Space Advisory Committee, participating in subcommittees, and issues groups, proposing and working for important acquisitions, and keeping citizens informed of what is going on in their Open Space Program. PLAN Jeffco provided the leadership for the successful vote for bonds in 1998.

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