

Open Space Advisory Board

Agenda

Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Library 1st Floor Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street
6:45 PM

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1. 6:45 pm Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. 7:00 pm Staff Updates (5 Minutes)
6. 7:05 pm Board Updates (5 Minutes)
7. 7:10 pm Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda (5 minutes, more time as needed)

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8. 7:15 pm Update Item: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department Marketing Update. Presented by Ginger Cross, Marketing Specialist (15 Minutes)
9. 7:30 pm Update Item: Collaboration with External and Internal Boards. Presented by Susan McEachern, OSAB Chair (15 Minutes)
10. 7:45 pm Update Item: Property Acquisition OSAB Ranking Criteria. Presented By, Michiko Christiansen & Brad Pugh, OSAB Board Members (30 Minutes)
11. 8:15 pm Discussion Items for Next Meeting August 13th, 2025
 - PROST Long Range Plan
 - Bird City Resolution
12. Adjourn

Open Space Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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951 Spruce St.

1. **6:45 pm Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
 - **Present:** Brad Pugh, Andy Dorsey Daniel Rupp, Susan McEachern, Michiko Christiansen, Ben Mow, Graeme Patterson, Mark Poletti
 - **Absent:** None
 - **City Staff Present:** Ember Brignull (Superintendent), Diana Langley (City Manager)
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Unanimous approval
4. **Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2025**
 - Unanimous approval
5. **6:55 pm Information Item: Board Members and City Manager Introductions. Presented by Susan McEachern, OSAB Chair (30 Minutes)**
 - **Question for Board Members:**
 - i. **What topic are you most interested in addressing this year?**
 - **Brad Pugh:** Resides near open space, appreciates its value, and seeks to actively participate in the city's open space initiatives.
 - **Andy Dorsey:** Appreciates open spaces and trails and is dedicated to enhancing them in accordance with Proposition 2C.
 - **Daniel Rupp:** Aiming to sustainably expand recreation options by improving city-wide trail connections in open spaces.
 - **Susan McEachern:** A committed advocate for open space usage and conservation, aiming to prioritize acquisitions this year.
 - **Michiko Christiansen:** Handles acquisitions with Brad, interested in brainstorming new ideas.
 - **Graeme Patterson:** After a career in field conservation, he now enjoys assisting the board in his retirement.
 - **Mark Poletti:** Mark appreciates the local community and the trail system. He is dedicated to maintaining and protecting the trails and open spaces.
 - **Ben Mow:** Has a strong appreciation for outdoor trails and recreational activities in open spaces.
 - **Questions for the City Manager:**
 - i. **What is your experience working with Open Space programs?**
Previously, she managed Yuba City and through our parks department maintained a large open space property nearby.

ii. **What is your philosophy on city management?** As city manager, she oversees daily operations to ensure fairness and ease for everyone. She greatly enjoys the trail system and the natural beauty of open spaces.

iii. **What is your philosophy on working with advisory boards?** Louisville has several advisory boards, and bylaws vary among them. There is a need for more uniformity across the advisory boards.

iv. **What are your observations up to this point?**

- Staff liaisons are performing their roles well. However, they are encountering some challenges that need to be addressed.
- The staff has been warm and welcoming, and citizens are passionate and engaged.
- The focus is on balancing the budget and improving the capital projects strategy.
- Community feedback is sought for priorities regarding upcoming capital projects. The plan should be developed with community input.
- Susan clarified that this is the first time the City Manager has collaborated with an OSAB.

6. 7:25 pm Staff Updates (5 Minutes) by Ember

- Link added to packet, including the integrated weed management plan.
- Added RTR Trails request to packet.
- Social Trails: Now included in the Long-Range plan. Fences effectively prevent social trails. Examples provided by Ember.
 - Costs: Staff costs are the highest expense in budgets for operational planning.
- Susan notes that Parks and Open Space have different and unique needs (e.g., weed management and the fact that the Open Space Integrated Weed Management Plan is being used by Parks even though it isn't designed for the management of bluegrass and other Parks-specific purposes).
- Andy asks if OSAB will be a focus group for public engagement regarding the comprehensive plan.
- Michiko inquires if OSAB can host an open house for engagement; Bryon may answer.
- Grass mowing concerns: Planned soon, no current fire risk due to green grass.
- Bio-Blitz: Data collection ongoing, open house this week at the Rec center.
- Open Space usage data recorded on multiple properties (Davidson Mesa, Dutch Creek, Hecla).
- Andy asks if data can advocate for property acquisition; Ember confirms it might be used in the future.

- Gates: Reflective tape added for safety, adjustments underway. Focus on flood-prone or frequently visited areas due to budget constraints. Potential incremental gate additions with future funding.
- Wayfinding: Project might extend operationally into 2026.
- Smooth Brome update from Ember expected in September after a full year of treatment and analysis.

7. 7:30 pm Board Updates (5 Minutes)

i. PROST Long Range Plan- Funding Update:

A. Susan: The allocation of funding for the PROST plan requires a thorough review regarding its management. It is essential to ensure equitable distribution of the cost, as several departments (Rec and Golf Course) are currently benefiting from it disproportionately.

- ii. OSAB/LOSAB Tiger Team:** LOSAB is actively engaged in community outreach with various cities, including Erie.
- iii.** Due to limited resources, it is advisable to schedule meetings with Broomfield and Superior as well.
- iv.** Tiger teams are subcommittees comprised of no more than two individuals in a single board, in accordance with open government standards.

8. 7:35 pm Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda (5 minutes, more time as needed)

- Resident Tamar Krantz expressed concern that the stock pond at Redtail Ridge was being eliminated and was informed that it would remain in place. She also emphasized that fire mitigation should be based on scientific evidence. Additionally, she expressed the importance of maintaining a natural moat of open space around the city.
- Resident Cathern Smith highlighted the uniqueness and purpose of open spaces, stressing how they should be managed. She reminded the group that the PROST plan should also prioritize natural habitats. She expressed concern that the upcoming PROST plan might not adequately focus on nature and conservation. Furthermore, she noted that while open space visitor data indicates a record number of visitors, this increase may come at the expense of natural conservation efforts.
- Resident Matt Jones: Regarding the PROST/Trails plan update, Matt voiced concerns about the lack of emphasis on open space concerns. He pointed out that Louisville's city charter emphasizes conservation, but the new PROST plan does not seem to sufficiently incorporate the language from the city charter and ballot language. He requested that the consultant be advised to prioritize maintaining natural environmental priorities in the plan.

9. 7:40 pm Discussion Item: OSAB Acquisition Plan Recommendations to the City Manager. Presented by Michiko Christiansen & Brad Pugh, OSAB Board Members (60 Minutes).

- Brad provided updates from the Tiger team. He is suggesting contacting property owners directly. Feedback is needed if possible. The City Manager will investigate this. The board has spent much time on prioritization, but no progress has been made by City Manager and Council. Susan recommends conducting an executive session to discuss this topic. Executive sessions are suitable as they ensure confidentiality of the properties under discussion. The City Manager says that she has reviewed the property acquisition priority list but needs some clarification on the ranking methodology. Michiko stressed the need for actionable progress. Andy indicated that funding provided through 2C is inadequate, and additional sources of funding would be necessary. The City Manager states that OSAB input will help develop a plan for future funding to present to the Council.
- One challenge is finding a seller who prioritizes supporting conservation rather than focusing solely on market value. Ben proposes having a pitch ready. Brad thinks it's generally a good idea, but more importantly, the city needs a formal process and framework. Michiko mentioned the city council letter; we need to create a formal process. Brad emphasized that when one of the top priority properties (CC, DD) becomes available, we need to be prepared to act. Mark says feedback should be sought from City Council. Mayor Leh previously toured the various properties with the OSAB board, but it is unknown how familiar Council is with the various top- ranked properties.

10. 8:40 pm Discussion Item: Follow-up Regarding 2025 OSAB Work Plan. Presented by Susan McEachern, OSAB Chair (30 Minutes).

i. Did City Council Approve the 2025 OSAB Work Plan Items that are not on the Department Work Plan?

- Susan mentioned that there has been little feedback from the City Council since the meeting and asked the City Manager about any updates. The City Manager stated that, since there has not been any communication, the initiatives were likely approved.
- The Bird City initiative appears to be viewed positively, as does the rodenticide ordinance. The City Council seems to support these initiatives, but no action has yet been taken..

i. July 15, 2025, Tentative City Council 2026 Council Work Plan

- The City Manager updated the 2026 work plan. Another meeting is scheduled for July 15th to address pending items and gather input on Louisville's core services. This meeting will also determine how closely the work plan aligns with the comprehensive plan.

11. **9:10 pm Action Item: OSAB Recommendation to City Council Regarding E-Bikes. Presented by Susan McEachern, OSAB Chair (15 Minutes)**
 - i. **Tentative City Council Meeting Date: July 8, 2025**
 - Susan submitted a memorandum to the city council suggesting the approval limiting trails bike usage of class 1 and class 2 e-bikes only, with a speed limit of 15 mph. This aligns with regulations in neighboring cities. She intends to attend the City Council meeting to discuss issues related to the speed limit, its associated challenges, and enforcement measures.
 - Ben suggested increased law enforcement.
 - Daniel mentioned awareness campaigns in middle schools.
12. **9:25 pm Discussion Items for Next Meeting July 9, 2025**
 - i. Marketing Update
 - ii. We will be discussing our strategies for collaboration with other cities and community boards.
 - iii. It has been proposed that we review the criteria for property purchases.
13. **Adjourn**

MEMORANDUM

To: Open Space Advisory Board
From: Open Space Division
Date: July 9, 2025
Re: Information Item 6: Staff Updates

Natural Resources:

- Staff released biocontrol for field bindweed, Dalmatian toadflax, and musk thistle on select Open Space properties.
- Spring herbicide applications have been completed for the season.
- The Warembourg fishing pond is scheduled to be refilled in early July.
- The Colorado Avian and Research and Rehabilitation Institute banded American kestrel chicks from three active nesting locations on Open Space.
- The spring grazing season has been concluded totaling approximately 125 acres, utilization has varied across the properties due to the amount of moisture received
- The City of Louisville Mitigation Story Map has been updated to reflect the completion of spring grazing season.
- Staff has been continuing to water and weed pocket prairies in preparation for bee city tours.
- Staff has begun planning for the implementation of vegetation surveying across our portfolio for the month of July and wrapping that data into the PROST plan.

Maintenance & Trails:

- Staff is continuing to monitor trail counters installed at Harper Lake, Dutch Creek, and Hecla Lake. Visitation data for the month of June will be handed out at the July meeting.
- The mowing contractors have completed their first round of Open Space perimeter mowing on time.
- Staff has completed at least two rounds of trail corridor mowing on all Open Space properties.
- Open Space staff took part in a collaborative effort with the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) to install two temporary bike and pedestrian counters on the 104th St trail. Staff is awaiting the results of the data collected.
- Staff has continued to remove vision obstructing vegetation from all trail corridors as needed.

- The Davidson Highline Lateral ditch is on its final days and should be shut off soon. Staff has coordinated a plan to shut off water conveyance to Harney Lastoka when the ditch shuts off.

Education and Volunteers:

- Staff will be working with the Boulder County Youth Corps in July and into early August. The team will be assisting with installing bench and trash can pads, willow plantings, interpretive panel installation, fence installation, and weed control.
- Staff hosted 5 volunteers at Harper Lake to re-surface 140 feet of pedestrian trail for National Trails Day on June 14th.
- Adoptees for Aquarius Open Space assisted staff in installing 100 square feet of taci-fied crushed fines. This new trail surfacing material is more resistant to erosion and will result in less wash-out on to the concrete trails.

Education Events Upcoming:

1. Friday, July 11, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Open Space 101 at Harper Lake Open Space.
2. Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 8:00 to 10:00 AM, Pulling for Louisville at Davidson Mesa Open Space.
3. Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, Wildflower Hike at Davidson Mesa Open Space.
4. Saturday, July 20, 2025, from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, Aquarius Overlook on Canvas at Aquarius Open Space.
5. Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Trail Maintenance Volunteer Event at Harper Lake Open Space.

Education Events Past:

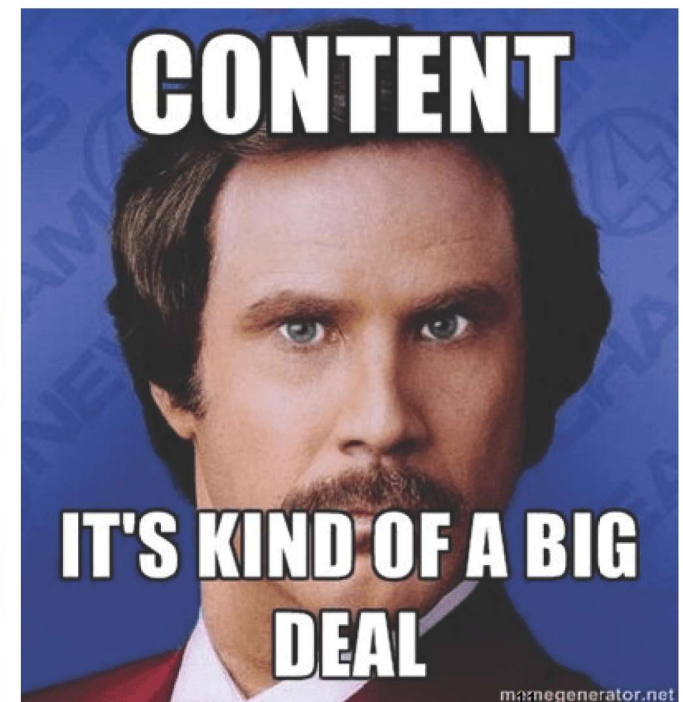
1. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10 and 11, 2025, multiple times for the Open Space Bioblitz. 96 volunteers.
2. Friday, June 13, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, BioBlitz Open House at Louisville Recreation Center. 208 participants.
3. Sunday, June 15, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, Pollinator Program at Dutch Creek Open Space. 8 participants.
4. Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, Pulling for Louisville at Walnut Open Space. Canceled due to low registration.
5. Sunday, June 22, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Damyanovich on Canvas (Plein Air Series) at Damyanovich Open Space. 11 participants.
6. Tuesday, June 24, 2025, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, Native Plant Walk at Davidson Mesa Open Space. 16 participants.

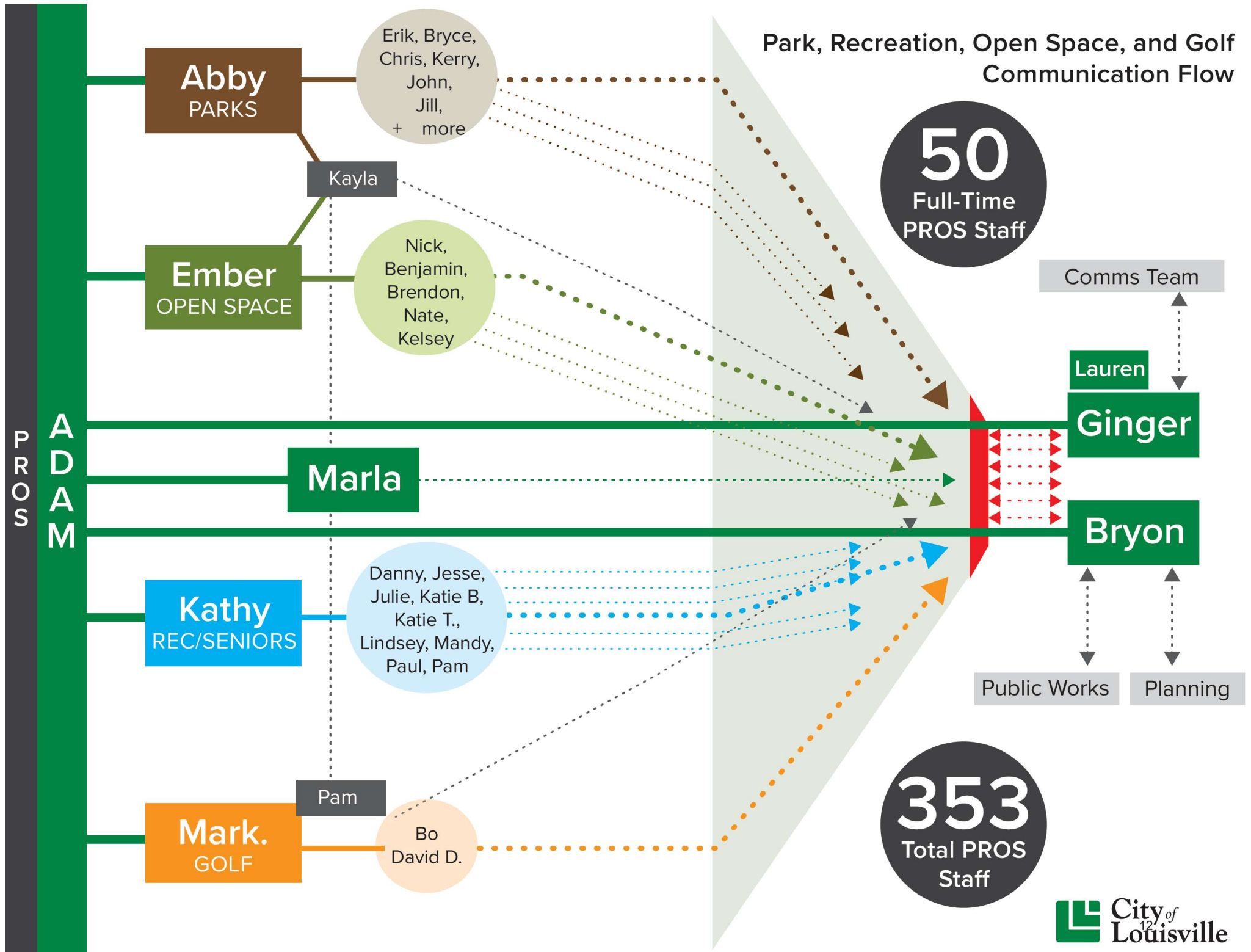
7. Thursday, June 26, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Noxious Weed ID Booth at Davidson Mesa Open Space. 19 participants.



“Our target market is men and women, ages 18-75.”

Marketing Agency:

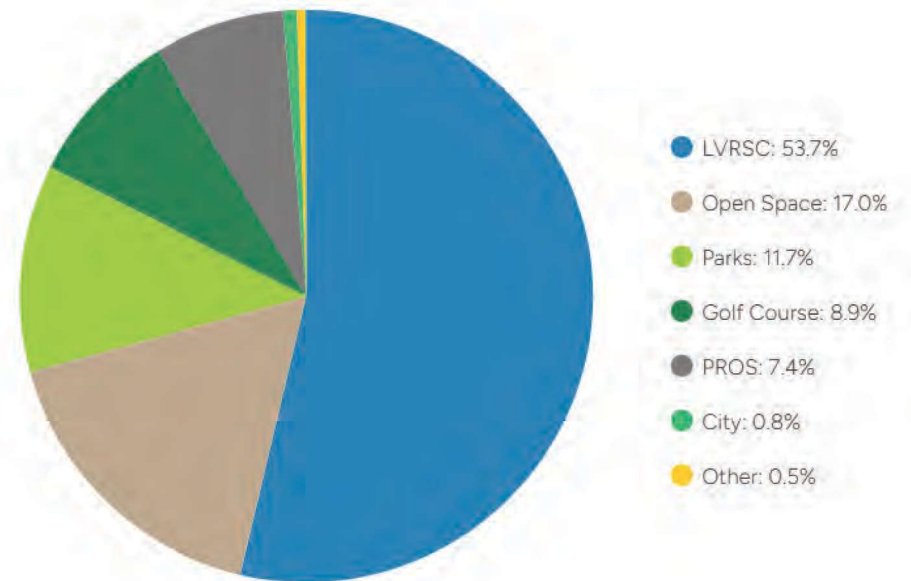
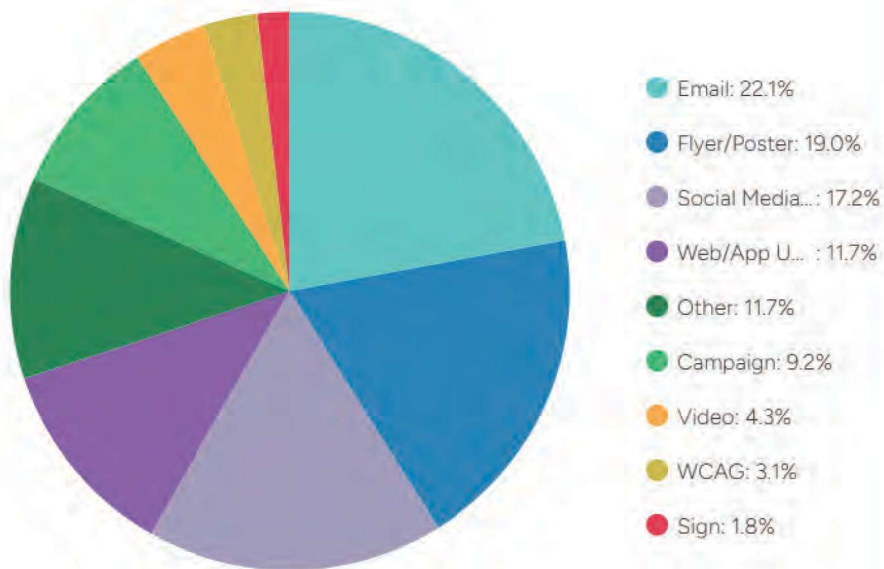




Month	Golf	Recreation & Senior Center	Open Space/Trails	Parks	Other Projects	City Publications
January	Monthly e-news & Social Media 2025 Website updates New POS System PGA Jr Camps Open	Monthly e-news & Social Media New Years Day Pass Sale (1/1) New Years Fitness Event (1/1) Freschool Open House (1/23/25) Website updates Summer Camp Registration (1/14/25) Mobile App?	Latest Buzz e-news & Social Media	Latest Buzz e-news & Social Media xmas tree recycling	Inline Rink/Pickleball Comms?	Spring Lantern (March-May) PROS Articles Content Due Friday, January 24
February	Monthly e-news & Social Media Print Membership Brochure Email about New POS System Time to renew GHIN Leagues start in March PGA Jr League Opens Create new landing page for book a tee time	Monthly e-news & Social Media Fitness Class Surveys New Years Fitness Event (1/1) Talk with the Teachers (1/11) Website updates Sweetheart Dance (2/8/25) Glow Pool Party (2/22/25) Old Town Skate Last Day Catalog: First Round Due	Latest Buzz e-news & Social Media Plein Air Exhibit (2/2/25) Stargazers (2/26/25)	Latest Buzz e-news & Social Media Shelter Rentals Open	WCAG	Spring Lantern MAILED Monday, February 24
March	Monthly e-news & Social Media Colorado Golf Season Starts (3/15) Launch Member Sports (3/1/25) CCMGA Spring Meeting (??) CCMGA Begins (??) PGA Jr League Opens Print Membership Brochure Leagues- passes expire Su 3/31	Monthly e-news & Social Media March Nutrition Challenge (3/3-3/14/25) Spring Break Camps Catalog Revisions Website updates Sweetheart Dance (2/8/25) Glow Pool Party (2/22/25) Catalog: First Round Due 2/10/25) Sr. St. Patricks Day Event (3/17/25) Monthly e-news & Social Media	Latest Buzz e-news & Social Media Stargazers (3/2/25) Crafting for Conservation (3/29/25) Education Brochure	Latest Buzz e-news & Social Media Spring Cleaning- Aerification of Fields		
April	Monthly e-news & Social Media Member Appreciation (??) Opp 36 Begins (??) Aerification (4/15-4/17) PING Demo Day (4/13) Callaway Demo Day (4/26) Masters (4/11-4/14)	Monthly e-news & Social Media Catalog to Print (4/4) Summer Registration Begins Fishing Frenzy (4/19) Closed Easter Sunday -----	Latest Buzz e-news & Social Media Fishing Frenzy (4/18) Earth Day Volunteer Event Volunteer Weed Pull (??) Grazing at Dutch Creek/Neighbor Outreach Dark Sky Program/Dark Sky Week Eclipse Viewing (4/8) Fishing line video Harper Lake Boat Permits	Latest Buzz e-news & Social Media Arbor Day - Event Arbor Day - Tree City Branch Site Hours Change Bathrooms open		Summer Lantern (June-August) PROS Articles Content Due Friday, April 25
May	Monthly e-news & Social Media Callaway Demo Day PGA Jr League begins Mothers Day Special Promote Junior Pass Women's Callaway Demo Day MIZUNO Demo Day PGA Summer Camps Begin PGA Jr League Begins	Monthly e-news & Social Media MOBILE APP LAUNCH Youth Pass Sale Mother's Day Special Memory Square Opens Memorial Day Facility OPEN Touch a Truck ----- Older American Month Proclamation Older American Month Event (5/21) Blooming Seniors Plant Sale (5/17)	Noxious Weed ID (??) Ranger Mystery Party Native Plant Walk Bird Walk Reptiles and Amphibians of Louisville Adaptive Bike Ride on Davidson Mesa The Aquarius Lightening Tree on Canvas Pulling for Louisville	Latest Buzz enews Pollinator Gardens Flower installation at downtown dining Landscape improvements Splash pad? Tree Tender Planting Arboretum Landscape Improvements MOWING/Weeds!		Summer Lantern MAILED Monday, May 26
June	Monthly e-news & Social Media Mizuno Demo Day Fathers Day Callaway Demo Day	Monthly e-news & Social Media Fathers Day Special Summer Camp starts ----- 60+ Summer Picnic	BIOBLITZ Mowstrip Contracted Mowing Bike to Work Day (w/ Sustainability) Free fishing weekend (6/7&8) National trails Day Vol Event Pollinator Program Pulling for Louisville Plein Air on Canvas Wildflower Hike 4th of July Fire Hazard Trail safety/shared use	Sunflower/Enclave update MOWING/Weeds! Trail safety/shared use	Long Range Plan Kick Off	

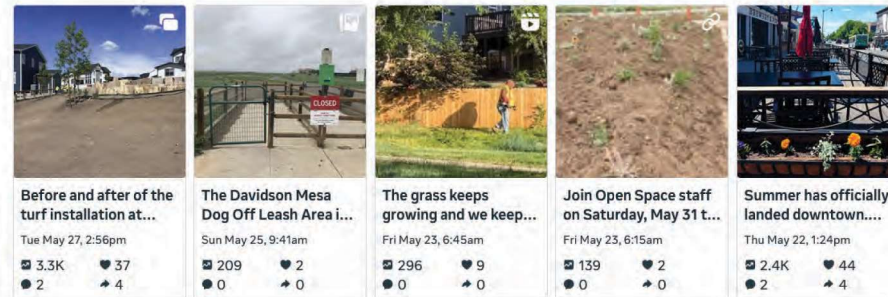
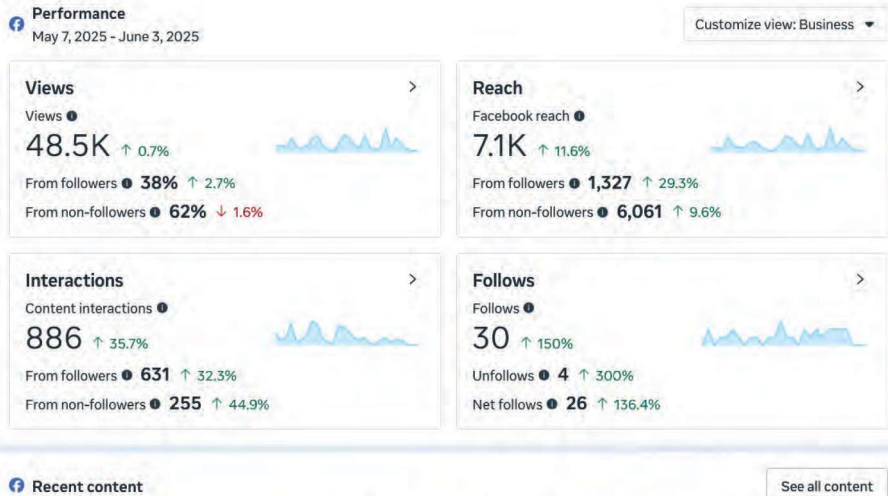
July	Monthly e-news & Social Media Fourth of July	Monthly e-news & Social Media National Parks and Recreation Association (NPRA) Month Facility CLOSED (7/4) ----- 60+ Ice Cream Social 60+ Summer Picnic	Prairie Dog Relocation Wayfinding (?) Pulling for Louisville Weed Pull Wildflower Hike Noxious Weed ID Booth Open Space 101 Plein Air on Canvas	National Parks and Recreation Association (NPRA) Month Sunflower/Enclave Ribbon Cutting	Wayfinding Phase ??? WCAG	Fall Lantern (Sept-Nov) PROS Articles Content Due Friday, July 25
August	Monthly e-news & Social Media Start Discussing new website & 2026 season passes - RFP for new website?	Monthly e-news Maintenance Week (W 8/18-W 8/24) Fall Registration 8/21 & 8/23 Preschool Starts -----	Summer Stargazers Plein Air Painting Pulling for Louisville Weed Pull Event	Medians Enclave/Sunflower ??	Medians Phase 2? Pool Deck Replacement Long Range Plan Outreach	Fall Lantern MAILED Monday, August 25
September	Monthly e-news & Social Media Determine Free Gifts & Fees for 2024 Memberships Fall Aerification (9/9-9/11)	Monthly e-news ----- Falls Prevention Month National Senior Center Month	Grazing Plein Air Hecla Lake Trail improvements			
October	Monthly e-news & Social Media Create 2026 Season Pass Marketing Materials	Monthly e-news ----- Senior Wellness Fair	Contracted Mowstrip Mowing Spooktacular Plein Air Astronomy Program	Branch Site Hours Change		Winter Lantern (Dec-Feb) PROS Articles Content Due Friday, Oct 24
November	Monthly e-news & Social Media EOY Membership Sale Campaign Begins (M 11-25)	Monthly e-news & Social Media Fitness Challenge Catalog goes to press Closed Thanksgiving Day Old Town Skate Opens ----- Thanksgiving Feast	Plein Air exhibition Astronomy	Bathrooms close		Winter Lantern MAILED Friday, November 21
December	Monthly e-news & Social Media Push Membership purchase/renewal Discuss 2025 goals	Monthly e-news & Social Media Pass Sale Registration Closed Christmas Day (12/25) ----- Tree of Warmth Winter Celebration		Xmas tree recycling		

PROS COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN



PROS Communications Channels

Fans of Louisville Parks & Recreation Facebook

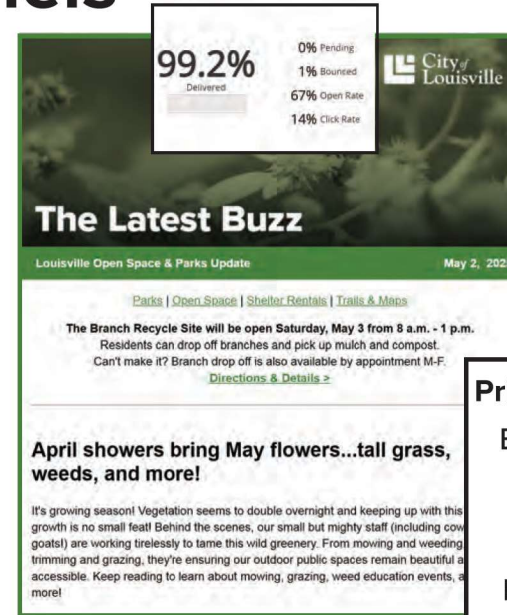


2 Mobile Apps

Golf 7,131 Downloads
Rec 2200 Downloads



1 Nextdoor Page
10,017 Members



3 Email Lists

CCGC = **24k** subscribers
LVRSC = **32k** subscribers
BUZZ = **2,424k** subscribers

3 Recreation & Senior Catalogs

per year (64 pages)
2500 printed copies
2881 Online Views
69 Online Views (Spanish Version)



4 Facebook Pages

Park/Open Space
2k followers
Rec/Senior Center
3k followers
Coal Creek Golf Course
679 followers
City of Louisville
9k followers

Print Material

Brochures
Posters
Flyers
Signs
Postcards
Lantern



3 Websites

CoalCreekGolf.com
LouisvilleRecreation.com
LouisvilleCo.gov



3 Instagram Accounts

PROS **970** followers
Golf **433** followers
City **4,245** followers

Open Space Communications: Telling the Story of Stewardship

Our communications share the work our staff does to protect, restore, and maintain Louisville's natural areas. We use a mix of storytelling, education, and timely updates to keep the community informed and engaged.

1. Land Management Practices

We communicate the "why" behind what residents see in our open spaces.

- Weed control and invasive species management
- Seasonal mowing schedules and purposes (wildfire mitigation, habitat restoration)
- Targeted cattle grazing for fuel reduction
- Prescribed burns and their role in ecological health

2. Rangers & Code Enforcement

We highlight the work of our rangers and educate the public on responsible recreation.

- Role of rangers in patrolling, education, and public safety
- Common muni code reminders:
 - Dogs must be leashed
 - Fishing licenses required
 - Trail and wildlife etiquette

3. Trail Maintenance & Infrastructure

We show the ongoing effort that keeps our trails safe and accessible.

- Trail repairs, regrading, and erosion control
- Trailhead improvements, new signage, and accessibility upgrades

4. Wildlife & Habitat Management

We provide updates and context for complex or sensitive topics.

- Prairie dog management and relocation efforts
- Native habitat restoration and protection
- Pollinator support and nesting structures
- Seasonal wildlife alerts
- Fishing line recycling

5. Public Education & Engagement

We use communication tools to build awareness and foster stewardship.

- Promotion of open space events
- Volunteer recruitment and recognition
- Interpretive signage and digital education
- Citizen science participation (e.g., BioBlitz, wildlife counts)

7. Grant & Partnership Highlights

We share how outside funding and partnerships support our work.

- GOCO grants, CNHP collaborations, and community science
- How funding supports trail work, habitat projects, and resilience

8. Long-Term Planning & Policy Updates

We communicate how Open Space evolves over time.

- Master plans, land acquisition updates, and public input opportunities
- Policy shifts in weed management or sustainability goals

NOTICE

STAY ON TRAIL

RESTORATION IN PROGRESS

The areas adjacent to the trails on Davidson Mesa have recently been seeded and treated with mulch to re-establish grasses disturbed during the trail replacement project. Walking in these treated areas will greatly impact the establishment of grasses.

Please help us restore the beauty of our trailriders by minimizing disturbance of seeded areas.




Davidson Mesa Open Space
303.335.4770
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Vegetation Restoration is High-Priority for Louisville Open Space!

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious weeds are non-native aggressive plants that invade and displace native vegetation. Noxious weeds must be eliminated because:

1. Excessive weeds eliminate native vegetation and displace native species.
2. Weeds displace native vegetation and displace native species.
3. Weeds decrease quality of habitat and forage for wildlife.
4. Certain weeds species increase wildfire risk.
5. Weeds reduce agricultural productivity on neighboring lands.

www.louisvilleco.gov

DID YOU KNOW?

Herbicide control from herbicide application is necessary to manage weeds and prevent them from becoming a problem. Weeds are a problem because they are invasive and displace native vegetation. Weeds are a problem because they are invasive and displace native vegetation.






SLOW DOWN

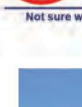
SHARED TRAIL

YIELD TO

CALL OUT WHEN PASSING

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

Help preserve Louisville's Parks and Open Space

DO NOT	WHY
 Landscape on City owned property. This includes planting gardens or unauthorized trees along your private fence line.	City Parks and Open Space are managed by the City for a specific purpose. Personal landscaping can impede landscape management plans or introduce weeds that choke out native species and spread to your yard!
 Create paths from your private gate to City trails by mowing, placing stepping stones or repeated use. Please use City property access points and trails instead of creating your own.	Repeated off trail use tramples vegetation and damages land by discouraging future growth of grasses. Additionally, you create potential muddy spots and invite strangers to follow a trail up to your private residence!
 Deposit personal lawn or tree trimmings on City owned property.	A build up of lawn debris creates additional habitat for mice and other rodents. It is the homeowner's responsibility to dispose of their lawn waste in private compost bins. Branches can be deposited at the City Branch Site which is open the 1st weekend of every month.
 Store personal belongings on City owned property. This includes bikes, kayaks, lawn furniture, etc.	To avoid damage to public lands or loss of your personal property, things of value should be stored in a secure location on your private property.

Not sure where your property line is? Visit <http://maps.boco.solutions/propertysearch/>. Have Question? Email encroachment@louisvilleco.gov

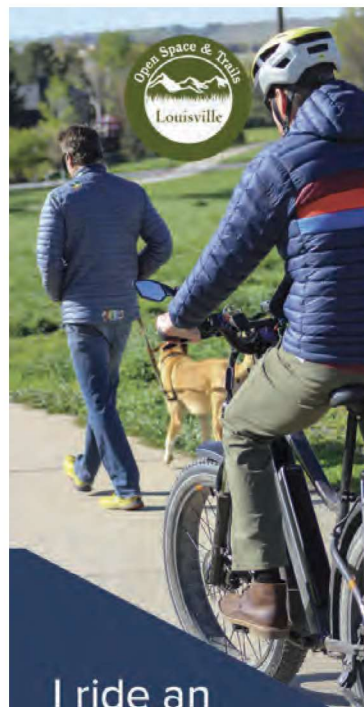
DID YOU KNOW?

In August, the City will be issuing letters to citizens found to be in violation of the City Municipal Code. If you receive a letter, and have questions regarding how to comply please call or email the Ranger Naturalists at 303.335.4770 or at Encroachment@LouisvilleCO.gov

In the Use of any City Owned Property, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

- Encroach into any open space property with any person, equipment, including but not limited to: garden, landscaping, fences, paths or compost piles, or store any personal property on open space.
- Dig, remove, destroy, tamper, mutilate, collect, deface, pollute, or cut any natural or cultural resource or any person, equipment, including but not limited to: trees, grass, soil, and rock. The building or construction of private paths or paths not authorized by the city (including but not limited to paths consisting of rock, boulders, or stones or cut grass or plants) on open space is prohibited.
- No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any material, trash, waste, refuse, or any other garbage, waste matter or debris of any kind on any ditch, canal or waterway, nor on any street or alley, nor upon any property within the city, whether such property is publicly or privately owned.

The complete Municipal Code of Ordinances can be found at: <https://www.municode.com/library/louisville-co/ordinances>



Slow Down and Communicate When Passing



We all play a part in keeping the trails safe and enjoyable for everyone.

As an ebike rider, I will:

- Ride at a safe and controlled speed.
- Ring a bell or call out when passing.
- Slow down in high traffic areas.
- Yield to pedestrians and give them the right of way.
- Stay on designated paths.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Ride responsibly, respecting the environment and all fellow trail users.



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Save this number in your phone!
Non-Emergency: 303-441-4444
Emergency dial 911

NOTICE

PREScribed BURN

at Aquarius Open Space

Proposed Dates:
October 17 & 18, 2017*



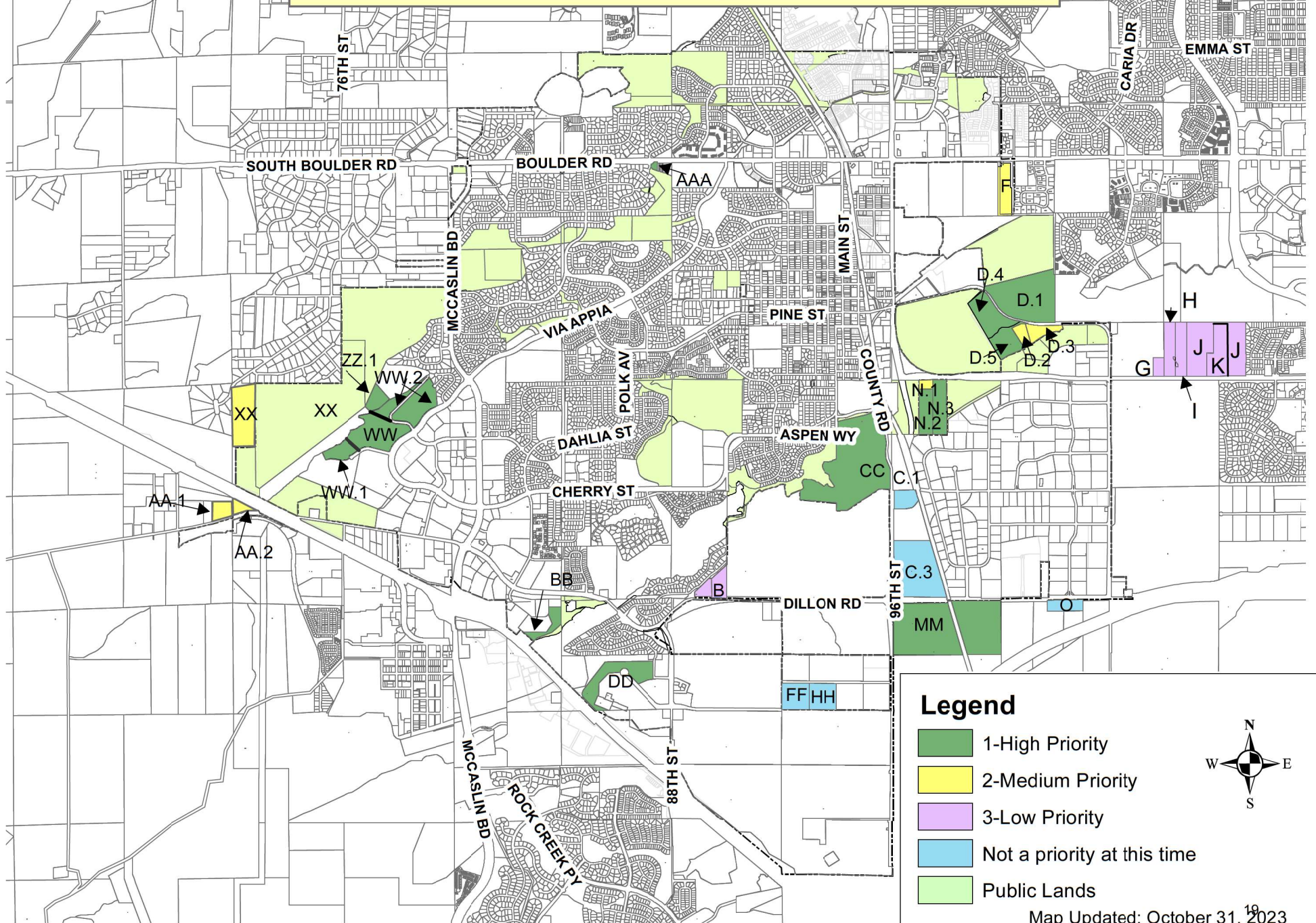
*Fire managers may need to reschedule or cancel burns based on weather and conditions. Burning may occur up to October 31st.



I ride an eBIKE and I SHARE the TRAIL



2023 OSAB Candidate Open Space Ranking



Legend

- 1-High Priority
- 2-Medium Priority
- 3-Low Priority
- Not a priority at this time
- Public Lands



Map Updated: October 31, 2023

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
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City of Louisville Candidate Open Space Category Definitions

The rating scale consist of a 0-2 rating, zero meaning the feature / quality is not present and two meaning the feature / quality is fully represented. One will indicate a partial representation of the feature / quality.

- a. Vegetation – The abundance / diversity of native plant species.
- b. Wetlands – Areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of vegetation.
- c. Riparian Areas – Riparian vegetation and land adjacent to natural flowing water.
- d. Wildlife Habitat – Area that provides sustainable shelter, food, or protection for indigenous wildlife.
- e. Connectivity – A piece of land that contributes to an overall open space and or community recreational network.
- f. Open Water – A standing body of water present year round or seasonal that is important to the sustenance of vegetation, wildlife, or recreational opportunities.
- g. Topographic / Geological Significance – Features that act as visual markers, aesthetic formations, geological uniqueness, or vantage points deemed of public value.
- h. Size – Small, medium or large.
- i. Public Visibility – The degree in which a prospective open space parcel can be viewed from public roads or facilities.
- j. Scenic – An area that provides for natural visual enjoyment to an observer while not on the property.
- k. Views – An area that provides for natural visual enjoyment to an observer while on the property.
- l. Historical Significance – Contains physical reminders, archeological sites, or historical structures, or there is knowledge of significant past use that is of public value.
- m. Agricultural Preservation – Value in maintaining the active use of farming or ranching and/or preserving the history of prior agricultural use.
- n. Recreation Potential – Feasibility and quality of appropriate recreational use.
- o. Existing Condition – How close the current state of the property is to the desired state.
- p. Threat of Development – Possibility or probability of new development in the near term.
- q. Buffers – Natural divisions providing a discernable break between or within communities.
- r. Potential for Partners – The likelihood that other entities would share the financial burden of acquisition and/ or management of the property.
- s. Undefined Unique Quality – Value not captured in other category
- t. Comp. Plan – The comp plan designation for this property is as open space.

Property Acquisition Ranking Process, June-September 2023

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Based on work and board discussion led by Jessamine Fitzpatrick for the January 2023 OSAB meeting. Updated with feedback from the June 2023 OSAB meeting.

Purpose

To inform City of Louisville and Boulder County open space and trail acquisition priorities.

Process

1. OSAB determines which properties to evaluate (based on prior rankings, staff-provided property profiles, and discussion) and confirms criteria for evaluation (June, 2023 meeting).
2. Staff lead OSAB on a driving tour to visit selected properties (July/August, 2023 meeting).
3. OSAB members rank properties based on established criteria.
4. Staff tabulate ranking results and share output with OSAB.
5. OSAB votes on final ranking and adds acquisition strategies for each property (August/September, 2023 meeting).
6. Final, approved ranking (with strategies) is then shared with the City Council.

Ranking Criteria

Each board member will rate a parcel from 0-10 on three different scales. These ratings will be combined by staff (average and range) for each property.

- Natural Resource Value (quality of vegetation, presence of wetlands/riparian areas/open water, wildlife habitat, habitat connectivity, topological/geologic significance, size)
- Visitor Experience Value (public visibility, scenery, views, historical/cultural significance, passive recreation potential, trail potential/connectivity)
- Strategic Value (agricultural preservation, city/county buffers, significance to the City's trail network, potential for partners, threat of development, relevance to Comprehensive Plan/Transportation Master Plan)

These rankings will be paired with the property profiles maintained by staff, which will include "objective attributes" of each parcel, including information like parcel area, ownership, history, a rough description, and suggested management/development recommendations from previous rankings.

Looking forward

For the June Meeting packet:

- Include this document, describing the process agreed to at the January, 2023 meeting.

For the July Meeting packet:

- Include the City Open Space parcel map with letters for each parcel so board members can consider which properties they would like to visit in person.
- Include the property profiles so the board can review them along with the map.
- Set an Agenda Discussion Item for July Meeting: “Final review of process and property selection for visitation tour.”

For the August (Property Visit To) Meeting Packet:

- Include a map of the selected properties.
- Include Property Profiles of the selected properties.
- Include a Property Ranking worksheet for the board members that provides a space for the three ranking criteria for each selected property.

(e.g.)

Parcel	Size (acres)	Natural Resource Value (0-10)	User Experience Value (0-10)	Strategic Value (0-10)	Notes on possible management goals

For the September Meeting Packet:

- Set an Agenda Discussion Item for the meeting: “Final consideration of acquisition target properties and preparation of Property Ranking document for City Council.” The board will discuss the results, adjust ranking as needed, and describe acquisition strategies and management goals for each high/medium priority property. The board will discuss a final Property Ranking document for City Council, to be prepared by staff or a board member.
- Staff shares the averages and ranges of each ranking criteria for each property.