



BOARD SUMMARY REPORT

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Shannon Carter, Intergovernmental Relations and Open Spaces Director

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Subject: Open Spaces Master Planning Process

Direction/Information

Staff from the Open Spaces Department and Design Workshop will provide a joint introduction and update on the current Open Spaces Master Planning process.

Request and Recommendation

The Open Space Master Plan Team will provide the Board of County Commissioners with an overview of the Open Space Master Plan project. The Team requests the Commissioners interaction with the project's vision/objectives, planning process and public engagement plan.

Background

The Open Spaces Program began in November of 2003 when County voters approved a .25% Sales and Use Tax based on a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners which defined the purpose, funding allocations and service provisions of the Program. In 2010, the Open Spaces Department completed and adopted its first Open Spaces Master Plan. The Open Spaces Department has largely completed the objectives set within the 2010 Master Plan and is now in need of a new updated Master Plan to serve as a guide for the future of the Open Spaces Department.

Links to Align Arapahoe

The Open Spaces Department is committed to serving the citizens of Arapahoe County through the development of a strategic Master Plan that will guide the Open Space Department into the future.

The Open Spaces Master Plan will support the following Align Arapahoe measures:

- **Quality of Life:** Through the provision of quality outdoor recreation opportunities and spaces that directly impact the quality of life of County residents.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Through the efficient and purposeful use of Open Space Sales and Use Tax funds.

- Service First: Guiding the service provision and operations of the Open Spaces Department.

Discussion

The Open Space Master Plan Project Team would like to review and/or discuss the following:

1. Project vision and objectives.
2. Current planning process outputs: Previous Plan Review, Composite Maps and Comparable Counties Policy review. (See attachments)
3. Upcoming public, stakeholder and Board of County Commissioner engagement processes.

Fiscal Impact

The Open Space Master Planning process is supported by the Open Spaces Sales and Use Tax funds. The planning process will provide Board of County Commissioners, County leadership and the Open Spaces Department with a strategic Master Plan that will serve to inform future tax reauthorization, acquisitions, development and operational expenditures.

Concurrence

The Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB) has been updated on the current status of the Open Spaces Master Planning process and supports its defined vision and objectives.

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