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January 10, 2021

Mayor Gates and City Council,

At its December 10, 2020 regular meeting, members of the Poudre River Corridor Board, Inc. had the opportunity to hear a presentation of the draft City of Greeley "Get Outdoors Greeley" 5-year Strategic Plan for Natural Areas, Open Lands, and Trails, which has been proposed for formal adoption by the Greeley City Council at its February 2, 2021 meeting.

As you are aware, the Poudre River Corridor Board has a long history working to establish a recreational trail in proximity to the Cache la Poudre River through the many natural areas and open lands that are encompassed in the City's proposed plan. More recently, and with completion of the primary trail route from Greeley through Windsor, the Board has expanded its mission and work to include the conservation and stewardship of the greater river corridor, expansion of linkages to municipal trails, and expansion of the Poudre Trail route east to its confluence with the South Platte River. Such an undertaking would allow the trail to connect to the trail system in the City of Evans, further enhancing this northern Colorado amenity. Our unique structure and intergovernmental agreement between Greeley, Windsor, and Weld County, as well as with private partnerships, has demonstrated the potential of such cooperative relationships to create special legacy projects for the benefit of the public.

Never has the time been more opportune to have a strategic plan from which to coordinate our collective efforts. The Board finds that the strategy expressed in the City's document a strong complement to its goals and, therefore, voted unanimously to endorse the adoption of this 5-year plan, and offer the Board's continued support and cooperation to accomplish the plan's important objectives.

Sincerely,

***Dale K. Hall***

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Chair  
Poudre River Corridor Board