

Bike Park Feasibility Study Update

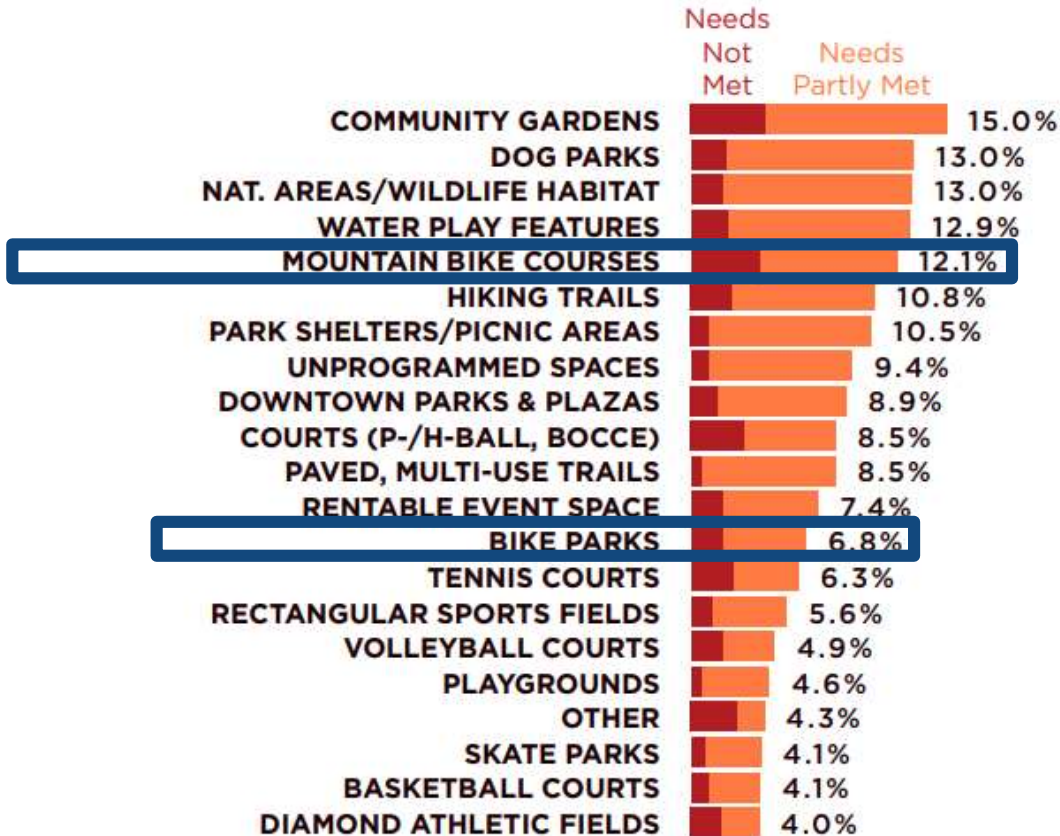
Council Work Session Staff Report

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Demand for a Bike Park in Fort Collins



- ReCreate - 2021 Parks & Recreation Master Plan
 - Public desire for mountain bike courses emerged
 - Based on participation trends, the plan recommended increasing the number of “BMX courses”
- Strong community advocacy around support for a unique, legacy bike park in Fort Collins

Existing Features in Neighborhood Parks

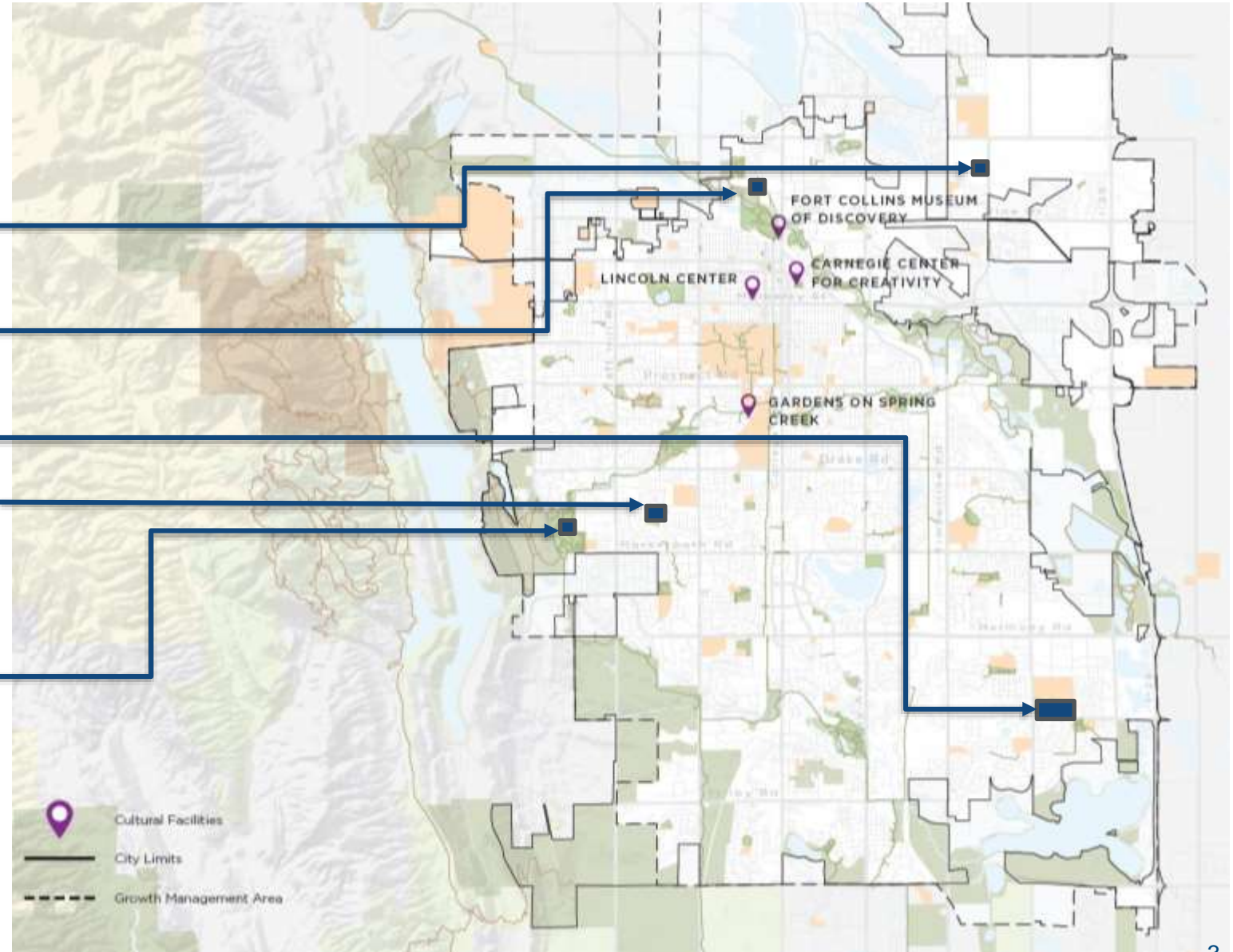
0.27 acre pump track at Traverse Park

0.53 acre pump track at Soft Gold Park

2.0 acre BMX course at Twin Silo Park

Rossborough Park cyclo-cross skills course
- .71 mile loop

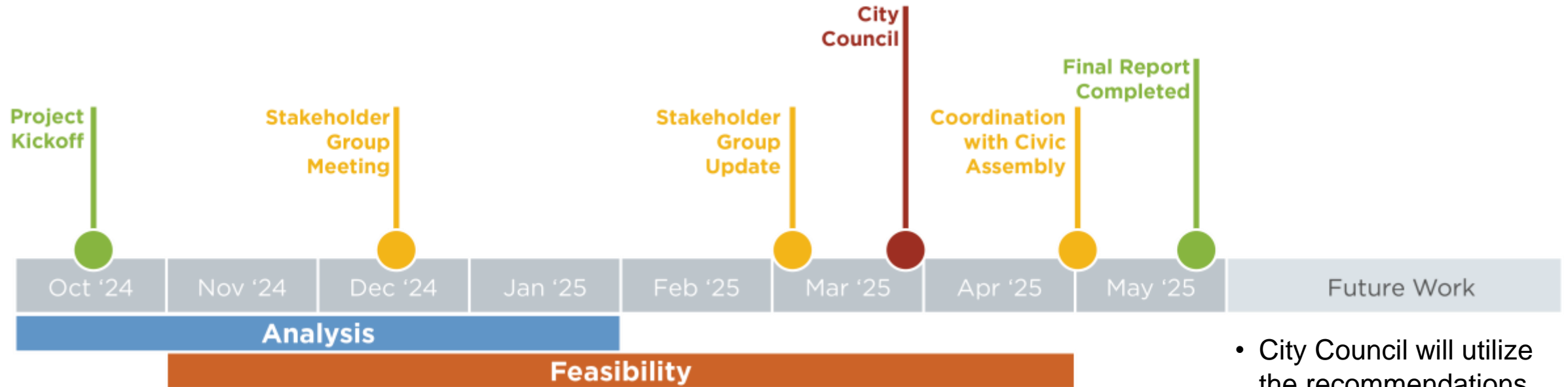
0.7 acre mountain bike skills course
at Spring Canyon Park



Purpose of this Feasibility Study

- To determine if a new, community-scale bike park facility is feasible. If so, the appropriate size, location, amenities and cost.
- This study includes:
 - **Bicycle Organization Engagement**
 - To understand critical bike park features & amenities
 - **Analysis:**
 - Study characteristics of regional and national bike parks
 - Research bike park features, amenities, and maintenance
 - **Feasibility study:**
 - Development of site evaluation criteria
 - Analysis of several sites
 - Understand capital and on-going costs; and potential funding strategies

Feasibility Study Timeline



- City Council will utilize the recommendations from this report to inform the bike park decision making process, including amenities, features, and location.



- **Hughes Civic Assembly:**
 - **2021** – Ballot measure designated the area for "parks, recreation, and open lands, natural areas, and wildlife rescue and restoration."
 - **2023** – City purchased Hughes Stadium property from CSU
 - **2025** – Civic Assembly process begins
 - Aims to engage a diverse group of residents in collaborative decision-making, ensuring that the site's development aligns with community needs
- The **Bike Park Feasibility Study** is a separate study to objectively evaluate several sites, including the former Hughes Stadium site

Bike Park Precedent Report – Regional Bike Park Examples



Valmont Bike Park
Boulder, CO
42 acres



Berthoud Bike Park
Berthoud, CO
20 acres



Ruby Hill Bike Park
Denver, CO
7.5 acres

Bike Park Precedent Report – National Bike Park Examples



Railyard Bike Park
Rogers, AR
6 acres



J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family
Foundation Bike Park
Boise, ID
10 acres

Bike Park Precedent Report – Features



Bike Park Precedent Report – Amenities





- **Features in High Demand:**
 - Asphalt pump track with separate tracks designed for different ages and skill levels
 - Criterium training course
 - Dual slalom features to support collegiate racing events
- **Amenities in High Demand:**
 - Shade elements
 - Space to host community events

Focus Group – Key Takeaways

- Desire to create a large-scale **legacy community bike park** beyond the neighborhood-scale amenities currently available
- Support for a **progressive experience**, offering features that cater to skill development over time.
- Desire for **significant elevation** change to create challenging and adventurous experience.
- Support for **intermediate features** to bridge the gap between beginner and advanced elements.



Physical Characteristics

- Is there elevation change?
- Can the site accommodate the elements of a comprehensive community-scale bike park?

Environmental Considerations

- Is the site in a floodplain?
- Are there archaeological/indigenous elements on site?
- Is there an existing tree canopy?
- Wildlife habitat or other ecological impacts?

Land Use & Connectivity

- What are the adjacent land uses?
- Ability to expand over time?
- What are the adjacent road types?
- Is there access to public transit?
- Is there a connection to the trail system?

Property Acquisition

- What is the ease of acquisition?

Potential Sites

