

Open Space Advisory Board

Agenda

Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Council Chambers, City Hall
749 Main Street
7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 pm Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Approval of Agenda
 4. Approval of Minutes
 5. 7:05 pm Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda (5 minutes, more time as needed)
 6. 7:10 pm Staff Updates (5 Minutes)
 7. 7:15 pm Board Updates (10 Minutes)
- Assign Secretary Appointments for Upcoming Meetings

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8. 7:25 pm Discussion Item: Strategies for Protecting Habitat and Avoiding Extinction, Presented by Steve Jones Wildlife Consultant (40 Minutes).
9. 8:05 pm Discussion Item: Presentation by LOSA Citizen Group, Presented by Helen Moshak, LOSA Member (40 Minutes).
10. 8:45 pm Discussion Item: Open Space Advisory Board 2024 Work Plan, Presented by Susan McEachern, OSAB Chair (10 Minutes).
11. 8:55 pm Action Item: Memorandum from OSAB to City Council Recommending Banning of Rodenticide for Prairie Dog Control on Private Property. Presented By, Susan McEachern, OSAB Chair (15 Minutes).
12. 9:10 pm Discussion Items for Next Meeting September 11th, 2024
Possible Topics:
 - A. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Long Term Planning Document Scope of Work Review
 - B. Trails Long Term Planning Document Scope of Work Review
 - C. Ranger Updates & E-bikes
 - D. Mosquito Control
13. Adjourn

Open Space Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 7:00pm

Louisville Public Library, 1st Floor Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street

1. **7:00 pm Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
 - Present: Andrew Dorsey, Brad Pugh, David Blankinship, Susan McEachern, Michiko Christiansen, Mark Poletti, Charles Danforth
 - Absent: Jessamine Fitzpatrick
 - Staff members: Ember Brignull, Adam Blackmore (phone)
 - Others: Rob Zuccaro, Director of Community Development, Bryon Weber, Parks Planning and Project Manager
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion: Mark
 - Second: Susan
 - Approved by all
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion: David
 - Second: Mark
 - Approved by all
5. **7:05 pm Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda (5 minutes, more time as needed)**
 - Cathern Smith recommends that OSAB get advice, guidance, and counsel before quasi-judicial (QJ) meetings to make sure we are conducting meetings appropriately, etc. Rob says the city will likely provide this guidance as it has with other boards in the past. She also notes that she has been commenting on Redtail Ridge (RTR) in various forums for several years and is sad and concerned about the apparent lack of concern about wildlife by the city. Suggests other areas for connectivity at RTR that might be better for the prairie dogs.
 - Tamar Krantz suggests adding language to the QJ policy about land adjacent to open space and supports making language about OSAB's purview much broader. She also supports OSAB doing site visits at places like RTR. Suggests leaving one side of the pond at RTR undisturbed to create better wildlife habitat. Asked a question: is the planning commission or other body going to be looking at the trail maps or will this go directly to city council? She continues to be concerned about the use of rodenticide on the site. She would like to see the developer agree to not use it. Is there a way for the city to force the developer to do this?
6. **7:10 pm Staff Updates (5 Minutes)**
 - Juniper removal at Harper Lake per written updates
 - Trail count numbers per written updates

- Mark asks if they are also looking for animals? Ember says they are only counting human visitors.
- There is also technology available to track visitation and use patterns using cell phone pings, but that is not being used just yet.
- Michiko asks if the grant tiger team is looking at grants that can be used for this purpose? Ember says no but they could, and grants have been used for similar things in the past.
- Charles asks if foot or bike race participants are counted in these types of counts. If they pass a counter then they are counted but we can't single out their use.
- Susan asks if past RTR wildlife surveys are available and if so, can they be provided to OSAB? Rob said they were provided to OSAB in 2022 and can be found in public documents or in the OSAB packet from that time.
- David says he doesn't want the acquisition policy discussion to stall because the city manager is gone. Board seems to agree, and Ember will look into it and provide an update.
- Susan asks if Louisville rangers will have body cameras? Ember: They have worn them for the past two years.
- David asks what is going on at Hecla? Ember says it is a Public Works water line repair and should be completed soon and will require restoration. David asked for public notice, which Ember agreed to supply.

7. 7:15 pm Board Updates (10 Minutes)

- Charles asks about the date of the next meeting being listed as Aug 7th. Ember says it will be on August 14th in city hall.
- David:
 - Planning to attend a meeting with public works leadership on July 11th about communication and to give feedback.
 - Bike to Work Day went well. Spoke to ranger Brendon about e-bike and speed limits on trails. Ember says concerns have been relayed to city council and code enforcement. Rangers aren't allowed to "chase" and pursue citizens and speed limits are hard to enforce because speed is subjective (without equipment to read the speed) but can stop in an educational capacity.
 - Commented that the OWL worked well last month and sounded good.
 - Asked if there has been increased messaging about fire hardening with recent spot fires in the area?
 - Noted that at the end of a recent city council meeting, there seemed to be interest in considering cycling through board chairs and vice chairs.

8. 7:25 pm Discussion Item: Quasi-Judicial Status Related to OSAB. Presented by: Rob Zuccaro, Director of Community Development (45 Minutes).

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- Review a Draft Ordinance Amending and Clarifying OSAB's Role Related to Quasi-Judicial (QJ) Matters
 - Rob gave an overview of the history of the QJ process and the need to refine the process to ensure it is legally appropriate and is consistent between OSAB and PPLAB. Worked with the city attorney to refine and clarify what we will review, when, and the necessity to give the public appropriate notice.
 - Need to understand zoning regulations and differences between different types of zoning documents and how these interact with development ordinances.
 - PPLAB review missed the general development plan, which will be corrected and added and amended to the OSAB section.
 - Noted that we want to review and get OSAB feedback to take to the council before a broader public review process.
 - Mark asks when the process starts? For example, when a developer comes to the city at what point does OSAB review and comment? Rob says it happens when the application goes in, and the developer presents its plan to OSAB.
 - Andy says he's comfortable with the QJ role that OSAB has. Says B.1 makes sense, but the other sections are more advisory and not QJ. How do you distinguish between the two? Rob says that is something that they want to clarify in this process.
 - Susan has comments about PPLAB's section. They are not responsible for trails and trails in park lands and treescapes. Rob says this will be corrected. Adam weighs in and confirms that is an error and they will be OSAB's responsibility.
 - Susan asks about civil liability for board members in a QJ role. Rob says the city attorney is looking into this and he believes there are protections for municipal employees and also, he believes, for board members.
 - David observes that when OSAB met with council in January they thought OSAB would function best in a QJ role, but that OSAB could vote to opt out of QJ role. Some members of council didn't realize OSAB had a QJ role with Redtail Ridge for example. Rob mentions that OSAB could vote to not have a QJ role at all.
 - David asks why paving, grading, etc. isn't listed in the OSAB QJ purview. Rob says that it is kept general intentionally but is captured in B.1. Uses the example of review criteria for subdivision development and our review criteria would be guided by the subdivision development criteria.
 - Susan asks about wildlife concerns. Rob says it isn't specifically mentioned in the documents but might be captured in the context of public land dedication discussions.
 - David suggests changes to the language in B.1 and says that "development" should be changed to something more comprehensive and applicable. Suggest "dedication and planning" and others seem to agree. Rob will consider changes.

- David asks if this meeting is going to replace our official QJ training. Rob says no and goes on to say that when in the QJ role you can only comment in public OSAB meetings. Shouldn't talk to neighbors about it, attend public open houses, attend other board meetings related to the subject, etc. If you don't feel like you have the appropriate information you need to ask for it and it will be provided if available. Reiterated that we shouldn't talk to neighbors or community members because of potential conflicts. Suggest neighbors or community members write a letter to OSAB so everyone has the same information.
- David asks what happens if OSAB's recommendation differs from staff recommendations. Rob says staff will note that there are differing options and opinions and those will be given to the council.
- Susan asks if the document that Ember provided as an example of how OSAB used to communicate with council is appropriate and Rob says that it wasn't and the minutes would serve that purpose in this case.
- Andy asks when OSAB reviews construction documents if that is QJ. Rob says it would be in an earlier stage of the process but later in the process it may not be QJ.
- Charles asks what the purpose of this is if the developer isn't here and we can't speak to the council. Rob says we're here to discuss changes to QJ ordinance and review the plat packet, so our recommendations are included in the final plat packet.
- Michiko asks about section 4.02.050. Suggests it should say 'should provide recommendations' instead of 'provide comments'. Board agrees and Rob will suggest the changes.
- Susan asks why so much of 4.02.040.D is being removed and suggests adding some of it to section B. Rob agrees that some of it should be added to section B, including adjacency language clarifications.
- Mark asks about B.1 and suggests clarifying the language to list specifically what OSAB's role and process will be. Ember says that is captured in D. Rob provides clarification.
- David asks Rob to clarify the difference between what happened in the 2022 meeting and how that relates to what has happened recently. Rob says anything related to the public dedication of trails, including OSAB recommendation for an underpass at RTR falls under QJ. Ember provides clarification and Rob redirects to emphasize that this discussion is only about changes to the QJ ordinance and the RTR discussion is a separate topic.
- Rob emphasizes that anything QJ will likely be in the form of a public meeting with appropriate notice, etc.
- David talks about the importance of OSAB doing site visits and asks why OSAB still isn't approved to do a site visit at RTR and can't get approval to do so now that we're not acting in a QJ role. Rob doesn't answer the question and says to defer to the city attorney. Rob reiterates that we are

supposed to be talking about the changes to the ordinance, not other matters related to RTR.

- Michiko thinks we need much more clarification about what falls under OSAB review (wildlife corridors, etc.). Rob says OSAB can comment on items like this when the land is dedicated. For example OSAB can suggest that other areas of the property are more appropriate, valuable, or useful to the community due to wildlife habitat, land characteristics, etc. and suggest that to council.
- Susan says we need to be careful about having language that is too specific. Andy agrees and is concerned the board will have too many QJ items.
- David mentions that for certain types of development all stakeholders within a certain distance of the development get notified of the activity. Can we do something like that here? Rob says possibly but with so many open space parcels near neighborhoods notices would likely be going out to all residents at one point or another.
- Andy moves to adopt proposed changes to the ordinance as outlined by Rob. Michiko seconds it and all approve. These changes will be reflected in the upcoming City Council meeting packet.

9. 8:10 pm Action Item: Redtail Ridge Construction Drawings-Trails. Presented by Bryon Weber, PROS Project Manager (60 Minutes).

- Bryon gives an overview of his July 2 memo.
- Board review of the eight comment items before it goes to Public Works.
- Charles comments that he likes the included maps.
- David raises the concern that our feedback will go to staff and then to public works but it's unclear when it goes to city council. Byron says council has already approved the preliminary plat so the grading permit can be approved at any time. Public Works has given OSAB another opportunity to provide comments before permits are offered. Rob clarifies that the grading permit is unique in that there is an agreement that they can start grading at any time based on preliminary plat approval. Developer is interested in starting early.
- Charles notes that he doesn't recall giving specific feedback about trail locations at the June 2022 meeting. Rob says there were detailed maps with trail locations presented and OSAB was asked specifically about trail locations. He's heard similar comments from others and recognizes there is some misconception and or miscommunication.
- David asks if OSAB feels it can make an informed recommendation without having done a site visit to RTR. Charles says he thinks it's too late and isn't necessary. Byron notes that these comments are due by July 16, 2024, so there simply isn't enough time even if a site visit was approved.
- Mark asks if some of the trails and paths are existing. Rob says no, everything on the map will be new.

- Michiko asks for clarification about what the green dotted line is? She's concerned the location will lead to more social trails. Rob provides information and background about why that trail location and surface type were chosen.
- Charles suggests adding a hard surface trail near where the sports complex has been rumored to be located and make the green dotted line trail a soft surface as people don't live in RTR and there won't be much foot traffic to/from school. Byron notes that no decision has been made about that area and adding a sports complex is far from certain as there are site constraints and it might not be needed given the proximity to the school, other fields, etc.
- Ember suggests we discuss and vote on the eight items in the interest of time.
- Susan and Bryon go through the items one at a time and take a vote
 - i. Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstain: 1 (Michiko)
 - ii. Yes: 0, No: 6, Abstain: 1 (Andy)
 - iii. Yes: 4, No: 3
 - iv. Yes: 7, No: 0
 - v. Yes: 7, No: 0
 - vi. Yes: 6, No: 1
 - vii. Yes: 6, No :1
 - viii. Yes: 4, No: 2 (Michiko had left the meeting for this and subsequent votes)
 - ix. Underpass at Rock Cress on west side of Northwest Parkway - Yes: 7, No: 0
 - x. Remove blue trail only: Yes: 4, No: 2
 - xi. Remove yellow trail: Yes: 6, No: 0
 - xii. Remove green and yellow trails: Yes: 2, No: 4
 - xiii. Support removing/delaying two trail segments that connect to parcel PUD 8
- Susan suggests the OSAB submit a memo urging the city to consider not using rodenticide as it's harmful to the environment, raptors that eat the affected prairie dogs, etc. and to urge the use of CO2 if prairie dog lethal removal is necessary.

10. 9:10 pm Discussion Items for Next Meeting August 14th, 2024

The August meeting is tentatively scheduled to be hosted at City Hall, Spruce Meeting Room.

Possible Topics:

- A. Strategies for Protecting Habitat, Steve Jones Wildlife Consultant (August)**
- B. Presentation by LOSA Citizen Group (August)**
- C. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Long Term Planning Document Scope of Work Review (August)**
 - a. Tentative - might get moved to September
- D. Trails Long Term Planning Document Scope of Work Review (August)**
 - a. Tentative - might get moved to September
- E. E-Bikes (September)**
- F. Ranger updates (September)**

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G. Mosquito Control (September)

11. **Adjourn 9:45pm**

MEMORANDUM

To: Open Space Advisory Board
From: Open Space Division
Date: August 14, 2024
Re: Information Item 6: Staff Updates

General:

1. The Acquisition Process discussion with City Council will be postponed (tentatively to January 7, 2025) so that the Interim City Manager, and possibly the new City Manager, can be briefed on the topic and participate in developing the process. If OSAB would like to provide additional feedback to city Council regarding the process then the topic should be added to a future agenda item.
2. The City Manager and City Attorney have met with the South Boulder Road Property leadership team to discuss this property. Due to existing restrictive covenant, the property must be used as affordable housing. Staff is working to ensure that the trail connection remains.
3. 2024 Colorado Open Space Alliance Conference (COSA), Grand Junction, September 29 through October 2, 2024. Register before August 23, 2024 for an early bird price of \$350; <https://coloradoopenspace.org/conference/>

Natural Resources:

1. Harper Lake Juniper Removals: staff has been utilizing seasonal staff and Boulder County Youth Corps to remove all Common and Creeping Juniper located along the northern property fence line. Junipers will be replaced by native low-flammability shrubs at a later date this fall. Fire mitigation standards will be utilized for planting selections and locations.
2. Staff continues to water pocket prairie plantings at Aquarius, Hecla and is also programming watering of watering Warembourg shrubs.
3. Staff are revisiting best practices protocols for shrub and forb planting, care and maintenance.
4. Staff continues fishing line and trash pickup along Harper Lake and Warembourg Fishing Pond.
5. Staff continues removal of dead branches, debris, and invasive woody vegetation along Dutch Creek.
6. The Weed Whackers program continues to assist greatly with noxious weed control. In addition, staff and the Boulder County Youth Corps helped remove weeds on Davidson Mesa and other select Open Space properties. Biocontrol for bindweed and knapweed were released on select properties in July. A List A species, Hairy Willow-herb was treated at Bullhead Gulch Open Space.

Maintenance & Trails:

1. Wayfinding Project
 - Installation of phase one (powerline trail) took place during weeks of July 22 and July 29, with substantial completion expected by time of August OSAB meeting.
 - Installation included a variety of signage from the overall design package including wood posts in metal sleeves, panel signs, linear maps, wayfinding arrows and pavement markings.
 - Next steps: staff will evaluate lessons learned in phase one and finalize quantities for phase two (Lake to Lake) in hopes of placing the order for phase two signage this fall.
2. Staff has been installing the new style of trash receptacle throughout the month of July, so far the sixteen cans have been installed.
3. Staff is working with the Boulder County Youth for their final two weeks; the corps season will be ending on July 30. In 2024 the corps enhanced and fortified bench pads. This will provide ease of access and hazard reduction for trail users seeking a rest stop. The Boulder Youth Corps and Staff have completed 18 bench pad installations so far.
4. Staff has been mowing trail corridors and areas throughout the Open Space properties to reduce unwanted vegetative growth and hazards.
5. Staff is conveying the last of the remaining stock pond water to the Warembourg fishing pond. The second session of this process began on July 22, 2024.
6. Staff is preparing to convey water from Hecla Lake to Harney Lastoka Agriculture tenant. The Lake will be receiving 10-acre feet and conveying water from the Central Big Thompson River.
7. Staff is planning to attend this annual 2024 Colorado Trails Symposium occur September 25 & 26 this year in Salida, Colorado.

Resource Protection:

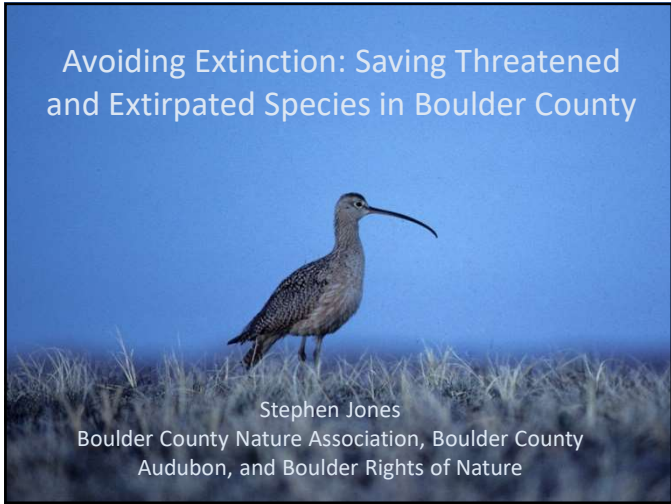
1. Rangers are working with maintenance staff to attempt to contact individuals at North Open Space who have been causing natural resource damage to build BMX-style jumps.
2. This month, Sr. Ranger Naturalist White-Patarino will lead education programs for 60 kids at summer day camp at the Recreation and Senior Center.
3. Rangers presented a new onboarding presentation to police officers with the goal of helping new officers become familiar with the ranger program and facilitate emergency response by showing best access routes onto various Open Space properties.

Education Events Upcoming:

1. Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, Coal Creek Bridge on Canvas (Open Space Plein Air Series) at CTC Open Space.
2. Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, Native Shrub Planting at Harper Lake Open Space.
3. Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Dutch Creek on Canvas (Open Space Plein Air Series) at Dutch Creek Open Space.

Education Events Past:

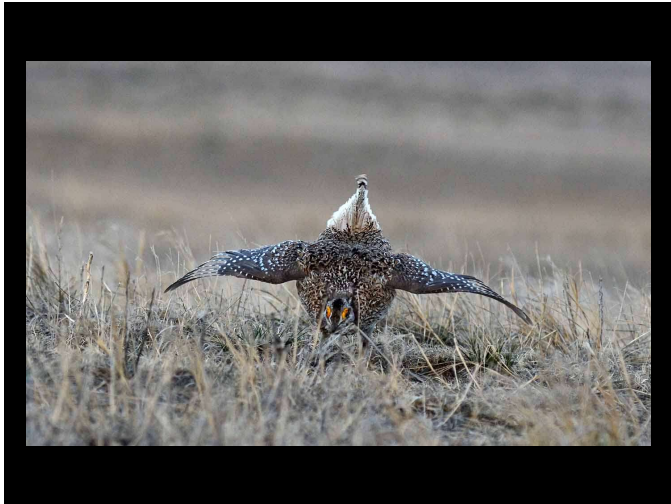
4. Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, North Open Space on Canvas (Open Space Plein Air Series) at North Open Space.
5. Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, Wildflower Hike at Davidson Mesa Open Space. 5 participants.
6. Wednesday, July 17, 2024, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Wildflower Hike (2nd offering) at Davidson Mesa Open Space. 15 participants.
7. Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, Fire Mitigation Event: Debris Removal at North Open Space. Postponed to October due to hot weather and low registration.
8. Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, Pollinators: Nature's Unsung Heroes at Dutch Creek Open Space. Attendance not available at time of publication.



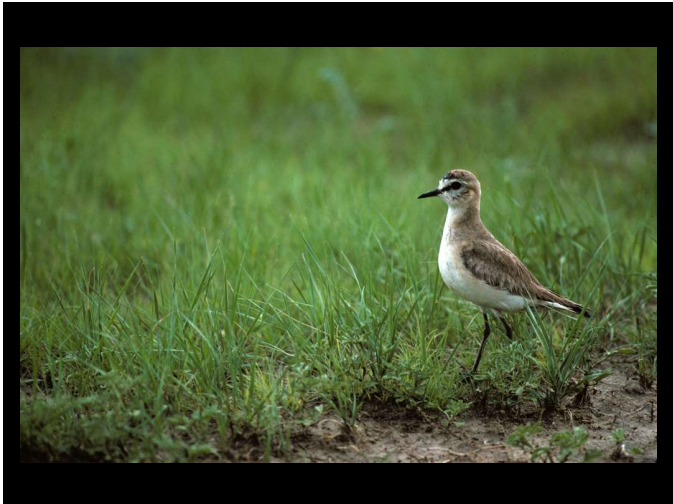
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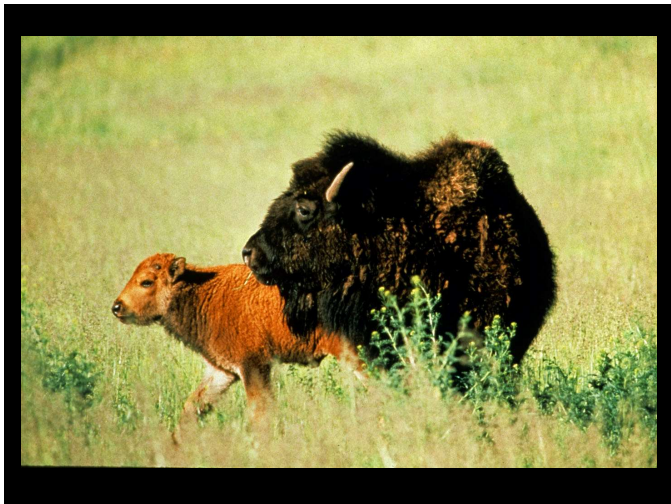
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Boulder County Extirpated Breeding Birds

Species	Nesting Habitat	Last Reported Nesting
Barrow's Goldeneye	Woodpecker holes in subalpine conifer forest	1880s
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Mixed-grass prairie	1880s
Eared Grebe	Prairie ponds and marshes	1880s
Mountain Plover	Shortgrass prairie	1880s
Long-billed Curlew	Mixed-grass prairie	1880s

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Boulder County Extirpated Mammals

Species	Habitat	Last Reported
Canada Lynx	Subalpine	
Gray Wolf	Plains and mountains	
Wolverine	Subalpine	
Grizzly Bear	Plains and mountains	
Black-footed Ferret	Grasslands	
Bison	Grasslands and mountain parks	
Pronghorn	Grasslands and mountain parks	

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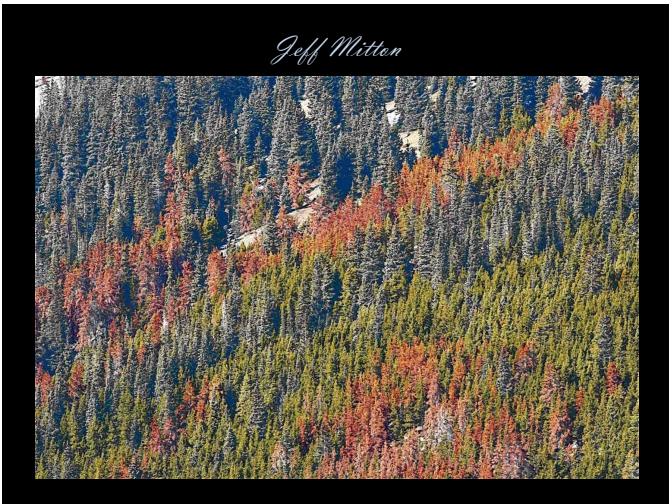
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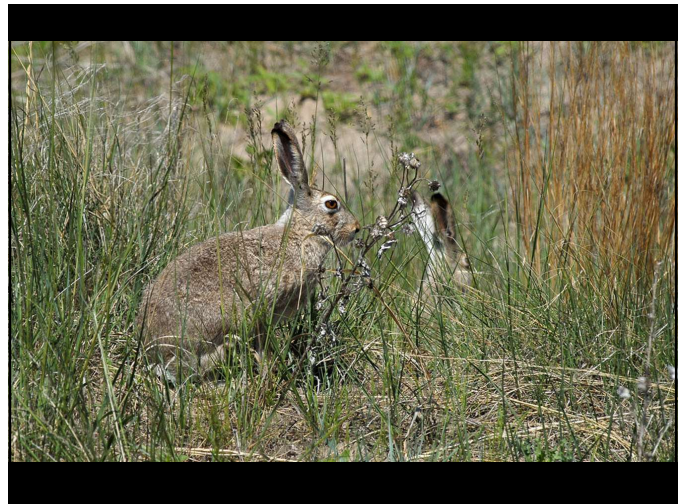


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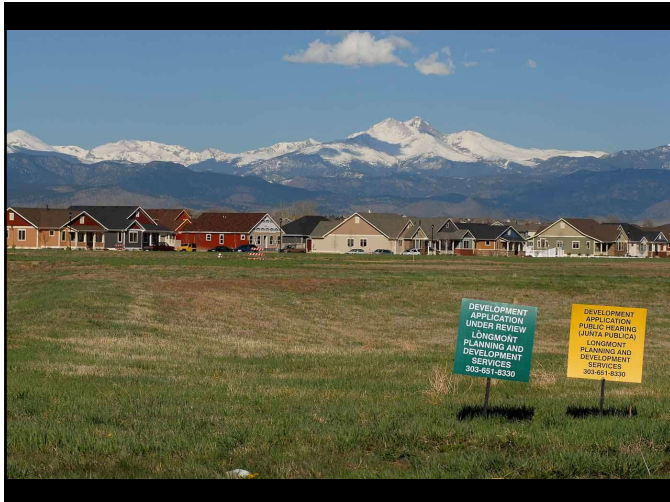
Boulder County Birds in Grave Danger of Extirpation

<u>Species</u>	<u>Habitat</u>
Northern Harrier	Marshes on plains
Burrowing Owl	Shortgrass prairie
Red-headed Woodpecker	Riparian woodlands
Loggerhead Shrike	Shortgrass prairie
Willow Flycatcher	Streamside willows
Lark Bunting	Shortgrass prairie

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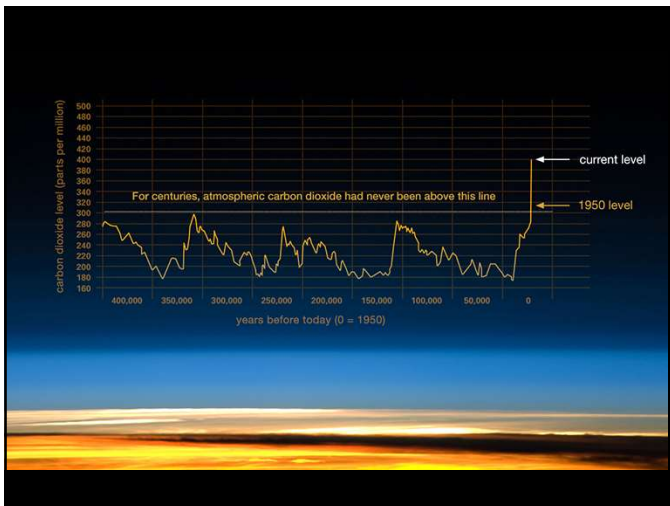
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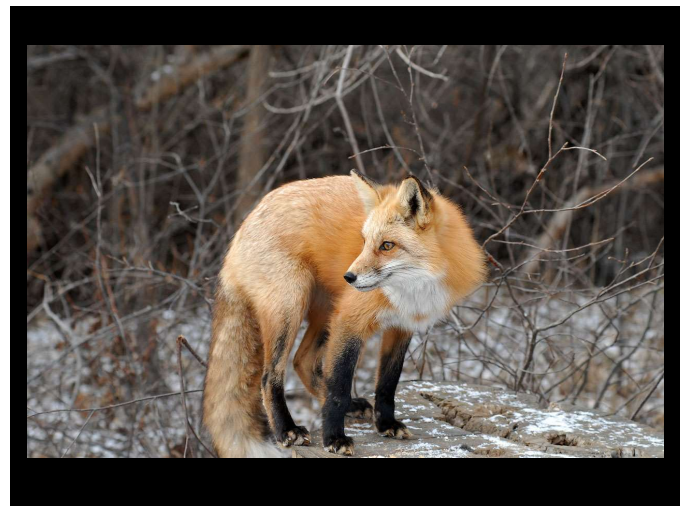
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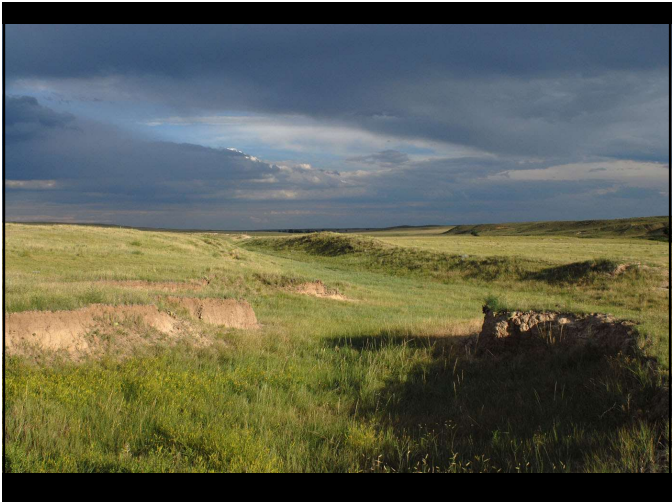
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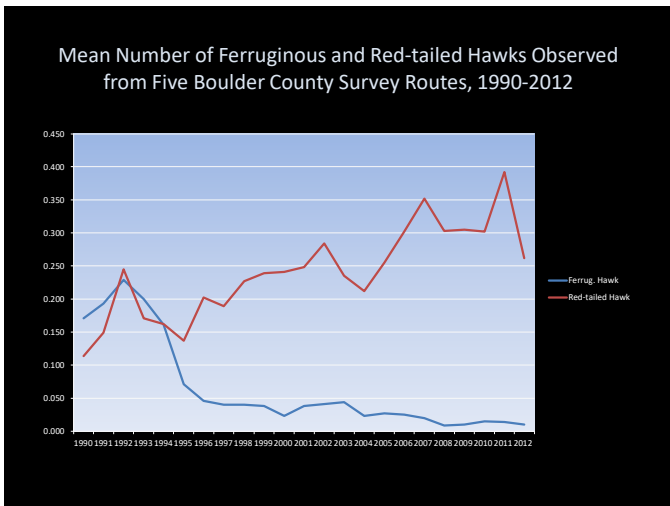
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- ### What We Need To Do
1. Give legal standing to native ecosystems and their species populations.
 2. Reverse degradation of native ecosystems.
 3. Develop conservation and recovery plans for locally threatened and extirpated species.
 4. Continue to support wildlife monitoring projects throughout Boulder County.

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"Nature has the right to exist , persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles...and its processes in evolution."
- The people and government of Ecuador

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"Natural communities and ecosystems possess fundamental and inalienable rights to exist and flourish in the City of Santa Monica. To effectuate those rights on behalf of the environment, residents of the City may bring actions to protect groundwater aquifers, atmospheric systems, marine waters, and native species within the boundaries of the City."

- Santa Monica Rights of Nature Ordinance

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"Ecosystems possess fundamental and inalienable rights to exist and flourish within the City of Lafayette. Residents of the City shall possess legal standing to enforce those rights on behalf of those ecosystems."

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**Boulder County Comprehensive Plan
Environmental Resources Element**

- Critical Wildlife Habitats and Wildlife Migration Corridors.
- Environmental Conservation Areas
- High Biodiversity Areas
- Natural Areas and Natural Landmarks
- Rare Plant Areas and Significant Plant Communities
- Wetlands and Riparian Areas

Supporting list of Wildlife Species of Special Concern
(Contains more than 150 vertebrate species)

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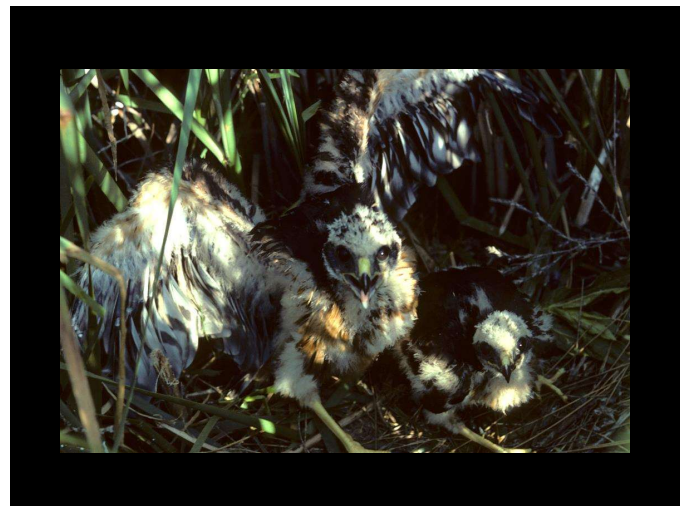
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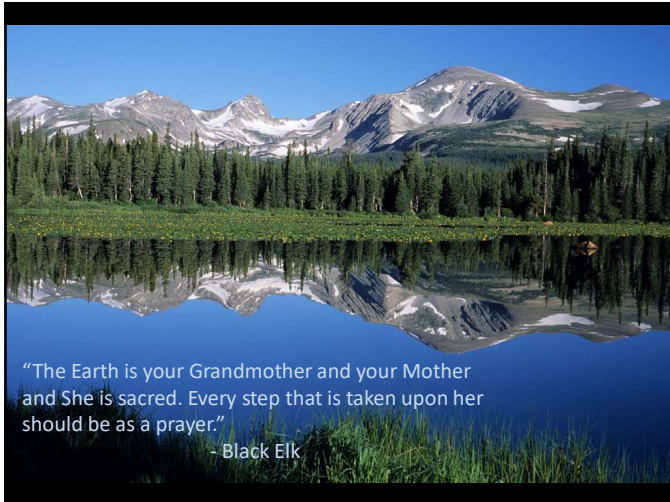


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Protecting Natural Areas and their Native Species Populations

1. Establish legal protections for natural areas and wildlife.
2. Conduct thorough biological inventories, and set priorities.
3. Monitor wildlife populations.
4. Educate public authorities.
5. Institute strict conservation plans.

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Thanks!

To the hundreds of volunteers who have participated in wildlife monitoring studies and lobbied on behalf of Boulder County wildlife populations.

And to all the precious beings who fill our lives with meaning and beauty.

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PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

MEMORANDUM

To: Open Space Advisory Board
From: Ember Brignull, Open Space Superintendent
Date: August 14, 2024
Re: Action Item 10: OSAB 2024 Work Plan

Purpose:

The purpose of this discussion item is to review OSAB's 2024 Work Plan:

- Stay informed of the new 2C Open Space and Parks Tax budget-related item:
 - Sales tax planning - parks and open space fund separation
 - Populating the two separate parks and open space accounts
- Review and provide recommendations on land acquisition items such as:
 - Fiscal Acquisition Reserve Policy
 - Land Acquisition Internal Process
- Review and provide recommendations on the scope of work for the PROST Long Term Planning Document
- Stay informed of wildfire mitigation efforts and provide recommendations on public-outreach materials related to mitigation efforts

PARKS & RECREATION

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Open Space Advisory Board
Date: August 14, 2024
Re: Recommend Banning of Rodenticides for Prairie Dog Control on Private Property

We greatly appreciate that the Open Space Division does not allow the use of rodenticides on Open Space properties to eliminate prairie dogs. Rodenticides are highly toxic not only to the targeted animal but also to any wildlife, pets, or people that eat a treated prairie dog or come in contact with the product. Rodenticides work by blocking normal blood clotting, causing uncontrollable bleeding and a slow and agonizing death.

We urge council to direct staff to work with private property owners to explore other options for prairie dog removals where prairie dogs cannot remain on private property. Preferably, private landowners would work with local non-profit organizations that will relocate prairie dogs or donate them to captive breeding programs that utilize them as a food source for their black-footed ferret populations. Prairie Dog Action in Broomfield and Prairie Dog Coalition (prairiedogcoalition.org) are both likely partners. Staff has also worked with private contractors who will trap and relocate prairie dog colonies or use more humane lethal methods.

OSAB recommends that City Council consider directing a policy review for a private property management ordinance that would ban the use of rodenticides on all properties within the city and develop a city wildlife protection and management policy that represents city priorities and values and provides more locally appropriate guidance to private property owners than state and federal regulations can offer.