



Parks & Open Space

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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 25, 2023

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

TO:	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
FROM/PRESENTER:	Will Towle
AGENDA ITEM:	Historic Preservation Update
ACTION REQUESTED:	Information Only

INTRODUCTION

Boulder County Parks & Open Space manages a database of 500+/- historic sites, categorized as sites (no structure present), objects (ex: stone wall or rock formation), and buildings or structures. This presentation will provide an overview of management strategies addressing the care of these important cultural assets.

BACKGROUND

Boulder County Parks & Open Space directly manages over 75,800 acres, with approximately 215 historic buildings and 136 historic structures on 60 different open space properties. It is the responsibility of the Buildings and Historic Preservation workgroup to maintain, preserve and manage these structures, ranging from entire intact farmsteads to stone walls and fences. These valuable assets are a glimpse into Boulder County's recent history and, in addition to cultural artifact archives, museums, and other contributions, add to the ability to interpret Boulder's greater cultural and historical context. Many of these historic buildings are actively used by our Education and Outreach workgroup in the translation of Boulder County's recent history to the public.