

LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD

The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

Date: January 23, 2020

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

AGENDA

Scheduled times are subject to change.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
 - b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Open Lands Advisory Board' box.
 - c. Submitting application to Northern Front Range MPO Multimodal Options Fund to help offset Timnath and Larimer County's portions to construction of the Poudre River Trail – Meegan
 - d. Submitted concept paper to GOCO special opportunity grant for land conservation projects in the Laramie Foothills – will learn if invited to submit full application by mid-February – Meegan

- e. Red Mountain Open Space inholding acquisition partnership with Fort Collins – Daylan/Meegan
 - f. Regional Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building – Meegan/Daylan
 - g. Discussion with Ag Advisory Board update – Daylan
 - h. Glade Reservoir recreation management and 1041 process and timeline – Daylan
6. UPDATES & REPORTS
- a. 2019 Quarter 4 Board Report – Daylan
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
8. ACTION ITEMS
- a. Online public notice of board and commission meetings
 - b. 2020 Small Grants for Community Partnering recommendations – Jenn (15 min)
9. OTHER BUSINESS
10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: February 19, 2020 at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.
12. ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report
- Quarterly Board Report
- 2020 Small Grants for Community Partnering project recommendations

Attached Separately:

- Minutes of last meeting
- News articles

This meeting will be recorded and archived according to law. Votes require a quorum.

Public can view agenda and minutes at:

http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/openlands_advisory_board.cfm



OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY
September 2019 Distribution

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	1,373,743.75
MV USE TAX	\$	102,865.62
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	119,546.91
INTEREST	\$	3,291.83
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	1,599,448.11

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	4,291.04	\$	36,553.73
			\$	36,553.73
NET REVENUE:	\$	1,595,157.07		

% SALES TAX DISTRIBUTED TO INCORP. AREAS (USED AS A BASIS) 50%

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION

2018 State of Colorado Statistics

	2017 <u>POPULATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	164,810	59.86	\$ 477,417.96
LOVELAND	76,797	27.89	\$ 222,463.85
ESTES PARK	6,276	2.28	\$ 18,180.18
BERTHOUD	6,762	2.46	\$ 19,588.01
WELLINGTON	9,501	3.45	\$ 27,522.29
WINDSOR	7,042	2.56	\$ 20,399.11
JOHNSTOWN	833	0.30	\$ 2,413.02
TIMNATH	3,312	1.20	\$ 9,594.13
TOTAL INCORP.	275,333	100.00	\$ 797,578.54

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION

2018 Larimer County Statistics

	2017 <u>GENERATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 15,871,780	55.45	\$ 442,290.78
LOVELAND	\$ 8,741,862	30.54	\$ 243,605.00
ESTES PARK	\$ 1,657,605	5.79	\$ 46,191.63
BERTHOUD	\$ 284,353	0.99	\$ 7,923.92
WELLINGTON	\$ 241,630	0.84	\$ 6,733.38
WINDSOR	\$ 342,229	1.20	\$ 9,536.72
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 627,655	2.19	\$ 17,490.54
TIMNATH	\$ 854,308	2.98	\$ 23,806.56
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 28,621,422	100.00	\$ 797,578.54

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:

FORT COLLINS	\$ 477,417.96	54.50
LOVELAND	\$ 243,605.00	27.81
ESTES PARK	\$ 46,191.63	5.27
BERTHOUD	\$ 19,588.01	2.24
WELLINGTON	\$ 27,522.29	3.14
WINDSOR	\$ 20,399.11	2.33
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 17,490.54	2.00
TIMNATH	\$ 23,806.56	2.72
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 876,021.10	100.00

NEW DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>PAID TO DATE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 434,667.95	\$ 3,447,789.14	\$ 83,642,981.53
LOVELAND	\$ 221,791.60	\$ 1,759,252.34	\$ 38,894,502.28
ESTES PARK	\$ 42,055.44	\$ 333,584.01	\$ 6,423,745.53
BERTHOUD	\$ 17,834.02	\$ 141,459.55	\$ 3,058,093.25
WELLINGTON	\$ 25,057.83	\$ 198,758.84	\$ 2,876,753.12
WINDSOR	\$ 18,572.49	\$ 147,317.10	\$ 1,610,896.28
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 15,924.37	\$ 126,312.18	\$ 1,050,893.76
TIMNATH	\$ 21,674.83	\$ 171,924.87	\$ 1,254,585.74
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 797,578.53</u>	<u>\$ 6,326,398.03</u>	<u>\$ 138,812,451.49</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 797,578.54</u>	<u>\$ 6,326,397.96</u>	<u>\$ 101,256,144.25</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,595,157.07</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,652,795.99</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 240,068,595.74</u></u>
	\$ -		

OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY
October 2019 Distribution

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	1,312,742.96
MV USE TAX	\$	126,389.84
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	76,068.23
INTEREST	\$	3,482.60
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	1,518,683.63

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	4,215.19		\$	40,768.92
				\$	40,768.92
NET REVENUE:	\$	1,514,468.44			

% SALES TAX DISTRIBUTED TO INCORP. AREAS (USED AS A BASIS) 50%

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION

2018 State of Colorado Statistics

	2017 <u>POPULATION</u>	% OF INCORP <u>AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	164,810	59.86	\$ 453,268.49
LOVELAND	76,797	27.89	\$ 211,210.85
ESTES PARK	6,276	2.28	\$ 17,260.56
BERTHOUD	6,762	2.46	\$ 18,597.18
WELLINGTON	9,501	3.45	\$ 26,130.11
WINDSOR	7,042	2.56	\$ 19,367.25
JOHNSTOWN	833	0.30	\$ 2,290.96
TIMNATH	3,312	1.20	\$ 9,108.82
TOTAL INCORP.	275,333	100.00	\$ 757,234.22

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION

2018 Larimer County Statistics

	2017 <u>GENERATION</u>	% OF INCORP <u>AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 15,871,780	55.45	\$ 419,918.16
LOVELAND	\$ 8,741,862	30.54	\$ 231,282.61
ESTES PARK	\$ 1,657,605	5.79	\$ 43,855.10
BERTHOUD	\$ 284,353	0.99	\$ 7,523.10
WELLINGTON	\$ 241,630	0.84	\$ 6,392.78
WINDSOR	\$ 342,229	1.20	\$ 9,054.32
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 627,655	2.19	\$ 16,605.81
TIMNATH	\$ 854,308	2.98	\$ 22,602.34
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 28,621,422	100.00	\$ 757,234.22

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:

FORT COLLINS	\$ 453,268.49	54.50
LOVELAND	\$ 231,282.61	27.81
ESTES PARK	\$ 43,855.10	5.27
BERTHOUD	\$ 18,597.18	2.24
WELLINGTON	\$ 26,130.11	3.14
WINDSOR	\$ 19,367.25	2.33
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 16,605.81	2.00
TIMNATH	\$ 22,602.34	2.72
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 831,708.89	100.00

NEW DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>PAID TO DATE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 412,680.94	\$ 3,860,470.08	\$ 84,055,662.47
LOVELAND	\$ 210,572.60	\$ 1,969,824.94	\$ 39,105,074.88
ESTES PARK	\$ 39,928.13	\$ 373,512.14	\$ 6,463,673.66
BERTHOUD	\$ 16,931.91	\$ 158,391.46	\$ 3,075,025.16
WELLINGTON	\$ 23,790.31	\$ 222,549.15	\$ 2,900,543.43
WINDSOR	\$ 17,633.03	\$ 164,950.13	\$ 1,628,529.31
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 15,118.86	\$ 141,431.04	\$ 1,066,012.62
TIMNATH	\$ 20,578.44	\$ 192,503.31	\$ 1,275,164.18
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 757,234.22</u>	<u>\$ 7,083,632.25</u>	<u>\$ 139,569,685.71</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 757,234.22</u>	<u>\$ 7,083,632.18</u>	<u>\$ 102,013,378.47</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,514,468.44</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 14,167,264.43</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 241,583,064.18</u></u>
	\$ 0.00		

October 2019 Distribution

\$	757,234.22	Revenues	(Total Unincorporated from distribution sheet)
	(492,202.24)		65% (Distribution Revenues to Long-Term Management)
\$	<u>265,031.98</u>	Balance	(Balance is distributed to Acquisition & Improvement per agreement)

Dedicated to Open Lands Acquisition (212)	\$ 265,031.98
Dedicated to Open Lands Long-Term Management (214)	<u>492,202.25</u>
	\$ 757,234.22

JOURNAL ENTRIES:

	<u>DR</u>	<u>CR</u>
222.190500.0.40201.0	654,549.68	
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(Sales Tax Distributions to Open Lands)

OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY
November 2019 Distribution

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	1,272,104.94
MV USE TAX	\$	87,987.73
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	153,267.52
INTEREST	\$	3,238.02
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	1,516,598.21

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	6,127.76	\$	46,896.68
			\$	46,896.68
NET REVENUE:	\$	1,510,470.45		

% SALES TAX DISTRIBUTED TO INCORP. AREAS (USED AS A BASIS) 50%

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION

2018 State of Colorado Statistics

	2017 <u>POPULATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	164,810	59.86	\$ 452,071.92
LOVELAND	76,797	27.89	\$ 210,653.28
ESTES PARK	6,276	2.28	\$ 17,215.00
BERTHOUD	6,762	2.46	\$ 18,548.09
WELLINGTON	9,501	3.45	\$ 26,061.13
WINDSOR	7,042	2.56	\$ 19,316.12
JOHNSTOWN	833	0.30	\$ 2,284.91
TIMNATH	3,312	1.20	\$ 9,084.78
TOTAL INCORP.	275,333	100.00	\$ 755,235.23

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION

2018 Larimer County Statistics

	2017 <u>GENERATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 15,871,780	55.45	\$ 418,809.64
LOVELAND	\$ 8,741,862	30.54	\$ 230,672.05
ESTES PARK	\$ 1,657,605	5.79	\$ 43,739.33
BERTHOUD	\$ 284,353	0.99	\$ 7,503.24
WELLINGTON	\$ 241,630	0.84	\$ 6,375.91
WINDSOR	\$ 342,229	1.20	\$ 9,030.42
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 627,655	2.19	\$ 16,561.97
TIMNATH	\$ 854,308	2.98	\$ 22,542.68
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 28,621,422	100.00	\$ 755,235.23

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:

FORT COLLINS	\$ 452,071.92	54.50
LOVELAND	\$ 230,672.05	27.81
ESTES PARK	\$ 43,739.33	5.27
BERTHOUD	\$ 18,548.09	2.24
WELLINGTON	\$ 26,061.13	3.14
WINDSOR	\$ 19,316.12	2.33
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 16,561.97	2.00
TIMNATH	\$ 22,542.68	2.72
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 829,513.29	100.00

NEW DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>PAID TO DATE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 411,591.53	\$ 4,272,061.61	\$ 84,467,254.00
LOVELAND	\$ 210,016.72	\$ 2,179,841.66	\$ 39,315,091.60
ESTES PARK	\$ 39,822.72	\$ 413,334.86	\$ 6,503,496.38
BERTHOUD	\$ 16,887.21	\$ 175,278.67	\$ 3,091,912.37
WELLINGTON	\$ 23,727.51	\$ 246,276.66	\$ 2,924,270.94
WINDSOR	\$ 17,586.48	\$ 182,536.61	\$ 1,646,115.79
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 15,078.94	\$ 156,509.98	\$ 1,081,091.56
TIMNATH	\$ 20,524.11	\$ 213,027.42	\$ 1,295,688.29
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 755,235.22</u>	<u>\$ 7,838,867.47</u>	<u>\$ 140,324,920.93</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 755,235.23</u>	<u>\$ 7,838,867.41</u>	<u>\$ 102,768,613.70</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,510,470.45</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,677,734.88</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 243,093,534.63</u></u>
	\$ -		



2019 LARIMER COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES QUARTERLY BOARD REPORT 4TH QUARTER (OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER)



THE FUTURE OF FORKS PARK



Located in the Big Thompson Canyon, Forks Park was destroyed by the 2013 flood. Soon after, a recreation and conservation assessment of the canyon led by Larimer County outlined the need to restore the river and reopen Forks Park to the public. The assessment also identified the priority to protect additional riverfront parcels, including the 0.33-acre Weis parcel adjacent to Forks Park.

In October, the Weis parcel was purchased by Larimer County which adds to the conservation of the river corridor and public access for fishing and recreation. The restored and expanded Forks Park is scheduled to reopen in April 2020.

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO LARIMER COUNTY OPEN SPACES

In 2019, we partnered with the Poudre and Thompson Valley school districts to provide naturalist-led ecology and geology education programs at several open spaces. A total of 18 schools participated in these programs, reaching nearly 1,000 students and 200 adult chaperones. To help support and encourage low income Title 1 schools to participate in these programs, we offered transportation subsidies.

New this year, we provided a teacher training attended by 26 educators to showcase ecology curricula that meet current school standards that we have developed for school trips to Lions Open Space.



2019 VISITATION NUMBERS NEARLY BREAK RECORDS

After the busiest year in agency history in 2018, we are wrapping up 2019 with the second highest number of visitors ever recorded. The cold and wet spring weather may have dampened the spirits of a few, but we still sold 110,000 daily permits and 5,800 resident vehicle permits, hosted 52,000 nights of camping, and inspected over 55,000 boats for aquatic nuisance species.

According to Peggy Watson, the Horsetooth Area Information Center front desk staff member, "The pushback from the fee increases for entrance permits and camping was limited, because people felt that we are good stewards of the resource and the fees are needed to maintain the park." Even though we are serving and increasing number of visitors, resource protection, customer service, and visitor safety continue to be our top priorities.



NEW CABINS ON THE HORIZON AT HORSETOOTH

As the Horsetooth Reservoir camper cabins were starting to show their age, staff began making plans to replace the existing units with a more standardized design that would last for many years. And what better way to start the process than by becoming a camper yourself?

In 2018, staff stayed in camper cabins throughout Colorado to experience design options first-hand. Along the way, they asked managers and visitors for their opinions and preferences, and ultimately developed a list of cabin specifications. The goal was to create an insect resistant, durable design that could be adapted over time.

The Architects Studio was hired this year and worked with staff to develop the new cabin model, which is anticipated to open to the public at the Horsetooth Reservoir's South Bay Campground in 2021.





EMERALD ASH BORER: THE GREEN MENACE

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), the most destructive invasive exotic tree pest in the United States, was confirmed in Larimer County in September. Now established in 35 states, EAB infects and kills ash trees which are very prominent in urban forests along the Front Range.

Natural Resources staff have been helping educate private landowners and proactively mitigating for this pest at campgrounds, around facilities, and along county roadways where ash trees have been planted. For more information on EAB in Larimer County contact the County Forester at (970) 498-5765.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT STEWARDSHIP

This quarter, staff completed the state-required annual monitoring of all conservation easements held by the Department of Natural Resources. To an overwhelming extent, landowners proved to be continuing responsible stewardship practices in accordance with conservation values.

A total of 44 easements were monitored for compliance, with only one violation observed. Additionally, new efforts to improve monitoring efficiency helped staff finish a full month sooner compared to the 2018 monitoring season.



HISTORIC BUILDINGS GET A FACELIFT



Earlier this fall, four historic structures from the Herrington and Soderberg homesteads were stabilized and preserved at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space. HistoriCorps, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving historic places, partnered with the County to lead the project and recruit community volunteers.

Over three weeks, Natural Resources staff, HistoriCorps staff, and 15 community volunteers stabilized log walls, updated rafters and roof decking, replaced windows, rebuilt and rehabilitated doors, and repointed mortar. This work was critical to ensuring that these important historic structures remain viable now and into the future.

Fun Fact

In 1896, Eliza Herrington, a widow with three children, decided to go into ranching and homesteaded in the location of the current Soderberg Trailhead.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources has five primary revenue sources which include user fees on park properties, user fees on open space properties, the open spaces sales tax, Colorado lottery proceeds and the weed district property tax. Below are annual

revenue summaries, annual and daily permit sales, and camping reservation nights compared to the same period the previous year. Please note that counts represent the full year of 2018 and January 1st through December 19th of 2019.

Year to Date Revenue (through December 19th 2019)

	2018	2019	% Change
Lottery	\$711,103	\$814,499	+15%
Open Space Sales Tax	\$5,859,800	\$7,327,341	+25%
Open Space Generated User Fees*	\$864,758	\$1,088,094	+26%
Reservoir Park Generated User Fees*	\$3,438,083	\$4,225,276	+23%
Weed District Property Tax	\$619,896	\$631,770	+2%

*user fees include those for entrance, camping, special events, group use areas, and penalty assessments

Year to Date Number of Permit Sales (through December 19th 2019)

	2018	2019	% Change
Open Spaces			
Annual Permits	974	964	-1%
Daily Permits	26,318	21,713	-17%
Reservoir Park			
Annual Permits	9,882	9,956	+1%
Daily Permits	87,784	86,936	-1%

Year to Date Camping Reservation Nights (through December 19th 2019)

	2018	2019	% Change
Open Spaces	8,891	8,049	-9%
Reservoir Parks	45,904	43,928	-4%



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SMALL GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERING



2020 PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

JANUARY 23, 2020



2020 PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS



Thank you to the
2020 Subcommittee Members!

Rick Brent
K-Lynn Cameron
Tom Shoemaker



2020 PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS



2020 Project Applications

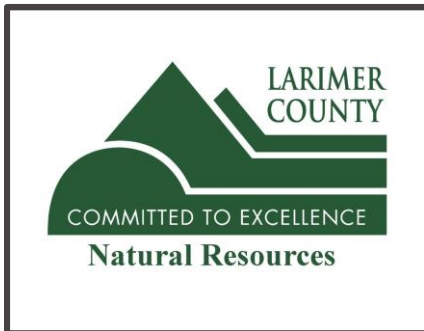
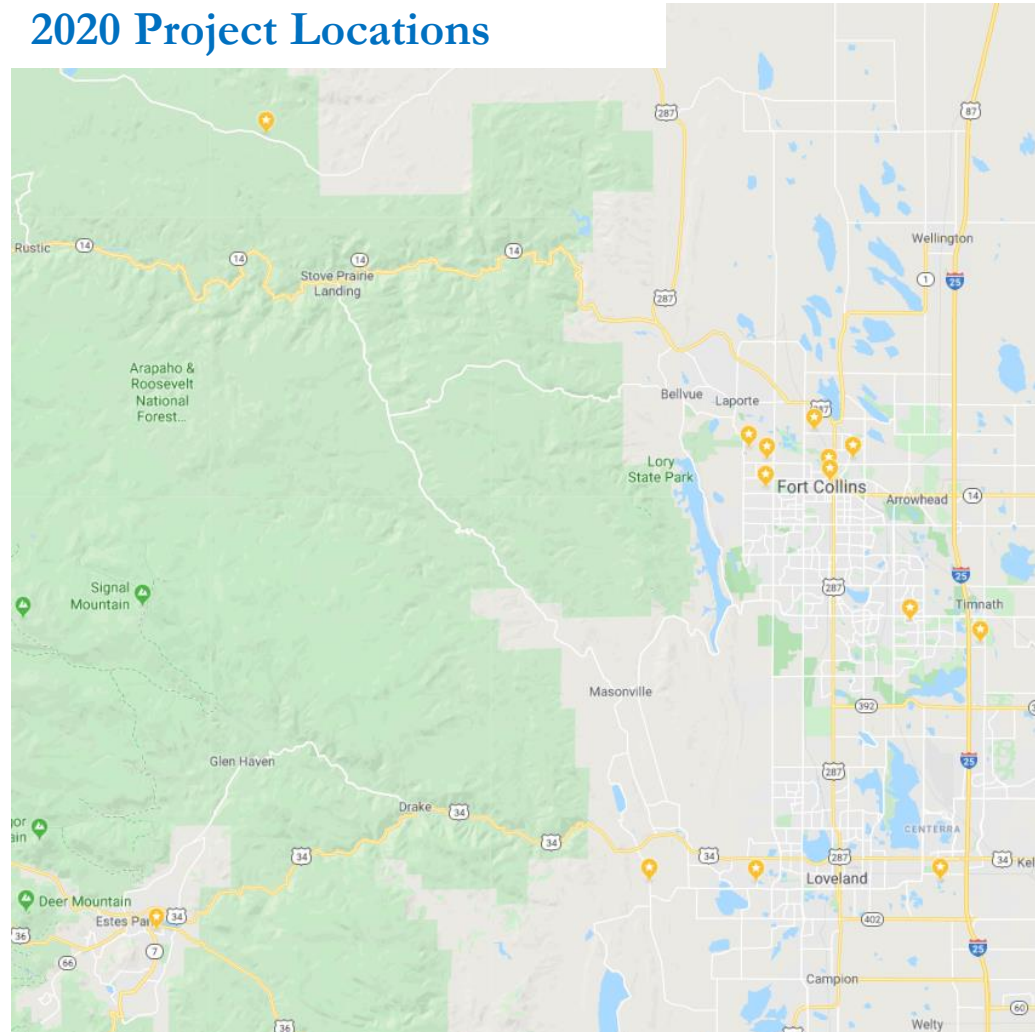
Applications Received	16
Total Amount Requested	\$41,373
Recommended Projects	7
Funding Recommended	\$20,589

*6 new applicants in 2020



2020 PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

2020 Project Locations



2020 PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

2020 Projects Recommended for Funding

Audubon Rockies	\$3,000.00
Colorado Youth Outdoors	\$3,000.00
The Growing Project	\$2,880.00
Hearts and Horses	\$3,000.00
Raisin' Roots Farm	\$2,940.00
Traut Elementary	\$3,000.00
Wildland Restoration Volunteers	\$2,768.80
Total	\$20,588.80



2020 PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS



2020 Public Relations Plan
Grant Announcements
Formal Press Release
Social Media Campaign

