

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS PLANNING APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name: City of Greeley Natural Areas & Trails Division		
Complete Mailing Address: 321 N 16th Ave, Greeley CO 80631		
Applicant Lead Contact Name: Justin Scharton		Title: NAT Supt.
Telephone: 970-590-1705	Email: justin.scharton@greeleygov.com	Is this the primary contact for this grant? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

PROJECT MANAGER (this person will have day-to-day responsibility for the project)

Name: Karen Scopel, Environmental Planner	
Telephone: 970-301-0970	Email: karen.scopel@greeleygov.com

PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Partner Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title: 59th Avenue Trailhead for Poudre River and Sheep Draw Trails	
Grant Request: \$45000	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$27700
Total Project Cost: \$72700	
<p>Project Description: Please write a 2-3 paragraph description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not the place to talk about the project background, the benefits, the funding, or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address that information in question #1 of the Selection Criteria.)</p> <p>WHO? Who will complete the work, and who will oversee the project? Provide a brief description of your community or organization, highlighting its mission and purpose.</p> <p>WHAT? Explain what you are going to do or accomplish. What is the goal or the reason for your project? Break down the project into a list of specific activities to be completed. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the categories on your budget page. Include quantity or quality as part of your description of work to be performed. How long? How many? How many feet? How many miles? What materials will be used? Is a specific standard or guideline being used?</p> <p>WHERE? Explain in detail the location of your project. Where is the project located? What county? What National Forest/BLM Office? Provide the names of the trail(s) or trail system and where the work will be performed. List the land manager agency or municipality.</p> <p>DEFINITIONS? Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.</p>	

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Project Description

WHO: Greeley is a growing community with a current population estimate of 113,000 residents. Population is projected to be nearly 124,000 in 2027. The regional Poudre River Trail provides recreational opportunities for users from Greeley to Fort Collins. A consulting firm will be retained to perform site analysis, facility design and preparation of construction drawings. Greeley Natural Areas & Trails staff, including the Superintendent, Environmental Planner and Maintenance Crew Supervisor will oversee the project. Karen Scopel, Environmental Planner will be the Project Manager. Other city staff include Planning, Engineering Development Review, and Public Works (Stormwater, Floodplain Administration, and Traffic). The CPW District Wildlife Manager, Town of Windsor representatives and Poudre Trail Corridor non-profit board will be involved from the outset. Community outreach and engagement will be part of the design process to gather input and feedback from trail users and other affected community members.

WHAT: The 59th Avenue Trailhead planning project will develop a site plan and 80% construction drawings for a new trailhead to serve users on both Poudre River and Sheep Draw trails. Currently there is not a trailhead for the northern terminus of Sheep Draw Trail where it connects to Poudre River Trail. Project activities include an analysis of two possible locations for the trailhead to choose the most appropriate site. The analysis will look at traffic on 59th Avenue, site conditions and other criteria that would impact the suitability of each site. Following the analysis and final site selection, a full-site plan will be developed for the chosen site and 80% construction plans will be created. It is anticipated that the trailhead will have at least 30 parking spaces and amenities that would be appropriate for a site in the 100-year floodplain. The design will include a connecting paved path from the trailhead to the primary trail. The path's configuration and location will depend on which site is selected. The parking surface will be road base.

WHERE: Greeley is the county seat of Weld County. The proposed new trailhead will be located off North 59th Avenue, between F Street and O Street. The two locations being considered are north of the Cache la Poudre River on the east side of 59th Avenue in Greeley's Cottonwood Bend Natural Area or south of the river on the west side of 59th Avenue in Sheep Draw Natural Area. The Poudre River Trail extends from Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley to Windsor and beyond on the west. The Weld County portion of the trail is 22 miles in length, and upon construction of missing sections between Windsor and Fort Collins, the completed trail will be over 40 miles in length extending between downtown Greeley and Bellevue, north of Fort Collins. Sheep Draw Trail extends from the Poudre Trail on the east side of 59th Avenue, southwesterly 6 miles through six Greeley natural areas and residential neighborhoods. It will eventually connect to Milliken and Johnstown, southwest of Greeley. Greeley Natural Areas & Trails is the land management agency.

WHEN: The planning project is anticipated take place from July 2023 to October 2024.

Previous CPW grants awarded (last 3 years) List award year, category and project name

2019, Large Construction, Sheep Draw Trail

2021, Maintenance (LWCF), *NOTE: while awarded by CPW in 2021 a grant contract had not been issued as of late September 2022.

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: City of Greeley			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports (non-motorized)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
TRAIL SURFACE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)			
Nearest Town or City: Greeley			
County(ies): Weld			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 40.44N 104.77W			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members): CO4			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead	~ 1 acre	Miles of trail being planned	~1000LF
Miles of new trail construction		Miles of trail maintenance	
Miles of inter-connecting trail	28	Miles of trail reroute	
Miles of trail to be decommissioned		Miles of trail to be restored	
Miles of trail to be signed		Miles of trail grooming	
Other ~ 30 parking spaces		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Justin Scharton

Applicant Signature: Justin Scharton Digitally signed by Justin Scharton
 Date: 2022.10.04 10:33:02 -06'00' Date: 10/03/2022

PLANNING GRANT SCORING CRITERIA

All applicants must respond to the criteria questions. Use the numbered blank pages at the end of this sections. This application will be scored on a 100-point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Outside reviewers and State Trails staff will review each project. Projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores.

Grant review subcommittee members review and score grant applications based on the totality of information available. This may include not only the answers provided to the application questions, but also additional information provided to the review subcommittee from agency staff and subcommittee member knowledge and information that is relevant to the proposed project.

Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please read and understand all application questions prior to answering.

Respond in **12-point font**. Reference all attachments.

1. Scope (10 points)

Describe the proposed project. What are the benefits of this effort to trail users and groups in the communities, region, and/or state? Describe how the planning project will lead to trail system improvements, the development of tangible trails, trailheads, amenities, or recreation projects in the area. Please include potential site photos and a map of the proposed planning area(s). Discuss the ownership status of the proposed area - including any information regarding easements and/or recent land acquisitions. Is this a multi-phase project, and if so, how many phases is it and how will future phases be funded?

2. Community Need & Benefit (10 points)

Describe how the project will tie into existing management plans and demonstrate a significant improvement to community trail systems and larger connectivity throughout communities and existing trail systems. Summarize the community need for the project (letters of support should clearly document this need). How will this project specifically address the needs described? Describe how the project communities will benefit from the project. Why is it important to undertake this planning effort now, instead of at a later time? How will community health benefits and the equity of underserved communities be considered, evaluated, and prioritized in the plan? Will underserved communities be involved in decision making processes (i.e. where trails will be located, what they will look like, recreation prioritization, etc.) through citizen advisory boards or other means of public involvement?

3. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

Explain the extent to which this project focuses on regional trail and resource planning. Is

this project part of an existing master plan, federal Forest or Resource Management Plan, or a landscape level regional planning effort (such as an Outdoor Regional Partnership)? If so, what priority is this project given in that plan? How will the plan evaluate multiple trail systems' cumulative impacts together in a comprehensive plan? How will trail development be evaluated and balanced with existing trail system management, wildlife and natural resource conservation, and long-term maintenance?

4. Wildlife & Natural Resources (15 points)

Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources will be evaluated during the planning process for the plan (such as utilizing resources listed in Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind)? Describe any plans for avoiding sensitive habitat as well as minimizing, and/or mitigating wildlife and natural resource impacts. Describe how you will develop plans for trail management and monitoring after the trail is complete. How will CPW staff be engaged in the planning process? Describe how their recommendations will be implemented. For example, if a seasonal closure is recommended, what are the dates of the closure and how will it be implemented to be effective (signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)?

5. Collaboration (10 points)

Explain the extent to which the project demonstrates unique, innovative, and/or important multi-agency, organization and/or private partnerships. Describe which stakeholders will be involved with the planning process - public agencies, conservation groups, stewardship groups, recreational groups, environmental groups, non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, and/or individuals. Describe how these stakeholders will be engaged and these partnerships will be a benefit to the planning, development, and long-term management/maintenance of the trail systems. Will a professional consultant be hired to help facilitate this process?

6. Sustainability (10 points)

What is the long-term vision for the future of the work supported by this grant? What are potential sources of funding and resources for both trail construction and maintenance and how will these be considered and incorporated into the planning process? Is there committed funding and/or personnel and volunteer stewardship resources to support the long-term maintenance of the project?

7. Public Engagement (10 points)

Public notification is mandatory for all projects.

Describe the process you will use to engage the public in the project. Do you anticipate public opposition to this plan or its implementation? If so, how will that be addressed? Describe how potential user conflicts will be identified, addressed and managed.

8. Implementation Process and Outcome (5 points)

Describe the strategy for monitoring and evaluating project planning. What tangible or measurable products will result from this planning project? What is the anticipated timeline of the process and necessary reviews (such as NEPA if on federal land)? In analyzing options for the project, discuss how different alternatives for trail development will be evaluated in the planning process. How will project success be defined?

List (in bulleted form) and provide a brief, specific description for each:

- Objectives
- Tasks / Project Milestones
- End products and/or deliverables that will result from this planning effort

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. What other funding sources have been dedicated or are anticipated to be dedicated to this project? If matching funds are not yet secured, what are the plans for raising those additional funds? Will applicant and/or partner funds be lost if State Trails funds are not awarded? Submit letters of commitment/support from landowners and/or funders as a separate attachment (resolution from the governing body should include support and resource commitment; a separate support letter is not required). Beyond these letters, up to 5 non-funding letters of support may be submitted.

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Describe your organization's ability to complete the specific grant transaction(s) that will be necessary to accomplish this project. Please provide examples (if any) for grant projects of similar magnitude that demonstrate your organization's ability to manage the requested level of grant funding; including the project title, grantor, award amount and year the project was funded. If State Trails funding is not awarded, what is the plan to complete the project?

1. Scope of Work (10 points)

The 59th Avenue Trailhead for Poudre River and Sheep Draw Trails planning project will develop a site plan and 80% construction drawings for a new trailhead to serve trail users on the Poudre River and Sheep Draw trails as well improve public access to the soft-surface nature trail in Sheep Draw Natural Area. Project activities will include an analysis of two possible locations for the trailhead to choose the most appropriate site (see Site Map). The analysis will look at traffic on 59th Avenue, site conditions such as ground water, wildlife and natural resources, and other criteria that could impact the suitability of each site. Following the analysis, the final site will be selected, concept designs and a final site design and construction plans will be developed. It is anticipated that the trailhead will have approximately 30 parking spaces and amenities appropriate for a site in the 100-year floodplain. The design will include a paved connecting path from the trailhead to the Poudre River Trail.

The 59th Avenue Trailhead planning project will result in 80% construction plans with an Opinion of Probable Cost that will facilitate getting the construction project into Greeley's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) pipeline.

The two sites under consideration are on properties owned by the City of Greeley acquired in 2014 and 2015 with funds from a Great Outdoors Colorado Rivers Initiative grant. Conservation easements held by Town of Windsor and Larimer County for each site include reserved rights for development of a trailhead and trails. Specifically the conservation easements provide for the following: allow non-motorized low-impact recreational uses, construct and maintain paved and unpaved trails and appurtenant structures on the properties for recreation, wildlife watching, and multi-use non-vehicular transportation purposes, construct and maintain trailhead facilities for access to the properties that may include access driveways, fences for vehicular and access control, vehicular parking, restroom facilities, picnic facilities, native landscaping, and signs for directional, regulatory, and interpretive purposes.

This is the planning and design phase for developing a new trailhead facility. Construction will occur in a separate phase. Funding for construction is expected to come from designated trail development funds, private contributions, and grant funds. Construction is anticipated within five years after design is completed, most likely within two years.

2. Community Need and Benefit (15 points)

Use of the Poudre Trail has increased significantly since the three nearest existing trailheads, located east (1.3 miles) and west (1 and 2.5 miles) of the proposed trailhead, were built (2004 and 2007). Recent data from trail counters along the Poudre Trail in this vicinity indicate nearly 40,000 people use the trail each year. The monthly average for the five peak use months (May-Sept) is close to 5,000 with a daily average of over 300. Parking capacity of the existing trailheads is 84 spaces. (See attached Photos) One of the trailheads is shared with a popular dog park which is busy at the same peak times, and another is shared with the Poudre Learning Center. Site constraints at the existing trailheads prevent enlargement of those facilities. As stated in the included letters of support, these trailheads are often at capacity, especially during peak use times resulting in illegal (and unsafe) parking on road shoulders or people not being able to recreate when they want to. The addition of this trailhead will increase parking and shorten distances to reach the trail, making it more attractive to users.

This trailhead, once developed, will be a significant improvement to the City's existing trail system by improving access to the regional Poudre River Trail connecting Greeley to Windsor and Fort Collins as well as to Sheep Draw Trail connecting residents in southwest Greeley to the Poudre River Trail and Milliken and Johnstown residents in the future.

Providing increased access through adequate parking and associated amenities to Greeley's trail systems will encourage members of the community to utilize these important recreational resources. Developing a facility with parking and other amenities will make this a popular location to access the Poudre and Sheep Draw Trails, enjoy a break while on a bike ride or walk, have a picnic in the great outdoors close to home or, bring students on a field trip to experience nature and apply classroom education in the real world.

The 2021 Get Outdoors Greeley (GO Greeley) strategic plan, documents Greeley's commitment to equity in outdoor recreation and access to nature as illustrated in the Connections to Nature Goal – "Equitably create physical connections to nature for all Greeley residents, through acquisition of high-value lands and expansion of the City's trail system" and the Community Connections Goal – "Connect residents to nature by partnering with the community to provide inclusive and equitable educational, volunteering, and leadership opportunities for all Greeley residents." A current example of this commitment is the community engagement taking place with master planning for Greeley's newest 1000-acre natural area. Located in the northwest corner of the community, residents from the east side of Greeley, who traditionally have been underrepresented, are actively being involved in that project in partnership with Trust for Public Land. Funded by GOCO's Fellowship Program, Greeley recently hired a Conservation Fellow, whose primary focus is on assuring equitable involvement from underserved communities. The Fellow will be actively involved in the public engagement for this project. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Poudre River Trail Corridor board will also be involved in this project.

3. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

This project ties into several master plans including Poudre River Trail Master Plan (1995), Greeley Parks, Trails, and Open Lands Master Plan (2016), Imagine Greeley Comprehensive Plan (2018), Greeley Transportation Master Plan (2022) and Get Outdoors Greeley 5-Year Strategic Plan (GO Greeley 2021), as well as supporting City Council's strategic vision (2022). All these plans included significant public participation during their preparation.

A trailhead facility on 59th Avenue is identified in the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) priority list. However, to move onto the active capital construction list, construction plans need to be prepared. An 80% construction plan will help identify costs and develop the budget and funding components for a CIP project and place it at the top of the next 5-Year GO Greeley Strategic Plan.

4. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

Natural Areas & Trails will obtain the expertise of a qualified consulting and design firm to perform the analysis of the two potential sites and the subsequent site plan. Necessary qualifications will include wildlife and natural resources expertise. Anticipated issues that will be assessed include impacts to habitats and wildlife. One of the potential sites has a large prairie dog colony near the proposed trailhead and will also require a bridge crossing of the Poudre River. However, it already has a large improved area that could be used for parking. Final site design will be based on having the least possible impact on sensitive habitat, wildlife and natural resources while creating a quality experience for trail users. CPW staff will be engaged as a stakeholder to provide comments and guidance throughout the design process.

Identifying and addressing trail and trailhead maintenance and management of the new facility will be major factors in the design. Natural Areas & Trails maintenance staff will be included to incorporate their experience and recommendations as an integral part of the design process.

5. Collaboration (10 points)

The 59th Avenue Trailhead project will involve a variety of partnerships. Within the city organization, multiple departments will be involved as part of existing design review processes. These include traffic, stormwater, planning, and engineering as well as Natural Areas & Trails which will be leading the project. Trust for Public Land (TPL) has become a valued and critical partner for cultivating inclusive community involvement. Other valued partners that will be invited to participate include Colorado Parks & Wildlife, the non-profit Poudre River Trail organization and trail users, University of Northern Colorado's environmental studies professors and students, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, the non-profit Poudre Heritage Alliance (representing the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area). These partners bring varied perspectives, skills and insights that will result in a well-designed project that balances the needs of trail users with important natural resource and wildlife protection. The consulting firm that will be hired for the project along with staff and partners will be involved with facilitation of the public engagement process.

6. Sustainability (10 points)

Potential sources of funding and resources for construction and maintenance of the planned trailhead include trail development fees, private contributions through the non-profit Poudre Trail Corridor organization, along with grant funds. It is anticipated that in the next few years, Greeley will seek dedicated funds to support the work of the Natural Areas & Trails program through a ballot initiative. NAT maintenance staff will be involved in site design to help assure that the project does not create unusual or unnecessary maintenance needs. NAT has a formal relationship with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado that includes a dedicated volunteer coordinator for Greeley and Weld County projects. NAT has an annual dedicated budget to utilize the Weld County Youth Conservation Corps for projects.

7. Public Engagement (10 points)

NAT's Community Conservation Fellow will work with the city's Communication and Engagement office to engage the public in this planning project. This will include a social media campaign, surveys, and public events. The City has an on-line public engagement site called Speak Up Greeley (speakupgreeley.com) to allow citizens to easily provide comments and feedback. A current project can be viewed by clicking on the link. Projects underway in 2022, in collaboration with Trust for Public Land, have resulted in the creation of strong community connections with the culturally diverse, historically underrepresented residents of east Greeley. This project will continue to reinforce those connections through specific outreach to those residents.

Public opposition to the plan or implementation is not anticipated, based on feedback from trail users asking for a solution to the inadequate parking and trail access they currently experience. If Site 1 is selected as the preferred location, there is a potential that two neighboring landowners might have concerns. These landowners will be invited to participate in the site planning process to identify their concerns and incorporate solutions to alleviate them. Through the public engagement process, trail users will be invited to provide suggestions and feedback on design options. This will help identify and address potential user conflicts.

8. Implementation Process and Outcome (5 points)

If the grant is awarded, staff will begin preparing a project request for proposal (RFP) so that it can be issued immediately after a grant contract is executed. The RFP will outline the elements of the request, including project background, proposed scope of work, project goals and timeline, end products and proposal evaluation criteria.

Objectives:

To have a well-developed construction plan set for a new trailhead that will serve trail users on the Poudre River and Sheep Draw trails.

Tasks / Project Milestones

- * Execute grant contract – June 2023
- * Award contract to qualified consultant – August 2023
 - The contract will be the basis for monitoring and evaluating project planning.
- * Perform site analysis of two potential trailhead sites, obtain stakeholder feedback and select the final site – December 2023
 - Criteria for evaluating the site analyses will include:
 - Access from/to 59th Avenue (safety, traffic impacts)
 - Impacts to wildlife/habitats
 - Site constraints including groundwater levels, soils, connecting trail
- * Develop a preliminary site concept plan including cost estimate and obtain community/stakeholder feedback – February 2024
 - Evaluation criteria include:
 - Ability to accommodate adequate parking
 - Site amenities including trail connections
 - Maintenance
 - Aesthetics
 - Cost estimate
- * Prepare final site design – April 2024
- * Develop 30% construction plans and obtain staff review comments – June 2024
- * Develop 80% construction plans, obtain staff review comments, and prepare cost estimate for construction – September 2024
- * Administrative Grant Closeout – December 2024

End products and/or deliverables that will result from this planning effort:

- * 80% construction plans and cost estimate for a new trailhead

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

Matching funds for this project will come from the City of Greeley, including cash and in-kind services. The cash funds come from impact fees collected from residential development projects that are dedicated for trail development projects. The in-kind match will be from staff hours contributed to the planning project. It is anticipated that the non-profit Poudre River Trail Corridor organization will contribute funds towards construction at a later date as they have identified this as a priority project for their organization (see Otis letter of support). Poudre Heritage Alliance, the non-profit that manages the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area, might also be a contributor for the construction project.

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Greeley has been the recipient of grants from a variety of funders, including private organizations, state, and federal agencies. These projects have ranged from under \$10,000 to several million dollars. The city has an established process to issue requests for proposals and award contracts. Recent examples include:

- Cache la Poudre Inspire Initiative, Great Outdoors Colorado, \$75,000, 2015
- Building Health in Greeley's East Memorial Neighborhood, Colorado Health Foundation, Phase I, \$20,000, 2017; Phase II, \$1,105,000, 2018
- East Greeley Natural Area, GOCO Resilient Communities, \$300,000, 2021
- Island Grove Trailhead Interpretive Signage, Poudre Heritage Alliance, \$6,080, 2022

If State Trails funding is not awarded, it is likely the planning project will be delayed for several years resulting in the construction phase also being delayed.



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Colorado Department of Natural Resources
State Trails Program
Attn: Fletcher Jacobs
13787 US Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

September 30, 2022


Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Please accept this letter as evidence of support for the City of Greeley's State Trails planning grant application for the 59th Ave. Poudre River Trail trailhead design.

Staff anticipates that the resolution will be on the Oct. 18th City Council meeting agenda and the approved resolution will be provided to your office prior to the December 1st deadline.

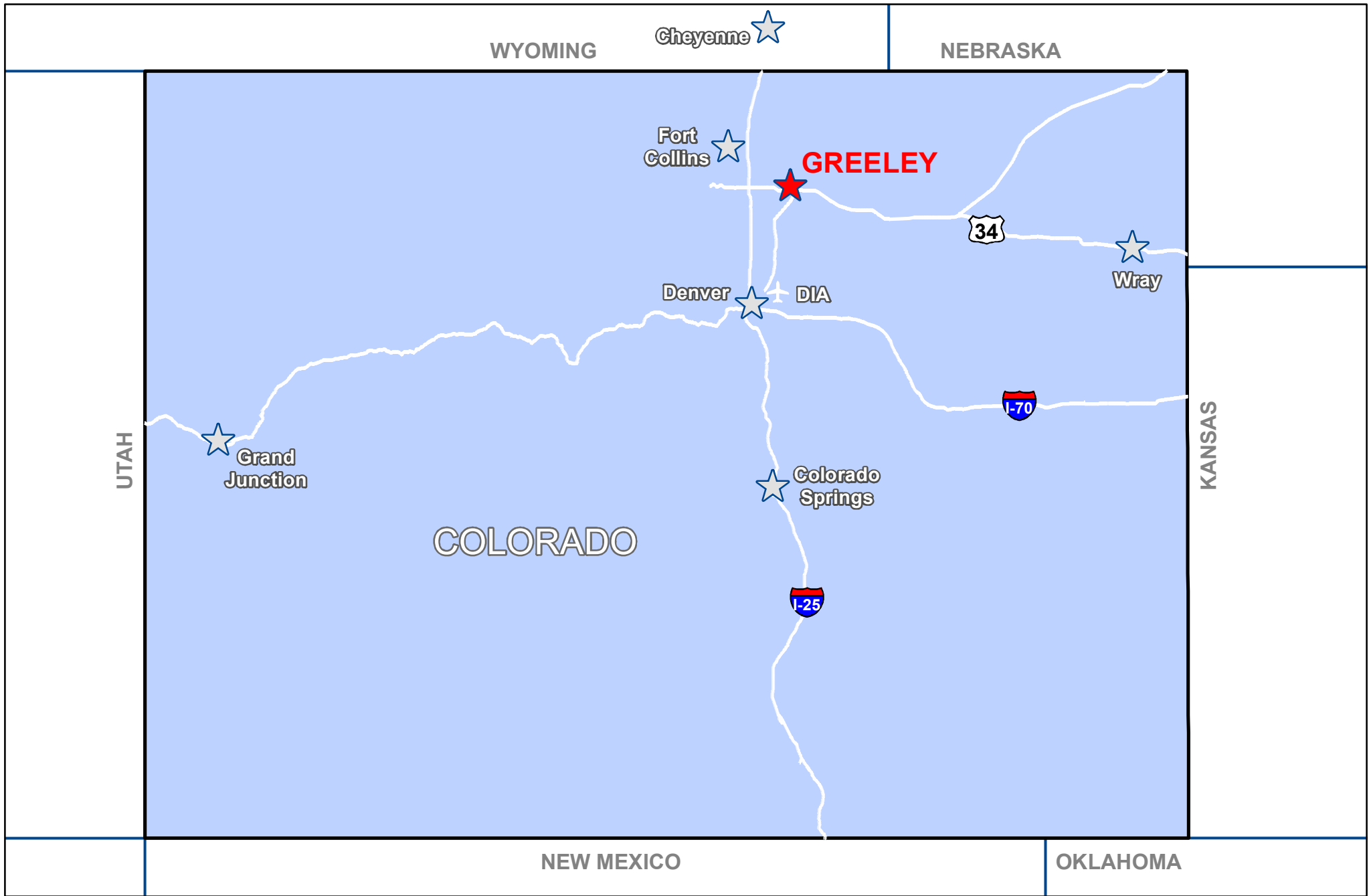
Thank you for the flexibility to provide the required resolution after the grant deadline. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the City's application and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

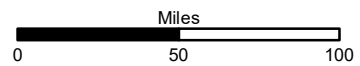
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John Dargle, Jr., CPRE
Director

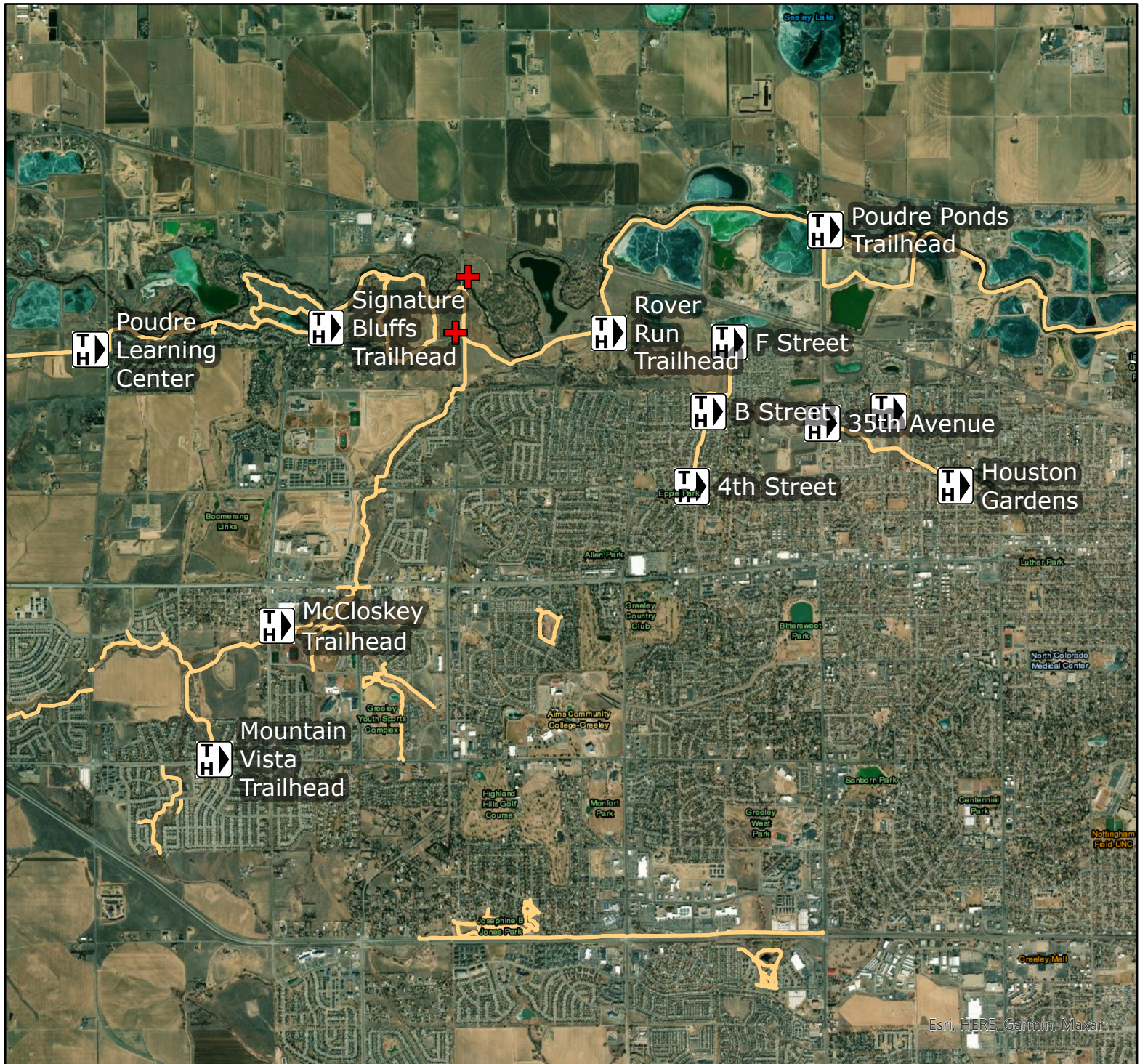


Location Map
Greeley, CO is pivotal



59th Avenue Trailhead

Local Vicinity



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Trail



Trailheads



TH Proposed



0 0.5 1 2 Miles

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59TH AVENUE TRAILHEAD – LOCATION PHOTOS

SITE 1 – West side of 59th Ave, south of river



Left: Sheep Draw Natural Area & Ditch #3 access gate and maintenance road.

Below: Looking north from access road at site 1. Tree line is along Poudre River.



Left: Site access road. In the right of the photo is where former oil & gas tank battery was located. Removed in 2019.



Above and left: Looking north on 59th Avenue.

SITE 2 – East side of 59th Ave, north of river



Looking southeast. Fenced area is former oil/gas tank battery site removed in 2018. Trees on right are along the river. If selected, a bridge crossing would need to be installed about 600 feet downstream of the road bridge.



Left: Looking south along 59th Avenue. Road bridge was widened about 10 years ago in anticipation of 59th Avenue becoming a 4-lane street.



Below: Looking north along 59th Avenue.



Poudre Learning Center TH

Existing Trailheads



71st Ave TH



Rover Run TH



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October 3, 2022

Via Email Karen.Scopel@greeleygov.com

Karen Scopel
Environmental Planner
CPRD|Natural Areas & Trails

RE: 59th Avenue Trailhead for Poudre River and Sheep Draw Trails planning project

Dear Ms. Scopel,

Karen, as you know I am a Member of the Poudre River Trail Corridor Board, Inc. ("Trail Board") I am a founding member of the Trail Board, former chair and now also chair of the Growth/Momentum Subcommittee. I am also a frequent Trail user. One of the focus projects of the Growth/Momentum Subcommittee is to add a 59th Avenue parking lot along the Trail.

The 59th Avenue parking lot is an important amenity that warranted, particularly since the City will be widening 59th Avenue in the near future, so planning a parking lot where it would be most used is very critical. Currently the closest alternative is parking at the 71st Avenue ("Red Barn") parking lot. I was personally at the 71st Avenue, parking lot yesterday and it was packed with overflow parked along both sides of 71st Avenue where it is dangerous and annoying to the neighbors. The logical place for a parking lot, where it could be most used and already owned City land is available, is 59th Avenue.

I encourage you to apply for and try to get this grant. Please keep the Trail Board and me apprised of any way we can help.

Sincerely,
Otis & Bedingfield, LLC

FRED L. OTIS
Attorney at Law

To whom it may concern

September 28, 2022

Recommendation to fund additional parking for the Poudre Trail

I have been an avid user of the Poudre Trail from its very beginning. I have hiked the whole trail, parts it, and have done so for years and years, summer or winter. As more and more people are discovering this hidden treasure, parking gets more crowded. Even though I get to the trail early in the morning with still ample parking available, when I return from a hike, I often realize, there are people waiting for me to leave so they can use my parking spot.

The Greeley area has been experiencing tremendous population growth since the inception of this trail and it looks like it has already outgrown some of its capacity. Additional parking will be needed as will some other infrastructure elements as we proceed.

Please consider funding for this project.

Ulli Limpitlaw

Longs time resident of Greeley, CO.

September 29, 2022

Karen Scopel
City of Greeley
Natural Areas and Trails Division

Greetings,

I'm writing to support a proposal for a 59th Avenue trailhead on the Poudre River Trail.

I am a cyclist who rides primarily on the Poudre River Trail. I ride approximately 3,000 miles per year, about 90% on the Poudre River Trail. I know the trail very well and consider it to be a wonderful asset for the Greeley/Windsor area and the entire Northern Colorado region.

I live in reasonable proximity to the trail and can often ride to connect with a trailhead, however, there are times when I meet friends or there are sections of the trail closed that require parking at a trailhead. I ride past all of the PRTC trailheads numerous times a week.

My observation is that the trailheads are well used and at times can be crowded. As the population in the area grows, and with people seeking opportunities for fitness and a connection with nature, trail use has increased and will continue to increase.

Additional trailheads provide users with a place to park, restrooms, and trail information and way-finding signage. 59th Avenue has no direct trail access and is well located between the Dog Run Park and Signature Bluffs trailheads.

I support the construction of a new trailhead in the 59th Avenue area and to seek approval of a grant to plan and construct it. I'm interested in following the progress of this proposal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirk Goble". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

You may contact me at:

Kirk Goble
970-371-7800
kirk@bell5.com

September 30, 2022

Karen Scopel
Greeley Natural Areas and Trails
321 N 16th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80631

RE: Letter of Support for a new Poudre River Trailhead at 59th.

Dear Karen:

The purpose of this letter is to support the City of Greeley's grant application to plan and design a new trailhead at 59th Ave and the Poudre Trail.

As a regular trail user, I have experienced the growth of trail activity over the years. Existing trailheads along the Poudre Trail are regularly full. This is especially true between 71st Ave and 35th Ave., where activity has been amplified with the recent addition of nature trails and the popularity of the dog park. Adding a trailhead at 59th Ave. would not only relieve pressure on the existing trailheads, but will provide improved access to the Poudre Trail, the Sheep Draw Trail and the Sheep Draw Nature Trail for many people in our community.

Finally, I have participated in several volunteer projects along this section of the trail. The undeveloped sites under review have been an informal and convenient meeting place for the volunteers. Based on this experience I'm confident that further development of the sites will be well received and provide improved access to the trails in this area.

I hope you will be successful in this grant request. If I can assist in anyway, please feel free to ask. I can be reached at 970-371-0863 or by e-mail hinderaker@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Bob Hinderaker

Bob Hinderaker
5414 W 27th Street
Greeley, CO 80634

September 29, 2022

To whom it may concern:

I walk the Poudre River Trail several times a week all year round. I have biked and walked the trail for over 20 years. Typically I park at the dog park or 71st Ave. 59th ave could use a parking lot as it is about a mile and a half from either lot. I believe the most pressing need is for traffic safety as cars occasionally park near the bridge or along the shoulder on F street.

Sincerely,
Erik Staub
3005 70th Ave