Community Resources Quarterly Report
Second Quarter 2011

April-June
2011

JEFFERSON COUNTY

BOETTCHER MANSION

- Hosted 97 Special Events including 28 weddings and receptions, 17 rehearsals, 21 conferences, 5 county functions, 21 special interest tours, 2 bridal shows/vendor previews, 2 memorials, and the Colorado Arts & Crafts Society "Gathering of the Guilds" symposium
- Implemented Master Garden Plan for new landscaping, lighting and irrigation system
- Expanded inventory in Arts & Crafts gift shop

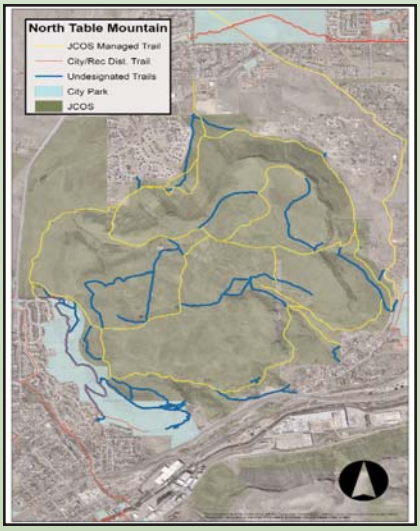
CSU EXTENSION

- Blake Angelo is the Extension's Urban Agriculture Education Coordinator who will jointly serve both Denver and Jefferson County. "Urban farmers and the food they create have the incredible potential to transform the health, beauty, and vibrancy of our neighborhoods," Angelo says. "As inner-city residents begin to grow their own food, they bring agriculture into the public view where it can sprout into public dialogue."

Courtesy CSU Extension

FAIRGROUNDS

- Hosted 1,150 event days, 13 new event bookings, 12 new events and 1,560 recreational vehicle reservations
- Booked a large BBQ, arena show and disco event for Microsoft Corporation (Eastern European delegation)
- Signed three new advertisement banner agreements for $1,800
- Locally managed and responded to a region-wide outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus that closed the Fairgrounds equine facilities for two weeks and staff had to disinfect all structures
- Major upgrade to the Rodeo Arena announcer's booth



North Table Mountain Park Projects

OPEN SPACE

Administration and Education Services

- 10-Year Funding Plan was fully vetted by stake holders and approved by the Board of County Commissioners
- Lookout Mountain Nature Center reached over 19,000 people through nature visits, group and public programs, up 6% from this period last year.
- Wings of Spring special event vignettes were held at Matthews/Winters and Crown Hill Parks in April and May. The Wildflower Festival was held in June and staff participated in Dinosaur Ridge Day events and National Get Outdoors Day at City Park in Denver.

Park Operations

- Completed sidewalk, retaining wall and installation of kiosks, horse hydrant, and drinking fountains at North Table Mountain Park restroom

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- Finished the interior and exterior improvements to the Jefferson County Open Space office entry
- Installed a 2-panel kiosk and a 1-panel "boulder" kiosk at Cathedral Spires Park trailheads
- Youth Work Program 2011 received 500 applications from 14-18 year old Jeffco youth. Selected for the summer program were 38 returning laborers and 82 selected by drawing. Ten crew leaders and two supervisors help manage the Youth Work Program.
- Natural Resource efforts include wildfire mitigation and forest management at Elk Meadow and Flying J Ranch Parks

White Ranch Park Entry Road improvements

Planning and Development

- Completed the Kestrel Pond Overlook Project design. This project will provide a year-round viewing point to the wildlife sanctuary without being intrusive to the wildlife/waterfowl
- White Ranch West Entry Road paving has been completed in cooperation with County Transportation & Engineering and constructed by Road & Bridge with project management by Design and Development and Construction Management. The purpose of this project was to alleviate the sediment and erosion from the gravel road and to reduce the steepness of the road.
- Open Space Auxiliary Shop Construction approved by BCC for a 9,000 square foot facility encompassing three vehicle bays, a metal working shop and a shop space for Natural Resource staff to prepare for field work. The work is scheduled to be complete within 195 calendar days. Original cost of the shop was $1,330,000, however, the City of Golden credited the project retention pond and fencing fees for a savings of $144,115 bringing the total cost to $1,185,855. Occupancy is anticipated in the spring of 2012

Outdoor Insights

JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE

North Table Mountain Park

Recreation in Motion, Conservation in Action

The Big Picture

Broad Expanses, Broad Support

Public Information

- Published North Table Mountain Park Outdoor Insights newsletter plus a neighborhood mailing regarding volunteer trail day opportunities and construction advisements
- Published Dog Off-Leash palm card
- Evergreen Rodeo Parade participation
- Information kiosk placed at Cathedral Spires Park with assistance from Park Operations

Real Estate

- The County has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Boulder and Boulder County to acquire Rocky Flats Section 16. The County has committed $5.1 million toward the acquisition of the surface rights that will be transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for expansion of the Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge. The County, City of Boulder and Boulder County are working with the State Land Board, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority to finalize details of the transaction.