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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES INFORMATION SHEET

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2021
ITEM: Open Space Master Plan Draft

BACKGROUND:

As the Board is aware, earlier this year town staff has engaged the consultants Logan Simpson to work with the Town shareholders, staff, committees, and Trustees to provide and complete a comprehensive Open Space Master Plan for the Town of Berthoud. The past several weeks, Logan Simpson has completed most of the initial communication and feedback from the stakeholder groups listed above. Specifically- the PORT committee, trustee interviews, and staff have provided input to the plan to date.

For this study session, a consultant team from Logan Simpson will present those findings and other Open Space Master Plan framework in a working draft document that will be open for further Trustee review and discussion.

Additionally, in the presentation, we will discuss and give more opportunity for trustee input to the draft regarding the framework of future vision, goals, and roles to better provide for a complete plan to use in the future.

Town of Berthoud Open Space Plan



Vision, Goals, and Roles Framework:

The following outlines the Town of Berthoud's vision, goals, and roles based on public and stakeholder input from previous planning documents and outreach.

Open Space Vision:

Protect open lands that preserve unique or sensitive environmental resources, buffers between Berthoud and adjacent communities, prime agricultural lands, and key view corridors that contribute to the town's rural identity.

Open Space Goals:

- Preserve views to agricultural lands, natural areas, and the mountains along major roadway corridors.
- Protect and enhance the floodplains, wetlands, and riparian areas of the Little Thompson River and Dry Creek corridors.
- Retain the viability of working farms and Berthoud's agricultural heritage.
- Enhance the agricultural economy with local food sources.
- Become a model for the public through educating and advocating for conservation practices in river corridors, bluffs, trails, and working agricultural areas.
- Design future assets with conservation in mind.
- Preserve regional trail corridors such as Little Thompson, Front Range Trail, and Dry Creek to Carter Lake.
- Conserve water for working farms while providing adequate and reliable service to residents.
- Evaluate operating efficiencies, and address problem areas, for example determining the efficiency of the watering schedule. Promote the use of non-potable systems where feasible.
- Create more reservoir recreation and associated natural areas to serve the entire community.

Town of Berthoud Roles:

To accomplish these goals and focus the efforts of Town's resources and leadership, Berthoud will take on the primary roles of:

- Assisting land trusts and conservation partners on conservation easement agreements for agricultural when initiated by willing landowners.
- Continuing to lease existing properties for agricultural use.
- Working with Larimer and Weld counties and adjacent jurisdiction on land use and development proposals.
- Educating the public and landowners on the goals and benefits of open spaces and working agricultural lands.

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- Acquiring regional trail corridor easements and/or fee simple lands.
- Acquiring select natural area lands for passive recreation.



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ITEM: Redevelopment of Town-Owned Properties

BACKGROUND:

As the Board is aware, the Town received a grant from the Division of Local Affairs (DOLA) to conduct an economic feasibility study for the redevelopment of two town-owned properties in the downtown area. Specifically, the two properties are the Old Town Hall site located at the northwest corner of 3rd Street and Massachusetts Avenue, and the Skate Park/Maintenance Building site at the southwest corner of 2nd Street and Mountain Avenue.

Staff originally pursued an economic feasibility study for the two sites believing that there was a shared vision for the two sites based upon prior discussions and review of 3rd party proposals for the redevelopment of the Old Town Hall site. At the presentation of the initial research for the feasibility study, it did not appear that there was a consensus among the community or the Board about the future vision for either site. As such, staff has scheduled a study session where a more high-level visioning discussion can take place.

In advance of the study session, a general survey was e-mailed to the Board to gather some initial ideas to help guide the discussion. The results of that survey will be provided at the meeting, along with maps for reference and a brief overview refresher on the Mountain Avenue Overlay and how it might impact these two sites.