The mission of the Larimer County Open Lands Program is to preserve and protect significant open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and develop parks and trails for present and future generations. These open lands provide opportunities for leisure, human renewal and protection of our natural and cultural resources.

Please call Sandy at 970-679-4592 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

REGULAR MEETING
• Approval of the meeting minutes for March 28, 2013
• Review Agenda and enclosures

INTRODUCTIONS: Sandy Werkmeister, new Department Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

INFORMATION:
• The volunteer planting event held March 30 was a big hit. About 25 volunteers planted over 200 trees and shrubs along Fossil Creek at River Bluffs Open Space. Special thanks to the Friends of Larimer County Parks and Open Lands, Colorado State Forest Service and Trailcology for partnering with us.
• Attached are the County’s draft Conservation Easement Best Management Practices, a set of rules that guides the acquisition and stewardship of conservation easements by the Open Lands Program. These rules reflect recent guidelines provided by the Colorado Division of Real Estate, Colorado Open Space Alliance, Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts Center of Excellence Program and the Land Trust Alliance.
• Report from the Open Lands Operations Manager - See enclosure
• Linda Beach, a fiber artist from Estes Valley, was selected as the 2013 Visual Artist for Larimer County Natural Resources Department.
• Berthoud, Estes Park, Johnstown & Windsor annual summaries of sales tax spending. Loveland’s report coming next month. Still working on the others.
• Filming for the Colorado Lottery video projects will take place on 4/30 and 5/4. Poudre River, Laramie Foothills Mountains to Plains, and Horsetooth Recreation improvements will be featured, along with our partnerships.
• Our Lands – Our Future (OLOF) update

➢ To sign up for Parks Advisory Board minutes go to http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm put in your email and click ‘subscribe’, then check “Parks Advisory Board” box
➢ Natural Resource Events for May. See website http://larimer.org/naturalresources/news.cfm

PRESENTATIONS:
• Comparative Analysis of Housing in Conservation Developments: Colorado Case Studies – Sarah Reed, Colorado State University

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
• City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Annual Report – John Stokes, Mark Sears
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FINANCIAL REPORT:
• No update (Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2011-2013)

BOARD COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Items not on the agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (24-6-402(4)(a) C.R.S. Purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or
personal property interest.
• We will have an Executive Session.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2013 - Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E. Third St., Loveland

Attachments:

1. Agenda for April 25, 2013 meeting
2. Minutes of March 28, 2013 meeting
3. draft - Conservation Easement Best Management Practices - April 2013
4. Open Lands Operations Report
5. Three images of artwork by Linda Beach, Visual Artist of the Year.
6. Berthoud, Estes, Johnstown & Windsor annual summaries of sales tax spending
7. Housing in Conservation Developments-2012 CSU study
8. Open Space Sales Tax Activity report for prior month
9. Newspaper Items

Handouts:
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