Greeley City Council Agenda

Work Session

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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Councilmembers
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Deb DeBoutez - Ward II
Johnny Olson - Ward III
Dale Hall - Ward IV
Brett Payton - At-Large
Melissa McDonald - At-Large

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers
5. Culture, Parks, and Recreation Master Plan Update
6. Natural Area Property Status Update
7. 2025 - 2027 Strategic Plan Update
8. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events
9. Adjournment

Item: 4.

Work Session Agenda Summary

Title:

Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Background:

Board/Committee	Meeting Day/Time	Assignment
Airport Authority	3rd Thu, 3:30 p.m.	Payton/Gates
Board/Commission Interviews (Team of 2)	monthly as needed	Council Rotation
CML Executive Board Opportunity	as needed	Hall
CML Other Opportunities	as available/desired	
CML Policy Committee (Council or Staff)	as needed	Hall/Lee Gates alternate
Downtown Development Authority	3rd Thu, 7:30 a.m.	Butler/DeBoutez
Employee Health Board	as needed	DeBoutez
Highway 34 Coalition	as needed	Olson
Highway 85 Coalition	as needed	Gates
Historic Preservation Loan Committee	as needed	DeBoutez
Human Relations Commission	2nd Monday, 5 p.m.	DeBoutez
Interstate 25 Coalition	as needed	Olson
Island Grove Advisory Board	1st Thu, 3:30 p.m.	Butler
National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee	as needed	Olson
Parks & Recreation Board	1st Friday, 7 a.m.	DeBoutez
Police Pension Board	quarterly	McDonald
Poudre River Trail	1st Thu, 7 a.m.	Hall
Regional Opioid Council	as needed	Gates
Transportation/Air Quality MPO	1st Thu, 6 p.m.	Olson/Payton
Upstate Colorado Economic Development	last Wed, 7 a.m.	Gates
Water & Sewer Board	3rd Wed, 2 p.m.	Gates
Weld Project Connect Committee (United Way)	as needed	Olson
Youth Commission Liaison	4th Mon, 6 p.m.	McDonald

Work Session Agenda Summary

Item: 5.

October 22, 2024
Key Staff Contact: Diana Frick, Cultural Parks and Recreation Director

Title:

Culture, Parks, and Recreation Master Plan Update

Background:

In 2023, CPRD engaged BerryDunn to perform a strategic and comprehensive master plan to guide the future growth, management, and enhancement of public park spaces and recreation facilities within Greeley. Parks and Recreation services play a critical role in enhancing the quality of life for residents by providing services, experiences, and spaces that promote community, health, and well-being for all.

The master plan will serve as a strategic roadmap, ensuring that the parks and recreation system aligns with community needs and values, while also promoting long-term sustainability. This plan will engage residents, stakeholders, and experts through a participatory planning process to gather input on current challenges, opportunities, and future visions for the parks system. Ultimately, the master plan will provide a comprehensive and forward-thinking vision to shape a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive network of public spaces that meet the evolving needs of the community for years to come.

This presentation will provide the City Council and the community with an overview of the project, the work completed to date, and the timeline for completion.

Strategic Focus Area:

Quality of Life

Attachments:

1. Item 5 - Presentation

Culture, Parks and Recreation Department: Strategic and Master Plan Update

Diana Frick, Director, Culture, Parks and Recreation Department
Jason Genck, Practice Area Lead, BerryDunn
Nikki Ginger, Manager, BerryDunn
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Quality of Life

Agenda

- Project Team
- Project Components
- Community Engagement
- Assessments
- Timeline
- Purpose: Informational

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Subject Matter Expert

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Senior Consultant
Subject Matter Expert

Project Components

1

Senior Leadership Team Retreat

2

Strategic Plan

3

Comprehensive Master Plan

City of Greeley Colorado

Leadership Retreat: Setting the Stage

Purpose

- Help set the foundation for success
- Offer leadership an opportunity to reflect, respond, and plan for the future
- Build a more collaborative atmosphere
- Prepare for upcoming important city-wide endeavors, such as strategic planning

Result

- Created collaborative working environment
- Developed common goals
- Refined meeting process

Strategic Plan: Internal Level Setting

Purpose

- Develop mission and vision for CPRD
- Align with City of Greeley values
- Understand current needs and plan for future growth
- Embrace staff ideas and gain input for the future of CPRD

Result

- Developed and selected—by staff—a new mission and vision
- Identified 20 short-, 18 mid-, and 6 long-term initiatives
- Created a 5-year Strategic Plan

Master Plan: Planning for the Future

Purpose

- Identify and elevate CPRD's economic impact on the city
- Determine Culture, Parks, and Recreation needs as Greeley continues to grow
- Plan for future growth

Result

- Identified CPRD's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
- Conducted assessments of current sites
- Developed plan and built goals to align with the City of Greeley

Community & Staff Engagement

34
Interviews

>50%
Staff

1
CMO

6
Divisions

2
Partner Groups

12
Community Events

10
Community Interviews

1
Statistically Valid Survey

1
Project Website

Community Engagement

- Pop-up Events
- 3,502 “Dots”
- 526 Comment cards

City Survey: CPRD Focus Areas

***80%**

Visited a Park or Facility

85%

Satisfied or Very Satisfied with CPRD

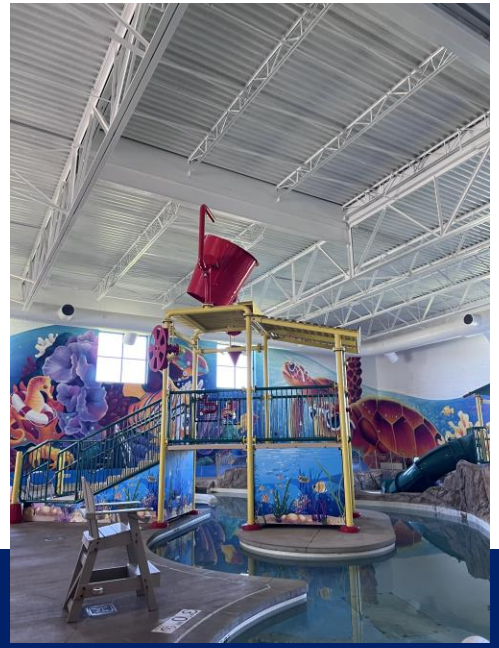
83%

Satisfied with Maintenance at Parks

**who had an opinion*

96%

Used a Park or Facility

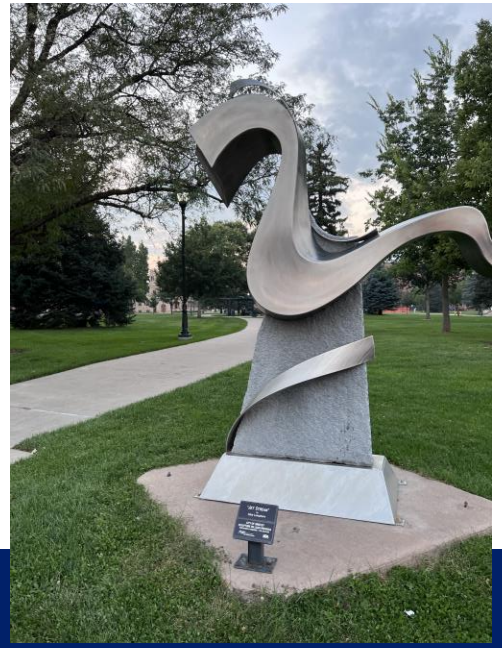


75%

Participated in a Program

82%

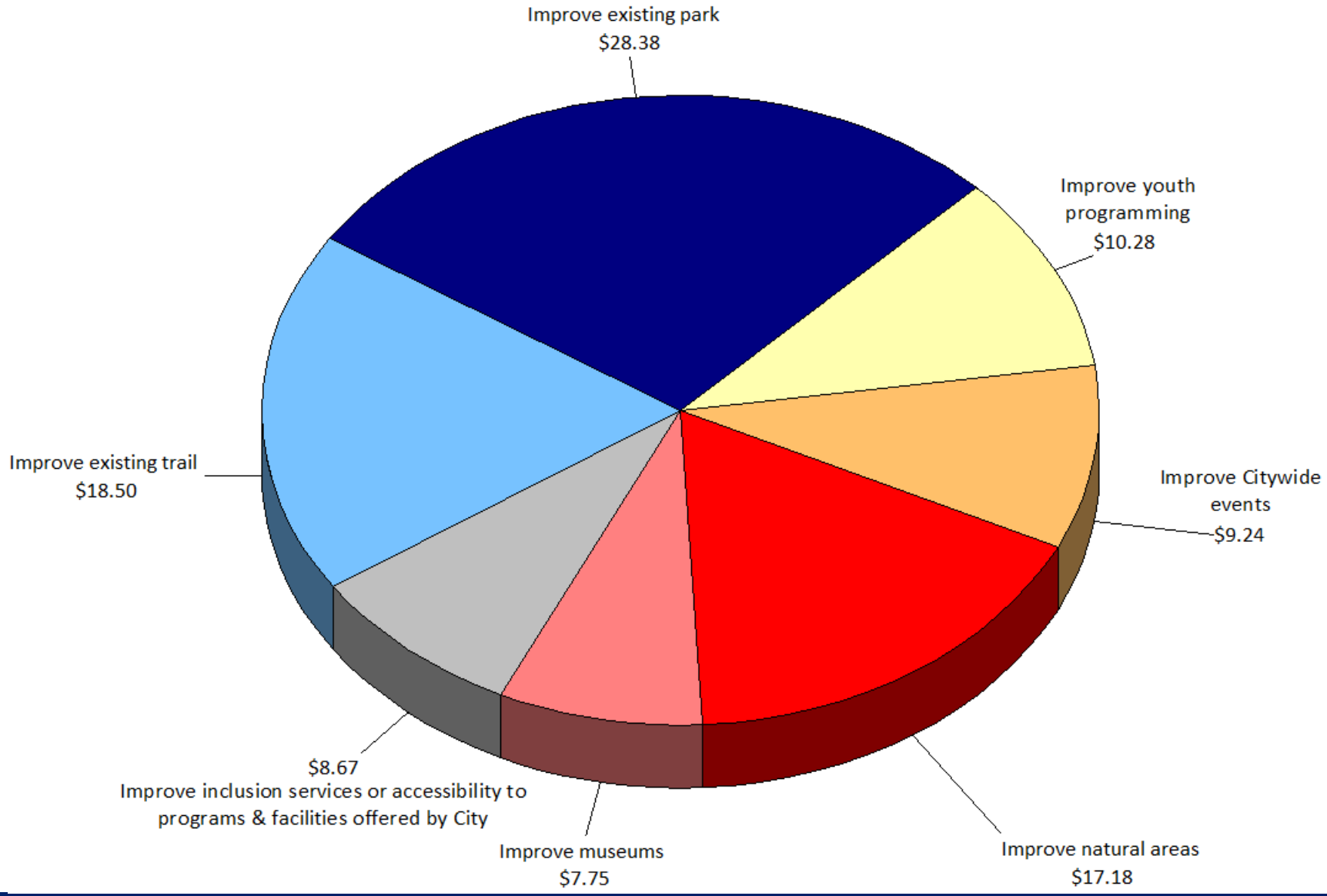
Feel Parks Make Greeley Unique & Beautiful



CPRD Statistically Valid Results

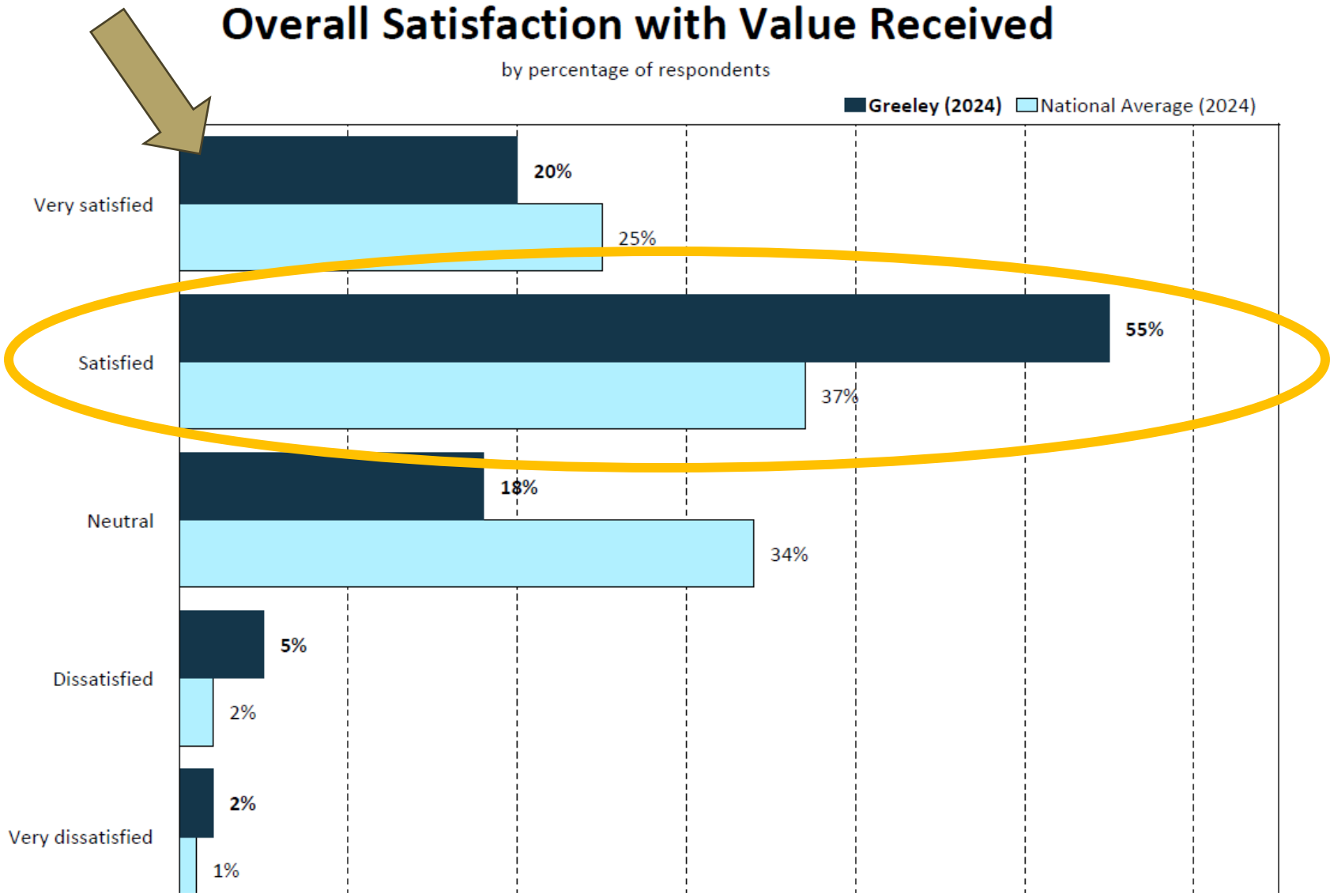
Q11. If you had a budget of $100 for improvements to the recreation system in the City, how would you allocate the funds among these categories?

by percentage of respondents



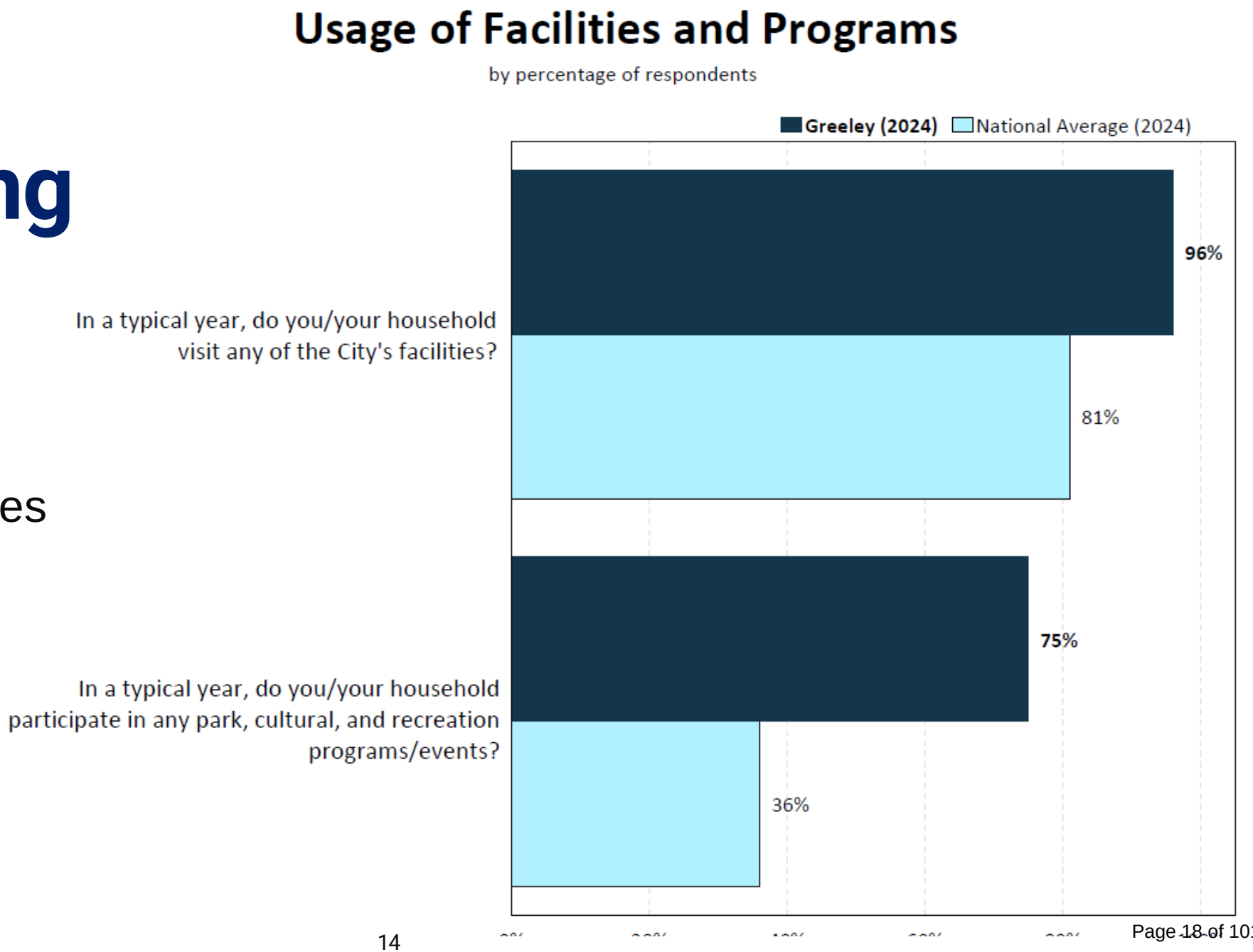
CPRD: Benchmarking

- Greater satisfaction



CPRD: Benchmarking

- Better utilization
- Higher participation rates



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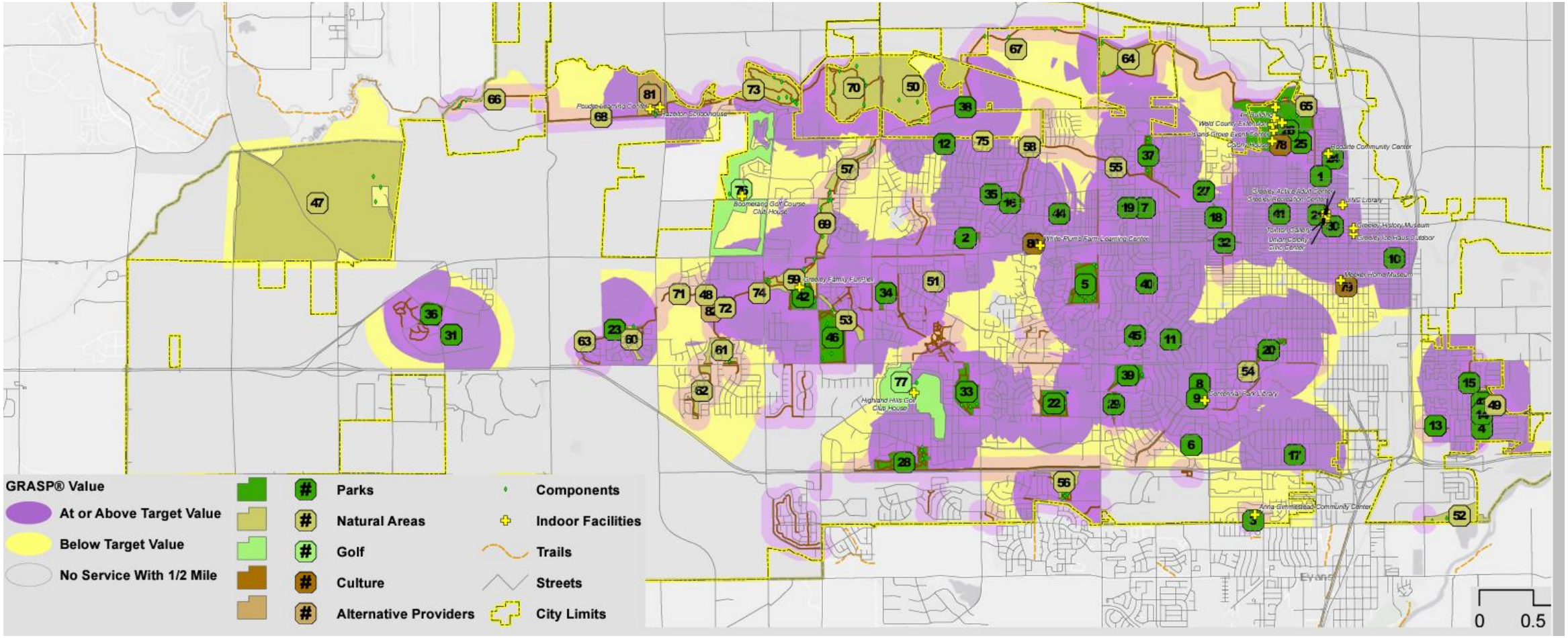
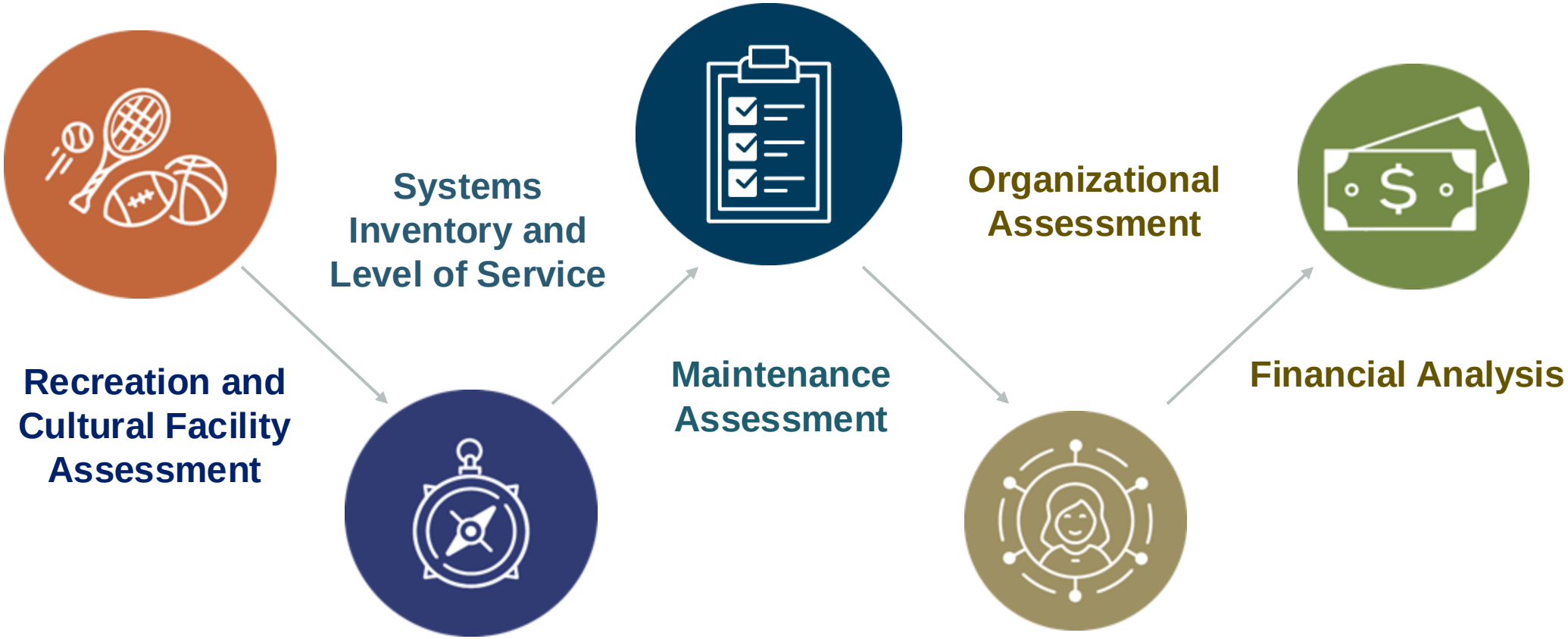


Assessments



Timeline

Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Fall 2024	Winter 2025
Kick-off Senior leadership Retreat Begin Strategic Plan Process Maintenance Assessment	Community Engagement Strategic Plan Demographics Study	Complete Strategic Plan Online Engagement Trends	Statistically Valid Survey Assessments: Level of Service, Financial, Organizational	Benchmarking Facility Assessments Cultural Plan	Priorities and Recommendations Visioning Action Plan Draft and Final Plan Presentation

Thank you!

City of Greeley Colorado

Work Session Agenda Summary

Item: 6.

October 22, 2024
Key Staff Contact: Diana Frick, Cultural Parks and Recreation Director

Title:

Natural Area Property Status Update

Background:

The Culture, Parks, and Recreation Department will present an update to the City Council on the recent acquisition of a natural area property in West Greeley. This update will cover the site plan and outline the community engagement campaign for naming the site.

The City of Greeley collaborated with the Trust for Public Lands on the site concept, funded by a grant from Get Outdoors Colorado. The engagement process involved feedback from over 4,100 participants, including city staff, partners, and community members. The draft site concept features trailheads, visitor experience opportunities, bike trails, and connections to multimodal transportation.

This update will also provide details about the public campaign for naming the site. Between October 2022 and June 2023, the City received more than 80 name suggestions. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is recommending the name "Arroyos del Sol." The board's bylaws and the City Charter provide the framework for the board to submit this recommendation to the City Council through a resolution.

Strategic Focus Area:

Quality of Life

Attachments:

1. Greeley's Newest Natural Area Draft Site Concept Plan
2. Item 6 - Presentation

Greeley's Newest Natural Area

Draft Site Concept Plan

February 2024

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01 INTRODUCTION

Plan Need and Purpose

Greeley's newest natural area is a critical link along the Cache la Poudre River urban wildlife corridor, offering spectacular views and expanded opportunities for recreation in Northern Colorado (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

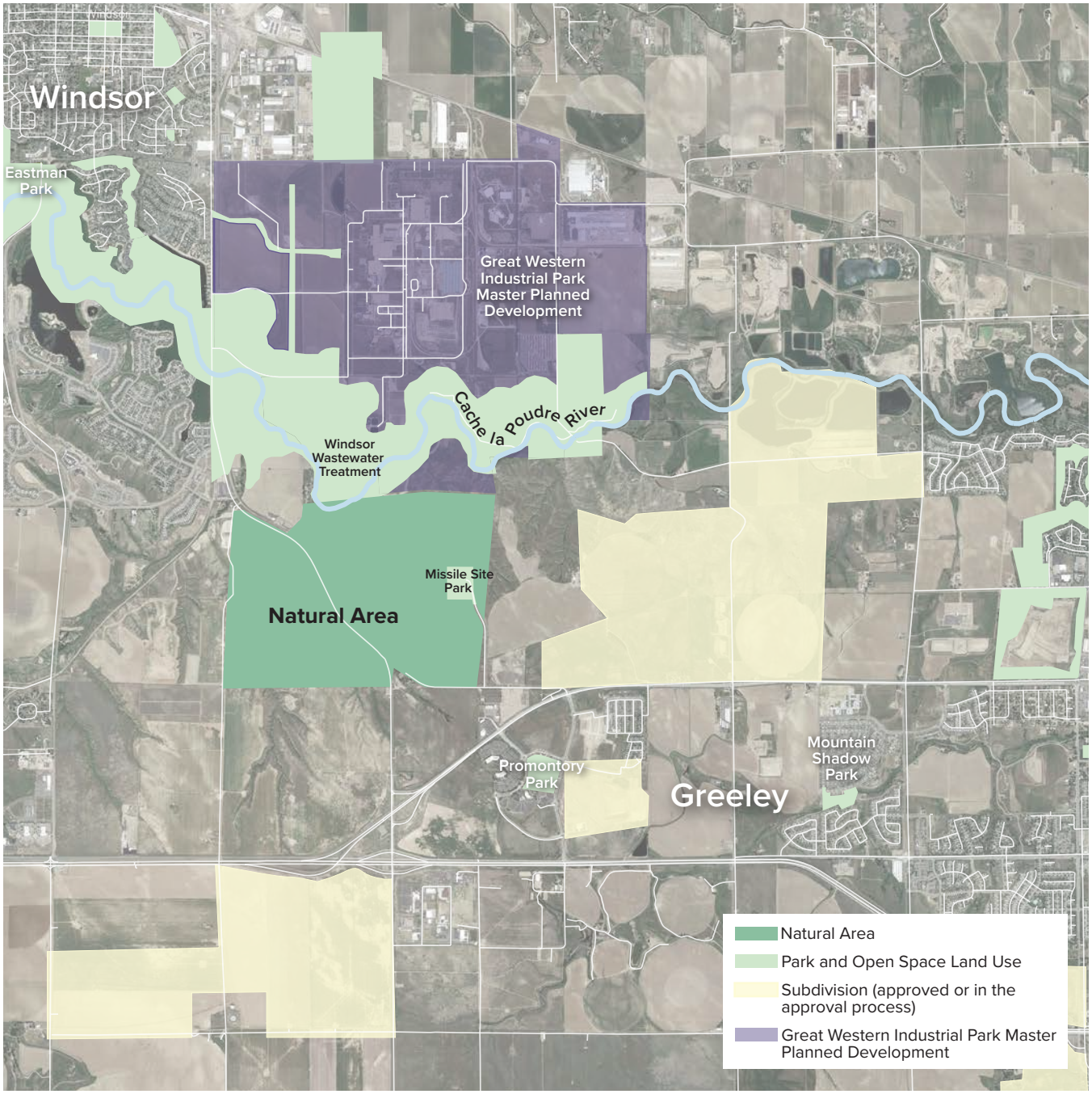
Greeley's newest natural area (the natural area) is the result of a partnership between the City of Greeley's visionary Natural Areas & Trails Division and Trust for Public Land (TPL), who together sought to acquire a significant tract of open space on the western edge of the city. Arroyos del Sol's 978 acres of protected land provides for ecological and recreational needs in a region projected to have one of the highest growth rates in Colorado over the next 30 years. Greeley's newest natural area is envisioned as a hub for biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation.

Arroyos del Sol's bluffs, arroyos, shortgrass prairie, and riparian ecosystems provide an island of high-quality habitat and biodiversity for plants, wildlife, and birds within a region of agricultural and rapid urban development. The natural area contributes to the large-scale urban wildlife corridor along the Cache la Poudre River and supports over 91 zoological species and 168 plant species. This includes Platte River milkvetch, a state critically imperiled plant species that has not been documented in Weld County since 1833, and other rare and vulnerable species—American bumble bee, bald eagle, American white pelican.[1]

This plan addresses the current and future needs of the natural area and provides baseline documentation. This plan identifies additional research and site documentation, establishes a shared vision, and provides recommendations to guide improvement, conservation, and use.

The City of Greeley (the city) and TPL led the development of this long-term plan. Input from more than 4,100 participants which included city staff, partners, community members, and technical experts guided the development of the shared vision and the recommended ecological and recreational improvements.

1 Colorado National Heritage Program. *Biological Resource Survey of the Shurview Property, City of Greeley, CO*. (Fort Collins: Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University, 2022), ii, iii; 1. "Nearly 1,000-Acres of Future Public Open Space on the Cache La Poudre River Purchased in Greeley," Great Outdoors Colorado, accessed January 1, 2024, https://goco.org/news/releases/nearly-1000-acres-of-future-public-open-space-on-the-cache-la-poudre-river-purchased.



The 2022 acquisition of Natural Area culminates from a decades-long effort by the city to acquire a significant tract of open space on the western edge of the city where most remaining developable land is under private developer ownership. Trust for Public Land, in partnership with the city, led negotiations in 2022 to purchase the property. Key funding partners included Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Town of Windsor. To ensure the property forever remains open space, a conservation easement held by Colorado Open Lands will ensure its permanent protection. This acquisition doubled Greeley's acreage of open space and permanently conserves one of the last large parcels of land suitable for conservation and recreation (image: Mundus Bishop, 2024).

Historical Context

The property is significant for its connections to indigenous peoples, Euro-American homesteading, and the evolution of agriculture, ranching, and oil and gas production in the region.[2]

Archeological field surveys and traditional use patterns indicate stewardship and enduring associations of the area to indigenous peoples. Native Americans were present along the banks of the Cache la Poudre River for thousands of years before the arrival of the Arapaho in the early nineteenth century.[3]

Regional traditional use patterns suggest these lands were likely utilized by indigenous peoples.[4] The indigenous stewardship and use of the area was irreversibly altered by the arrival of French trappers and traders in the late eighteenth century, and by later establishment of trading posts and homesteads in the nineteenth century.

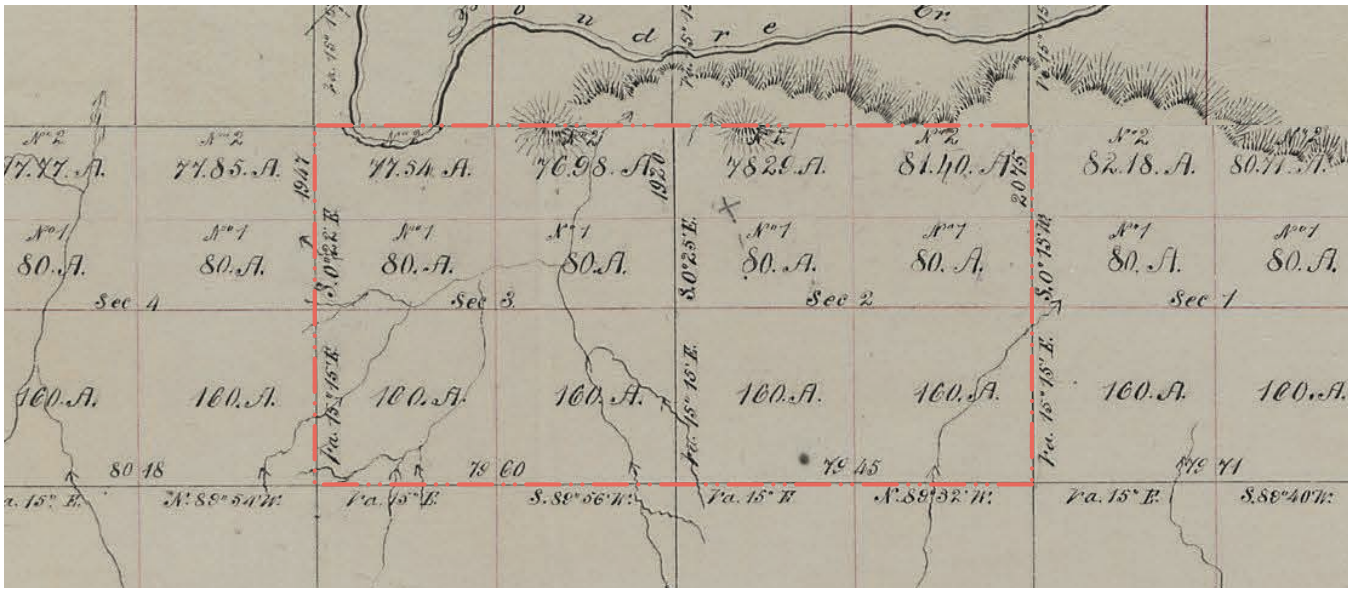
The Homestead Act of 1862 encouraged Euro-American settlement and forced the Arapaho out of the region. Euro-American settlement of Greeley accelerated with the organization of the Union Colony Association in December 1869. The association's founders, Nathan C. Meeker, Horace Greeley, and Robert A. Cameron, recruited members from New York to invest in the establishment of a farming colony in Colorado. By the spring of 1870 the association had purchased land along the Cache la Poudre and established the community of Greeley.

The General Land Office first surveyed the property in 1863. The first land patents for the study area were issued in the early 1900s. The General Land Office granted the Union Pacific Railroad Company a patent for lands encompassing western portions of the site in 1903. Winfield S. Aldrich was issued a patent for lands encompassing the eastern portions of the site in 1911.

2 Further research and documentation is recommended to document the stories, families, and history of the property These include conducting archeological investigations and oral histories.

3 Burris, Lucy. *People of the Poudre : An Ethnohistory of the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area*. Larimer County, Colorado: U.S. National Park Service, Friends of the Poudre, Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area, 2006.

4 Further investigation is recommended to document these connections.



Land patents issued for section 2 and section 3 of the General Land Office's 1863 Survey include the present-day natural area.

Arroyos del Sol's connections to sheep grazing, crop production, and oil and gas remain visible throughout the site (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

Arroyos del Sol's evolution from homestead to agriculture and oil and gas production reflects the settlement and growth of Weld County. The county's large land mass, good soils, irrigation canals, and proximity to roads and railroad supported the development of crop cultivation (sugar beets, potatoes, and alfalfa) and livestock operations (sheep and cattle). Weld County's industry expanded with the establishment of sugar processing plants in the early 1900s, meat-packing plants after 1960, and establishment of the oil and gas industry in the nineteenth century. [5]

Extant agricultural features, disturbed grassland, and oil and gas features throughout **the property** reflect these regional growth patterns. Robert E. and Veda K. Knox and their heirs owned and managed the property from the early 1960s until 2022. Agricultural use of the site ended in 2008 when the Windsor EF3 tornado crossed the site. The tornado deposited debris and made conventional farming infeasible. Efforts to safely remove and dispose of debris continue. Oil and gas sites are largely abandoned with one active site remaining to the east of Highway (HWY) 257. The last remaining well sites west of HWY 257 were plugged and abandoned in 2023.

Missile Site Park, formerly known as Atlas "E" Missile Site 12, is located on an in-holding parcel within **the natural area**. The military built four nuclear warhead-equipped Atlas E sites in Weld County in 1961, with command and control located at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Atlas "E" Missile Site 12 was decommissioned and transferred to Weld County in 1965.[6]

5 Weld County | Articles | Colorado encyclopedia, accessed December 22, 2023, https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/weld-county; United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service. *National Register of Historic Places Nomination–Historic Farms and Ranches of Weld County*, 1988; Weld County | Articles | Colorado encyclopedia, accessed December 22, 2023, https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/weld-county.

6 "Missile Site Park (U.S. National Park Service)," National Parks Service, accessed January 1, 2024, https://www.nps.gov/places/missilesiteparkcolorado.htm.

Related Planning Studies

This plan builds upon previously developed studies and documents for the property and the surrounding area. The following site-specific studies and planning initiatives will continue to influence the property as the plan recommendations are implemented.

Site-Specific Studies

Shur View Baseline Inventory Report—2023

The baseline inventory report was developed for a future conveyance of the perpetual conservation easement of the property, which will be held by Colorado Open Lands. The report summarizes the physical and ecological conditions and documents conservation values of the property.

> The report identifies the natural habitat of the property as significant public benefit. The property provides significant habitat for species of high public interest and concern, economically important game species, and CNHP tracked plant communities. Its high scenic value contributes to public enjoyment of the area.

Projects initiated during the plan process included continued efforts to remove debris from the 2008 tornado (top); abandonment and removal of oil and well sites and infrastructure west of HWY 257 (center); and trailhead improvements north of Missile Site Park (bottom) (images: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

Colorado Natural Heritage Program Biological Resources Study of the Shurview Property—2022

Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP) conducted botanical and zoological surveys of the property in 2021 and 2022 to supplement previously collected natural resource information and provide management recommendations.

Preliminary surveys documented more than 91 zoological species and 168 plant species, including Platte River milkvetch, a state critically imperiled plant species that had not been documented in Weld County since 1833.

CNHP's survey findings highlight the importance of the site as high quality habitat and for the biodiversity of the region.

Key recommendations include protecting habitat areas, protecting rare plant populations by protecting surrounding vegetation; conducting additional surveys; avoiding fragmentation of intact prairie habitat; allowing disturbed lands to continue to recover; and locating trails, roads, etc. in areas of existing disturbance.

CNHP botanical survey documented species associated with the Western Great Plains Shortgrass Prairie likely representative of the region before Euro-American settlement. Common grasses observed include purple threeawn (*Aristida purpurea*), sideoats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), needle and thread (*Hesperostipa comata*), green needlegrass (*Nassela viridula*) and prairie Junegrass (*Koeleria macrantha*). Sod-forming graminoids included western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*), threadleaf sedge (*Carex filifolia*), blue grama, with inland saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*) in arroyo bottoms and the Cache la Poudre River floodplain. Local inclusions of mesic or sandy soils support taller grasses including little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum hymenoides*), sand dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*) as well as scattered shrub species including sandsage (*Artemisia filifolia*), prairie sagewort (*Artemisia frigida*), fourwing saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*), soapweed yucca (*Yucca glauca*), pricklypear cactus (*Opuntia macrorhiza, O. polyacantha*), broom snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sarothrae*) and spreading buckwheat (*Eriogonum effusum*) (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

Related Planning Initiatives

Greeley Trails Master Plan Update—2023

The trails master plan addresses current needs of the community, adapts to a changing environment, reassesses past planning efforts, and applies current best practices to managing Greeley's trail system. The plan provides trail design and management guidance with associated cost estimates. Recommendations identify future trail corridors along HWY 257, the western boundary of the property, and bluffs to the east.

Greeley on the Go 2045 Transportation Master Plan—2023

The plan presents a vision and recommendations for a seamless mobility network emphasizing multimodal connectively to meet current and future demand. Recommendations include a 2.7-mile extension of 4th Street. The alignment of this multimodal arterial is proposed south of the natural area.

Get Outdoors Greeley Strategic Plan—2021

The 5-year strategic plan presents the Natural Areas & Trail Division's goals and work plan for future acquisition, restoration, long-term stewardship, and implementation guidance. The strategic plan supports the Natural Areas & Trails Division's vision of "a community connection to nature."

This plan was developed before the acquisition of the property and includes recommendations to focus acquisition efforts on lands with high conservation value and recreational opportunities. The strategic plan identifies the natural area as a priority conservation area within a nature deficient area of Greeley's long-range expected area of growth.

Concept Plan for Missile Site Park—2019

The concept for Missile Site Park identifies trailhead improvements, expanded and enhanced camp sites with areas for gathering and education along the western edge of the site. Camp amenities include a spray pad, firepits, play area, restrooms, memorial area, pay station, and RV dump station. A network of trails provide access to destination throughout the park and to the property.

Imagine Greeley Comprehensive Plan—2018

The plan guides City policies and decision-making to support the community's shared vision for the future. The natural area is identified within the city's long range expected growth area with employment, industrial and commercial areas to the south; mixed use to the east; and bluffs/community separator to the west. HWY 257 is identified as a multi-modal corridor.

Planning Process and Outreach

The plan for the property was prepared through an open and transparent year-long planning process. This included extensive engagement with city staff, TPL, partners, stakeholders, technical advisory committee members, and local and regional community members. The following describes the three phases of the project and highlights the outreach process.

Phase 1: Discovery included outreach, review of related planning initiatives and studies, and documentation of existing condition, and use. Assessment of existing condition led to the identification of needs and desires, project goals, and opportunities.

Phase 2: Concepts addressed issues and opportunities identified in previous stages. Facilitated discussions with city staff, partners, stakeholders, and the community identified the preferred program, two alternatives, and a vision for further development.

Phase 3: Concept Plan documented the preferred concept and vision for the natural area. This document establishes recommendations and guidance to implement the vision for the property.

This concept plan was developed based on extensive engagement with city staff, TPL, partners, and community members (images: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

Plan Process and Engagement

Community engagement was critical to the development of this plan. TPL's Community Outreach with Resident Experts (CORE) program and GOCO's Fellowship Program was central to the development, implementation, and success of the community outreach plan. Outreach initiatives led by TPL and the GOCO fellow placed community voices at the center of the planning process to develop a shared vision for the property reflecting their unique needs and desires. This included representation from the surrounding community and City of Greeley, with focused outreach from local immigrant and refugee communities in east Greeley.

More than 4,100 community members, technical advisors, and stakeholders guided the development of this concept plan in 3 different languages through surveys, resident experts, meetings, site tours, and pop-up events. Outreach will continue beyond the completion of this concept plan and will be integral through the implementation of this plan vision.

Kick-off Event / Project Launch: 150 people attended the October 2022 event marking the launch of outreach initiatives.

Speak Up Greeley: The city's project website provided the public with background information, project updates, and access to online surveys. The page received 3,673 visitors and 301 contributions.

Surveys: Online surveys received 66 responses to questions tailored to identify needs and a vision.

"Keep it natural!"

— Community Member, 2022

October 2022 Kick-off Event (image: Mundus Bishop, 2022).

Stakeholder Meetings: The City of Greeley, TPL, and Social Research Lab at the University of Northern Colorado facilitated 3 forums with representatives from local organizations and individuals who expressed interest in the project to discuss project goals, needs, and desires. 75 participants attended in-person sessions.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings: Three hybrid (in-person and virtual) meetings were held at key milestones to share existing condition findings, discuss goals and programming, and refine draft and final concepts. The group included over 30 representatives from the community, special interest and user groups, partners, city agencies, and subject matter experts.

Delta Park Coffee Chat Group (coffee chat group): The coffee chat group engaged nearly 20 East Greeley residents, including Hispanic, Somali, and East African refugee communities to bridge linguistic and cultural divides and envision a natural area where everyone feels welcome. This included conversations at regularly occurring coffee chats, site tours, and onsite events.

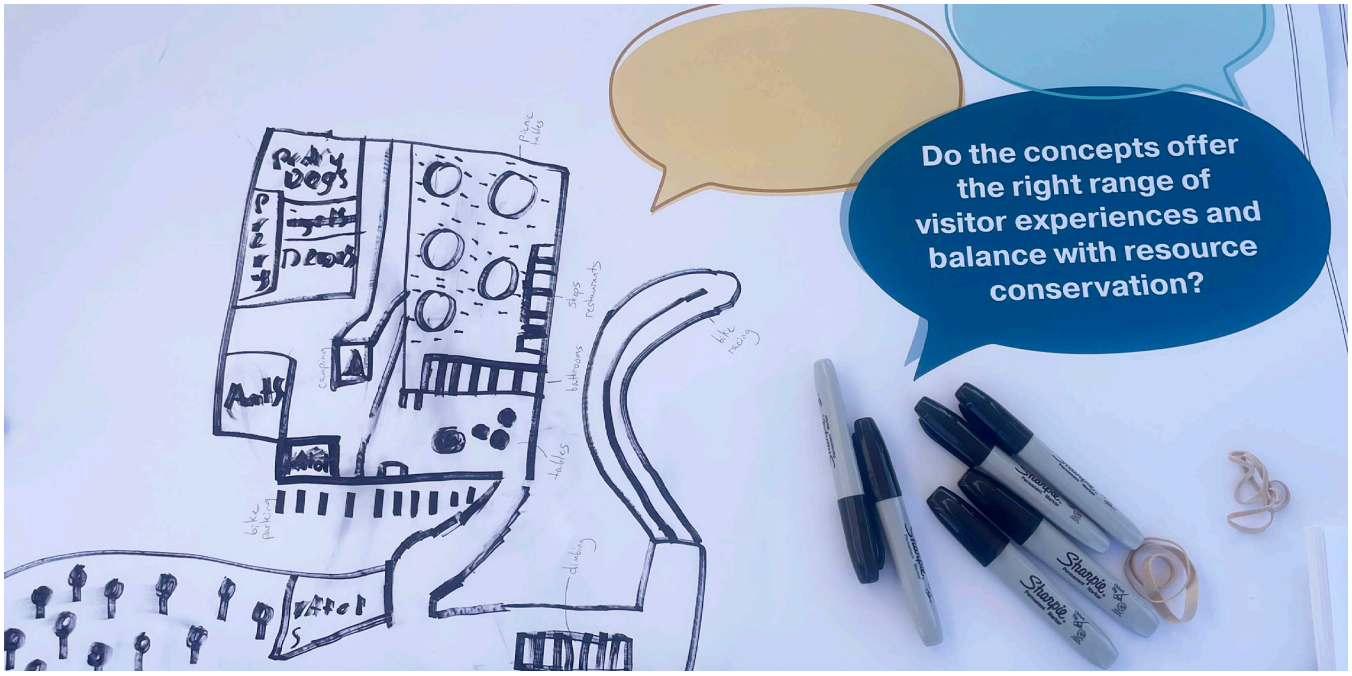
Targeted Outreach: The City of Greeley and TPL engaged over 200 people in targeted outreach campaigns. This included people with disabilities (Connections for Independent Living and Envision); youth (high school clubs and classes, Boys and Girls Club, Rodarte Center, Earth Guardian Youth Conference, 4-H); seniors (Area Agency on Aging and senior group at Rodarte Center); colleges (University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and Aims Community College; and teachers (Greeley District 6).

Pop-up Events: Over 70 people attended onsite events at project launch and concept development and additional events were held at Family FunPlex, Poudre River Forum, and Greeley's Farmer's Market. Over 70 people attended.

Outreach included opportunities to explore the property. (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

"Love that there is a mountain biking trail...Go Greeley!"

— Community Member, 2022



Outreach included opportunities for community members of all ages to share their vision for the future of the natural area (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

Site Tours: The City of Greeley and TPL facilitated tours of the natural area to allow participants to experience the site and share their visions, needs, and desires. Tours included 40 representatives from organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, Greeley School District 6, Greeley Central High School AVID Club, Aims Community College Agriculture Club, and the Delta Park Coffee Chat Group.

Naming Campaign: The City of Greeley launched a naming campaign in 2023 marking a new era for the city's newest natural area. The community shared 80 suggestions for the natural area. The names reflected the significance of the site, its resources, and the community.

Storybook: TPL collaborated with local artist Armando Silva, the City of Greeley, and Unite for Literacy to develop a storybook highlighting the Greeley community and landscape, wildlife, and experience of visiting the property.

Meaningful conversations with the community identified a shared desire to keep the property natural, integrate conservation with diverse opportunities for recreation and place-based programming and facilities reflecting the natural and cultural qualities of the site, and provide accessibility for all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and user groups.

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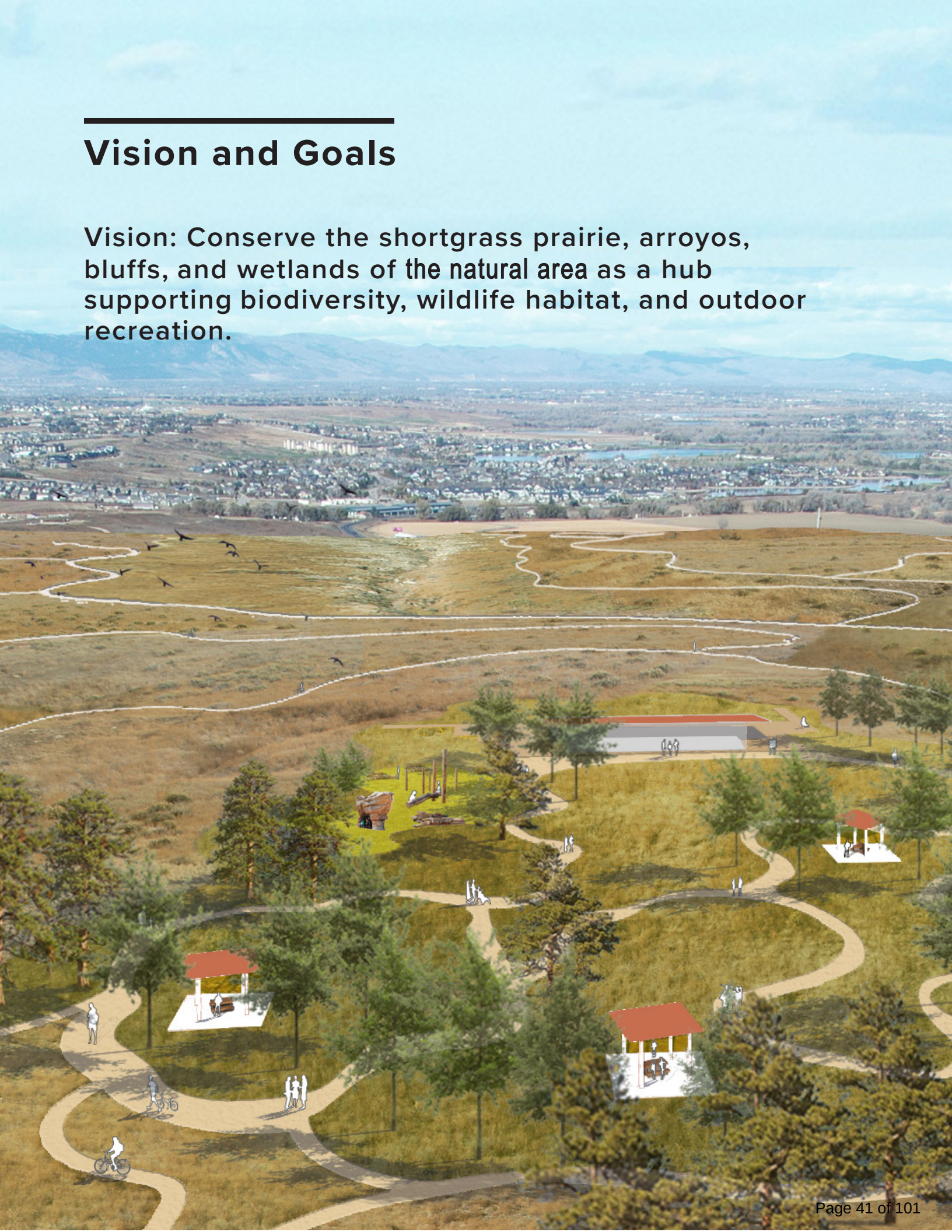
SITE CONCEPT PLAN

Vision and Goals

Vision: Conserve the shortgrass prairie, arroyos, bluffs, and wetlands of the natural area as a hub supporting biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation.



Land Protection

Ensure long-term land protection of the natural area and its natural and cultural resources for enjoyment by all.

Resiliency

Increase biodiversity and ecological and hydrological function of the shortgrass prairie, bluff, and riparian ecosystems.

Constituency

Build and maintain a constituency dedicated to stewardship, enjoyment, research, and continued protection of the natural area.

Land and People

Identify, protect, and share the unique cultural and historical stories, values, and associations of the natural area through place-based opportunities for recreation, interpretation, programming, and nature-based experiences. Reconnect and establish new connections to the land and people.

Connections

Establish connections within and between communities for visitor of all ages and abilities. Connect to open space and multi-modal transportation networks.

Facilities

Provide equitable facilities and infrastructure supporting the natural area's role as a hub for high-quality recreation, research, education, and resource conservation for visitors of all ages and abilities.

Site Plan

The property is envisioned as a conserved natural area supporting biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and recreation. The site's diverse bluffs, arroyos, shortgrass prairie, and riparian ecosystems and associations with Arapaho use, homesteading, and dryland agriculture make it the ideal location for conservation and diverse visitor use.

The natural area's bluffs, plateaus, and arroyos are critical to the resiliency and biodiversity of the natural area and the larger ecological corridor found along Cache la Poudre River. These landforms and associated ecosystems will be conserved and managed as critical habitat with opportunities for low-impact visitor use in areas of previous disturbance.

The existing HWY 257 box culvert will be maintained for stormwater drainage and as a wildlife crossing and additional opportunities for safe crossings will be provided.

Seven hundred acres of shortgrass prairie and arroyo habitat will be enhanced and protected as high quality habitat critical to declining species, including burrowing owls, ferruginous hawks, mountain plover, chestnut-collared longspur, and long-billed curlew. Arroyo habitat will be enhanced and protected as high quality habitat and wildlife corridors for mammals, birds, and reptiles.

Eleven acres of wetland and riparian floodplain will be enhanced and protected as high quality habitat and wildlife corridor contributing to the ecological health and resiliency of the region.

More than 500 acres of black-tailed prairie dog habitat will be monitored and protected.

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Trailheads and visitor hubs with higher use will be clustered in small, defined areas of previous disturbance (agricultural fields, gas and oil sites, etc.) to maximize the conservation of prairie and riparian vegetation and areas of unfragmented habitat. These visitor use areas will be sited to be subordinate to the prairie landscape and significant views. They will offer facilities and programming to facilitate use of the site.

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Hilltop Hub will serve as the front door to the natural area and be the primary point for interpretation, programming, small gatherings, picnicking, and play. It will offer introductory experiences for visitors to learn about and connect with the natural resources of the property. Programming and experiences for first time and regular visitors to the site will be provided. It will include picnic shelters, adventure/nature play, bike skills areas, and trails. The pavilion and terrace will provide a distinct gathering space capitalizing on views to the prairie, arroyos, and mountains to the west.

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New visitor use facilities will provide opportunities for visitors of all ages and abilities to explore, engage, find solitude, and inspire connections to the natural world of the shortgrass prairie. Facilities will be designed in harmony with the natural setting. They will include overlooks, shade shelters, seating, and interpretive and wayfinding signage.

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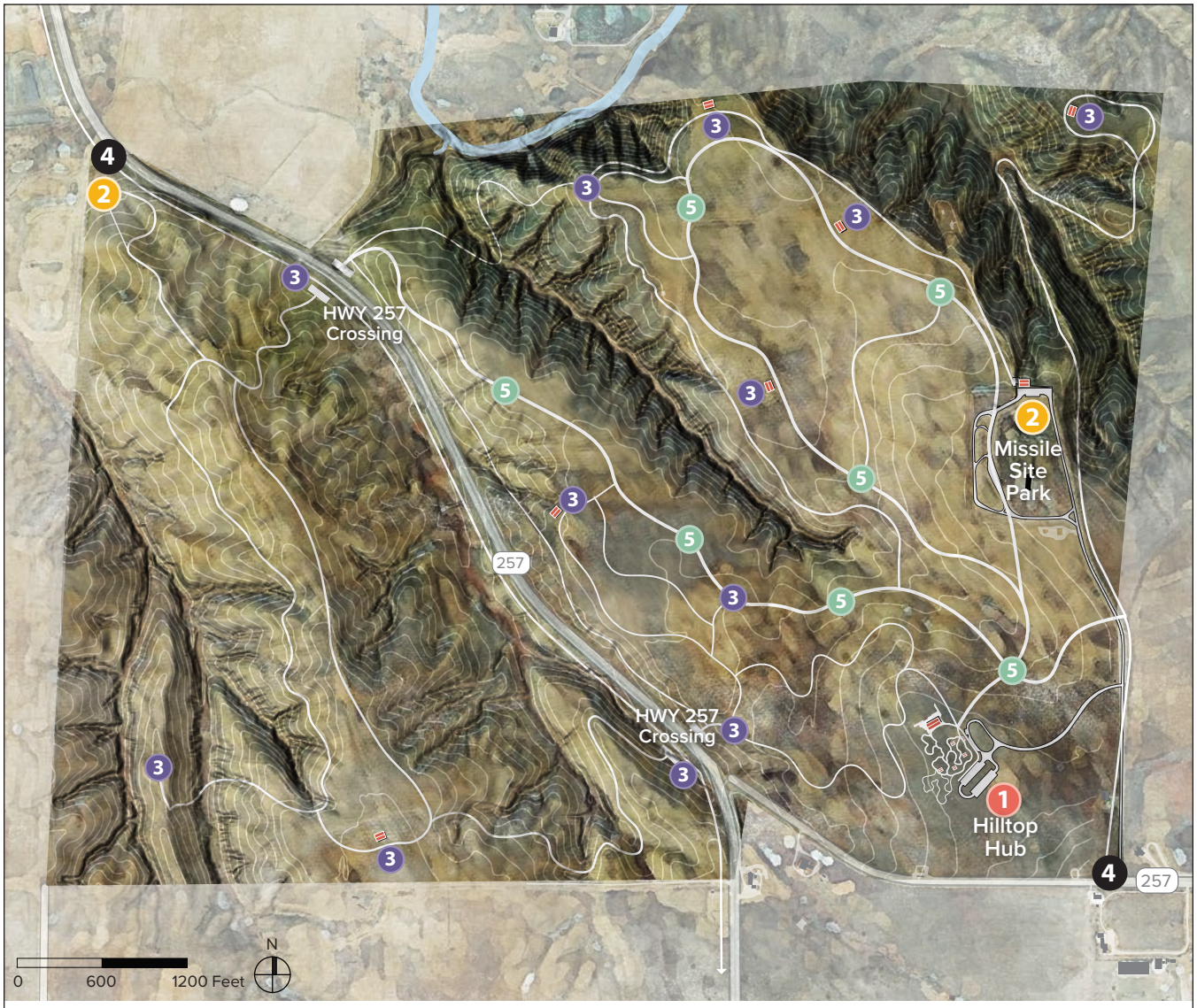
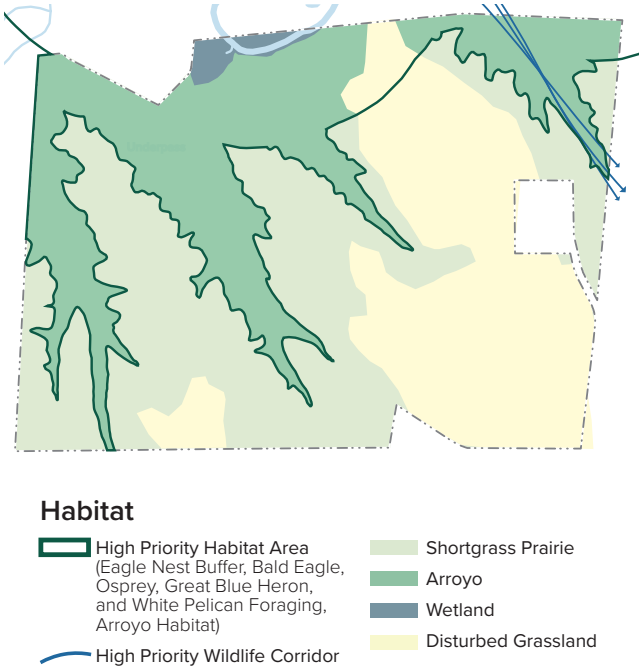
A comprehensive trails and access network will provide welcoming entrances for all modes; vehicular access and parking at visitor use hubs; safe and intuitive routes for all modes, ages, and abilities; and increased connections to regional trail networks, surrounding communities, and public transportation. The trail and road system will cultivate a sense of arrival and create moments of discovery beginning at the property entrances and continuing through the prairie. The wide hike/bike trail will provide an accessible route and trail amenities along the top of the bluff and connect visitor use hubs and facilities to the east of HWY 257.

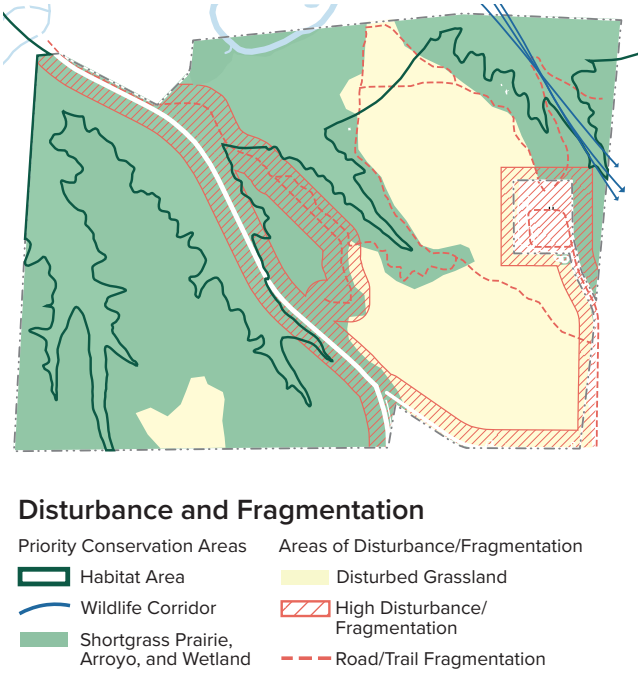
This plan focuses on conserving and enhancing wildlife habitat and ecosystems; increasing connectivity and accessibility; and providing inclusive recreational experiences for all visitors.



1 Hilltop Hub
2 Visitor Hub/Trailhead
3 Visitor Use Facilities (shade shelters, overlooks, seating, interpretation, trail hub etc.)
4 Primary Entrance
5 Wide Hike/Bike Trail (accessible route and amenities)
Trails

The importance of protecting and enhancing the natural resources of the natural area while providing opportunities for visitor use was expressed by the city, its partners, and the community throughout this planning process.

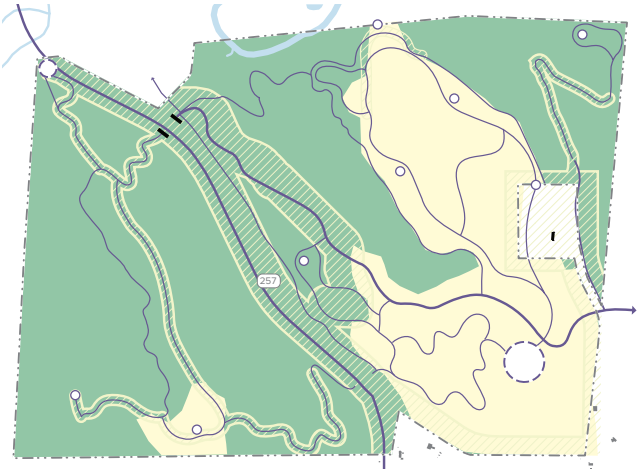




An assessment of existing resources in collaboration with city staff, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, and other partners identified areas critical for habitat, foraging, and migration/ movement by birds and wildlife; areas supporting plant and wildlife biodiversity; and occurrences of rare and/ or significant species. These locations are identified as high priority areas for conservation, restoration, and enhancement.

Assessment of existing conditions also identified areas of disturbance and fragmentation. These include road and trail corridors, Missile Site Park, oil and gas sites and areas historically used for grazing, crop production, and oil and gas production.

This plan organizes the property into two zones to protect habitat and ecosystems, meet visitor needs, and assist in long-term land protection and management. These zones will evolve with further documentation of plants, wildlife, and natural and cultural resources.

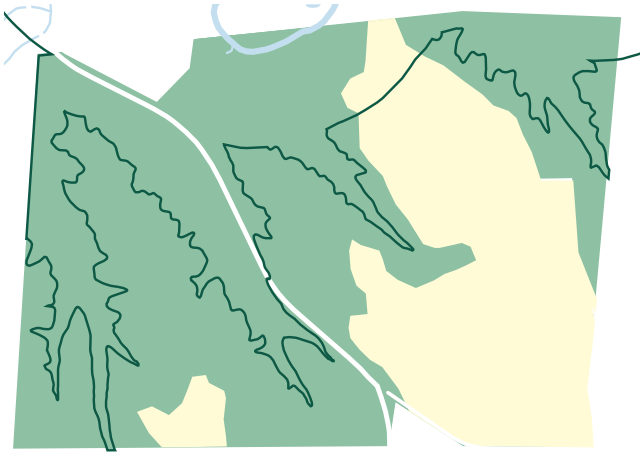


Visitor Use Framework

Habitat Areas
- Shortgrass Prairie, Arroyo, and Wetland

Disturbance Area
- Disturbed Grassland
- High Disturbanc/ Fragmentation

Visitor Use
- Visitor Hub
- Visitor Use Area
- Trail



Management Zones

Resource Protection Zones
- High Priority Habitat
- Shortgrass Prairie, Arroyo, and Wetland

Balanced Resource Protection and Visitor Use Zone
- Shortgrass Prairie Restoration Zone

Areas of disturbance and fragmentation present opportunities for restoration and visitor infrastructure. Focusing use in these locations limits further disturbance and fragmentation.

The resource protection zone will prioritize the protection and enhancement of ecosystems, promote biodiversity, and provide low-impact visitor experiences. The zone will be managed to conserve native shortgrass prairie, arroyos, and wetland landscapes through the protection and enhancement of soils, vegetation, and geological features. Low-impact visitor experiences, including trails, overlooks, and interpretation will be allowed and located within corridors of existing disturbance to minimize habitat fragmentation.

The balanced resource protection and visitor use zone will offer diverse visitor experiences. The zone will be managed to provide opportunities for recreation, interpretation, and enjoyment of the site for all visitors while promoting the conservation of resources and restoration of disturbed areas.

Visitor Use and Facilities

Visitor uses and facilities will support diverse experiences.

Visitor uses and facilities will provide the community with open space for recreation, interpretation, gathering, and enjoyment of the natural area. Visitor uses areas will be located to create a sense of arrival and moments of discovery for first-time and regular visitors. These areas will be located for interpretation of natural and cultural features and to capitalize on views. They will be designed as defined, compact areas of development subordinate to the natural features of the natural area.

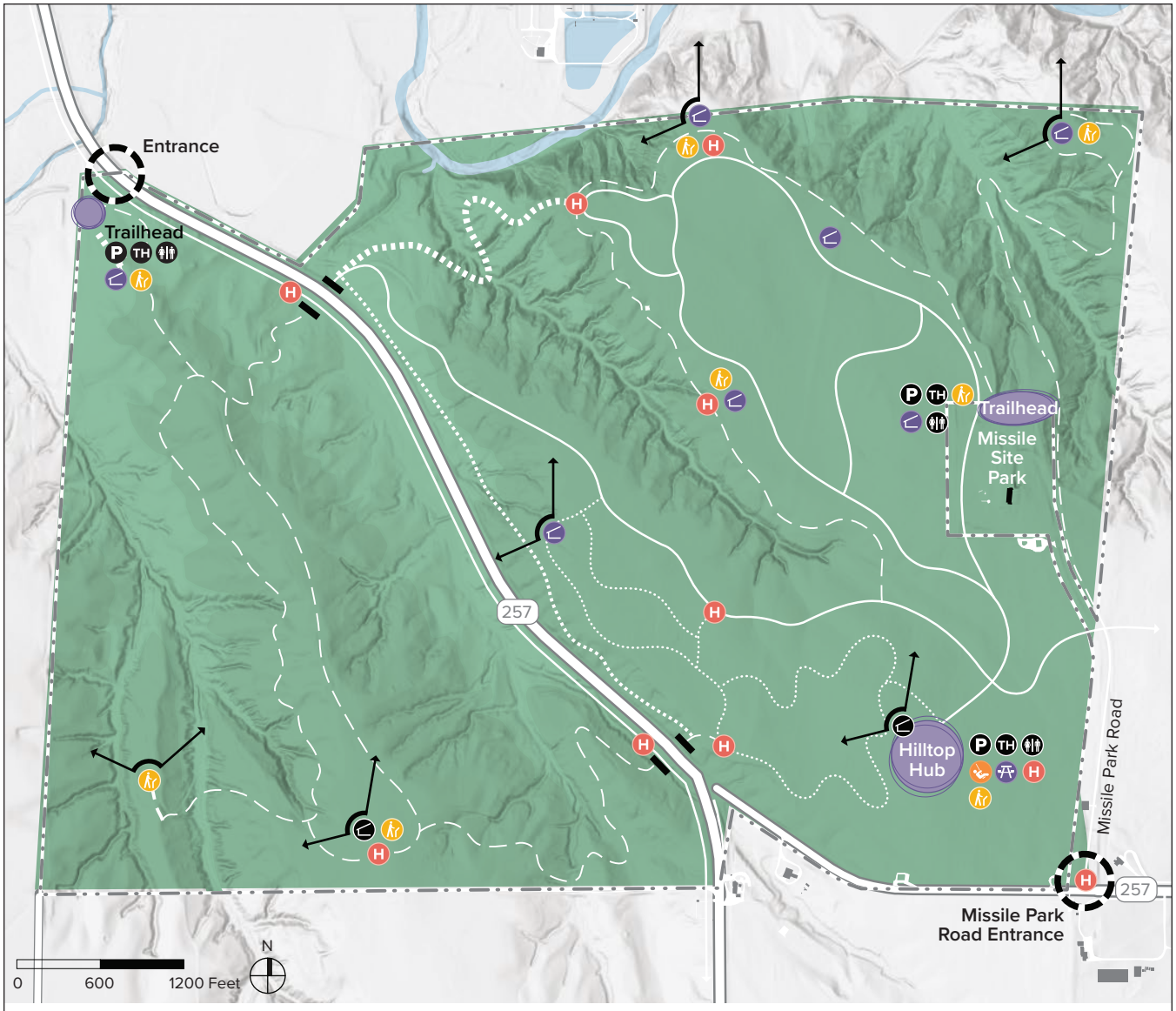
Visitor hubs will serve as arrival areas, offering amenities and orientation.

Hilltop Hub will be established as the center of visitor use and gateway to the site and nature-based experiences. Hilltop Hub will provide visitor amenities, orientation, interpretation, and small gathering areas for the community and programming. Facilities will include visitor and bus parking, picnic shelters, adventure/nature play, bike skills, restrooms, trailhead, interpretation, and a terrace and pavilion for gathering. Trails will offer visitors of all ages and abilities diverse opportunities to connect from Hilltop Hub to the native landscape and diverse experiences of the natural area. Future operations facilities may be located south of Hilltop Hub, visually and physically separated from visitor uses.

The **existing trailhead** north of Missile Site Park will be improved with expanded parking, restrooms, interpretation, orientation, shade/shelter, picnicking and a trail hub.

A **new trailhead** west of HWY 257 will provide parking, restrooms, interpretation, orientation, shade/shelter, and a trail hub.

Hilltop Hub will provide indoor and outdoor space for visitor contact, orientation, interpretation, gathering, and recreation. The pavilion and terrace will provide space for visitor contact, small gatherings, interpretation, administration, and restrooms (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).



Use and Facilites

Facilities

- Trailhead
- Parking Area
- Restroom
- Pavilion
- Trail Hub
- Bike Skills Course
- Interpretation
- Overlook
- Shade Shelter
- Picnic
- Nature/Adventure Play

Trails

- Wide Hike/Bike Path
- Single Track Hike/Bike Trail
- Directional Hike/Bike Trail
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Incline Hiking Trail

Visitor use areas sensitively located throughout the site will provide visitor amenities facilitating use of the site.

Restrooms will be provided at trailheads and will be designed and located to be subordinate to the shortgrass prairie with low slope or flat roofs and materials that complement that natural landscape.

Interpretation will include self-guided (waysides and virtual/app-based) and program-based opportunities highlighting the natural and cultural resources of future wildlife, plant, archeological, ethnographic, and cultural resource surveys will identify additional features important to the natural and cultural history of the area. A future interpretive plan will link Arroyos del Sol's resources to meaningful stories and identify key messages and audiences.

Overlooks will be sited to capitalize on views and provide opportunities for resting, wildlife watching, and interpretation along the trail network.

Shade shelters will be located throughout the property with a small gathering/resting areas and for shelter from the elements (sun, rain, etc.). Shelters will be sited in context to the natural environment, respecting features such as vegetation, habitat, and views. They will be designed to be subordinate to the shortgrass prairie with low slope or flat roofs and materials that complement that natural landscape.

Overlooks will be sited to capitalize on views and provide space for visitor to rest with seating and shade shelters (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

Design Character

Visitor use areas will be designed to be subordinate and placed in context to the natural environment, respecting features such as vegetation, habitat, and views. The location and orientation of these areas will capitalize on views to the prairie, mountains, natural features, and iconic site features.

Visitor amenities will be provided to support visitor use and protect resources, including shade, seating, trash and recycling receptacles, restrooms, and wayfinding and interpretive signage.

- Amenities will be located in areas where they do not detract from the visitor experience, impact views, or diminish the character of the property. They will be designed to express a consistent aesthetic, complementing the shortgrass prairie's character in materials, size, scale, and color. Features will be of a human-scale and designed with the highest level of craftmanship and quality materials. Compatible materials include wood, steel, and stone.

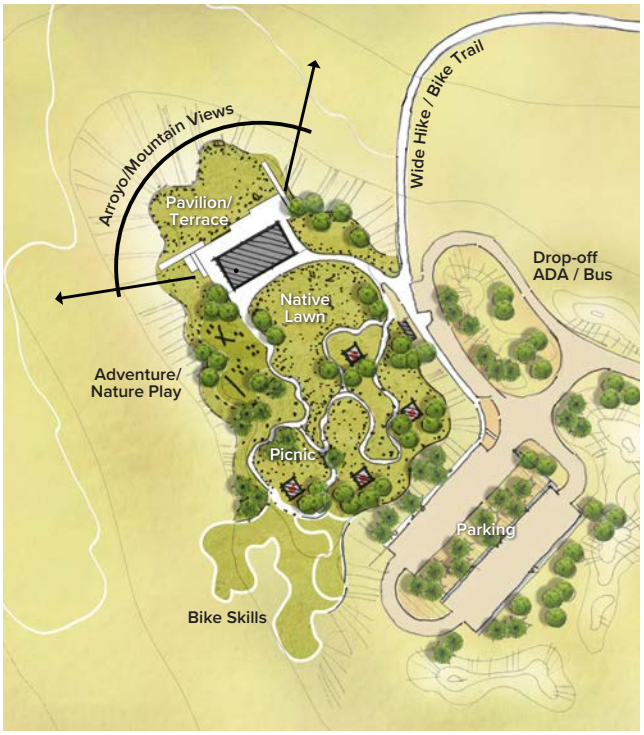
- Wayfinding, interpretive, and regulatory signs reflecting the character of the natural area will be subordinate to the landscape through their orientation, placement, and use of materials. Sign clutter will be minimized through thoughtful consideration to the need for and location of each sign.

Facilities will provide authentic settings to gather, learn, research, reflect, and support functions essential to Arroyos del Sol's daily operations. Thoughtful siting, orientation, and design will ensure facilities are subordinate to the natural setting and provide spaces immersing visitors in the shortgrass prairie. New facilities will be designed as low profiles and horizontal forms with low slope or flat roofs and will be oriented to capitalize on views to the prairie, arroyos, and mountains. Views to select facilities will be considered as "beacons" drawing visitors through the landscape.

Resiliency will be promoted through the design of new facilities. Renewable and energy efficient infrastructure, mechanical systems, and vehicles will be considered and environmentally conscious materials and products will be selected where feasible.

Dark sky criteria will be follow with exterior lighting limited to safety, security, accessibility, and wayfinding.

Stormwater infrastructure will be integrated with landscape and facility improvements to intercept and infiltrate localized drainage areas, reduce sediment loading, and create habitat.

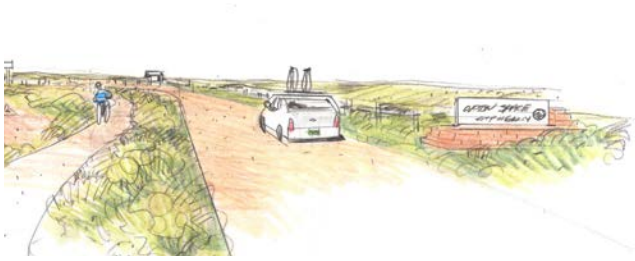


Hilltop Hub will provide a clear visitor arrival space and starting off point to explore the site or remain at the space to picnic, recreate, or participate in programming. The location of Hilltop Hub capitalizes on views to the prairie, arroyos, mountains, and iconic site features. Hilltop Hub's trails, parking, and facilities will provide diverse opportunities for visitors of all ages and abilities (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

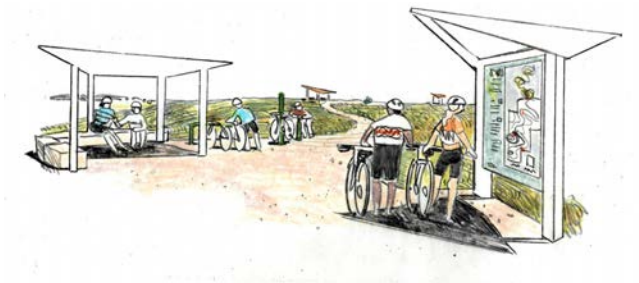
Trails and Access

The natural area will offer visitors safe access and parking, accessible routes, and memorable opportunities to explore the site.

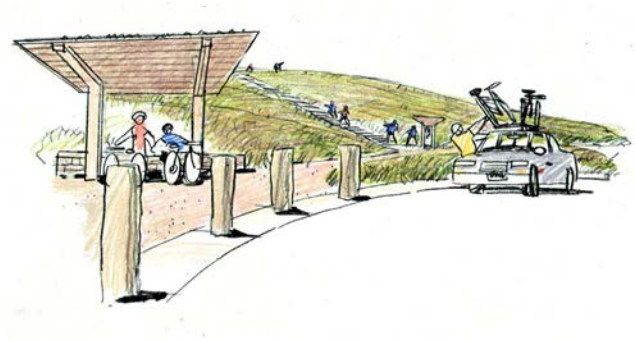
Welcoming entrances for all modes will increase accessibility to the property. This includes future access at west of HWY 257 and enhancements at Missile Park Road Entrance for all modes—vehicles, bicycles, public transit, etc. A traffic study will be completed prior to the establishment of new vehicular entrances to ensure safety and accessible for all modes.



TH **Trailheads** will be located to the east (2) and west (1) of HWY 257. Trailheads will include parking, restrooms, trash and recycling receptacles, seating, bike racks, bike repair stations, shade shelters, and regulatory, wayfinding, and site identification signage.

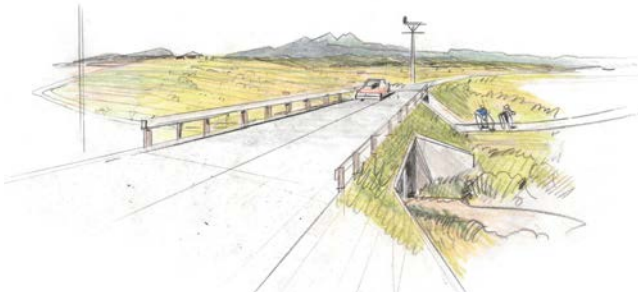


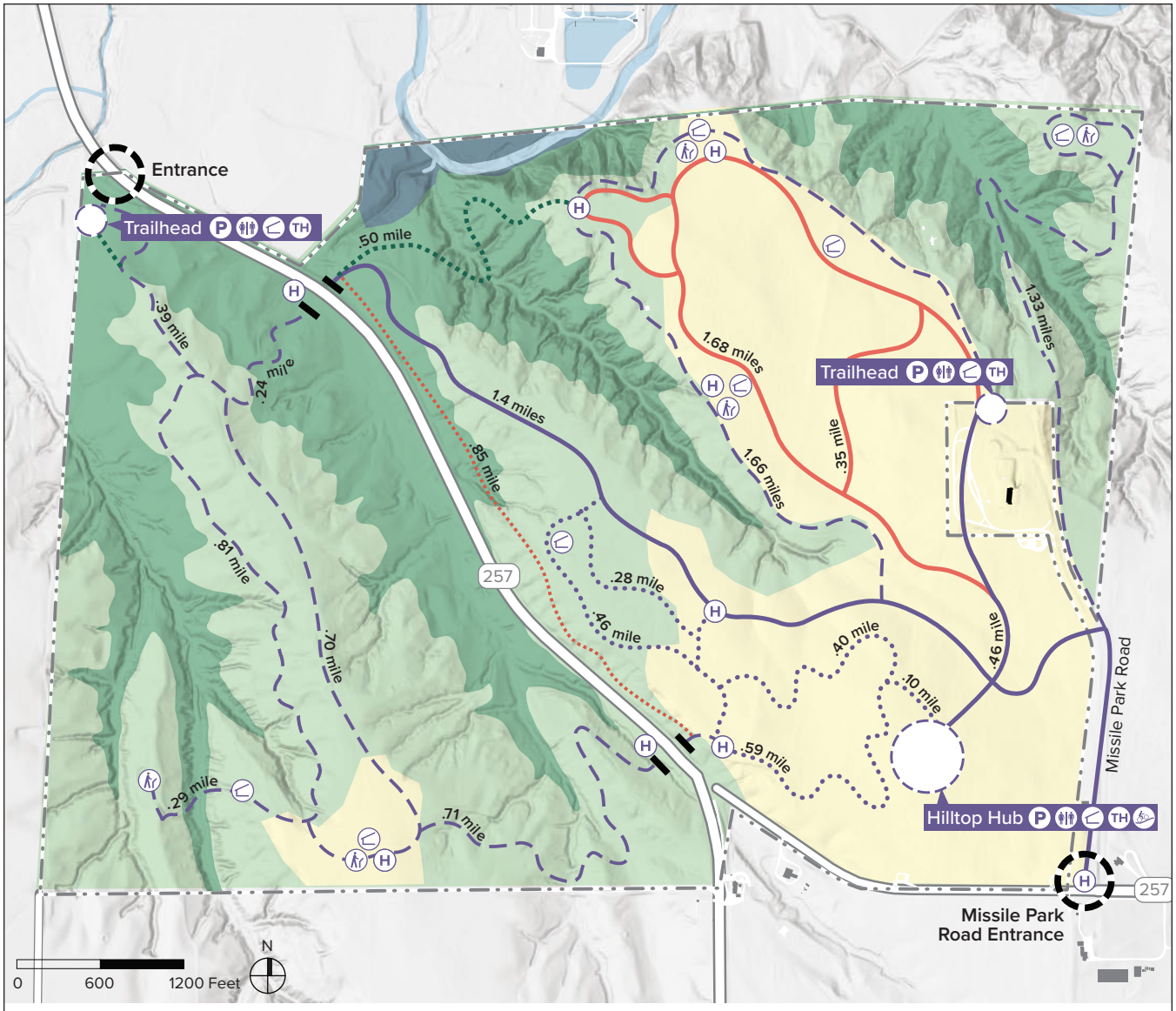
H **Trail hubs** will be strategically located as designated places for trail users to meet to begin their trail experiences and as a series of landmarks to meet or rest mid-trip and make decisions about routes to take throughout the natural area.



P **Parking areas** will enhance visitor access and will accommodate bus drop-offs and accessible parking, including new parking at Hilltop Hub and west of HWY 257 and improved parking at the existing trailhead.

HWY 257 crossings will provide safe connections from east to west and increase accessibility throughout the property. Crossings will occur with future improvement of HWY 257. Traffic and hydrological studies will be completed prior to the establishment of new crossings to ensure safety and accessible for all modes. Crossing will include measures to increase safe wildlife connections across HWY 257.





Trail Nework

Amenities

- Trailhead
- Trail Hub
- Parking Area
- Pavilion/Shade Shelter
- Bike Skills Course
- HWY 257 Crossing

Trails

- Wide Hike/Bike Path
- Wide Hike/Bike Path - Bluff Trail
- Single Track Hike/Bike Trail
- Directional Hike/Bike Trail
- Mountain Bike Trail

A hierarchy of trails will offer diverse experiences for all visitors.

Trail alignments will be further refined based on topographic survey, plant and wildlife survey, field conditions, cultural resource surveys, and soils and hydrological data. Future design will include opportunities for the community to participate in trail naming campaigns based on the City of Greeley's guidelines and process for naming natural areas and trails.

Wide hike/bike trails will connect to visitor hubs east of 257 and provide a loop around the bluff overlooking Cache la Poudre to the north. These soft surface trails will be 8' wide with a crushed gravel surface.

Single track hike/bike trails will provide opportunities for diverse experiences of varying degrees of challenge east and west of HWY 257. These natural surface trails will be 3' to 4' wide with a native or aggregate surface.

Directional hike/bike trails will provide opportunities for diverse experiences of varying degrees of challenge east HWY 257. These natural surface trails will be 18" to 2' wide with a native or aggregate surface.

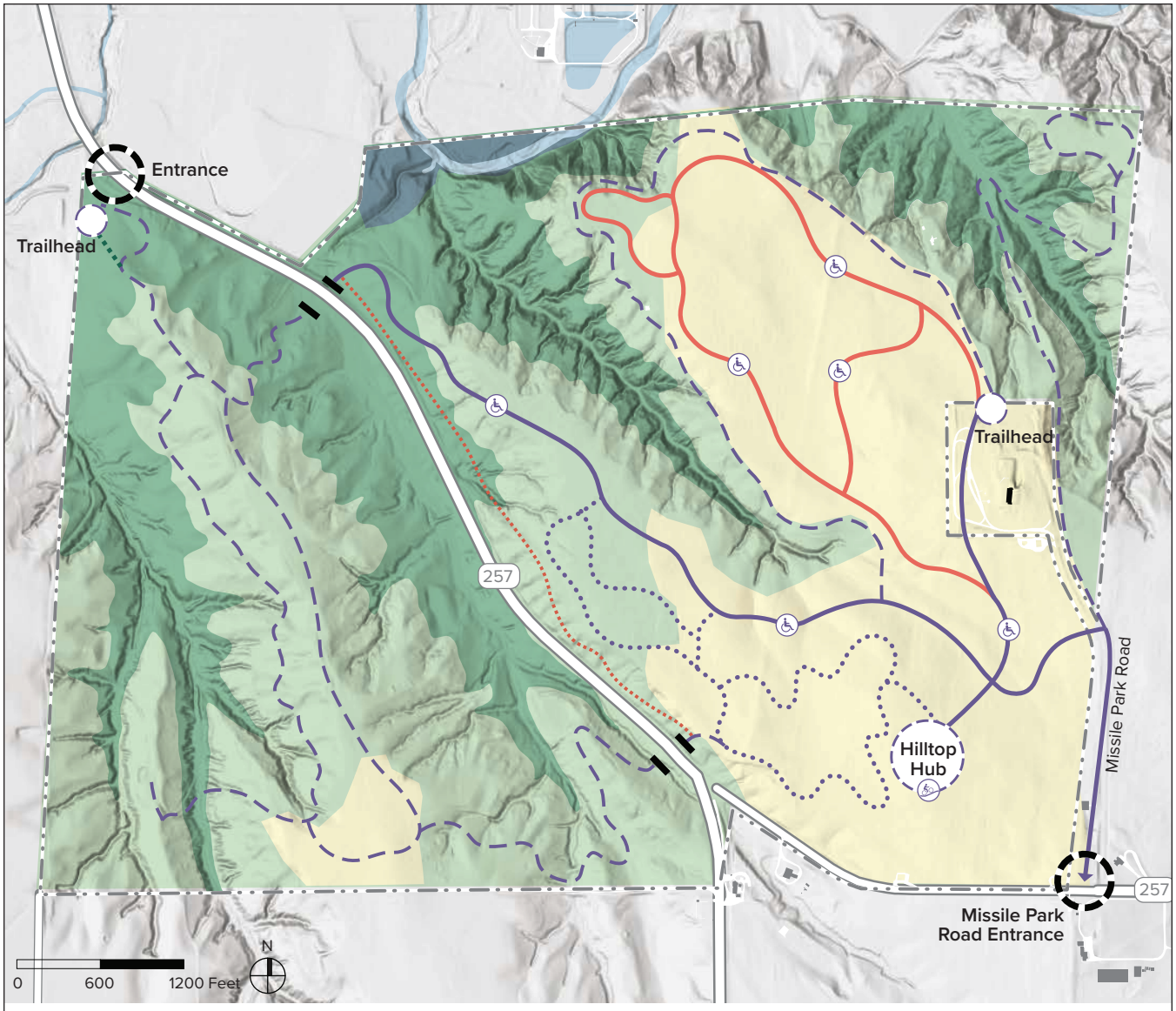
Mountain bike trails will provide a signature mountain bike experience parallel to HWY 257. These natural surface trails will be 12" to 2' wide.

Incline trails will offer the most challenging pedestrian experience. The steps will be designed to challenge visitors while being sustainably designed to minimize hillside erosion.

Bike skills course will provide an area for bicyclists of all ages and abilities to improve their skills. These 12" to 2' wide natural surface trails will include features to create interest for experienced riders and help less experienced riders build confidence.

Accessible routes will be designed to meet Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas for accessible routes and amenities. Wide hike/bike trails and associated amenities will meet ABA requirements. The loop along the bluff will have gentler grades and be more easily accessible. The route from HWY 257 to Hilltop Hub will offer a more challenging accessible route with steeper grades.

Bike skills course trails will provide diverse trails and features for riders of all ages and abilities to improve their skills (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).



Trail Typologies

Trail Type	Accessible Route (meets ABA requirements)
Wide Hike/Bike Path	Fully accessible
Wide Hike/Bike Path - Bluff Trail	Segments exceed 5%, includes landings
Single Track Hike/Bike Trail	Not accessible
Directional Hike/Bike Trail	Not accessible
Mountain Bike Trail	Not accessible
Incline Hiking Trail	Not accessible

Trail Design Character

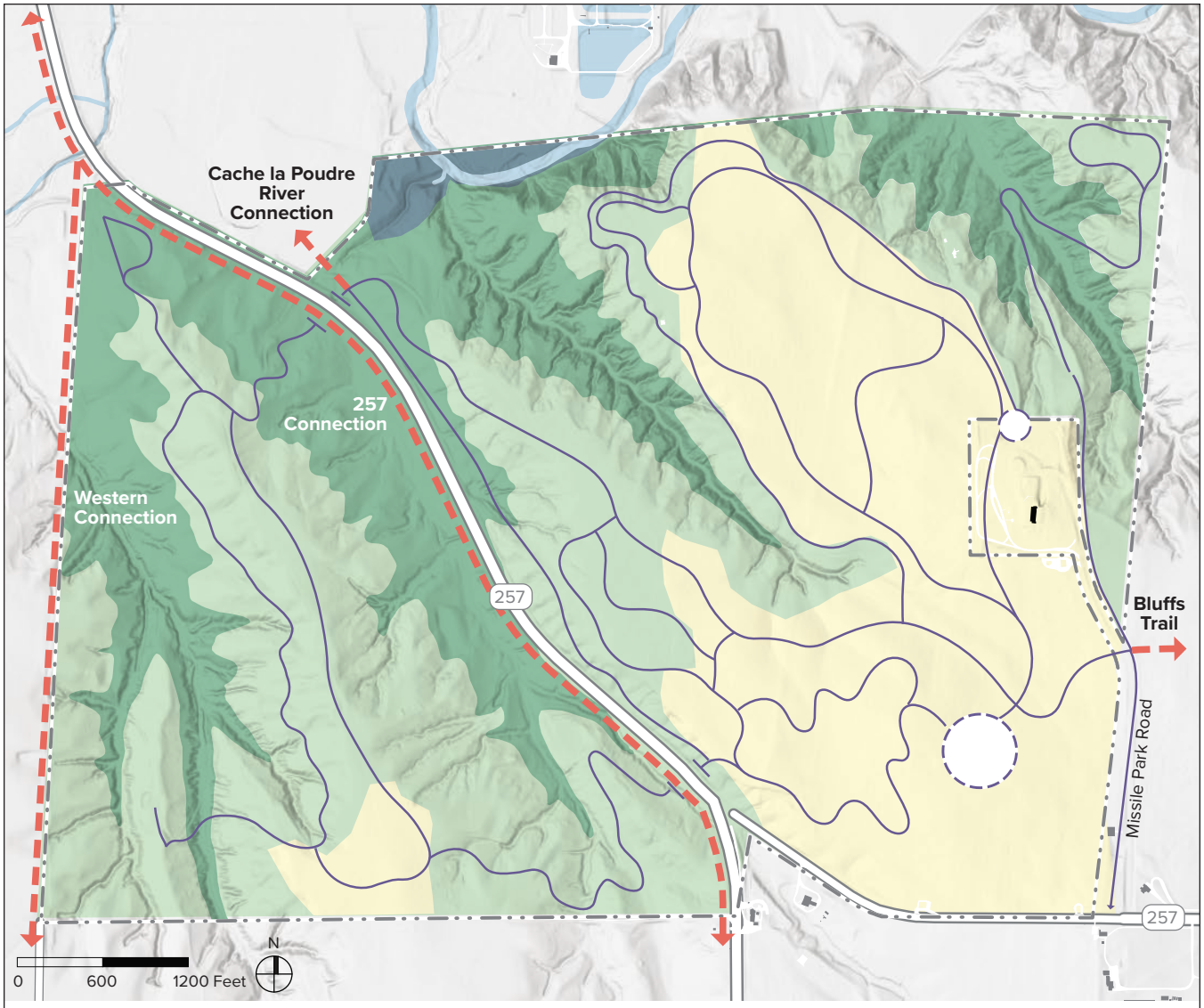
Trail will largely be located in areas of previous disturbance to minimize habitat fragmentation and support vegetation and erosion restoration initiatives. They will be designed to be integrated with the natural setting, to capitalize on views, and to follow best practices for sustainable trail development. This includes following natural topography, preventing headcut erosion and loss of soil, promoting positive drainage, and minimizing impacts to wildlife and plant biodiversity.

Existing roads identified as trail corridors will be regraded and drainage structures to minimize erosion and surface deterioration.

Arroyo crossings will be designed to allow for wildlife crossings and flow of water during storm events while implementing measures to prevent erosion of headcuts and banks.

Wide hike/bike and select single track hike/bike trails will be designed to provide restricted operational and emergency vehicle access.

A robust trail system will be designed to be integrated with the natural setting, to capitalize on views, and to follow best practices for sustainable trail development (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).



Future Connections

The natural area will evolve into a more integrated natural area as related plans for regional multi-modal routes are implemented. This includes a connection along the western boundary of the property, a connection along HWY 257, crossings of HWY 257, a connection to bluffs to the east, and a connection to Cache la Poudre River to the north. These connections are outside the boundary of the property and would occur in the long-term as part of future road improvement and/or private development projects.

A connection to future public transit service to the south of the property will also be further studied with establishment of the transit stop.

Landscape Typologies

Landscape typologies will promote biodiversity, healthy habitats and ecosystems, and resiliency while supporting visitor use.

Management and improvement of the landscape will be guided by the development of a natural resource management plan (planned for 2024) with specific strategies addressing vegetation management, reclamation of disturbed areas, wildlife management, prairie dog management, and visitor use / trail management. The following landscape typologies identify areas critical for habitat, areas where use or improvement threatens ecological function and health, and areas for sustainable visitor experiences.

Shortgrass prairie, arroyo, and wetland typologies will continue to support biodiversity and high quality habitat with the dense urban and agricultural context of the natural area. Intact habitat areas will be surveyed, mapped, and managed to protect vegetation from fragmentation. Rare plant populations occurring in these areas will be protected by conserving surrounding native vegetation from development and visitor use. Visitor use restrictions will be further studied to minimize impacts to wildlife and habitat (i.e., dogs).

Large areas of intact vegetation will be protected as priority biodiversity areas by locating infrastructure and amenities in areas of previous disturbance. Native seeds will be collected onsite for future restoration.

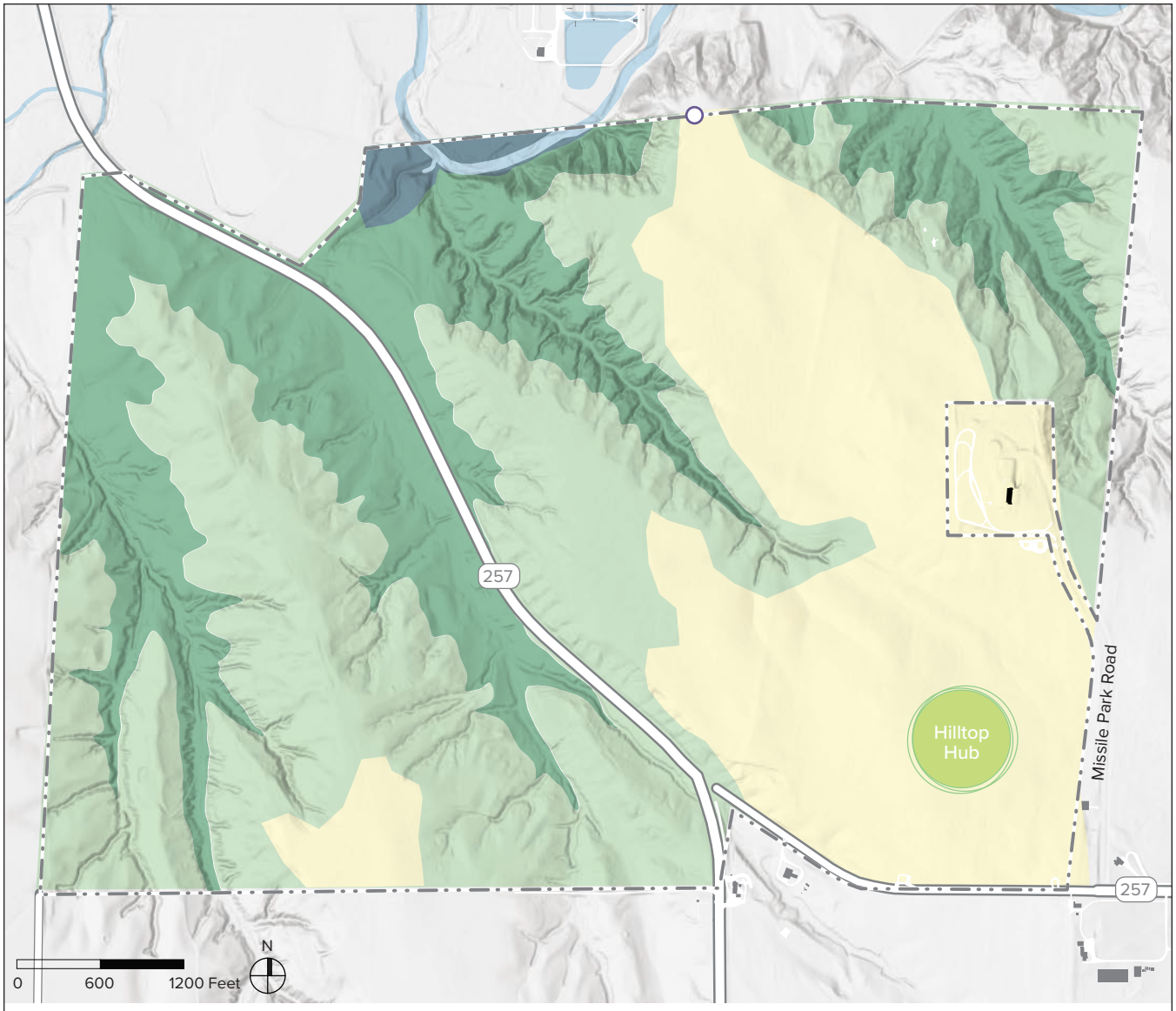
The **arroyo typology** will be managed to conserve soil, diversity of vegetation found throughout the arroyos, and network of wildlife corridors between areas of upland prairie and the Cache la Poudre River to the north. Cottonwoods growing within these arroyos will be protected as critical habitat for eagles, hawks, ospreys, and migratory birds. Visitor use will be minimized to minimize fragmentation and impacts.

The **wetland typology** will be enhanced by creating a vegetated buffer surrounding the floodplain to improve water quality and protect wildlife, plant biodiversity, and floodplain habitat. Visitor use will be minimized to minimize fragmentation and impacts.

The **shortgrass prairie restoration typology** will support the highest visit use of the site and continue to recover from grazing, farming, and other anthropogenic disturbances on their own to increase native cover. Restoration activities will be focused in small areas where monitoring and cyclical maintenance is feasible and will utilize native seeds collected onsite to the greatest extent possible.

The healthy population of black-tailed prairie dogs at the natural area and their habitat will be conserved and managed to maintain a viable population size.

The **manicured prairie typology** will reflect the character of the shortgrass prairie with opportunities to plant trees for shade and increased habitat and to establish native plantings to define outdoor gathering spaces, connect the Hilltop Hub to the landscape of the larger site, and provide a backdrop for interpretation of the site. The typology will implement water conservation measures and promote biodiversity.



Landscape Typologies

- Shortgrass Prairie
- Arroyo
- Wetland
- Shortgrass Prairie Restoration
- Manicured Prairie

Implementation

This plan vision is ambitious, and implementation will require collaboration between the City of Greeley and its partners. Plan recommendations are described as discrete projects supporting the vision. Funding sources will include private, state and federal grant funding. This plan provides a resource to leverage contributions from partners and pursue grant funds.

General costing for plan recommendations is estimated at approximately $22 million to $33.5 million. Implementation of discrete projects may occur in phases over several years but the intent is to fully implement a discrete project before focusing resources to another discrete project. This approach ensures full realization of this plan vision.

The phased implementation strategy suggests implementation priorities. Priorities may shift to reflect site and visitor needs, safety and maintenance concerns, or opportunities to leverage partnerships and funding for implementation.

A proactive approach to allocating both operational and capital funds is recommended to address deferred maintenance and implement improvements. On-going maintenance and restoration projects are not identified in the prioritization framework but encompass the general categories of landscape, signage, fencing, and trail and road repair.

Project	Order of Magnitude Cost Estimate		Phasing Priority		
	Low Range	High Range	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
East Trails - Wide Hike/Bike Trail	4,800,000	6,500,000	•		
East Trails - Single Track, Directional, Mtn Bike	1,500,000	2,500,000		•	
East Trails - Arroyo Trail	600,000	1,000,000			•
West Trails	1,000,000	1,500,000			•
West Trailhead	1,800,000	2,000,000			•
Missile Site Trailhead	1,500,000	2,000,000	•		
Hilltop Hub Site	6,500,000	10,000,000	•		
Hilltop Hub Utilities	1,500,000	2,000,000		•	
Hilltop Hub Pavilion	3,000,000	6,000,000		•	
TOTAL ESTIMATED OPINION OF COST:	**22,200,000**	**33,500,000**			
(based on 2024 market condition with contingencies, general conditions, design and engineering fees, and escalation)					

Further Study

This plan was informed by existing baseline documentation. Future wildlife, plant, archeological, ethnographic, and cultural resource surveys will identify additional features important to the natural and cultural history of the natural area.

Natural Resources

Research and investigation will include documentation of natural resources. This will include the following.

- Conducting botanical surveys in all seasons, including the flowering seasons of rare and state critically imperiled plant species.
- Conducting zoological surveys in all seasons.
- Monitoring visitor use and behavior to protect resources (e.g., impacts of dogs and humans to wildlife).

Archeological, Ethnographic, and Cultural Resources

Research and documentation will include documentation of archeological, ethnographic, natural, and cultural resources. This further study will ensure potentially sensitive resources and traditional cultural properties are identified, recorded, evaluated through consultation with associated tribes, and protected. This will include the following.

- Documenting values, stories, and connections to the natural area.
- Identifying connections between indigenuous peoples and the flora and fauna of the natural area.
- Documenting tradition use connection to the landscape of the natural area and Cache la Poudre River.
- Developing on-site and web-based resources and experiences to share values, stories, and connections to the landscape of the natural area.
- Conducting investigation before any ground penetrating activities to determine the presence, condition, and significance of archeological features.

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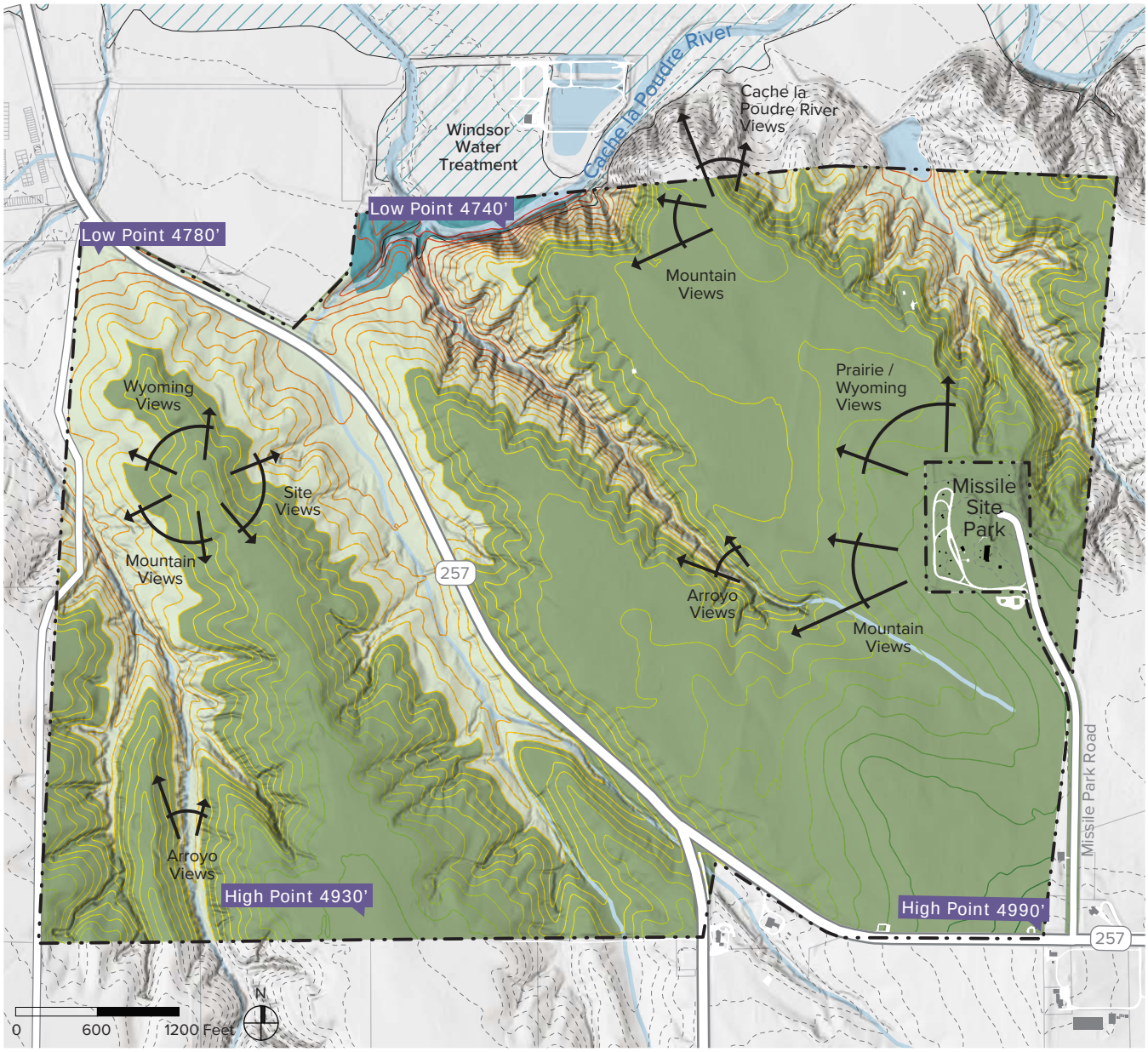
APPENDICES

Appendix A: Existing Conditions



Landscape Character and Scenic Resources

Views

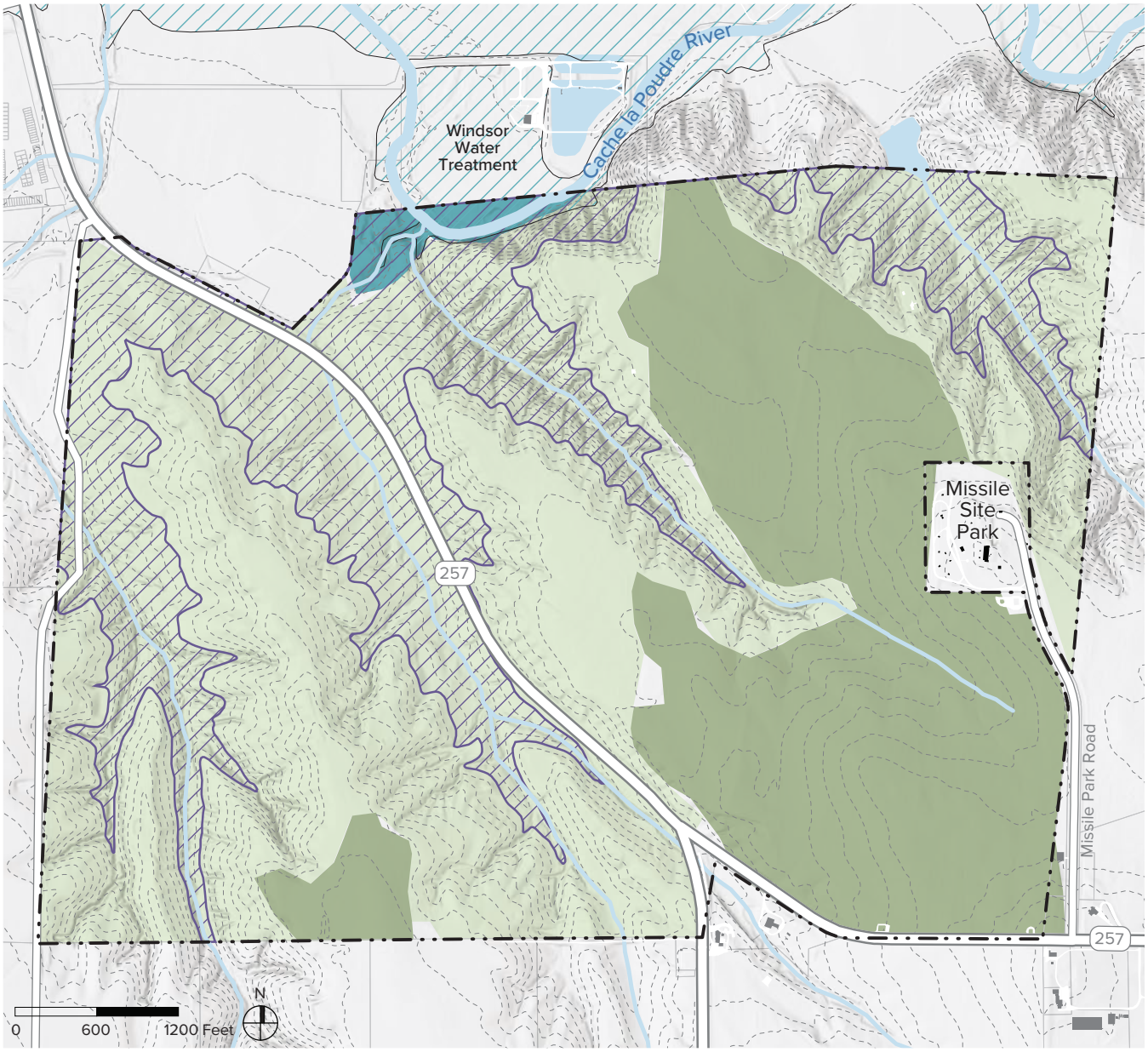
Landscape Character

- Shortgrass Prairie/Grassland[1]
- Arroyo
- Riparian Floodplain[1]
- Base Flood Zone[2]

Elevation

- High Elevation
- Low Elevation

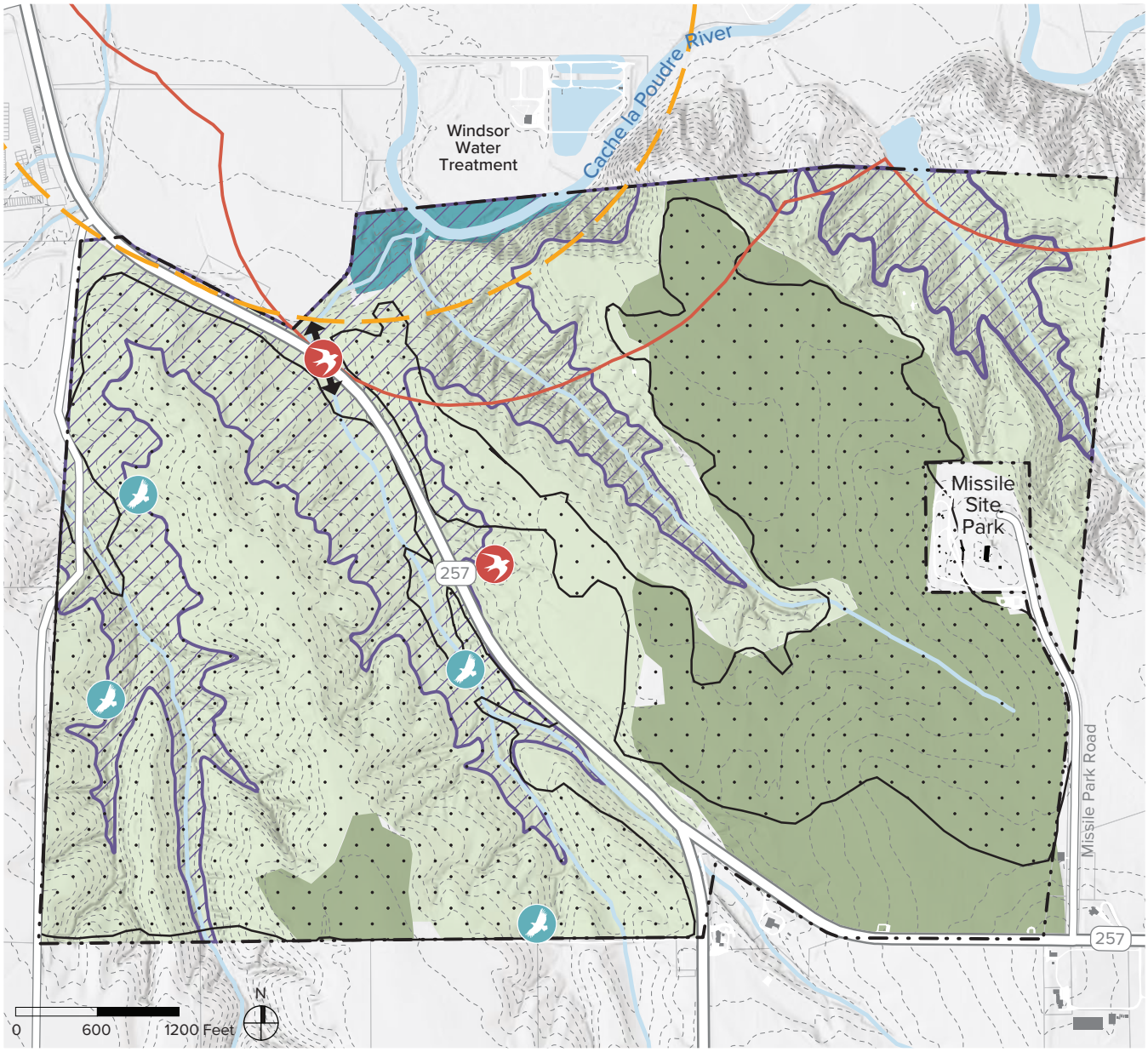
Source: [1]CNHP; [2]Weld County GIS



Ecological Systems

- Shortgrass Prairie[1]
- Disturbed Grassland (abandoned agricultural lands)[1]
- Riparian Floodplain[1]
- Arroyo
- Base Flood Zone (AE)[2]

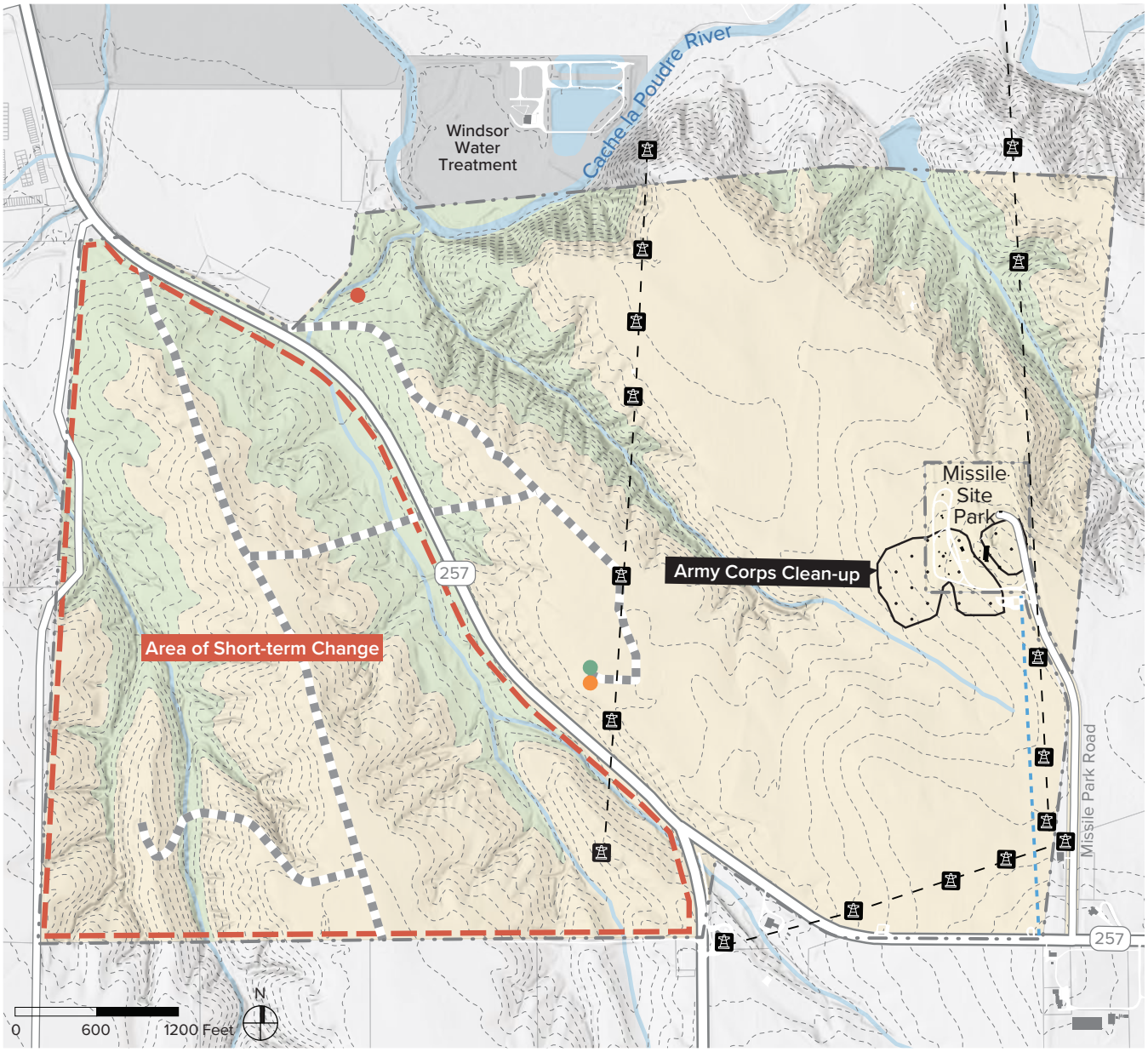
Source: [1]CNHP; [2]Weld County GIS



Wildlife Habitat

- Raptor Nest[1]
- Swallow Nest[1]
- Eagle Nest[1]
- Eagle Nest Buffer (1/2 mile)[1]
- Bald Eagle, Osprey, Great Blue Heron, and White Pelican Foraging[1]
- Prairie Dog Complex[1]
- Arroyo Habitat Area
- Shortgrass Prairie[1]
- Disturbed Grassland[1]
- Riparian Floodplain[1]
- Culvert (HWY underpass)

Source: [1]CNHP



Utilities, Monitoring Sites, and ROWS

- Transmission Line
- Water Line

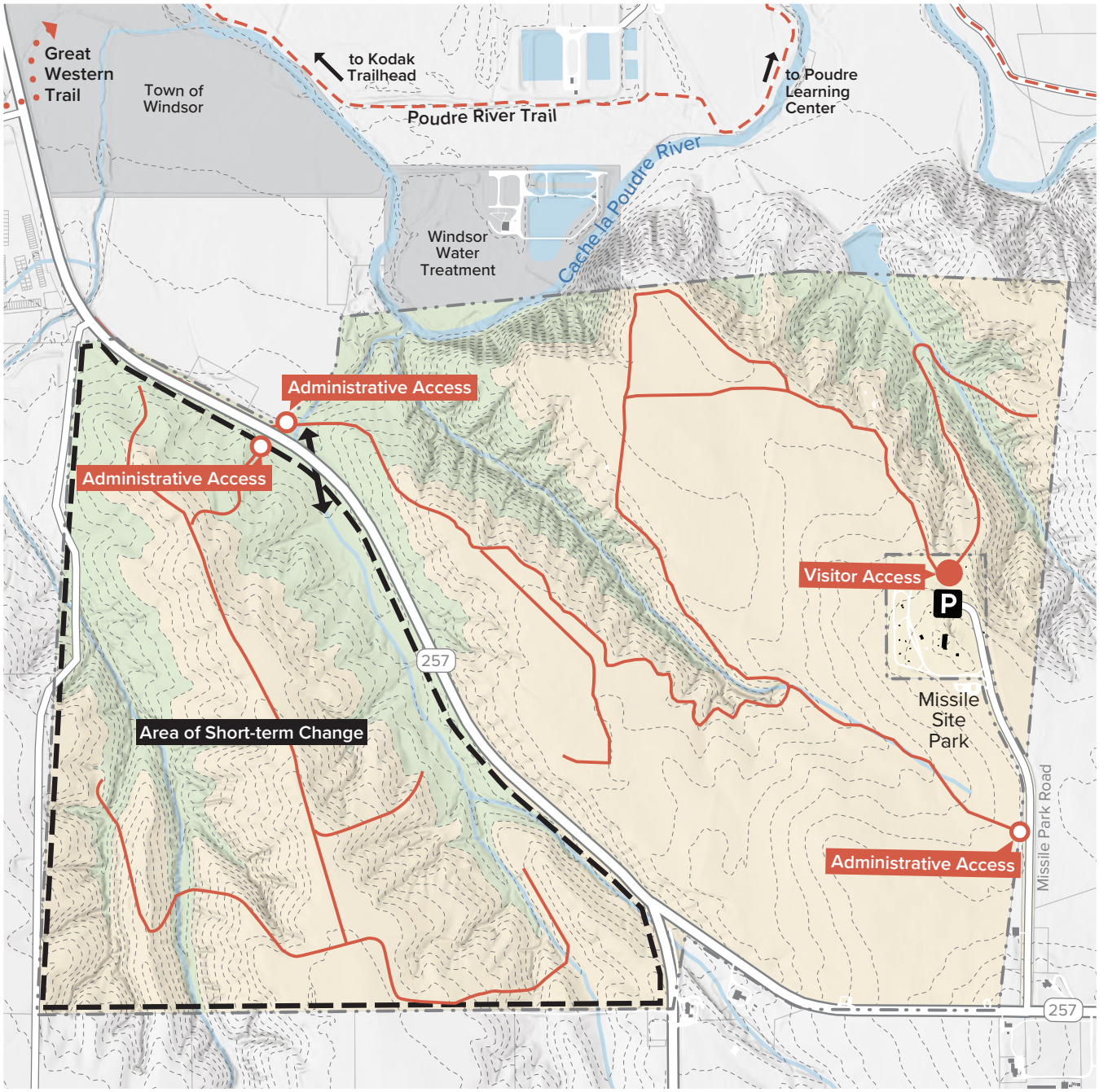
Active Oil and Gas Wells[1]

- Producing
- Shut-in
- Temporarily Abandoned
- Road ROW

Regulatory Site

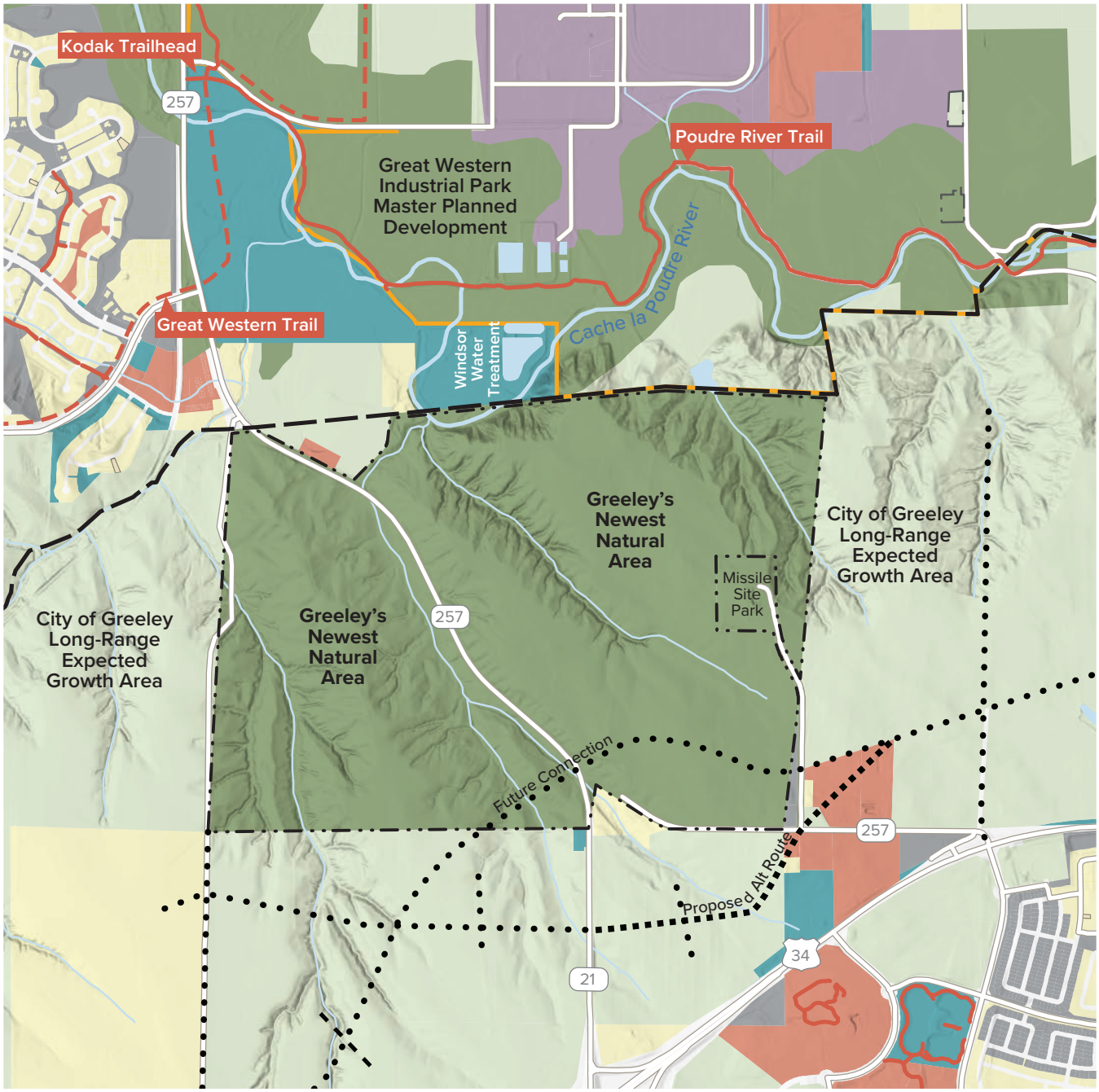
- Monitoring Site

Source: [1]Weld County GIS



Connective Infrastructure

- Gate
- Parking
- Natural Surface Road
- Poudre River Trail
- Culvert (HWY underpass)



Context

- Multi-Use Trail
- Multi-Use Trail (planned)
- Proposed Road
- City of Greeley Long-Range Expected Growth Area
- Great Western Industrial Park Master Planned Development

Land Use

- Open Space/Park
- Agriculture
- Residential Real Estate
- Industrial
- Public - Exempt
- Vacant

Appendix B: Site Plan Alternatives

Summary of Feedback

Two plan alternatives were reviewed by the city, partners, technical advisory committee, stakeholders, and the community. This diverse group expressed a preference for Concept B, indicating the alternative reflects the shared vision of integrating conservation with diverse opportunities for visitor experiences.

The following feedback informed the development of the preferrred alternative presented in this concept plan.

Habitat conservation: Concept B prioritizes conservation while providing for diverse visitor use. The easternmost arroyo provides a critical corridor between Cache la Poudre River and upland foraging resources to the south. Limit visitor use in this arroyo and along the Cache la Poudre River. Prioritize these areas for wildlife habitat.

Accessibility: Ensure trails, parking, amenities, and programming are accessible to visitors of all ages and abilities.

Visitor amenities: Concept B provides the best range and access to amenities. Provide vault toilets at key locations and shade throughout the trail network. Consider designing structures to double as shelters from rain, hail, etc.

Hilltop Hub: Provide picnicking and “introductory” experiences for visitors new to the natural area.

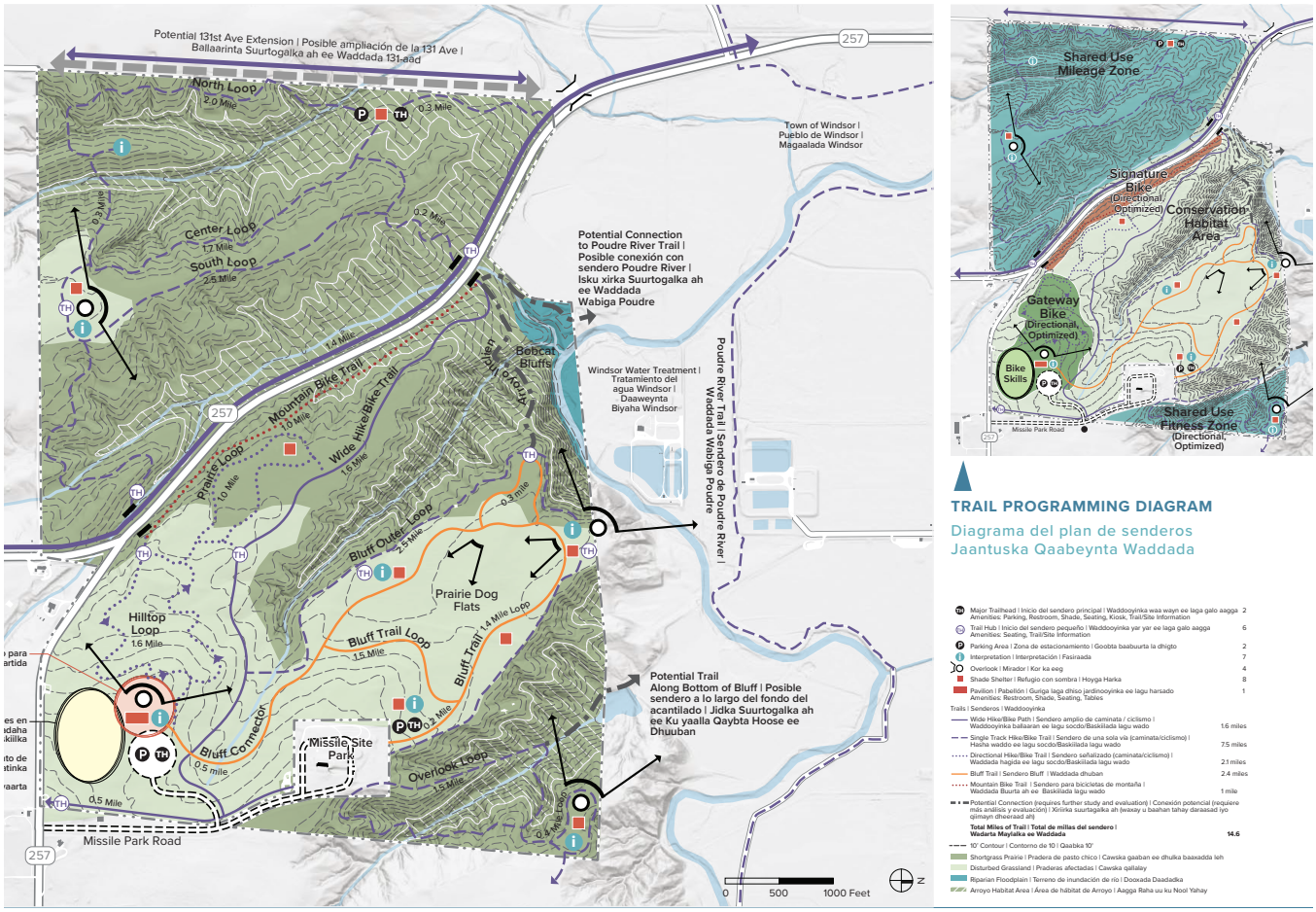
Trail network: Concept B offers the best range of opportunities for all users, ages, abilities, etc. Consider options for loops, opportunities to separate user groups, and locations for trail hubs (designated meeting points for trail users and places where they can make decisions about their trail experience).

Incline trail: Recommend including the incline trail in Concept B. Consider feasibility (is it long/steep enough) and potential increased demand for parking.

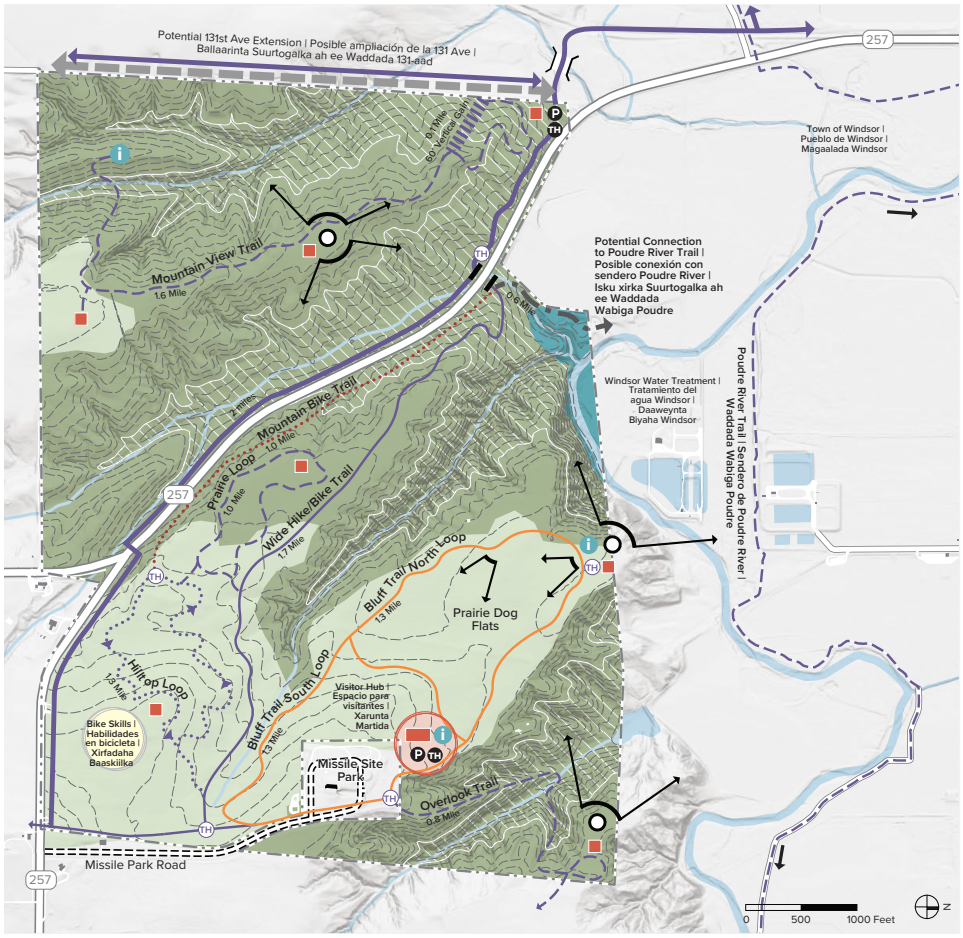
Community connections: Show future connections to the Pourdre River Trail and surrounding community.

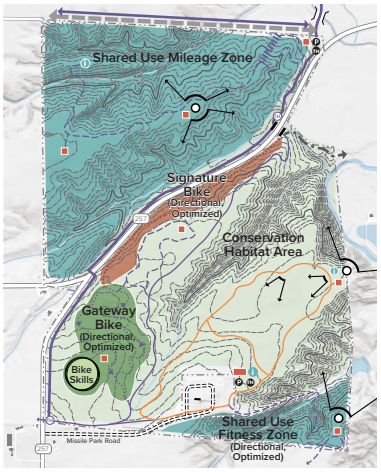
The assessment of alternatives and development of a preferred site included onsite discussion and field truthing with the city, TPL, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (image: Mundus Bishop, 2023).

Concept B - Preferred Alternative



Concept A





TRAIL PROGRAMMING DIAGRAM

Diagrama del plan de senderos
Jaantuska Qaabeynta Waddada

Major Trailhead | Inicio del sendero principal | Waddooyinka waa wayn ee laga galo aagga Amenities: Parking, Restroom, Shade, Seating, Kiosk, Trail/Site Information	2
Trail Hub | Inicio del sendero pequeño | Waddooyinka yar yar ee laga galo aagga Amenities: Seating, Trail/Site Information	4
Parking Area | Zona de estacionamiento | Goobta baabuurta la dhigto	2
Interpretation | Interpretación | Fasiraada	3
Overlook with seating | Mirador | Kor ka eeg	3
Shade Shelter | Refugio con sombra | Hoyga Harka	6
Pavilion | Pabellón | Guriga laga dhiso jardinooyinka ee lagu harsado Amenities: Restroom, Shade, Seating, Tables	1

Trails | Senderos | Waddooyinka

Wide Hike/Bike Path | Sendero amplio de caminata / ciclismo | Waddooyinka ballaaran ee lagu socdo/Baaskiilada lagu wado	1.7 miles
Single Track Hike/Bike Trail | Sendero de una sola vía (caminata/ciclismo) | Hasha waddo ee lagu socdo/Baaskiilada lagu wado	3.4 miles
Directional Hike/Bike Trail | Sendero señalizado (caminata/ciclismo) | Waddada hagida ee lagu socdo/Baaskiilada lagu wado	1.3 miles
Bluff Trail | Sendero Bluff | Waddada dhuban	2.3 miles
Mountain Bike Trail | Sendero para bicicletas de montaña | Waddada Buurta ah ee Baaskiilada lagu wado	1 mile
Incline | Inclinando | Janjeer	.1 mile
Potential Connection (requires further study and evaluation) | Conexión potencial (requiere más análisis y evaluación) | Xiirirka suurtagalka ah (waxay u baahan tahay daraasad iyo qiimayn dheeraad ah)	
Total Miles of Trail | Total de millas del sendero | Wadarta Mayalka ee Waddada	**9.8**

10' Contour | Contorno de 10 | Qaabka 10'
Shortgrass Prairie | Pradera de pasto chico | Cawska gaaban ee dhulka baaxadda leh
Disturbed Grassland | Praderas afectadas | Cawska qallalay
Riparian Floodplain | Terreno de inundación de río | Dooxada Daadadka
Arroyo Habitat Area | Área de hábitat de Arroyo | Aagga Raha uu ku Nool Yahay

Greeley's Newest Natural Area

Site Concept Plan February 2024

Natural Area Property Status Update

Diana Frick, CPRD Director

City Council Work Session – October 22, 2024

Quality of Life

Agenda

- Acquisition
- Site Plan Process
- Site Naming Process
- Purpose: Informational

Acquisition

- Family-owned Shur View LLC for decades
- City attempted to purchase the land for over 20 years to use as an open space and community separator (land use planning)
  - Funded from Quality of Life (QOL) sales tax
- Trust for Public Land led negotiations, in partnership with City
- Funding:
  - $5.55M City of Greeley (QOL funds)
  - $1.25M Great Outdoors Colorado
  - $1.25M Land & Water Conservation Fund
  - $250K Town of Windsor
  - $200K North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) fund

    TOTAL $8.5M
- Property Conservation Protections

Site Plan

- Site Plan grant
- Phase 1: Discovery - Extensive public engagement
- Phase 2: Concepts
- Phase 3: Draft Site Concept

What’s Next

Naming Process

- Year-long naming campaign w/ C&E
- Community engagement
- **Arroyos del Sol;** Park & Recreation Board Recommendation
- Council Presentation
- Submit resolution for Council approval

Questions?

Work Session Agenda Summary

Item: 7.

October 22, 2024
Key Staff Contact: Kelli Johnson, Assistant City Manager

Title:
2025 - 2027 Strategic Plan Update

Background:
At the February 2024 City Council annual retreat, the groundwork for the 2025-2027 strategic plan was laid. During this two-day retreat, Greeley City Council reviewed the existing framework, proposed and explored indicators of success, and sorted and prioritized operational work and new strategic initiatives. This critical step set the stage for the City leadership to refine essential priorities that are aligned with achieving the council's vision for Greeley. The council retreat was followed by a two-day retreat in March with the City's Executive Leadership Team (ELT), which consists of all department heads. During the ELT retreat, the City leadership collaborated to define critical tasks aimed at ensuring progress across the seven key focus areas:

1. Business Growth
2. Community Vitality
3. High-Performance Government
4. Housing for All
5. Quality of Life
6. Safe and Secure Communities
7. Sustainable Infrastructure and Mobility

During spring and summer, city leadership further refined and honed the priorities and worked in tandem with the budget process to align strategy and resources in accordance with the council's desired outcomes. As presented today, the plan includes the priorities established during the council's retreat, key initiatives identified by leadership, measures of success, desired outcomes, and potential new efforts to continue transforming Greeley into Northern Colorado's premier city.

The 2025-2027 *DRAFT* strategic plan centers on cross-functional work, innovative collaboration, and development and is supported at all levels through integration with the budget process.

This work session is the culmination of all efforts to date to put forth a 2025-2027 Strategic Plan. The council's input and feedback are the final steps in completing the plan.

Strategic Focus Area:
Business Growth
Community Vitality
High-Performance Government
Housing For All

Infrastructure and Mobility
Quality of Life
Safe and Secure Communities

Attachments:

1. Item 7 - Presentation

City Council
2025 -2027 Strategic Planning Update

Kelli Johnson, Assistant City Manager
City Council Work Session – October 22, 2024

Agenda

- Organizational Alignment
- Strategic Plan Evolution
- Deliverables
- Next Steps
- Purpose: Provide an update on the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan and solicit feedback.

Leadership Roadmap

February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	May – June 2024
City Council held their Strategic Planning retreat in February.	The ELT held their retreat March 20 and 21 to begin drafting the 2025-27 strategic plan.	April 17-25 stakeholders within each of the 7 focus areas met in small work teams to further identify strtegies and critical tasks.	A second retreat was held with ELT and Deputy level leadership to create inter-departmental work streams, test impacts and implications with departments, and further refine strategies and tasks.	City Manager liaisons are identified and begin working with departments to identify who will accomplish the work, what financial, human, or other resources are needed; potential risks, and mitigation and realistic timelines.

Our Strategic Plan Evolution

June – July 2024	July – August 2024	September – October 2024
City leadership navigates the 2025 budget considerations and impacts. City Council budget retreat July 17.	City leadership adjusted the plan based on budget conversations in July. Final details and updates from staff completed.	DRAFT plan shared with leadership and City Council. Refine and calibrate based on council feedback.

Our Strategic Plan Evolution

Deliverables

Strategic Work Plan

This document serves as an *internal* working tool for tracking and managing the strategic plan.

Dashboard

A visual tool that fosters transparency by providing real-time access to key data and metrics and allowing stakeholders to easily track progress and performance.

2025 -27 Strategic Plan Summary

A physical document that serves as a high-level summary for the council and the public.

Operational Plan

A physical document that provides coucnil with an overview of work that is or will continue to take place as part of daily operations.

Work Plan

- CMO Sponsors
- Champions/Stakeholder
- Resources
- Progress to Completion

Housing for All: Strategic				
CMO Sponsor: Juliana				
Success Measures: • Decrease the number of unsheltered homeless people year over year. • Increase the full range of housing options—affordable, attainable, market & executive—using the number of different building permits to measure. • Increase the use of housing preservation programs, including homeowner rehab assistance and down payment homeownership programs			**Outcomes:** • Anyone who wants to move to Greeley has a housing option • The city is prospering from having a solid pipeline of existing and their families' futures in Greeley homeless longer than 30 days by 2028 unsheltered homelessness by 2028 funding for 90% of the people needing this assistance by 202	
	Timing(est. start. – end)	**Champion & Stakeholder**	**Resources**	**Progress to Completion**
Strategy #1: Create a robust housing model that supports housing options for the full spectrum of Greeley residents				
Task a: Complete and implement a Strategic Housing Plan that: • Establishes the expectations and opportunities for a full range of housing types • Identifies ways for residents of all income levels to find a path to homeownership • Includes plans for preservation, eviction prevention, TBRA, rehab, and COBG • Focuses on ways to partner to create housing options for executives	May 2024-Feb. 2025	Deb Caffies & Internal Housing Committee	$250000 (2024- will apply for internal funds). 1 FTE (2024 request)	

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Business Growth: Strategic				
CMO Sponsor: Allena				
Success measures: • Number of jobs created with wages above city average * Dollar amount of new non-residential investment * Number of retained or new city sales tax producing companies * Number and quality of proactive partnerships that are aligned with economic development targets			**Outcomes:** • Greeley becomes a business place of choice, not alw businesses to Greeley. • Growth in entrepreneurship and innovation • Promote resilient and sustainable economic developm	
	Timing(est. start. – end)	**Champion & Stakeholder**	**Resources**	**Progress to Completion**
Strategy #1: Enhance Greeley business climate				
Task A: Create an Economic Development Strategy (2025-2030) that includes the following key elements: •Existing Conditions Analysis •Market Assessment •Stakeholder Engagement •Incentive Policy: Incentives, Tools, and Resources •Business Recruitment, Retention, and Expansion Strategy •Small Business Development | Innovation & Entrepreneurship Ecosystem •Retail Leakage Study and Recruitment Strategy •Strategic Policies and Initiatives •Implementation Plan •Communications and Marketing Strategy	Started Q1 2024, completion Q1 2025.	**Champion:** John Hall **Stakeholders including but not limited to:** City Council, City leadership, residents, business community, partner organizations such as DDA, education community, private NGO orgs such as Rockies Venture Club and gener8tor, internal city	$0: 2024 financial resources already allocated. Time resources of internal departments needed. No funds allocated for 2025.	20%

Strategic Plan Summary

- High-level summary
- Ties to our Work Plan and the Dashboard

Executive Summary

Community Vitality

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COMMUNITY VITALITY

Greeley is an inviting community of choice that is developed by design. The City's innovative growth management, as reflected in its codes and master plans, intentionally develops the vitality which all residents and visitors enjoy. The City balances new development, redevelopment, and the preservation of open space and natural areas. Quality gateways, connectivity, and a vast network of entertainment, eateries, and abundant recreational opportunities make us the best place to live, work, and play.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS:

- *Increase in home value index as compared to other cities/regions*
- *Increase in citizen satisfaction rating*
- *Increase in proactive code enforcement*
- *Increase in tourism numbers*

EFFECTIVE OUTCOMES:

- *Greeley is a thriving and vibrant community that has a high level of civic engagement*

STRATEGIES WE'LL UNDERTAKE TO ACHIEVE THESE OUTCOMES

Develop higher quality development that prioritize city interests, including increased walkability by:

- Develop and share sub-area planning strategies for East & West Greeley that integrate a holistic approach to development that includes community vitality teams;
- Completing the downtown overlay district
- Integrating walkability into subarea plans.

Enhance the city's code compliance program with the following actions:

- Make updates to development code and improve development review timeline and permit allowance process
- Increasing the number of properties in compliance;
- Develop a system for measuring business owner satisfaction of the code compliance system.

Create tourist worthy destinations and attractions with the following work:

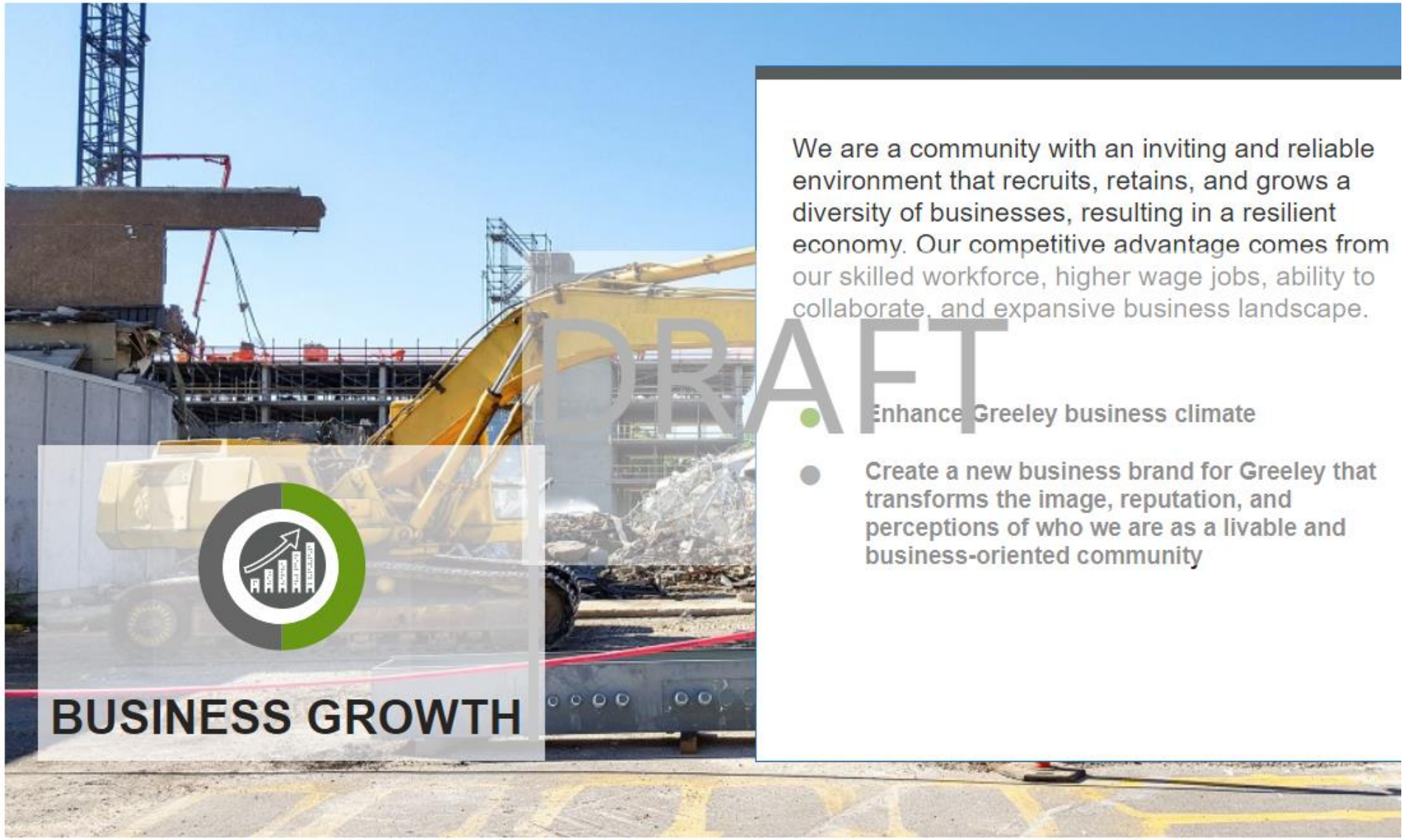
- Develop a Tourism Master Plan
- Support Greeley 2075 efforts
- Evaluate the viability of a standalone Greeley airport

City of Greeley Colorado

Strategic 2025-27 Plan

Strategic Plan Dashboard

https://greeleygov.com/government/cmo/measure



We are a community with an inviting and reliable environment that recruits, retains, and grows a diversity of businesses, resulting in a resilient economy. Our competitive advantage comes from our skilled workforce, higher wage jobs, ability to collaborate, and expansive business landscape.

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- Enhance Greeley business climate
- Create a new business brand for Greeley that transforms the image, reputation, and perceptions of who we are as a livable and business-oriented community

Next Steps

Final Refinement

- October 22 Work session
- Incorporate feedback
- Finalize deliverables
- Complete dashboard

Integration

- Celebrate the milestone
- Leadership accountability
- Organizational adoption
- Normalize and operationalize

Day-to-day

- Live the plan
- Work the plan
- Report the results
- Celebrate the accomplishment

Questions

Work Session Agenda Summary

Item: 8.

Title

Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

Summary

During this portion of the meeting the City Manager or City Council may review the attached Council Calendar or Work Session Schedule regarding any upcoming meetings or events.

Attachments

Council Meetings and Other Events Calendar
Council Meeting and Work Session Schedule
Status Report of Council Initiatives and Related Information

Council Meetings and Other Events Calendars

October 13 – November 16, 2024

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

- 2024 State of the County 7:30 a.m. Aims Community College Welcome Center (4901 W. 20th Street, Greeley, CO 80634)

- City Council Work Session Meeting 6 p.m. (1001 11th Ave Greeley CO 80631) City of Greeley Council Chambers

Thursday, October 24, 2024

- 2024 Spread the Good Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Aims Community College (4901 W 20th St, Greeley, CO 80634) Ballroom

Friday, October 25, 2024

- High Plains Library District Board Trustees' Interview 1 p.m. LINC Library Innovation Center (501 8th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631)

Monday, October 28, 2024

- Greeley Chamber of Commerce 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

- City Council Meeting – No Meeting 5th Tuesday

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

- Upstate Colorado Economic Development 7 a.m. (822 7th Street Greeley CO 80631) Upstate Colorado Conference Room

- Hold Amazon Conference 10:30 a.m. DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park (919 7th St., Greeley, CO 80631)

- Town and County Dinner and Meeting - Board of Commissioners 6 p.m. Weld County Administration Building, Events Center, 1150 O Street, Greeley

Thursday, October 31, 2024

- Poudre River Trail Meeting 7:30 a.m. Poudre Learning Center (8813 W. F Street Greeley CO 80631)

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

- City Council Meeting 6 p.m.- Cancelled

Thursday, November 7, 2024

- Island Grove Advisory Board 3:30 p.m. (600 N. 14th Ave Greeley CO 80631)

- North Front Range MPO Meeting 6 p.m. Fort Collins Colorado River Community Room (222 LaPorte Avenue Fort Collins, CO 80521)

Monday, November 11, 2024

- Veteran's Day Proclamation 11 a.m. Bittersweet Park 35th Ave & 16th St, Greeley, CO 80634

Monday - Thursday, November 11 - 15, 2024

- National League of Cities 8 a.m. Tampa Bay, Florida

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

- City Council Work Session Meeting 6 p.m. (1001 11th Ave Greeley CO 80631) City of Greeley Council Chambers

City Council Meeting Scheduling 2024

	10/15/2024		
	This schedule is subject to change		
Date/Type	**Description**	**Sponsor Presenter/Director or Project Manager**	**Placement/Time**
October 22, 2024 Council Work Session	CPRD Master Plan Update	Diana Frick	WS
	Open Space Update and Naming	Diana Frick	WS
	Strategic Plan Update	Kelli Johnson	WS
November 05, 2024 Council Meeting	Cancelled due to Election Day		
November 12, 2024 Council Work Session	B&C 2024 Triennial Review	Heidi Leatherwood	WS
	Office of Emergency Management Update and Review on Upcoming Priorities	Peter Perez	WS
	Council Compensation Review	Martha Lanaghen	WS
	West Greeley Update	Blair Snow	WS
November 19, 2024 Council Meeting	Proclamation - Alzheimer's Awareness Month	Mayor	Intro
	Proclamation - 16 Days of Activisim Against Gender Violence	Mayor	Intro
	Minutes - Oct 1 & 15 CC; Oct 8 & 22 WS	Heidi Leatherwood	Consent
	Resolution - Ratifying the appointment nominees for the Board of Trustees HPLD	Heidi Leatherwood	Consent
	Resolution - Ratifying the appointment nominees for the Board of Trustees Clearview Library District	Heidi Leatherwood	Consent
	Resolution - Change Order Keep Greeley Moving Concrete Project	Paul Trombino	Consent
	Resolution - Approval of IGA with the Federal Highway Administration Safe Streets for All Grant	Paul Trombino	Consent
	Intro & 1st Rdg Ord - Code amendment to retention period -Administrative Hearing Officer Records	Tasha Reynolds/ Heidi Leatherwood	Consent
	Intro & 1st Rdg Ord - Reauthorizing Boards for B&C	Heidi Leatherwood	Consent
	Intro & 1st Rdg Ord - L&T Annexation	Doug May/Brian McBroom	Consent
	Intro & 1st Rdg Ord - L&T Zoning	Doug May/Brian McBroom	Consent
	Intro & 1st Rdg Ord - Backflow Cross Connection Program	Rebecca Andrus/Sean Chambers	Consent
	Sprypoint CIS - Utility Billing Software Project Overview	Sean Chambers	Regular (Informational)
	Historic Designation Update	Brian McBroom	Regular (Informational)
	Boards & Commissions Appointments	Heidi Leatherwood	Regular
November 26, 2024 Council Work Session	Cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday		
December 03, 2024 Council Meeting	Resolution - Approving DDA Budget	Caleb Weitz	Consent
	Resolution - DDA Mil Levy	Caleb Weitz	Consent
	Resolution - Council Policies and Protocol	Heidi Leatherwood	Consent
	Intro & 1st Rdg Ord - Historic Designation George's Bike Shop	Brian McBroom	Consent
	PH & 2nd Rdg Ord - Code amendment to change the retention period for Administrative Hearing Records	Tasha Reynolds/ Heidi Leatherwood	Regular
	PH & 2nd Rdg Ord - Reauthorizing Boards for B&C	Heidi Leatherwood/Jennifer Middleton	Regular
	PH & 2nd Rdg Ord - L&T Annexation	Doug May/Brian McBroom	Regular
	PH & 2nd Rdg Ord - L&T Zoning	Doug May/Brian McBroom	Regular

City Council Meeting Scheduling 2024

	10/15/2024		
	This schedule is subject to change		
Date/Type	**Description**	**Sponsor** **Presenter/Director or Project Manager**	**Placement/Time**
	PH & 2nd Rdg Ord - Backflow Cross Connection Program	Rebecca Andrus/Sean Chambers	Regular
December 10, 2024 Council Work Session	Xcel Energy Update	Will Jones/Paul Trombino	WS
	Safe Streets for All City of Greeley Vision Zero Action Plan	Steven Younkin/Paul Trombino	WS
	Five Year Housing for All Strategic Plan Update	Deb Callies	WS
	Q3 Financial Report	Robert Miller/Tyra Litzau	WS
	Hold - West Greeley Updates/Negotiations	Blair Snow	WS
December 17, 2024 Council Meeting	Minutes - Nov 19 and Dec 3 CC; Dec 10 WS	Heidi Leatherwood	Consent
	Eminent Domain Discussion	John Hall	Regular (Informational)
	Sidewalk Funding Projects	Steven Younkin/Paul Trombino	Regular (Informational)
	PH & 2nd Rdg Ord - Historic Designation George's Bike Shop	Brian McBroom	Regular
	Boards & Commissions Appointments	Heidi Leatherwood	
December 24, 2024 Council Work Session	Cancelled due to Christmas Holiday		

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Status Report of Council Initiatives

Initiative No.	Council Member Initiating	Council Request	Council Meeting or Work Session Date Requested	Next Steps & Schedule	**Anticipated Deliverable & Date** (Report, Council Presentation, etc.)	Assigned to:
15-2021	Olson	**Formation of a committee for implementation of a funding strategy for the 35th and 47th interchanges.**	December 7, 2021 Council	•Next grant application expected May 2023	• City was awarded a RAISE grant for $20.5 Million. City has submitted for a MPDG grant and is waiting on the results. Discussions continue with CDOT on the 1601 process.	Paul Trombino
04-2023	Hall	**Pumpkin Ridge - Bridge**	March 7, 2023 Council Meeting	•PW report provided to Council on March 24, 2023. Neighborhood meeting planned on June 29, 2023. •Included Raymond's 9/1/2023 Council Update	Bid solicitation, October 3rd, Bids due by October 24th	PW
11-2023	Clark/Butler	**Artificial turf and landscape standards**	August 1, 2023 Council Meeting	•Come back to Council with a draft ordinance	Scheduled for the January 14, 2025 Work Session	Brian McBroom
1-2020	Hall	**Follow-up on the Poudre River Trail- Narrows Project**	August 1, 2023 Council Meeting	•The grant application, which will be submitted in October, will complete baseline river modeling in addition to an alternative alignment analysis which will also look at the existing alignment, with high level cost estimates for each alternative. The scope will also include a 30% design of the preferred alignment. Working with existing consultants, we've established an estimated cost for the design process to get to a 30% of roughly $150,000. •Unless a new alignment comes out of the design process, utilizing the existing alignment or an alternative on the north side of the river identified by past studies will likely exceed $2 million to completed design/permitting and	Received a $45,000 planning grant from the State Trails program in Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Poudre River Trail Corrido, Inc. is contributing $25,000 toward the design process at this integral section of the trail. Natural Areas &Trails (NAT) division of CPRD has contracted Otak to conduct geotechnical analysis for the Narrows section of the Poudre River Trail in west Greeley. NAT and Public Works staff have engaged in the process and provided feedback on the site constraints and possible solutions. The project team will be meeting with Poudre River Ranch area HOA members, the PRTC board, and Councilmember Hall on Sept. 17th to discuss the project and garner feedback from the neighborhood on solutions to secure this section of the trail, and to monitor its condition until design is completed and construction can commence.	Diana Frick
4-2024	Butler	**Requested Work Session for information on the Lincoln Park Redesign- to include status of project, timeline of project and overview of the coming outreach Work Session**	April 2, 2024 City Council Meeting	Requested Work Session for information on the Lincoln Park Redesign- to include status of project, timeline of project and overview of the coming outreach Work Session	The consulting team is working on market analysis and programming opportunities. October 17 there is a on site visit with Steering Committee members, stakeholders, and community open houses to share the first draft of the plan.	CPRD
5-2024	Hall	**Impact Fee Study Structure**	May 7, 2024 Council Meeting	Requested staff bring a report to a future work session explaining more in depth the Impact Fee Study Structure - how the ratio is calculated, review process, timeline of review, and development fees	Staff will come back to a future work session to discuss the Development Code	Allena Portis/Robert Miller/Brian McBroom
6-2024	Butler	**Sidewalk Funding Projects**	May 21, 2024 Council Meeting	Requested staff to come to a work session to report on sidewalk work and plans being done	Presentation at the December 17 Council Meeting as an informational item	Paul Trombino
7-2024	Butler	**Building Permit Fees**	September 17, 2024 Council Meeting	Would like staff to provide information to a work session relating to building permit fees for the last few years and what they are	Staff will be preparing a memo for Council	Brian McBroom

8-2024	Olson	**Code Compliance**	Oct 1, 2024 Council Meeting	Requested staff to present at a future work session on code compliance- what is compliant and what is not and to develop a plan to assist with low-income residents specifically relating to yards and vegetation	Tentatively scheduled for a work session on January 14, 2025	Brian McBroom
10 - 2024	Hall	**Legal Research**	Oct 15, 2024 Council Meeting	Asked staff to produce a report on Legal research for Home Rule Cities in response to the State Law regarding Occupancy, ADU's and Parking Minimums. Also would like included what the cost of challenging state law	Staff will create a report for Council	Legal
11 - 2024	Butler	**HP Rezone Traffic Problems**	Oct 15, 2024 Council Meeting	There was a request for staff to provide a report to council on the HP Rezone area parking, traffic problems, and what has been done in the area. It was also requested that the design standards be included.	Staff will create a report and include the schematics of the area and send to council and have a presentation at a future work session	Brian McBroom

Work Session Agenda Summary

Item: 9.

Title
Adjournment