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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023

Location: Boulder County Courthouse
1325 Pearl Street, Third Floor, Boulder

TO:	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
FROM/PRESENTER:	Justin Atherton-Wood, Principal Planner and Obadiah Broughton, Project Coordinator/Project Planner
AGENDA ITEM:	Completion of 2013 Flood Recovery Projects Funded by FEMA
ACTION REQUESTED:	Information Only

We are excited to share that all of the recovery projects from the 2013 Flood that were funded by FEMA are now complete. The scope of the impact from seven days of severe flooding was unprecedented as was the department's 9+ years of response. Over the course of the recovery, work was completed along all of the major creeks in Boulder County and at nearly all of our park and trail facilities in the foothills and plains. In addition to repair of parks and trails, some significant improvements were made to many of our reservoirs and ditches to improve their resilience to future potential flooding. About \$20 million dollars in recovery work was funded by FEMA will additional support provided by GOCO and others.

The projects funded by FEMA were complemented by work in and along our streams funded by other sources such as National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. More than \$15 million in support was provided for these efforts.

During our presentation, we will take a look back at some of the damage caused by the disaster and how the department, working together with other agencies, municipalities, and land owners in our community, leveraged this funding to not only restore BCPOS facilities to their pre-flood condition but also to increase resiliency in consideration of future flooding, enhance habitat for native species, and reshape landscapes to better align with the open space values for which they have been preserved.

This is an information item.