Community Resources Quarterly Report
First Quarter 2011

Jan-March
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Septic system excavation

BOETTCHER MANSION

- Hosted 48 special events including 15 weddings and receptions, 13 special interest tours, 4 bridal shows/previews and 3 conferences.
- Rewrote Mansion mission statement and updated marketing collateral to reflect new focus and job titles.
- Developed a master plan for new garden and irrigation system.
- Began excavation for installation of new septic system and drainage field.

CSU EXTENSION

- Created an Urban Agriculture Coordinator position in response to increased citizen interest for information and resources related to activities for community and school gardens, raising backyard chickens and bees, container and rooftop gardening, utilization of greenhouses and aquaponics for fish. This part-time one-year appointment will conduct programs, build partnerships, develop resources and lay groundwork for supporting existing producers/growers.
- CSU Extension horticulture staff hosted a 'train the trainer' work shop for 75 Colorado Master Gardeners. Experienced Master Gardeners taught others the skills and techniques needed for their various roles in the community.
- Jefferson County 4-H Club enrollment reached 331 youth members. Participants started their livestock projects and are on track to have an excellent showing at the County Fair in August.
- 4-H after-school enrichment programs engage over 500 Jefferson County youth in learning about topics including nutrition, embryology, cake decorating, and ceramics with more schools signing up for these programs every week.

CSU Extension Master Gardener Training

FAIRGROUNDS

- Number of event days hosted in first quarter were 1600 (event day = one facility rented for one day).
- Facility revenue increased 8% over 1st Quarter of 2010.
- The National Western Stock Show and Rodeo held three events at the Fairgrounds.
- Conducted tour with Commissioner Rosier.
- Completed agreement with marketing firm to raise awareness of the Fairgrounds and sponsorship sales.

Indian Gulch Fire from Lookout Mountain Nature Center

OPEN SPACE

Administration and Education Services

- Park Rangers responded to the Indian Gulch Fire and continued to support the County Incident Management Team from March 20 to fire contain ment the following week. The fire consumed

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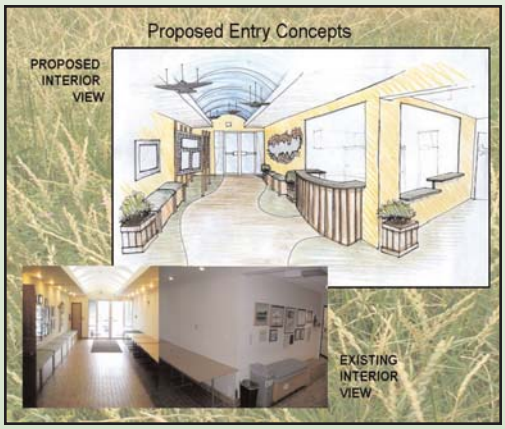
approximately 1,500 acres including over 300 acres of grass and shrubland within Clear Creek Canyon and Mount Galbraith Parks.

- LMNC reached 6,762 through nature center visits and group and public programs which is up 20% from this period last year.
- Staff has been preparing an exhibition on Colorado's role in the Civil War in observance of the 150th anniversary of the Battle at Fort Sumter. The exhibit opens on April 12 and runs through November 20.
- Hunting access at Centennial Cone Park during the months of December and January resulted in permit holders taking 15 deer and 1 elk to help meet Colorado Division of Wildlife management objectives.
- Volunteer recruitment for the Hiwan Homestead Museum has resulted in four new receptionists and a new tour guide.

Park Operations

- The 2011 Youth Work Program for high school teens received 495 applications for the seven-week summer employment opportunity. Eighty youth and 40 alternates have been selected for the program which begins June 13.
- Park Construction crews continued deck and railing work at the Lookout Mountain Nature Center, restroom construction at North Table Mountain Park and coordinated demolition of the shop/garage at the former Rooney property.



- Designed by Bridgit Coffman, Graphic Specialist and Lance Henkel, Planner, the Open Space Entry Remodel began to take shape through the skills of the Park Construction team. The entry will use park-themes to welcome visitors to the Open Space office.

Planning and Development

- Conducted a public meeting regarding improvements to the Elk Meadow Park Dog Off-leash Area in the Evergreen community. Public comments on the improvement plans are being accepted until April 15.

Public Information

- Initiated a competitive bid to conduct a statistically-valid, quantitative Open Space Citizen Survey.
- Launched topic-driven information sheet series named "Outdoor Insights" for Van Bibber Trail Corridor project and South Table Mountain Park. Available in print and on the web.

Outdoor Insights
JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE

Extending the Van Bibber Creek Trail to Expand Recreation Opportunities

Awaiting Extended Adventures

Real Estate

- The County transferred a trail easement to Wheat Ridge for a 1.7 mile long segment of the Clear Creek Trail between McIntyre Street and I-70. The City will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the trail segment.

WEED AND PEST

- Alicia Doran was reappointed as the County Pest Inspector by the Board of County Commissioners.