

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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FINAL REVIEW Robert & Mary Meininger – Trail Easement

Date: February 17, 2015 Staff Assigned: Johnson

Values (shown in bold):

Scenic Significant Plants/Natural Agricultural

Buffer Communities Geological/Paleontological

Wildlife Habitat Outdoor Recreational Educational

Wetlands Historic/Archaeological **Other** (explain in narrative)

Property Description:

This trail easement purchase is at the east end of the Swets trail easement that we acquired last year and is very near the approach going underneath the CR5 Bridge along the Poudre River. Although small in size, this additional trail easement is recommended for purchase for several significant reasons.

Firstly, the turn radius approaching and going underneath the CR5 Bridge will increase from a 25' radius to a 50' radius thereby providing an increased and safer sight distance for trail users. A 50' radius is the minimum radius that our engineers try to adhere to in trail design when considering trail user safety.

Secondly, the purchase of this easement will reduce overall project construction costs. Without this additional trail easement, engineer's will have to design and construct an extension of the bridge wing-wall within the public right -of-way of CR5 and will also necessitate a lane closure on CR5 during construction. The design and construction of the larger wing-wall will cost approximately \$25,000.

Quadrangle Timnath

Short Legal Parcel in Section 3 T 6 N-R68 W

Acreage: .005ac (202 sq ft)

Current Zoning: FA1-Farming

Adjacent Zoning: FA1-Farming

Water Rights: N/A
Mineral Rights: N/A
Liens: N/A

Value: \$400 to \$600

Evaluation Criteria:

Values

Environmental/Ecological

Scenic/Aesthetic/Sense of Place

Outdoor Recreation

N/A

N/A

Historical/Archaeological N/A



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Geological/Paleontological N/A
Information/Education N/A
Context N/A
Political Factors N/A
Price High

Ownership Information:

Partners:

None

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Property Rights Involved (shown in **bold**):

Trail Easement

Purchase Price:\$7,500Price Per Acre:N/AFinancial Terms:N/A

Funding Sources:

Larimer County Natural Resources
\$7,500

Total: \$7,500

Closing Date(s): To be determined

Open Lands Advisory Board Recommendation: Requested

Board of County Commissioners Approval: Awaiting OLAB Review to Request