Community Resources Quarterly Report

2010 Accomplishments

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JEFFERSON COUNTY

BOETTCHER MANSION

- Hosted 275 Special Events including 130 weddings and receptions, 80 conferences, 25 county functions, 16 special interest tours, 6 bridal shows/vendor previews, 4 memorial services, 7 holiday parties, 2 rehearsal dinners, a surprise proposal, sorority formal, graduation party, baby shower and independent film shoot
- Hired Master Gardener - CSU Extension Program Graduate Robert Chavoustie
- Expanded gift shop and "Path to Posterity"
- Capital Improvements included installation of evaporative cooling system in kitchen, refinished Fireside Room floors and upgraded septic system/drainage field

CSU EXTENSION

- Project Pride at Red Rocks Elementary School Extension helped to create an outdoor classroom and environmental education walking trail around the perimeter of the school grounds using Conservation Trust Funds. Eagles Nest Owls Roost summer environmental education camp will use this site
- The April Energy Efficiency Trade Show hosted by Jefferson County CSU Extension at the Jeffco Fairgrounds was recognized at the annual CSU Extension Forum

Red Rocks Elementary outdoor classroom

- Work crews from the Recovery Court in Jefferson County cleared and planted gardens on the grounds of the Governor's Residence
- Extension personnel from the CSU campus and Jefferson County participated in an Urban Ag tour on November 19th to have a better understanding of community gardens, raising chickens, bees, fish and other locally grown food efforts

FAIRGROUNDS

- Facility revenue increased 10% or $39,000
  - Five new banner advertisements were sold for the Event Center
  - Increased Approved Vendors revenue by $6,000
  - Increased RV site rentals by 17% or $14,000
- Expanded WiFi service to entire campground
- Fair Advisory Board voted to ban Coleaderos at the Fairgrounds until further notice
- Hosted 81 new or first-time events, 10,000 + total event days of activity
- Improvements included new Kiosk map signs, fences, group fire pit, foot bridge, Disc Golf course, planting of new trees and expansion of picnic area parking
- Volunteer Camp Host Program provided 1,800 hours of service in exchange for RV rental site

OPEN SPACE

Administration and Education Services

- $2 million in Joint Venture Grants were awarded to six cities and nine park and recreation districts and $150,000 in Conservation Trust Fund Grants awarded to nine agencies
- Updated rules and regulations to address trail etiquette, yielding and visitor use enforcement on Open Space trails

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Hiwan Homestead Museum

- Ten special events were held including living history portrayals, exhibitions, concerts, festivals, celebration, and holiday teas
- Cataloging was completed of 7,000 historic photographs from the Jefferson County Historical Society's collection for photo digitization
- Tours, Education programs, and outreach programs have served approximately 16,000 visitors

Lookout Mountain Nature Center

- There were more than 35,000 visitors to the Nature Center and overall visitation and program participation reached 53,222 people
- Delivered 224 programs to groups
- Special Events offered this year included Search the Night Sky in May and September, Wildflower Festival in June, the River Festival in August, Halloween Trail in October, and Nature's Gifts in December
- Pine Valley Depot & Outreach included 1,591 visitors on weekends from May through September
- Implemented chool bus transportation funding program made possible by the Jeffco Open Space Foundation, Inc.
- Interpretive signs completed at Deer Creek Canyon, Hildebrand Ranch and Matthews/Winters Parks
- Completed the new Discovery Room

Lair o' the Bear environmental education program

Visitor and Resource Protection

- Implemented new Yielding Regulation
- Responded to 70 emergency incidents
- Coordinated 20 Bike Right and five Leave No Trace events
- Lead four Colorado Open Space Alliance sessions/field trips including Changing Management and Volunteer Management sessions; Biking Field Trip and Ralston Field Trip)
- Coordinated the Regional Enforcement Roundtable
- Created and implemented the new Camp Jr. Ranger Program
- Helped implement the ambassador "Bandana" program to promote trail etiquette with five organizational partners
- Volunteer hours exceeded 22,000

Park Operations

- Park Construction crews completed the Mayhem Gulch vault toilet, storage shed for the Nature Center, North Table Mountain entry sign. Demolition of the unwanted structures at Hildebrand Ranch, Flying J Ranch Parks and the shop/garage at the Rooney Property were also completed.

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- Completed 200-acre forestry/fire mitigation project at Alderfer/Three Sisters - Evergreen Mountain; 46-acre project at Ranson Edwards; and 45-acre project at Elk Meadow and received $12,220 grant money from the 2010 Emergency Supplemental Funds grant
- Treated 85 mountain pine beetle trees and 580 acres for noxious weeds
- New trails completed:

Reynolds	1.47 miles of trail
Meyer Ranch	0.30 miles of trail
Apex	1.35 miles (net gain of trail inventory 2.97 miles)
Crown Hill	1.1 miles of crushed gravel trail

- Gathered GPS data to create Park Inspection Maps for use by employees and volunteers and developed a database to track trail maintenance

Planning and Development

- The entry drive, creek crossing, drainage improvements and Hayland Ditch relocation were completed at Hildebrand Ranch Park as well as the opening of a new trailhead
- All Planning & Development staff are now certified Erosion Control/Stormwater Quality Inspectors
- Multiple stakeholder meetings for upcoming projects included Save The Mesas, PLAN Jeffco, Neighbors of Apex, Alderfer/Three Sisters, Elk Meadow Parks, and City of Golden staff
- Completed Alderfer/Three Sisters Park east parking lot expansion from 22 to 31 spaces
- Worked with County Planning & Zoning on guidelines for natural surface trail grading permits and stormwater/erosion control.

Westernaires serve as color guard at Hildebrand Ranch Park Opening

Public Information

- Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Study completed on behalf of Boulder, Gilpin and Jefferson County as part of Section 3403 of H.R. 146 - Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009
- Apex Park Management implementation and education, volunteer training for InfoBlitz, and fall celebration

Apex Park trail management sign

- Cohosted Colorado Open Space Alliance Conference in September
- Hildebrand Ranch Park Opening/Dedication
- Fuelwood Sales team received BCC Customer Service recognition
- 57 Park Hosts participated in the 2010 Park Host Program including support at 17 special events
- "Volunteer Special Assignments" were introduced to support Public Information efforts including trail use changes at Apex Park, social trail issues at the dog off-leash area, visitor education at Hildebrand Ranch, South Table Mountain and NorthTable Mountain Parks

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- Supported "Open Space Volunteer Times" quarterly newsletter with articles, editing and mailing. Conducted three Park Host trimester meetings including annual Host recognition, joint Host/Patroller barbecue and an educational hike

Real Estate

- Wheat Ridge, Athanasopoulos land exchange for Wheat Ridge's Gateway Park
- Golden, Bachman identified by Golden for a 14-acre neighborhood park
- Coal Creek Canyon Park, Cimarron Commercial, LLC in the Front Range Mountain Backdrop
- Local Government Best Practices Handbook authorship contributions in partnership with Great Outdoors Colorado and other local open space agencies
- Conservation Easement State Certification -Jefferson County Open Space received certification from the State of Colorado's Division of Real Estate. The certification enables Open Space to continue accepting Conservation Easements for which a state tax credit is claimed
- Surveys were completed for the North Table Mountain Park Xcel easements; Elk Meadow "dog off-leash" trail; Matthews/Winters Park CDOT access easements; Open Space shop; Cub Creek trail; Pine Valley/Corbett ownerships; Three Dinos survey; Crown Hill Park Parking lot; and Alderfer/Three Sisters Park east fence line
- Licenses, Leases, Cooperative Agreements and Easements for parks management were completed with the State Land Board, Jefferson County Historical Society, Jefferson County R-1 School District and the City of Golden

WEED AND PEST

- Partnered with Federal, State, county and city agencies in:
  - Northern Front Range Mountain Pine Beetle Task Force
  - Firewood Task Force
  - Riparian Invasive Plant Team
  - Pulling For Colorado
- Seasonal staff surveyed 45 miles of riparian corridor and mapped 15 species of noxious weeds on 1,350 acres
- Initiated 365 individual contacts and responded to requests for technical support. Conducted five formal and eight informal enforcement actions