

January 23, 2024 Huerfano County BOCC Meeting
Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP) Update

Status:

- The RTAP Steering Committee has submitted the Community Self-Assessment as of Monday, January 22, 2024. The following areas in no particular order were identified as key priorities for the CU Boulder students to review:
 - Recreation Infrastructure Development
 - Recreation Economy Support & Ancillary Services
 - Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
 - Downtown Revitalization & Placemaking
 - Local/Regional Promotion & Branding
- CU Boulder's Masters of the Environment Students have established a standing weekly meeting with myself as the Community Point of Contact to go over ongoing data compiled by the Committee.

Next Steps:

- Steering Committee is meeting this week with these goals:
 - Create a concise community survey centered on the above priorities
 - Schedule small-scale community workshops in February for Cuchara, Gardner, La Veta, and Walsenburg to work through the survey
- Schedule and plan the County-wide community workshop in early March.

As a reminder, the RTAP program is at no cost to Huerfano County. The CU Boulder students will ultimately deliver a 12-24-month community action plan at the end of the Spring 2024 semester detailing steps to promote outdoor recreation in and out-of-town, foster supporting economic development opportunities, bolster community collaboration in our region, and identifying potential permanent funding streams to maintain these efforts.