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**LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

March 14, 2018 – 5:30 PM

**Parks & Recreation Conference Room, 500 E. Third St., Loveland, CO 80537**

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**Notice of Meeting Posted**

**Call to Order**

**Public Comment**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** February 14, 2018

**City Council Liaison Report**

[\*\*Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board Liaison Report\*\*](#)

**5:45-7:00 pm – Discussion/Action Items:**

1. Big Thompson River Master Plan Review – Chris Carlson, Stormwater Engineering
2. Prairie Ridge Natural Area Management Plan Review
3. 2018 Open Land & Trails Work Goals
4. Open Lands & Trails 2019 Budget Information

**7:00-7:30 pm – Reports/Correspondence:**

5. Boards & Commissions Appreciation Event Recap
6. Property Acquisition Updates
7. Open Lands Projects Report
8. Trail Updates

**Executive Session (if necessary)**

*(24-6-402(4)(a) C.R.S.) For information or discussion of the purchase or acquisition of real property*

**Events/Reminders/News:**

March 20-23 – [Volunteer Training for Environmental Education Programming at River's Edge](#) (times vary)

March 22 – [PEEPs Preschool Program "What DO the Deer Hear?" at Loveland Library](#), 9:30 and 11:00 am

April 7 – [Volunteer Stewardship Cleanup Project at Oxbow Natural Area](#), 9am-12pm

April 7 – [Guided Bird Walk, 9:00-10:30 am \(location TBD\)](#)

April 21 – [Spring Waterway Cleanup at Kings Crossing Natural Area, 9am-12pm](#)

**Commission Member Discussion Topics**

**Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting:** April 11, 2018

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### CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2018

Parks & Recreation Conference Room, 500 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Loveland, CO 80537

**Commissioners Present:** Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Andy Hawbaker, Mike Hinterberg, Ross Livingston, Darren Pape, Jim Roode, Jennifer Almstead (LC OLAC Representative.)

**Commissioners Absent:** Jean Whittaker, Bill Zawacki, Don Overcash (Council Liaison).

**Staff Present:** Brian Hayes, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Debbie Eley, Kelly Smith, Shanen Weber.

**The public meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.**

**Approval of January 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes.** Gale Bernhardt made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Rick Brent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Public Comment.** None.

#### Reports/Correspondence:

**1. North Front Range Metro. Planning Org. Non-motorized Corridors.** Ryan Dusil, Transportation Planner for NFRMPO, discussed the plan for regional non-motorized paved corridors connecting 2 or more Northern Colorado communities that have been identified by the MPO. The MPO helps map and inventory trails, loans out trail counters, and helps facilitate grant opportunities and IGAs. An underpass for pedestrian/bike connection is a missing component of the I-25 improvement plan and Loveland, as a member of the NFRMPO Transportation Advisory Council, has requested for this to be considered for inclusion.

**2. Big Thompson River Corridor Master Plan.** Chris Carlson, Stormwater Engineer for the City, has been working on this master plan as a result of the flood, with a grant from the state and HUD. Wright Water Engineers and THK recently completed the final Big Thompson River Corridor Master Plan. The intent of the plan is to create a long-term vision for future improvements for the entire river corridor, regardless of landownership, in order to improve resiliency, restore the natural river function, recommend management and maintenance for the river corridor, and capitalize on the river for recreation, trails and tourism. The comprehensive plan is science-based and community driven. The plan lays out the vision for a resilient, connected corridor, with a goal to preserve ecological functions, improve the fishery and public access, and continue open lands acquisitions to continue to reduce flood hazard. The plan will be presented to boards and commissions, with the ultimate goal of adoption by City Council and the Board of County Commissioners. OLAC members requested additional time to review the plan before making a recommendation. The plan will be revisited at the March meeting for discussion and recommendation.

**3. Open Lands and Trails Policy and Procedure Updates.** Minor changes to Policy 18 - *Management and Stewardship Process and Plans* were presented, simplifying and updating the process for management and stewardship planning to reflect realistic and current procedures. Management plans will be combined by area where possible, such as the Big Thompson River Corridor

and Foothills natural areas. Mike Hinterberg made a motion to recommend approval of the revised Policy 18 - Management and Stewardship Process and Plans to the Open Lands and Trails Manager and the Director of Parks and Recreation. Rick Brent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**4. Boards & Commissions Appreciation Event.** All commission members are invited to the annual boards and commissions appreciation event on March 8.

**5. 2017 Annual Report.** The 2017 Open Lands and Trails Annual Report was distributed.

**6. Property Acquisition Updates.** The East Big Thompson River property recently visited by OLAC closed under the primary contract to another buyer. Demolition projects are underway at several sites as needed. The agricultural lease for community separator properties will be bid out with Larimer County, including Prairie Ridge, Sunset Vista and Long View Farm.

**7. Open Lands Projects Report.** Staff provided the following project updates.

- The Recreation Trail at River's Edge reopened Feb. 3 after the completion of the construction project to replace a failing pipe under the Recreation Trail.
- A project by the Loveland Fishing Club and Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff will help improve fish habitat at River's Edge Natural Area. Volunteers cabled more than 100 recycled trees and weighted them down to be used in Bass Pond as fish habitat. CPW staff will sink the bundles by boat when ice is off the pond.
- Volunteers assisting with seasonal monitoring of raptor nests on Loveland Open Lands attended a joint training with Larimer County and Fort Collins. Nest monitoring provides valuable information about the use, timing, species, and success of raptor nests, to inform management decisions and protect important habitat.
- Staff and volunteers are teaching students at Bill Reed Middle School about orienteering and map and compass navigation with funding from a Colorado Health Foundation grant.

**8. Trail Updates.** Staff provided the following trail updates.

- The Rossum Drive trail connection concrete work is complete. A new pedestrian crossing signal on Rossum is operational. This ¾-mile trail connection provides a new off-street link from Mariana Butte neighborhoods to the City's Recreation Trail System.
- Construction of the Long View Corridor Trail continues along Taft Ave./Shields St. from Loveland to Fort Collins. Rough grading of most of the trail alignment is completed, and bridge abutments are being excavated and poured.
- Loveland received a \$7,000 grant from the Northern Colorado MPO to place a permanent trail counter on the Recreation Trail at Fairgrounds Park. The counter will collect information on use of the trail by different types of users and time of day/season. A trail counter will also be installed on the Long View Trail just north of the intersection with the Recreation Trail at Sunset Vista. Accurate trail counts help inform management decisions, maintenance schedules, and future grant opportunities.

#### **Commission Member Discussion Topics.**

1. Jim Roode noted that Senate Bill 115 passed recently, increasing hunting and fishing license fees, for the first time in 15 years.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



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### LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**AGENDA ITEM:** 1

**MEETING DATE:** March 14, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** Big Thompson River Master Plan

**SUMMARY:** Wright Water Engineers and THK recently completed the final Big Thompson River Corridor Master Plan. The Executive Summary is [available online](#) for reference. Chris Carlson, the City's Storm Water Engineer, presented the master plan at the February commission meeting. Chris will attend the March meeting to answer questions and request the commission's recommendation to City Council, with a goal of adoption by City Council and the Board of County Commissioners. City and County staff were key stakeholders in the process and provided valuable data and input. There was also a high level of citizen input and interest.

This Big Thompson River Master Plan was funded through the City of Loveland and a Community Development Block Disaster Recovery Planning Grant, with the intent of creating guidance for future improvements for the entire river corridor, regardless of landownership.

The goals for the project were:

1. Create a resilient river corridor
2. Improve flood conveyance
3. Preserve and maintain natural areas along the river
4. Support an urban fishery
5. Acquire lands along the river corridor including floodway and floodplain
6. New opportunities for active water-based recreation
7. Regional bike/pedestrian trail from west Loveland to I-25
8. Open lands for wildlife
9. Access to City-owned natural areas and trails
10. Comprehensive maintenance and management plan program
11. Increased community involvement with the river corridor

Loveland Parks and Recreation owns several properties along the Big Thompson River and will be a key player in the implementation of Master Plan recommendations. Additionally, the Plan identified several recreational opportunities within the river corridor which will be considered in Department planning efforts. We believe this has been a valuable process and will help guide use and management of the river corridor for decades to come.

**Commission Action Recommended:** Discussion and recommendation for approval of the Big Thompson River Master Plan to City Council.



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### LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**AGENDA ITEM:** 2

**MEETING DATE:** March 14, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** Prairie Ridge Natural Area Management Plan Review

#### **SUMMARY:**

The Prairie Ridge Natural Area Management Plan has been developed over the past two years with significant input from partners, stakeholders, other experts, and the public. Staff from Fort Collins (25% ownership of the property) and Larimer County (conservation easement holder) have provided expertise in natural resource conservation, sustainable trail-building, and public recreation. Surveys by Colorado Parks & Wildlife and the Colorado Natural Heritage Program also provided valuable source data. Public input was gathered via an open house meeting, online surveys, and in-person surveys at the adjacent Coyote Ridge Natural Area.

The [draft plan](#) is available online for review.

**Commission Action Recommended:** Review and recommendation of the Prairie Ridge Natural Area Management Plan for approval.



## OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**AGENDA ITEM:** **3**

**MEETING DATE:** March 14, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** 2018 Open Lands and Trails Work Goals

**STAFF PRESENTER:** Marilyn Hilgenberg

### **SUMMARY:**

At the beginning of each year, the divisions of the Parks and Recreation Department set goals and work plans for the upcoming year. Based on citizen feedback, priorities set by the Open Lands Advisory Commission, and available resources, staff have established the following goals for the Open Lands and Trails program.

1. Acquisition of Priority Open Land Parcels
  - a. Skyline Natural Area Add-On Parcels
  - b. East Loveland
  - c. West Loveland
2. Management and Stewardship Plans
  - a. Prairie Ridge
  - b. Sunset Vista
  - c. Big Thompson River Corridor Properties
  - d. Skyline
3. Access Projects
  - a. Open Lands & Soft-Surface Trails
    - i. Oxbow East
    - ii. Boise Avenue Trail at Old St. Louis Natural Area
    - iii. Madison Avenue Connection to Old St. Louis NA (*CHF Grant submitted*)
    - iv. Boedecker Reservoir North
    - v. Prairie Ridge Natural Area (*CPW & GOCO Grants submitted*)
    - vi. Sunset Vista Natural Area
  - b. Recreation Trails
    - i. Rossum Avenue Connection
    - ii. Long View Trail at Sunset Vista
    - iii. North Front Range Trail (Surface correction & improved connection)
    - iv. Trail Sign Plan
    - v. Design of Namaqua Avenue Underpass
    - vi. Trail Easement with Copper Ridge Developer at 57<sup>th</sup> Street
4. Field Projects and Property Management
  - a. Invasive Tree Eradication Project along the Big Thompson River (*GOCO Grant to fund 2 weeks of Youth Corp)(Finalize 2017 CWCB Grant Work*)
  - b. Weed Management Program

- c. Demolition of structures at Namaqua West, Sunset Vista & Oxbow East.
- d. Inter-Governmental Agreement with Larimer County for Front Range Trail
- e. Bidding out of Farm Leases in north Community Separator
- f. Inter-Governmental Agreement with Larimer County for Namaqua Bridge
- g. Easement for recreation trail connection east of Denver Avenue
- h. Fishing Access at Willow Bend (*Fishing is Fun Grant submitted*)
- i. Big Thompson River Coalition Project to remove diversion structure @ Namaqua
- j. Big Thompson River Master Plan
- k. City Update of Uniform Development Code

5. Programming and Community Outreach

- a. Increase number of programs and outreach events.
- b. Increase number of volunteers and stewardship
- c. Increase communications (Offero, Social Media, etc...)
- d. Intergenerational Opportunities (*CO Health Foundation (CHF) Grant submitted*)
- e. Middle School Programming (*2017 CHF Grant funding*)
- f. National Trails Day (Bike, Hike & Build)

Staff will discuss with the Open Lands Advisory Commission its work plan and timeline for 2018. Budget funding is appropriated for each of these work items.



## OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**AGENDA ITEM:** **4**

**MEETING DATE:** March 14, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** Open Lands & Trails 2019 Budget Information

**STAFF PRESENTER:** Marilyn Hilgenberg

### **SUMMARY:**

Staff annually evaluates and analyzes the Open Lands and Trails budget and identifies budget issues for discussion with the Open Lands Commission. Because of the timing of the 2019 Budget Schedule, information presented in this packet is preliminary and will be revised before the May submittal date.

#### **1A. 2019 City Budget Proposed Schedule**

March 23, 2018	Capital Improvement Program Submittals Due
March 27, 2018	City Council Study Session for 2019 Budget Development
April 6, 2018	Base Budgets Distribution (salary, rates, allocations, etc) [New Power Plan Software]
May 9, 2018	Budget Presentation to OL Commission (Operations & Capital)
May 18, 2018	Base Budget & Decision Packages Due
June 12, 2018	Council Study Session to Review 2018-2027 CIP & Draft Financial Master Plan
June 14, 2018	Budget Conferences with Departments and City Manager
September 11, 2018	Study Session on 2019 Recommended City Budget
October 2, 2018	Public Hearing and 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading on 2019 Adopted Budget
October 16, 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading on 2019 Adopted Budget

#### **1B. Open Lands and Trails Capital Plans**

Capital Project budget proposals are due by Departments to the Finance Department March 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be discussed with City Management staff and City Council during the 2019 Budget process. Open Lands Sales Tax and Open Lands Capital Expansion Fees were used to meet our capital open lands goals and Conservation Trust (Lottery) and Trails Capital Expansion Fees were used to fund trail projects. Provided below are projects identified in the next 5 years for the Department Open Land and Trail Funds. Division funding priorities align with the standards set forth in the 2014 Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The timing of projects is dependent upon available fund cash flow and staff resources.

## Loveland Parks and Recreation - OPEN LANDS SALES TAX FUND #202 and FUND #263

## Financial Forecast 2019-2023

3/5/2018

## OPEN LANDS TAX

Revised

PROJECTED FUNDS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Total Cash in Fund	7,265,608	5,238,009	3,310,424	3,062,507	3,207,887	3,902,162	
Designated Cash - Future Operation/Mnct <sup>^</sup>	3,059,380	3,059,380	3,059,380	3,059,380	3,059,380	3,059,380	
Available Cash Balance	4,206,228	2,178,629	251,044	3,127	148,507	842,782	
<b>Revenues</b>							
County Open Lands Tax <sup>^</sup>	2,553,519	2,333,321	2,379,019	2,425,631	2,473,175	2,521,670	14,686,335
CE, Leases, Fees & Other	148,429	148,429	148,429	148,429	148,429	148,429	890,574
Interest	70,143	104,760	82,761	91,875	104,256	136,576	590,371
Grants/Partnerships	196,845						196,845
<b>Total Revenue</b>	2,968,936	2,586,510	2,610,209	2,665,935	2,725,860	2,806,675	16,167,280
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Resources</b>	10,234,544	7,824,519	5,920,633	5,728,443	5,933,748	6,708,837	
<b>Expenditures</b>							
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>							
Base Operations/Maintenance	1,250,005	1,275,005	1,300,505	1,326,515	1,353,046	1,380,107	7,885,183
New Operating Descion Packages		14,090	32,620	44,040	23,540	35,000	149,290
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	1,250,005	1,289,095	1,333,125	1,370,555	1,376,586	1,415,107	8,034,473
<b>Capital Outlay</b>							
Operating CapitalEquipment/Vehicles/Signage	15,000	25,000	25,000	50,000	25,000	50,000	190,000
Acquisitions, Developement & Water	1,173,860	1,500,000	500,000	500,000	0	1,800,000	5,473,860
Restoration/Site Development	2,557,670	1,500,000	800,000	400,000	430,000	400,000	6,087,670
Partnerships		200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,000,000
<b>Capital Sub-Total</b>	3,746,530	3,225,000	1,525,000	1,150,000	655,000	2,450,000	
<b>Ending Working Cash Balance</b>	5,238,009	3,310,424	3,062,507	3,207,887	3,902,162	2,843,730	

## OPEN LANDS CEF

PROJECTED FUNDS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Beginning Working Cash Balance	2,341,384	808,117	1,089,158	1,460,161	98,128	86,763	
<b>Revenues</b>							
Open Lands CEF	499,990	482,170	311,380	311,380	430,680	497,270	2,532,870
Interest	37,775	19,903	30,655	22,619	28,987	30,819	170,758
City Loan for Economic Incentives	28,968	28,968	28,968	28,968	28,968	28,968	173,808
<b>Total Revenue</b>	566,733	531,041	371,003	362,967	488,635	557,057	2,877,436
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Resources</b>	2,908,117	1,339,158	1,460,161	1,823,128	586,763	643,820	
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Restorations/Development	2,100,000	250,000	0	1,725,000	500,000	500,000	5,075,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	(1,533,267)	281,041	371,003	(1,362,033)	(11,365)	57,057	
<b>Net Change in Working Cash Bal</b>	808,117	1,089,158	1,460,161	98,128	86,763	143,820	
<b>Ending Working Cash Balance</b>							

\* Policy: Loveland may designate up to 10% of Annual Sales Tax for projects with other agencies for Partner Projects.

Interest and CEF projections based on figures provided by Budget Department

- ^Larimer Country Open Lands Sales Tax Sunsets in 2043.

- ^Larimer Country Open Lands Sales Tax Extension beginning in 2019 Changed % to Cities- Loveland receives \$265K less annually

- ^2015 Loan to City for Economic Incentives Approved by City Council (\$250K- repayable in 10 years)

- Assumes 3% inflation on operating costs annually.

- Although not always projected in cash flow budget estimates, grants will be pursued and will costs associated with some open land projects.

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4 – Open Lands &amp; Trails 2019 Budget Information

## Loveland Parks and Recreation - CONSERVATION TRUST FUND #201 &amp; FUND#262

## Financial Forecast 2019-2023

3/5/2018

## CONSERVATION TRUST

PROJECTED FUNDS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	3,880,808	2,631,918	2,130,349	2,576,269	2,914,651	2,914,651	
Designated Cash for Future Operation/Mnct	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	
Beginning Working Cash Balance	3,380,808	2,131,918	1,630,349	2,076,269	2,414,651	2,414,651	
<b>Revenues</b>							
Lottery Funds	743,700	740,000	743,700	747,419	751,156	754,911	5,166,186
Grants/Other	519,440	600,000					1,119,440
Interest	46,134	52,638	53,259	77,288	46,051	94,726	416,897
<b>Total Revenue</b>	1,309,274	1,392,638	796,959	824,707	797,207	849,638	6,702,523
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Resources</b>	5,190,082	4,024,556	2,927,308	3,400,976	3,711,858	3,764,288	
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Base Recreation Trail Operations & Maintenance	427,640	342,607	351,039	363,325	376,041	389,203	2,422,843
New Operational Decision Packages					60,000		60,000
<b>Capital Outlay</b>							
<b>Recreation Trail</b>							
Segment 12- Denver to Boyd Lake Easement Acquisition	50,000						50,000
Segment 10- Wilson to Namaqua	460,000						460,000
Namaqua Bridge Oversize for Future UP	225,000	150,000					375,000
Segment 8- 29th St Imprv/43rd & Wilson		235,000					289,641
Segment 7- N. Hwy 287 to 57th Louden Ditch (D)	809,542						809,542
Namaqua Avenue Underpass- (Partial MPO Grant Reimburser	160,000	1,166,600					1,326,600
<b>Regional Trails</b>							
Long View Trail	325,982						325,982
South Front Range Trail				123,000	1,589,000		1,712,000
East Big Thompson River Corridor							0
<b>Trail Wayward Signage Program</b>	100,000						100,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	2,558,164	1,894,207	351,039	486,325	2,025,041	389,203	7,931,608
<b>Net Change in Working Cash Bal</b>	(1,248,890)	(501,569)	445,920	338,382	(1,227,834)	460,435	
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	2,631,918	2,131,918	2,576,269	2,914,651	1,686,816	3,375,085	

## TRAILS CEF

PROJECTED FUNDS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Beginning Working Cash Balance	1,216,698	887,663	895,850	(91,551)	94,029	353,626	
<b>Revenues</b>							
Trails CEF	297,990	287,370	185,580	185,580	256,680	296,370	1,509,570
Interest	9,291	17,907	22,289	0	2,917	12,227	64,631
<b>Total Revenue</b>	307,281	305,277	207,869	185,580	259,597	308,597	1,574,201
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Resources</b>	1,523,979	1,192,940	1,103,719	94,029	353,626	662,223	
<b>Rec Trail Development/Acquisition</b>							
Segment 10a- Wilson to Namaqua	158,096						158,096
Segment 10c- Rossum to W Hwy 34	278,220						614,220
Front Range Trail System	100,000		336,000				100,000
Segment 12- Denver to Boyd Lake (D)		297,090	859,270				1,156,360
East Big Thompson River Corridor					418,000		418,000
Madison Avenue	100,000						100,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	636,316	297,090	1,195,270	0	0	418,000	3,085,485
<b>Net Change in Working Cash Bal</b>	(329,035)	8,187	(987,401)	185,580	259,597	(109,403)	
<b>Ending Working Cash Balance</b>	887,663	895,850	(91,551)	94,029	353,626	244,223	

Designated Cash Emergency Reserve: Amount of \$500,000 to be reviewed Annually by the Commission

Long Term operation and maintenance of recreation trail projected to be funded in Conservation Trust Fund

T= Temporary Trail Connection, D= Developer Dependent and L= Not part of the Trail Loop

2020  
Unfunded Wilson UP \$1855000

Interest and CEF projections based on figures provided by Budget Department

-Segment 12- Denver to Boyd Lake is extension spur from Loop Trail to Centerra Trail

Untunded: Future Trail Pedestrian Arterial Street Underpasses/Crossings

COMMISSION ACTION RECOMMENDED: Informational and Budget Discussion



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### LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7

**MEETING DATE:** March 14, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** Open Lands Project Report

**SUMMARY:**

- Removal of invasive Russian olive, Siberian elm, and tamarisk trees was completed on a section along the Big Thompson River south of Fairgrounds Park utilizing funding from a Colorado Water Conservation Board grant.
- Asbestos has been removed from the old farm structures at Sunset Vista Natural Area. The small stone structure will be preserved as part of the historical interpretation planned for the site.
- Loveland has applied for an Infrastructure Grant from the Colorado Health Foundation to assist with making a trail connection from Madison Avenue into Old St. Louis Natural Area. This project also specifically addresses the need for intergenerational access and programming.
- The Department has been working with Colorado Parks and Wildlife on a “Fishing is Fun” grant to install an accessible fishing dock at Willow Bend Natural Area to encourage youth and family fishing.
- Because of the large number of stewardship projects planned on Loveland’s open lands, volunteer recruitment has already begun to get groups lined up to help with many projects including trail building, restoration and plantings, weed removal, waterway and trash clean-up. Volunteers can register at <https://offero.cityofloveland.org>
- A guided bird walk at River’s Edge Natural Area on March 3 attracted nearly 50 participants and numerous bird species. Future bird walks are planned on the first Saturday at each month at varying locations. Participants can sign up at <https://offero.cityofloveland.org>

**Commission Action Recommended:** Informational.



## LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**AGENDA ITEM:** **8**

**MEETING DATE:** March 14, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** Trail Updates

### **SUMMARY:**

- Construction of the new section of paved Recreation Trail to Rossum Drive is complete. The contractor is waiting for warmer weather to finish seeding the areas along the new trail. This new connection adds about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of additional concrete trail in Loveland to be open in late March. Staff plans to host this year's June 2<sup>nd</sup> National Trails Day activities at Oxbow Natural Area to feature this new trail and a stewardship project to provide more opportunities to connect with Loveland's Natural Areas.
- Staff is working with the contractor of the North Front Range Trail to address concerns raised by citizens on the uneven surface of part of Loveland's section of the trail. Modifications are planned to address these issues and provide a more enjoyable trail experience.
- Construction of the Long View Corridor Trail is proceeding with a planned completion of Summer-Fall 2018. Bridge abutments have been poured for the two bridges in Loveland's section of the trail.
- Loveland has finalized an IGA with Larimer County to share maintenance duties related to the north Front Range Trail. Loveland will mow the trail corridor and perform snow and trash removal. Larimer County will complete weed management and safety services.

**Commission Action Recommended:** Informational.

# WATERWAY CLEAN-UP EVENT

**April 21, 2018**

**9am - Noon**

**backup date: April 28, 2018**



## LOCATIONS:

- Centennial Park
- Civic Center
- World Beverage
- High Plains Environmental Center
- Kings Crossing Natural Area

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