



JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE

Fact Sheet

January 1, 2011

Open Space Mission:

“The Mission of Jefferson County Open Space is to preserve open space lands and natural and cultural resources, and to provide for quality park and recreational experiences.”

Organizational Structure:

Open Space is a division within the Community Resources Department of Jefferson County, Colorado. The Community Resources Department consists of these divisions: Open Space, Fairgrounds, Boettcher Mansion and Colorado State University (CSU) Extension.

* The County Weed and Pest Program shares County General and Open Space funding.

Policy Oversight:

An appointed ten-member, two-alternate member volunteer Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) makes recommendations based on staff research and investigation to the Board of County Commissioners for action. Appointment by the Board of County Commissioners is for a three-year term with three members representing the Cities, three members representing the County, three members At-large and one representing Recreation Districts. Open Space Policy and Procedures are detailed within Part 6: Management and Use of County Property, Chapter 4: Open Space and Part 2: Board Administration, Chapter 2: Establishment of Appointed Boards, Section 3: Open Space Advisory Committee of Jefferson County Policies and Procedures.

2009-2010 OSAC Members:

John Litz, City	Ken Morfit, City	Frank Barone, City
John Wolforth, County	Kevin Burke, County	Felicity Hannay, County
Wayne Forman*, At-large	Rebecca Watson, At-large	Jan Wilkins, At-large
Bob West, Recreation Districts	Tookie Sherder, Alternate	James Lancy, Alternate

*Chairman

Open Space Division:

The Director of Open Space oversees the sections that make up the Open Space program. The sections include Administration & Education Services, Park Operations, and Planning & Development, Public Information and Real Estate. Administration & Education subsections include Lookout Mountain Nature Center, Hiwan Homestead Museum and Visitor & Resource Protection. Sub-sections within Park Operations include Park Construction; Natural Resources Management; Park Services; and Trail Services.

Funding:

The residents of Jefferson County voted to tax themselves one-half of one percent on sales to fund the Open Space program in 1972. Sales tax proceeds are distributed to cities within the county based on motor vehicle registrations with the remaining funds allocated to unincorporated Jefferson County. In 1980 Open Space Funds were extended to allow for construction, maintenance and management of park and recreation facilities. In 1998 voters approved the bonding of \$160 million toward an aggressive acquisitions plan for the program.

Acreage As of 1/1/11:

TOTAL ACRES ACQUIRED:	51,212 acres		
Unincorporated Fee, Conservation Easement or Donation	40,512.3		
Acres acquired and deeded to cities:	8,194.9		
<i>Arvada</i>	<i>1,869.5</i>	<i>Morrison</i>	<i>104.7</i>
<i>Edgewater</i>	<i>16.7</i>	<i>Mountain View</i>	<i>0.3</i>
<i>Golden</i>	<i>194.2</i>	<i>Westminster</i>	<i>3,046.1</i>
<i>Lakewood</i>	<i>2,609.0</i>	<i>Wheat Ridge</i>	<i>346.8</i>
** <i>Broomfield</i>	<i>7.9</i>		
Acres leased to recreation districts/managed by other:	2,078.1		
Leased by JCOS	426.7		

** acquired prior to becoming City & County of Broomfield
Figures adjusted from Master Log

Staff: Permanent (Full time equivalent) 96.9
 Volunteers 750 - 1000

Annual Visitors: 2 million

Trails:
 Total miles of trails: approx. 210 miles

Open Space Parks/Properties:

- Alderfer/Three Sisters Park
- Apex Park
- Cathedral Spires Park
- Centennial Cone Park
- Clear Creek Canyon Park (*at Mayhem Gulch; Grant Terry Park*)
- Crown Hill Park
- Deer Creek Canyon Park
- Flying J Ranch Park
- Elk Meadow Park (*includes Noble Meadow and Dog Off-leash Area*)
- Hildebrand Ranch Park
- Hiwan Homestead Museum
- Lair o' the Bear Park
- Lookout Mountain Nature Center & Preserve (*land area and trails*)
- Matthews/Winters Park (*includes Hogback*)
- Meyer Ranch Park
- Mount Falcon Park
- Mount Galbraith Park
- North Table Mountain Park (*currently under development*)
- Pine Valley Ranch Park
- Reynolds Park
- South Table Mountain Park
- South Valley Park
- Van Bibber Park
- Welchester Tree Grant Park
- White Ranch Park (*including Ralston Creek Corridor*)
- Windy Saddle Park (*including Mt. Zion*)

Properties not developed: *Properties listed below are undergoing park planning and are not officially open to public use as an Open Space Park. *"Ranson Edwards Homestead" is named by deed and shall be designated as part of the Coal Creek Canyon Open Space.*

- Coal Creek Canyon (includes Ranson Edwards Homestead, Asel, & Lacy)*
- Halm Park*
- Mount Glennon*
- Mount Lindo*
- Mount Tom-Van Bibber Headwaters*

Five -Year Financial Strategy 2011-2015: (in millions)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Budget	28.10	29.57	30.86	31.21	31.82
Annual Designated Reserve	1.55	1.59	1.63	1.67	1.70
Total Budget Obligation	29.65	31.16	32.49	32.88	33.52
Est. Fund Balance/Carry forward	32.40	28.75	24.14	18.66	13.35
Estimated Annual Revenue	24.45	24.96	25.38	25.90	26.42
Total Revenue	56.85	53.71	49.52	44.56	39.77
Available Fund Balance	27.20	22.55	17.03	11.68	6.25

A 3% annual increase is projected for Operations 2012-2015
 TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUES INCLUDE ALL REVENUE SOURCES.
 Five Year Fund Balance 2011 - 2015 projected from 2010 Estimated Levels.



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