



## Parks & Open Space

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### PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting

<b>TO:</b>	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
<b>FROM/PRESENTER:</b>	Janis Whisman, Real Estate Division Manager
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Acquisition Deal-Making Overview
<b>ACTION REQUESTED:</b>	Information Only

*For much longer than Parks & Open Space's history of stewarding open space, the land in this community has been important to the diverse Indigenous communities that continue to thrive here today. We are partnering with Indigenous people to make meaningful changes to how we do our work that include Indigenous people, incorporate their perspectives, and honor their land stewardship legacy.*

The Real Estate Division of Parks & Open Space is always on the lookout for new properties to acquire that make sense for the county's open space program. In this presentation, I will provide a brief historical perspective on what influenced land ownership patterns and current guidance we use in evaluating properties for potential as open space. I will also explain step-by-step how we work with willing landowners to negotiate and close an acquisition.

I will describe the Real Estate Division's role in helping the department steward the county's open space real property interests. My presentation will be followed by Melissa Arnold's more in-depth overview of the Conservation Easement Program's role in stewarding the county's conservation easement interests in particular.