

Open Space Advisory Board

Agenda

October 11, 2023

Library 1st Floor Meeting Room

951 Spruce Street

7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
6. 7:05 pm Informational Item: Staff Updates, Presented by Ember Brignull, Open Space Superintendent
7. 7:15 pm Information Item: Board Updates (10 Minutes)

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8. 7:25 pm Discussion Item: Review and Finalize Results of the 2023 OSAB Open Space Candidate Recommendations to City Council. Presented by Laura Scott Denton and Michiko Christiansen, Acquisition OSAB Tiger Team (45 Minutes).

9. 8:10 pm Discussion Item for November Meetings:
 - Grazing Presentations
 - Introduction to Nathaniel Goeckner, Supervisor of Natural Resources
 - Board/Council Communication and Refinement to Process
 - Sales Tax Update

10. Adjourn

Open Space Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 13, 2023, 7:00pm
Louisville Public Library, 1st Floor Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street

1. Call to Order

Susan called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Roll Call

OSAB Members Present: Laura Scott Denton, Charles Danforth, Susan McEachern, Helen Moshak, Jojo Follmar, Michiko Christiansen, Jessamine Fitzpatrick

OSAB Board Members Absent: David Blankinship

Staff Members Present: Ember Brignull, Adam Blackmore

3. Approval of Agenda

Jessamine moved to approve the agenda as written. Helen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Michiko moved to approve the August OSAB meeting minutes without edits. Helen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public present at the meeting, but unfortunately the remote communication was not working.

6. Information Item: Staff Updates, Presented by Ember Brignull, Open Space Superintendent and Adam Blackmore, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

See Staff Updates on pages 5-7 of the September OSAB Meeting packet.

The wildfire mitigation consultants' report presentation to City Council has been postponed to Oct 17. This is because the state recently released updated wildfire risk data and the consultants are using it to further update their models.

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The city has hired a mitigation coordinator that will soon be starting. This person will work under a resilience coordinator, another new position within the city. Both of these positions will be working on issues that touch on Open Space.

Nate Goeckner has started as the Open Space Supervisor of Natural Resources. He will come to the November meeting to meet the board.

Fall mowing will begin soon. Some mowing areas will be expanded to 30-foot margins. Cows are currently grazing at North and Davidson Mesa Open Space. Goats will be on North Open Space shortly.

At Coyote Run Open Space the trail surface contractor is trying to close out the work. Staff have asked them to take another look at the trail resurfacing work to smooth out the crusher fines surface between Via Appia and Lafayette St section.

There was a bear and cub in town on North and Warembourg Open Spaces today. They are being removed by state wildlife officials.

Helen asked if there was a wayfinding update. Ember replied that Brian is creating an RFP for the sign fabrication work. All the consultant artwork and maps are done. The goal is completion of phase 1 installation in 2023.

Susan asked about the seasonal staff turnover in the Staff Updates and whether it was typical. Ember said it was standard for seasonal workers to leave at this time of year for school or full time employment opportunities. They are looking for ways to keep one seasonal a little longer.

Adam said that the ballot language for the Open Space and Parks Sales Tax had been refined and approved by the City Council.

Adam added that next year's budget is being actively worked on by staff and will be presented to the City Council in October. Current budgeting is for the status quo, without knowing whether or not the sales tax ballot measure will pass. Staff are trying to plan ahead of the ballot as much as possible.

There was a City Council executive session about the small, undeveloped parcel at South Boulder Road and Heritage tonight before the OSAB meeting. OSAB previously recommended it for acquisition (see August meeting minutes).

7. Information Item: Board Updates

Sales & Use Tax Task Force:

Helen distributed the city's official fact sheet about the Open Space and Parks Sales Tax ballot issue. There is a campaign group organizing around passing the tax that has gotten started. Jessamine said that board members can join as citizens, help with the campaign, and get yard signs. Helen and Jessamine have information about how to join the group.

Weed Whackers:

Susan reported that the summer season had been very successful. There were 11 regular Weed Whackers, and they performed 51 hours of work. There were also four boy scouts involved. They focused their work on Davidson Mesa and Harper Lake. She felt like the signs that Ginger produced were very helpful for getting the word out. Susan said she would love to host a pizza party for the Weed Whackers, and wondered if there was a budget for that. Ember replied that she could look into it current City Policy.

Bee City:

Susan said that the Bee City USA committee wrote an article for the recent City Newsletter. It announced the Bee City website. The website gives advice and recommendations about pollinator-friendly planting for Louisville gardeners. The group is hoping to begin a monthly speaker series, in collaboration with the Sustainability Board. Susan is helping to lead a workshop for children and adults on making paper infused with native seeds. She is hoping to do it at the Recreation Center in November.

Helen added that there was recently a program about harvesting wild seeds sponsored by the library, who also has a seed catalog. She felt that Bee City USA and Open Space should co-advertise these events. She and the other Bee City USA committee members attended and recruited interested people at the event. They would like to exchange seeds and seedlings again in the spring. There are some examples of programs like this in nearby cities, such as Fort Collins. Jessamine said there is a group called Blooming Seniors who do a plant sale in the spring at the Recreation Center, and maybe they could coordinate with them. Helen added that the City could do a lot to help coordinate volunteering. The Bee City USA committee will have a booth at Ecotoberfest to talk about pollinators and pollinator-friendly planting.

8. Discussion Item: Parks Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Presented by Adam Blackmore, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space.

Adam gave an overview of the next master planning process. The last department-wide master plan was written in 2012 and the last Open Space-specific master plan was written in 2004. He said that there have been a lot of changes since then and some things from the old plans have not been implemented. He said that he places a lot of stock in using a proper planning process to offset the impact of staff being asked to address “squeaky wheel” stakeholder requests.

Master planning is on City Council’s work plan as a high priority and is in the current budget.

Adam provided the board a hardcopy of the projected timeline for implementation of the plan. Staff’s plan is to seek feedback from advisory boards (RAB, PPLAB, OSAB, and the YAB) during meetings with staff and consultants. Brian Webber will be creating a survey (~Oct) for each board member to give feedback about an RFP that highlights their priorities in choosing consultants for this process. Brian will visit each board and deliver results of the survey (~Nov-Dec). Adam projected that actual work would begin around January 2025. He added that the city comprehensive master plan that will be starting around that time too, and will also include lots of public input. He cautioned that staff doesn’t want to bury citizens in requests for feedback.

Charles asked if trails would be part of this plan or part of the transportation master plan. Adam said this decision would be made based on the survey results, but his opinion was that it should be included in the department master plan.

Jessamine asked to what extent the existing master plan will be the basis for the new plan. Adam said that the Open Space-specific master plan from 2004 is very dated and Open Space issues deserve a level of higher expertise and a deeper dive than the 2012 plan gave them. Ember added that the 2004 Open Space master plan reads more like a management plan and the plan from 2012 is more high-level vision.

Michiko asked if they will throw out the old master plans and create a new one based on new needs. Adam answered that the old plans will guide the next iteration and still have some good things in them, but they definitely need to be updated and revised. He specifically called out the need for a wildfire mitigation strategy and the new budgeting required if the sales tax ballot issue passes.

Michiko asked how often master plans usually get revised. Adam said master plans are generally 10-15 year guiding documents, but land management plans might last about a decade.

9. Discussion Items: Review and Finalize Results of the 2023 OSAB Potential Open Space Candidate Recommendations to City Council. Presented by Laura Scott Denton and Michiko Christiansen, Acquisition OSAB Tiger Team

Michiko and Laura led the discussion of the spreadsheet that ranked the candidate open space parcels. The spreadsheet was created based on the individual rankings that board members gave the properties that were (and were not) visited during the August meeting road tour. Board members ranked each parcel according to their perception of its Natural Resource Value, its User Experience Value, and its Strategic Value. They also noted observations about the land and listed potential management or conservation goals for the land. The Tiger Team and staff combined those individual rankings into a composite spreadsheet.

Michiko and Laura wanted OSAB to designate the board's level of interest in the properties, but noted that the "Totals" column for the properties didn't show significant breaks. The board discussed what the levels of interest should be called, eventually deciding on High, Medium, and Low Priority parcels. The board also decided which parcels should be given which level of priority. High Priority parcels were: CC, DD, WW, WW.1, ZZ.1, D.1, BB, N.2, N.3, D.4, MM, WW.2, D.5. Medium Priority parcels were: D.2, AA.1, AA.2, D.3, N.1, XX, F. Low Priority parcels were: B, J, G, H, I, K.

The board discussed the value of having staff research the conservation status of the land. Some of the parcels cannot be further developed due to conservation easements or other regulations and may be adequately conserved without further expenditure by the city.

The board wants to produce a map with properties indicated as High, Medium, or Low Priority, a master spreadsheet as currently written, and individual property detail sheets with conservation status and goals on them.

Laura and Michiko are meeting with staff next week and will present this final packet to the board at the October meeting.

10. Discussion Items for the Next Meeting October 11th, 2023.

1. Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan in Nov-Dec.
2. Tiger Team will share the final product from the summer acquisition land tour.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

MEMORANDUM

To: Open Space Advisory Board
From: Open Space Division
Date: October 11, 2023, 2023
Re: Information Item 6, Staff Updates

Marshall Fire Updates Pertaining to Open Space:

1. Property perimeter mowing, on select Open Space properties is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. Information and locations can be found here: <https://www.louisvilleco.gov/local-government/government/departments/parks-recreation-and-open-space/mowing-practices-for-parks-and-open-space>
2. The Wildfire and Risk Assessment for Public Lands Final Report will be presented to City Council on 10/17/2023 for review and adoption.

General:

1. Five Open Space staff members will attend the Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) conference. Staff will attend a variety of training sessions pertinent to their job duties and connect with other natural resource professionals to compare solutions to shared problems.
2. Staff was included in a kickoff meeting for the CO42 Design and ROW project as a stakeholder. OSAB will be included in review of this project at a later date. City Council has approved the concept and OSAB will have an opportunity to provide feedback at a design plan level. Background info can be found here: <https://www.louisvilleco.gov/Home/Components/News/News/5156/> or Future42.Info

Trails & Maintenance:

1. Staff has been working to complete the trail repairs at Aquarius and should have most of them completed by the end of September.
2. Staff will begin the third and tentatively the final round of trail corridor mowing in early October which should be complete by mid-October.
3. Staff has been working on completing a sign inventory for all Open Space properties with plans to complete this task by December.
4. The Coyote Run Open Space trail resurfacing project was completed on 9/27/2023 with a plan to have the reseeding completed by 11/3/2023.
5. Staff completed the repainting of the Harper Lake vault restroom in late September.
6. Staff is in the process of procuring bids for the Aquarius parking lot regrading project due to the fact that the project originally only received one bid and the quote received was over budget.

Natural Resources:

1. Cattle are off of North Open Space and have completed grazing on the central pasture at the interior of the property.
2. Cattle are being moved from the southwest corner of Davidson Mesa to the eastern pastures near the DOLA and the WUI neighborhoods off of McCaslin Blvd. Cattle grazing will be finished across all properties on 10/5/23.
3. Goats are on their way to North Open Space; arrival is TBD but project will begin and commence in October.
4. Staff is presenting at a Grassland outreach event on 10/7/2023, focused on grassland ecology, wildfire science, management and mitigation in collaboration with the Boulder Watershed Collective and Louisville Fire Protection District.
5. Herbicide applications will occur on select Open Space properties in early October. The applications will focus on high-priority areas for perennial weeds.
6. Prairie Dog Management will continue throughout October including flushing and relocation work on Davidson Mesa and Hecla Lake Open Spaces.
7. Staff will be meeting with the Conservation Easement Stewardship Specialist at Boulder County to review and discuss their program.

Resource Protection:

1. Rangers played a key role in the safe, successful capture and relocation of a mama black bear and her cub on 9/13/2023. Rangers were first on scene and coordinated with the Police Department and Colorado Parks and Wildlife to maintain scene safety and tranquilize the bears.
2. Rangers have noted an increase in contacts with contractors who are accessing work sites by driving through Open Space. Rangers educate contractors about proper permitting procedures, collaborate with other staff to set timelines and methods for restoring damage, and issue warnings and citations as necessary.
3. Senior Ranger Naturalist White-Patarino completed van driving training. He will take Louisville plein air artists on a unique excursion to paint pictures of the old windmill on the jointly-owned Warembourg property at Dillon Road and 96th Street.

Education/Volunteer:

1. Staff is working with a school group from Mackintosh Academy for a trash pick-up on Harper Lake on 10/6/2023.

Education Events Upcoming:

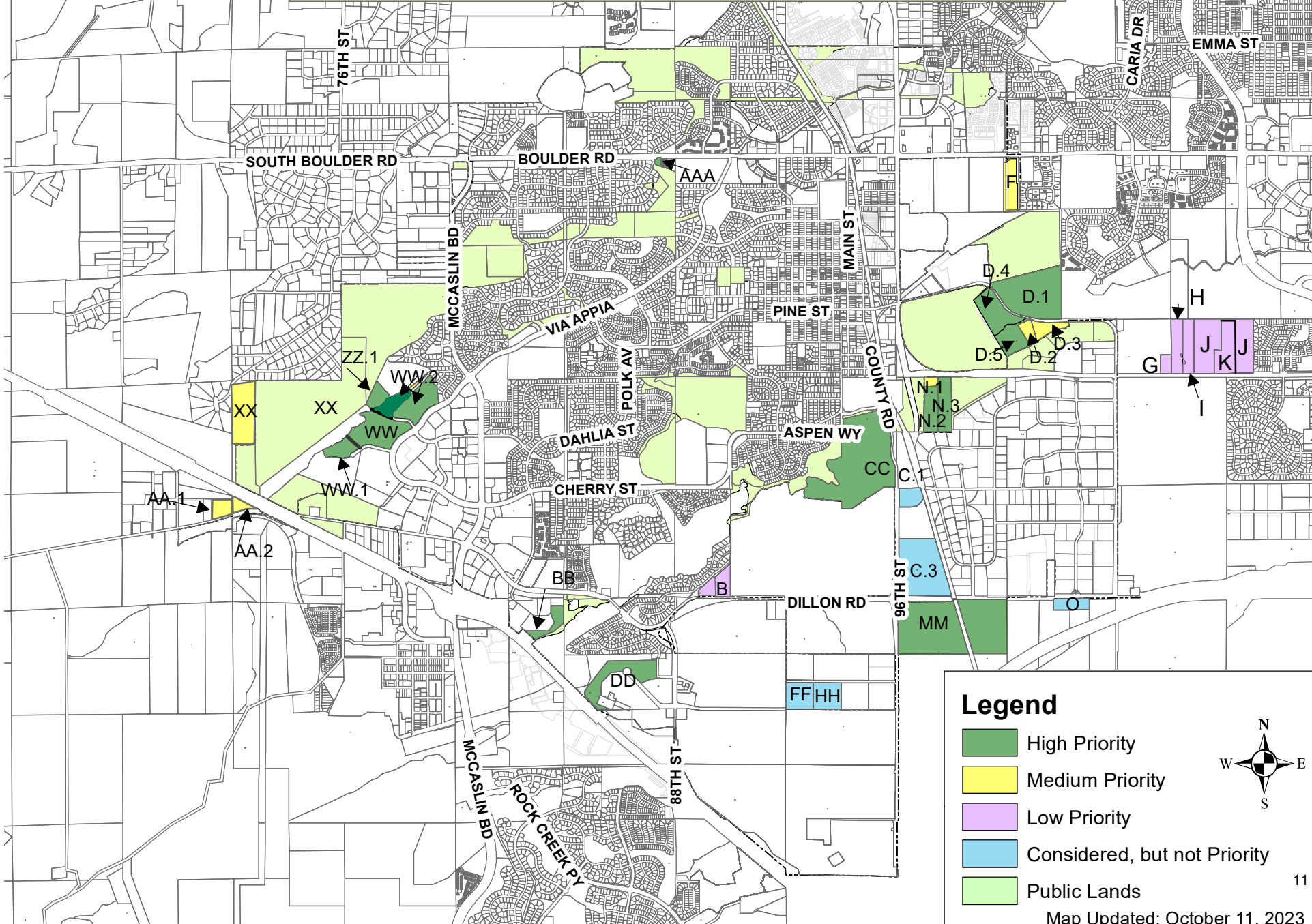
1. Saturday, 10/7/2023, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, Louisville Grasslands Field Tour. Davidson Mesa Open Space.

2. Sunday, 10/15/2023, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, The Old Windmill on Canvas (Open Space Plein Air Series). Jointly-owned Warembourg Open Space.
3. Wednesday, 10/25/2023, 2 session times 6:00 to 6:45 PM and 6:45 to 7:30 PM, Spooktacular Critters. Louisville Recreation Center.
4. Sunday, 10/19/2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Open Space Stargazers: Halloween Moongazing. Aquarius Open Space.

Education Events Past:

1. Sunday, 9/17/2023, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Lake Park on Canvas (Open Space Plein Air Series). Lake Park. 5 participants.

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking



Legend

- High Priority
- Medium Priority
- Low Priority
- Considered, but not Priority
- Public Lands



2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Parcel	Size (acres)	Natural Resource Value (1-10)	User Experience Value (1-10)	Strategic Value (1-10)	Totals	Priority
CC	67.54	9	9	8	26	High
DD	15.42	7	8	8	23	High
WW	19.27	7	8	8	23	High
WW.1	6.03	7	8	8	23	High
ZZ.1	4.72	7	8	8	23	High
D.1	14.75	8	7	7	22	High
BB	5.04	7	7	8	22	High
N.2	8.28	8	7	6	21	High
N.3	9.9	7	7	7	21	High
D.4	11.05	7	6	7	20	High
MM	72.42	7	5	8	20	High
WW.2	19.6	6	7	7	20	High
D.5	8.9	7	6	6	19	High
D.2	3.33	7	6	6	19	Medium
AA.1	4.71	6	6	7	19	Medium
AA.2	2.68	5	6	7	18	Medium
D.3	5	6	5	6	17	Medium
N.1	1.65	6	6	5	17	Medium
XX	19.03	5	6	6	17	Medium
F	9.13	5	6	5	16	Medium
B	7.96	5	5	5	15	Low
J	30.22	3	5	5	15	Low
G	2.59	3	4	4	11	Low
H	8.21	4	3	4	11	Low
I	8.1	3	3	4	10	Low
K	12.05	3	1	3	9	Low
C.1	5.2					Considered, but not priority
C.3	30.5					Considered, but not priority
FF	9.65					Considered, but not priority
HH	9.72					Considered, but not priority
O	4.93					Considered, but not priority

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Parcel2	Notes/comments/observations
CC	cultural & historical & iconic value, riparian, wooded
DD	good connectivity to other open space, habitat
WW	contiguous to Davidson Mesa, ag ditch, works best in conjunction with other WW & ZZ properties, habitat
WW.1	contiguous to Davidson Mesa, ag ditch, works best in conjunction with other WW & ZZ properties, habitat
ZZ.1	contiguous to Davidson Mesa, works best in conjunction with other WW & ZZ properties, habitat
D.1	wetlands, riparian area, has house, "lost cause", works best in conjunction with other D properties
BB	adjacent to Coal Creek Trail, corridor, & Creek, wetlands, pretty, detention pond
N.2	Coal Creek crosses the land, adjacent to other open space, large house, zoned agricultural, need other N properties to make worthwhile
N.3	Coal Creek crosses the land, adjacent to other open space, several buildings, zoned ag, need other N properties to make worthwhile
D.4	adjoins other open space, house & barn, connect to further properties to the east
MM	buffer to Broomfield, currently ag land, buildings on land, divided by road/railroad, limited recreational potential
WW.2	works best in conjunction with other WW & ZZ properties, hemmed in by roads and houses, good view
D.5	zoned agriculture, has house, Coal Creek crosses the land, works best in conjunction with other D properties
D.2	zoned agriculture, has house, Coal Creek crosses the land, works best in conjunction with other D properties, may already be eased
AA.1	adjacent to HWY 36, okay habitat, close to Overlook Underpass and Boulder City/County open space land, social trails
AA.2	only worthwhile if also conserve AA.1, degraded habitat, close to Overlook Underpass & Boulder City/County open space land, social trails
D.3	zoned agriculture, has house, riparian, works best in conjunction with other D properties, adjacent to Aquarius
N.1	adjacent to Coal Creek Trail and CTC Trail, zoned agricultural, need other N properties to make worthwhile
XX	adjacent to Davidson Mesa, great view
F	adjacent to Lafayette, already trail to the west, house on property
B	small, between houses and road, may need soil remediation, land degraded, zoned agricultural
J	J is the best-looking ag land of all of these, zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
G	zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
H	zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
I	zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
K	zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
C.1	
C.3	
FF	
HH	
O	

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

ID2	Possible goals
CC	trail easement along creek, trail to south towards Dillon, possible city cultural facility, no further development
DD	trail to 36 Bikeway, ensure conservation if Avista leaves, hilltop buffer, no further development
WW	trail connectivity to Lake-to-Lake Trail, buffer, no/low further developemnt, 4H
WW.1	trail connectivity to neighborhood, buffer, no/low further developemnt
ZZ.1	trail connectivity, buffer, no/low further developemnt
D.1	easement around house, CC Trail re-route to follow creek, buffer, agricultural site, no further development
BB	purchase, ensure buffer around CCT, no further development
N.2	protect creek, reroute trail corridor along creek (though many members thought this was unlikely)
N.3	protect creek, reroute trail corridor along creek (though many members thought this was unlikely)
D.4	easement, CC Trail re-route to follow creek, buffer, educational site, no further development
MM	agricultural easement or partnership acquisition with County, prairie dog relocation site, 4H, goats
WW.2	trail connectivity to rec center, no/low further developemnt
D.5	buffer to Aquarius, conservation easement, agricultural uses, no further development
D.2	buffer to Aquarius, conservation easement, agricultural uses, no further development
AA.1	only worthwhile with partners, trail connection from underpass to other trail networks, safe crossing?, highway buffer
AA.2	only worthwhile with partners, trail connection from underpass to other trail networks, safe crossing?, highway buffer
D.3	buffer to Aquarius, conservation easement, agricultural uses, no further development
N.1	protect creek, reroute trail corridor along creek (though many members thought this was unlikely)
XX	trail easement, buffer to DM and its trail, no further development
F	trail buffer, dog park in partnership with Lafayette, ag use, trail buffer, no further development
B	dog park? Trail head/connection to other trails? Road buffer, no further development
J	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
G	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
H	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
I	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
K	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
C.1	
C.3	
FF	
HH	
O	

AA.1

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	West of Hwy 36, North of Marshall Rd
Acreage	4.71 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Medium
Board Goals	only worthwhile with partners, trail connection from underpass to other trail networks, safe crossing?, highway buffer
Owner - relationship status	Ure (Utah)
Conservation Easement info	n/a
Board notes:	adjacent to HWY 36, okay habitat, close to Overlook Underpass and Boulder City/County open space land, social trails
Natural Resource Value:	6
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info: Louisville Lateral
	Water features: n/a
User Experience Value:	6
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes, trails
	Trail/connectivity potential: connect to 36 bikeway & Davidson Mesa
	Number of buildings: 0
Strategic Value:	7
	Buffer Value: buffer between Louisville, Superior, and Boulder
	Potential partners: City of Boulder
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: City of Boulder to the North
Board Recommendation Date:	Wednesday, October 11, 2023

need to figure out how to survey habitat and vegetation

AA.2

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	West of Hwy 36, North of Marshall Rd
Acreage	2.68 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Medium
Board Goals	only worthwhile with partners, trail connection from underpass to other trail networks, safe crossing?, highway buffer
Owner - relationship status	Lentz
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	only worthwhile if also conserve AA.1, degraded habitat, close to Overlook Underpass & Boulder City/County open space land, social trails
Natural Resource Value:	5
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info: Louisville Lateral
	Water features: n/a
User Experience Value:	6
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes, trails
	Trail/connectivity potential: connect to 36 bikeway and Davidson Mesa
	Number of buildings: 2
Strategic Value:	7
	Buffer Value: buffer between Louisville, Superior, and Boulder
	Potential partners: City of Boulder
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: City of Boulder to the West
Board Recommendation Date:	Wednesday, October 11, 2023

B

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	SE of St. Andrews Lane, N of Dillon Rd
Acreage	7.96 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Low
Board Goals	dog park? Trail head/connection to other trails? Road buffer, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Xcel
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	small, between houses and road, may need soil remediation, land degraded, zoned agricultural
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="5"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation: dry soil, mullein, dispersed ground vegetation
	Ditch info: Community Ditch
	Water features: n/a
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="5"/>
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes, trails
	Trail/connectivity potential: yes, surrounding Open Space and Dutch Creek Park
	Number of buildings: 2
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="5"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Warembourg (east), Bowes (south, across road)
Board Recommendation Date:	Wednesday, October 11, 2023

BB

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	East of Hwy 36, South of Dillon Rd
Acreage	5.04 acres
Zoning	Not zoned
Priority	High
Board Goals	purchase, ensure buffer around CCT, no further development
Owner - relationship status	TFG Coal Creek Property
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	adjacent to Coal Creek Trail, corridor, & Creek, wetlands, pretty, detention pond
Natural Resource Value:	7
	Habitat & Vegetation: cottonwoods, riparian vegetation
	Ditch info: closest to Community Ditch, but none on property
	Water features: Coal Creek
User Experience Value:	7
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential: yes, Coal Creek connection
	Number of buildings: 0
Strategic Value:	8
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels:
Board Recommendation Date:	Wednesday, October 11, 2023

CC

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	S of Bella Vista, W of County Rd/96th St.
Acreage	67.54 acres
Zoning	not zoned
Priority	High
Board Goals	trail easement along creek, trail to south towards Dillon, possible city cultural facility, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Warembourg Colorado Ranches LLC. Know owners and have collaborated on other projects.
Conservation Easement info	Limits number and size of buildings on property to 3; limit access roads to dwelling access and agricultural access off of Cherry St.; owner responsible for water rights & conveyance; owner pays for maintenance; no dumping; no modifying land; no fires unless ditch burning; no industrial or commercial use; owner protects mineral rights
Board notes:	riparian, wooded
Natural Resource Value:	9
	Habitat & Vegetation: riparian vegetation, cottonwoods, evergreens,
	Ditch info: Goodhue
	Water features: Coal Creek
User Experience Value:	9
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential: yes, Coal Creek Trail, Community Park
	Number of buildings: 8
Strategic Value:	8
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners: Boulder County
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Warembourg Open Space
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C.1

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	Between 96th St & S. Arthur Ave
Acreage	5.2 acres
Zoning	Not zoned
Priority	Considered, but not priority
Board Goals	
Owner - relationship status	Adrian Games. Subdivision: St. Louis Parish & Boulder Innovative Campus
Conservation Easement info	CTC has conservation easement; looking into perimeters and details
Board notes:	
Natural Resource Value:	n/a
	Habitat & Vegetation: some cottonwoods/riparian vegetation, but pretty bare otherwise
	Ditch info: Goodhue
	Water features: Coal Creek to the north
User Experience Value:	n/a
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes, trails
	Trail/connectivity potential: yes, connect CTC with CCT
	Number of buildings: 3
Strategic Value:	n/a
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: City land to Coal Creek (North), Warembourg (west, across road)
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C.3

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	East of 96th St, North of Dillon Rd
Acreage	30.5 acres
Zoning	Not Zoned
Priority	Considered, but not priority
Board Goals	
Owner - relationship status	Archdiocese of Denver. Subdivision: St. Louis Parish & Boulder Innovative Campus
Conservation Easement info	CTC has easement
Board notes:	
Natural Resource Value:	n/a
	Habitat & Vegetation: some cottonwoods, but mostly smaller ground vegetation
	Ditch info: Goodhue
	Water features: n/a
User Experience Value:	n/a
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential: yes, CTC to CCT; open space to the west and south
	Number of buildings: 0
Strategic Value:	n/a
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Warembourg (west, across road), MM (south, across road)
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D.1

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	N of Empire Dr
Acreage	14.75 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	High
Board Goals	easement around house, CC Trail re-route to follow creek, buffer, agricultural site, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Dancy
Conservation Easement info	Restrictive covenant agreement; limited to residential uses involving or associated with one single-family residence, one home occupation, and open agricultural uses, such as (but not limited to) growing crops and keeping livestock and horses
Board notes:	wetlands, riparian area, has house, works best in conjunction with other D properties
Natural Resource Value:	8
	Habitat & Vegetation: known nesting raptors; riparian vegetation on SE side, agricultural otherwise
	Ditch info: n/a, down the street from Louisville WWTP
	Water features: Coal Creek & riparian corridor
User Experience Value:	7
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes, trails already on eastern border
	Trail/connectivity potential: possible CCT re-route to follow creek
	Number of buildings: 4
Strategic Value:	7
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners: Boulder County
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Mayhoffer (North), Adler/Fingru (East)
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D.2

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	S of Empire Dr
Acreage	3.33 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Medium
Board Goals	buffer to Aquarius, conservation easement, agricultural uses, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Stahr
Conservation Easement info	has one; trying to find it
Board notes:	zoned agriculture, has house, Coal Creek crosses the land, works best in conjunction with other D properties, may already be eased
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation: riparian vegetation
	Ditch info: n/a
	Water features: Coal Creek
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="6"/>
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential: yes, connect CCT with Aquarius
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="6"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Aquarius (south)
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D.3

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	S of Empire Dr
Acreage	5 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Medium
Board Goals	buffer to Aquarius, conservation easement, agricultural uses, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Glenn
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	zoned agriculture, has house, riparian, works best in conjunction with other D properties, adjacent to Aquarius
Natural Resource Value:	6
	Habitat & Vegetation: ground vegetation
	Ditch info: Goodhue
	Water features: Coal Creek to the north
User Experience Value:	5
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential: Aquarius, CCT
	Number of buildings: 4
Strategic Value:	6
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners: Boulder County
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Aquarius (south)
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D.4

2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking

Address	SW of Empire Dr
Acreage	11.05 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	High
Board Goals	easement, CC Trail re-route to follow creek, buffer, educational site, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Holliday
Conservation Easement info	Centennial House; trying to find easement
Board notes:	adjoins other open space, house & barn, connect to further properties to the east
Natural Resource Value:	7
	Habitat & Vegetation: riparian along creek, pretty bare otherwise
	Ditch info:
	Water features: Coal Creek
User Experience Value:	6
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential: CCT re-route to follow creek
	Number of buildings: 6
Strategic Value:	7
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Mayhoffer (north & southwest)
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D.5

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	SW of Empire Dr
Acreage	8.9 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	High
Board Goals	buffer to Aquarius, conservation easement, agricultural uses, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Schultz Family Trust
Conservation Easement info	House Lot - Rental; trying to find easement
Board notes:	zoned agriculture, has house, Coal Creek crosses the land, works best in conjunction with other D properties
Natural Resource Value:	7
	Habitat & Vegetation: riparian along creek; ground vegetation otherwise
	Ditch info:
	Water features: Coal Creek
User Experience Value:	6
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential: CCT re-route to follow creek; Aquarius connection
	Number of buildings: 2
Strategic Value:	6
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Mayhoffer (southwest), Aquarius (south)
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DD

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	S of Bella Vista, W of County Rd/96th St.
Acreage	67.54 acres
Zoning	not zoned
Priority	High
Board Goals	trail to 36 Bikeway, ensure conservation if Avista leaves, hilltop buffer, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Portecare Adventist Health Systems
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	good connectivity to other open space, habitat
Natural Resource Value:	7
	Habitat & Vegetation: ground vegetation, grasses
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	8
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential: connection to 36 bikeway; CCT, CCGC?
	Number of buildings: 0
Strategic Value:	8
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Avista (north)
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F

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	South of S. Boulder Rd, W of Cimarron Dr
Acreage	9.13 acres
Zoning	Not zoned
Priority	Medium
Board Goals	trail buffer, dog park in partnership with Lafayette, ag use, trail buffer, no further development
Owner - relationship status	
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	adjacent to Lafayette, already trail to the west, house on property
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="5"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="6"/>
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="5"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Harney Lastoka (west), Mayhoffer (south)
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FF

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	E of Monarch High School, S of Paradise Ln
Acreage	9.65 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Considered, but not priority
Board Goals	
Owner - relationship status	Thompson Living Trust
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	
Natural Resource Value:	n/a
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	n/a
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	n/a
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels:
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G

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	N of Empire Rd
Acreage	2.59 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Low
Board Goals	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
Owner - relationship status	Schmidt
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="3"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="4"/>
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="4"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Esmail (north & west)
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H

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	N of Empire Rd, S of Stagecoach Dr
Acreage	8.21 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Low
Board Goals	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
Owner - relationship status	Losasso
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="4"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="3"/>
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="4"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners: Boulder County
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Esmail (west)
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HH

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	E of Monarch High School, S of Paradise Ln
Acreage	9.72 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Considered, but not priority
Board Goals	
Owner - relationship status	Zhang Wang Living Trust
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	
Natural Resource Value:	n/a
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	n/a
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	n/a
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels:
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I
 Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	N of Empire Rd, S of Stagecoach Dr
Acreage	8.1 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Low
Board Goals	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
Owner - relationship status	Brandon
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="3"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="3"/>
	Historical/cultural significance: n/a
	Passive recreation potential: yes
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="4"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners: Boulder County
	Adjacent/supporting parcels:
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J

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	N of Empire Rd, S of Stagecoach Dr
Acreage	30.22 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Low
Board Goals	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
Owner - relationship status	Neumann
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	J is the best-looking ag land of all of these, zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
Natural Resource Value:	3
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	5
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	5
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels:
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K

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	N of Empire Rd, S of Stagecoach Dr
Acreage	12.05 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Low
Board Goals	agricultural easement? Remediation with partnership? Low value to board
Owner - relationship status	Bestway Real Estate
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	zoned agricultural, houses, need other properties to make worthwhile
Natural Resource Value:	3
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	1
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	3
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners: Boulder County
	Adjacent/supporting parcels:
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MM

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	Between 96th St & S. Arthur Ave
Acreage	72.42 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	High
Board Goals	agricultural easement or partnership acquisition with County, prairie dog relocation site, 4H, goats
Owner - relationship status	Northwest Corridor Holdings LLC
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	buffer to Broomfield, currently ag land, buildings on land, divided by road/railroad, limited recreational potential
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="5"/>
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="8"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Admor (west), Trillium (east)
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N.1

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	W of Empire Rd, S of State Hwy 42
Acreage	1.65 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Medium
Board Goals	protect creek, reroute trail corridor along creek (though many members thought this was unlikely)
Owner - relationship status	Hunziker
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	adjacent to Coal Creek Trail and CTC Trail, zoned agricultural, need other N properties to make worthwhile
Natural Resource Value:	6
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	6
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	5
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: CTC (west), Coal Creek Trail (north)
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N.2

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	W of Empire Rd, S of State Hwy 42
Acreage	8.28 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	High
Board Goals	protect creek, reroute trail corridor along creek (though many members thought this was unlikely)
Owner - relationship status	Bennett
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	Coal Creek crosses the land, adjacent to other open space, large house, zoned agricultural, need other N properties to make worthwhile
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="8"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features: Coal Creek
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="6"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: CTC (west), Coal Creek Trail (north)
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N.3

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	W of Empire Rd, S of State Hwy 42
Acreage	9.9 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	High
Board Goals	protect creek, reroute trail corridor along creek (though many members thought this was unlikely)
Owner - relationship status	Newbold
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	Coal Creek crosses the land, adjacent to other open space, several buildings, zoned ag, need other N properties to make worthwhile
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: CTC (west), Coal Creek Trail (north)
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O

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	W of Empire Rd, S of State Hwy 42
Acreage	1.65 acres
Zoning	Agricultural
Priority	Considered, but not priority
Board Goals	
Owner - relationship status	
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	
Natural Resource Value:	n/a
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	n/a
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	n/a
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Trillium (south)
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WW

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	NW of Centennial Pkwy, N of Infinite Dr
Acreage	19.27 acres
Zoning	Not zoned
Priority	High
Board Goals	trail connectivity to Lake-to-Lake Trail, buffer, no/low further development, 4H
Owner - relationship status	Centennial Valley Properties LLC
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	contiguous to Davidson Mesa, ag ditch, works best in conjunction with other WW & ZZ properties, habitat
Natural Resource Value:	7
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	8
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	8
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Davidson Mesa (north across Public Services land)
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WW.1

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	NW of Infinite Dr
Acreage	6.03 acres
Zoning	Not zoned
Priority	High
Board Goals	trail connectivity to neighborhood, buffer, no/low further development
Owner - relationship status	Centennial Valley Properties LLC
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	contiguous to Davidson Mesa, ag ditch, works best in conjunction with other WW & ZZ properties, habitat
Natural Resource Value:	7
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	8
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	8
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels:
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WW.2

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	NW of Centennial Pkwy & Century Dr
Acreage	19.6 acres
Zoning	Not zoned
Priority	High
Board Goals	trail connectivity to rec center, no/low further development
Owner - relationship status	Centennial Valley Properties LLC
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	works best in conjunction with other WW & ZZ properties, hemmed in by roads and houses, good view
Natural Resource Value:	<input type="text" value="6"/>
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels:
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XX

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	SE of Benchmark Dr & Spring Dr
Acreage	19.03 acres
Zoning	Estate Residential
Priority	Medium
Board Goals	trail easement, buffer to DM and its trail, no further development
Owner - relationship status	Salaman
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	adjacent to Davidson Mesa, great view
Natural Resource Value:	5
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	6
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	6
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Davidson Mesa (south & east)
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ZZ.1

Opportunities for Preserving Open Space and Improving Trail Connectivity

Address	SW of Century Dr
Acreage	4.72 acres
Zoning	Not zoned
Priority	High
Board Goals	trail connectivity, buffer, no/low further development
Owner - relationship status	
Conservation Easement info	
Board notes:	contiguous to Davidson Mesa, works best in conjunction with other WW & ZZ properties, habitat
Natural Resource Value:	7
	Habitat & Vegetation:
	Ditch info:
	Water features:
User Experience Value:	8
	Historical/cultural significance:
	Passive recreation potential:
	Trail/connectivity potential:
	Number of buildings:
Strategic Value:	8
	Buffer Value:
	Potential partners:
	Adjacent/supporting parcels: Davidson Mesa (northwest)
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Proposed communication drafted by the OSAB Acquisition Tiger Team. This has not been sent to City Council at this point in time.

Hello Council members.

As per the City Charter, every two years the Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) visits undeveloped or partially-developed properties around town and evaluates them for their potential as future Open Space land. Sometimes these properties can be fully purchased by the City, other times they might be candidates for other sorts of conservation, such as conservation easements or trail easements.

The goal of this process is to provide the City Council with documents that capture our opinions about the value of different land parcels, so when a parcel is for sale, the Council can promptly decide whether or not it is interested in pursuing it, with the help of our advisory input. We are also trying to provide detail sheets with some background research to the parcels, with help from staff, to help you quickly understand the properties' contexts. Attached to this message, you will find draft versions of our parcel map, our summary spreadsheet, and an example detail sheet for one particular parcel.

This year we visited properties in August and are in the process of finalizing our evaluation packet. **Since you are the ultimate audience for this product, our board would like to get some feedback from you about how to make this documentation most useful to you.** Please respond to this survey by October 2nd, to help guide us on how to best serve you.

--Thank you! Laura Denton & Michiko Christensen, OSAB members

Questions:

- 1) Have you ever looked at past versions of these OSAB documents during your time on Council? If so, how do Council members generally use them?
- 2) Would you be interested in including a space in your work plan for an OSAB member to come to Council and present this information to you? If so, how often?
- 3) Would you be in support of the idea of hiring a consultant to proactively research parcels and contact their owners on behalf of the city?
- 4) Is there anything you can think of that would make this process more useful or transparent to you personally? To the Council in general?
- 5) How does Council generally learn about potential Open Space parcels that come up for sale within Louisville? How would you **like** to learn about candidate parcels that come up for sale?