



MEETING OF THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Third Floor Hearing Room

County Court House

1325 Pearl Street, Boulder

Members Present: Janet George
Tony Lewis
Trace Baker
Paula Fitzgerald
Drew Adams
Jackson Moller
Kristine Johnson
Derek Turner
Carol Byerly

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1. **Call to Order**
 2. **Roll Call**
 3. **Public Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda**

Erin Meschke, Boulder. She pooled her time with others. She spoke about what she sees as problems with the proposed draft Integrated Weed Management Plan, including herbicide assessment protocol, and the continuation of aerial spraying. She does not

trust the pesticide safety ratings, and she would like to see a different approach that has the county stepping away from using chemicals.

Michael Moss, Unincorporated Boulder County. He stated the the county's farmers are faced with multiple challenges, including a lack of affordable housing and a limited workforce.

Christel Markevich, Unincorporated Boulder County. She spoke against using chemicals to control cheatgrass.

Mike Smith, Red Fox Hills subdivision. He stated that the area around Red Fox Hills hasn't been mowed, even though a grass fire burned there in 2022. There is also a large pile of stacked hay bales on a neighboring agriculture property that he believes is a fire risk. He would like to have a 50-ft buffer around his neighborhood.

Nick Jancewicz, Red Fox Hills subdivision. He would like a 50-ft buffer around his neighborhood to reduce the fire risk. He stated that hay bales can pose a fire hazard by spontaneous combustion.

Alex Markevich, Unincorporated Boulder County. He stated that chemical use of weed control doesn't belong on county open space land. He would like to see a new county plan and a new team working on weed control.

Staff Response: Stefan Reinold, Resource Management Division Manager, addressed the comments related to mowing the Red Fox Hills subdivision to say that on Nov. 9 Joe Swanson's crew mowed the area that could be mowed. Mowing is limited when the grass is wet, which was the case earlier this year. The department has a map that identifies high fire risk areas that mowing crews use. The County's Agricultural Resources staff are working with the tenant farmer to find a solution to the stacked bales.

4. POSAC Members Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

Kristine Johnson spoke about the Integrated Weed Management Plan that was presented on Dec. 5. She thinks the plan is too narrow and lacks creativity. She would like to see a more collaborative process. She would also like to hear more ideas from those who oppose using chemicals to control weeds.

Tony Lewis agreed with Michael Moss regarding a lack of affordable housing for farm workers which is related to a lack of affordable housing. He would like Boulder County to think about ways to provide more housing for small production farm workers.

5. Presentations

5.1 2023 Real Estate Division Annual Report

Staff Presenter: Janis Whisman, Real Estate Division Manager

Action Requested: Information Only

5.2 East Boulder Creek Site (Prairie Run) Management Plan

No additional public comments will be taken for this item.

Staff Presenters: Whitney May Taylor and Jeff Moline, Resource Planners and Heidi Wagner, Resource Planning Division Manager

Action Requested: Recommendation to BOCC

POSAC questions and deliberation begins at 2:02 of the video.

Q: What is the timeline for new research options?

Staff Response: POSAC may move the plan ahead at tonight's meeting. On Jan. 25, the BOCC will decide the final location for the trailhead based on staff's preferred recommendation. The commissioners may also approve additional funding as needed. Staff would amend the plan according to the BOCC's decision.

Q: Can staff address the concerns voiced about allowing dog access?

Response: Our compliance rates for dogs on leash have improved over the last few years, and we will do our best to enforce. One reason we decided to allow dogs is because of the close proximity of neighbors and their requests to be allowed to walk their dogs in that area. If we find it's not working we can change the dog policy on this property.

Q: Is there a formal process and timeline for revising the plan?

Staff Response: Normally we revisit the plan when there is a new situation or we have new information. We did that with the Walker Ranch management plan. Adaptive management is something we can do without a formal process, by making a change to our Rules & Regulations, such as removing dog access on a property.

Q: Has there ever been a time when dog access was taken away?

Staff Response: I can't remember a time when we have completely taken away dog access, but we can make those changes internally if we see a need.

Tony Lewis moved to recommend approval the East Boulder Creek Management Plan with the following conditions:

Staff will research the alternative locations suggested by attendees at the 12/13/2023 Neighborhood meeting for the 109th St. Trailhead. Staff will present the results of that analysis at the BOCC hearing on 1/25/2024.

Derek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Director's Update

The POSAC Retreat is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 24. For the agenda, staff will look into adding Tony's suggestion of a discussion to look into adding housing for agricultural workers. There is still time for POSAC members to send in additional topic suggestions.

7. Adjournment

9:04



East Boulder Creek Site *Prairie Run Open Space* Western Trailhead Location Survey

Neighbors are invited to provide feedback about the location for the western trailhead of the proposed East Boulder Creek (EBC) Site / Prairie Run Open Space. The deadline to take the survey is Sunday, Jan. 21, at 11:59 p.m.

If you have already taken your survey, you can make edits to your responses at any time prior to the deadline.

Unique Code

Each household within 1,500 feet of the EBC site was mailed a unique code that must be entered below to take the survey. Only one survey can be submitted per household. If you live outside the 1,500 foot boundary, you are not eligible to take the survey. View the [EBC site boundary map](#).

If you did not receive a letter and live within 1,500 feet of the area, please email Whitney May Taylor at wmay@bouldercounty.gov to obtain your survey code.

Open House

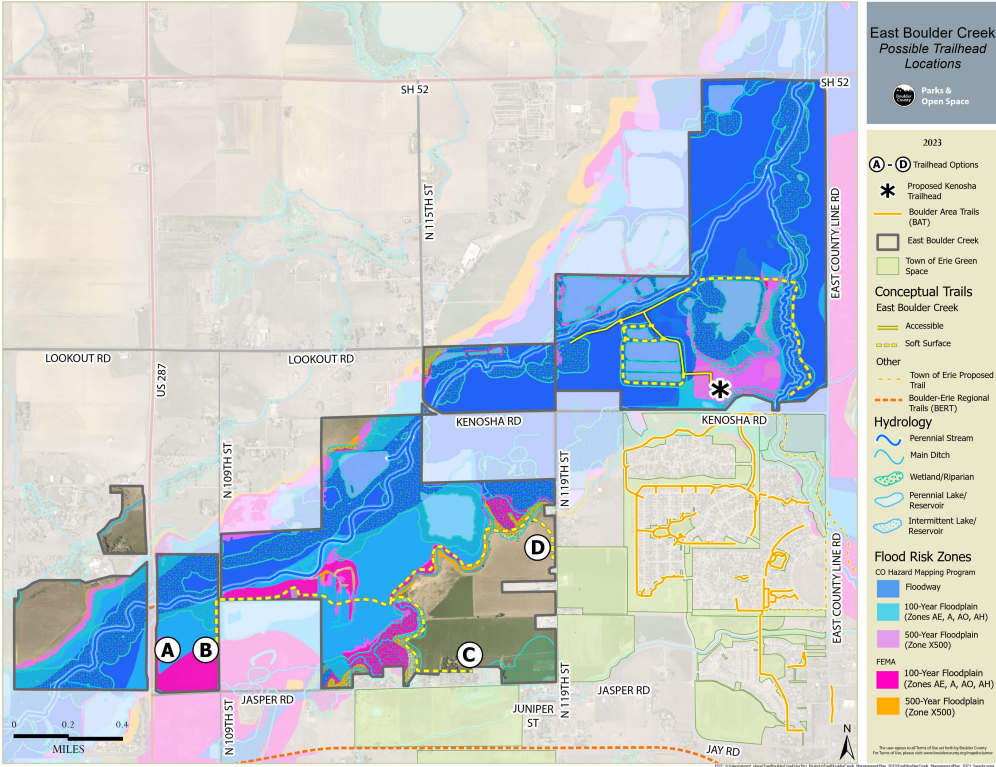
More information was provided at an information-only open house on Jan. 18. Please see the [Open House Handout](#).

Feedback Requested

Boulder County Parks & Open Space is actively seeking your insights on the western trailhead. After the Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee recommended approval with conditions for the [EBC Site Management Plan](#) to the Board of County Commissioners, staff is currently evaluating three additional locations for the western trailhead, designated as A through D in the map. The proposed location in the plan was Location B.

Each of these trailhead alternatives are located on lands majority-owned by Boulder County. Attendees of the most recent public site visit

requested an alternative on a nearby Town of Erie open space property. This location is not included in this survey. However, staff is working with the Town of Erie to understand the feasibility of this location and will report the results at the upcoming Board of County Commissioners public hearing.



Trailhead Details

The trailhead will include an initial parking lot for 25 cars, ADA parking, horse trailer parking, a restroom, and a kiosk. If needed, the plan allows for the potential to expand to a 50-car parking lot maximum capacity with an approximate 300 feet x 600 feet footprint. The expected average daily trips are estimated around 164 if constructed to the maximum capacity. The trailhead is unpaved, will include cameras for parking and safety, an automatic gate that closes after park hours, and no lighting.

Preliminary information about each individual trailhead alternative is below. Staff provided additional information at the Jan. 18 open house. Please see the [Open House Handout](#) for further analysis.

Location A: US Highway 287 Location

Location B: 109th Street Location (originally proposed)

Trailhead Access: Location A would be accessed from the east side of US Highway 287. Due to high traffic speeds and volumes on this road, a trailhead in this location will require major road construction (including road widening to construct a north/south deceleration lane) and extensive coordination and permitting through Colorado Department of Transportation.

Visitor Safety: Visitor safety due to high traffic speeds could be an issue with a trailhead located next to Highway 287.

Access Road Conditions: Highway 287 has a 60 mph speed limit and the highest traffic volume of roads in this area at approximately 27,000 average daily trips. The road surfacing is asphalt.

Cost and Permitting: Selecting this location will necessitate extensive permitting and major road construction, significantly increasing the project costs and extending the project timeline by a minimum of 1-2 years.

location in EBC Site Management Plan)

Trailhead Access: Location B would be accessed from the west side of 109th Street. Alterations (widening, paving) would not be required.

Visitor Safety: Due to low-speed limit, this location would facilitate safe access to the trail system and is away from major highways and collector streets.

Access Road Conditions: 109th Street is a gravel road, has a speed limit of 30 mph and the lowest traffic volume of roads in the area at 90-110 average daily trips.

Trailhead Connectivity: This location facilitates a future connection to the planned Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

Floodplain Considerations: Construction would likely impact the 100-year floodplain and result in additional permitting needs.

Wildlife Considerations: This location does not fall within any raptor nest buffers or sensitive wildlife habitats.

Other Considerations: There are three residential

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Floodplain Considerations: Construction would likely impact the 100-year floodplain and result in additional permitting needs.

Wildlife Considerations: This location falls within a raptor nest buffer and could potentially require consultation with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Other Considerations: This location has the fewest immediate residential properties adjacent. Access to the existing oil and gas facility must be maintained.

properties located across the street from this location. If selected, the trailhead will be sited as carefully as possible to minimize impacts to the neighbors' direct viewsheds.

Location C: Near Jasper Road and the Wise Homestead Museum

Trailhead Access: Location C would be accessed from the north side of Jasper Rd. Widening the road for a turn lane could be required.

Access Road Conditions: Jasper Road is a paved and has a 35 mph speed limit.

Location D: N 119th Street

Trailhead Access: Location D would be accessed from the west side of 119th Street, roughly 3/4 mile north of Jasper Road. This location is approximately 1 mile away from the proposed Kenosha Trailhead that serves the northeast section of the property. Widening the road

Ownership: Staff is currently researching the joint ownership and conservation easements of this property with the Town of Erie.

Floodplain Considerations: This location is out of the 100-year and 500-year floodplains. Soil conditions vary widely throughout this site, including some areas of wet conditions (high water table) that will increase construction costs.

Trailhead Connectivity: This location facilitates a future connection to the planned Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

Agriculture Considerations: This location would significantly impact the highest-producing alfalfa field in Boulder County. Due to the unique nature of the irrigation and water rights in this area, the ability to continue farming is being researched.

Other Considerations: This location is adjacent to the backyards of two residential properties and the Wise Homestead Museum (owned by the Erie Historical Society).

for a turn lane could be required.

Trailhead Connectivity: This location does not facilitate access to the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT).

Access Road Conditions: 119th Street is an asphalt road with a speed limit of 40 mph and a traffic volume of 1,720 average daily trips.

Floodplain Considerations: This location is out of the 100-year and 500-year floodplains.

Other Considerations: This location is immediately adjacent to one residential property and across the street from six residential properties.

Take the Survey

Use your unique survey code to take the survey.

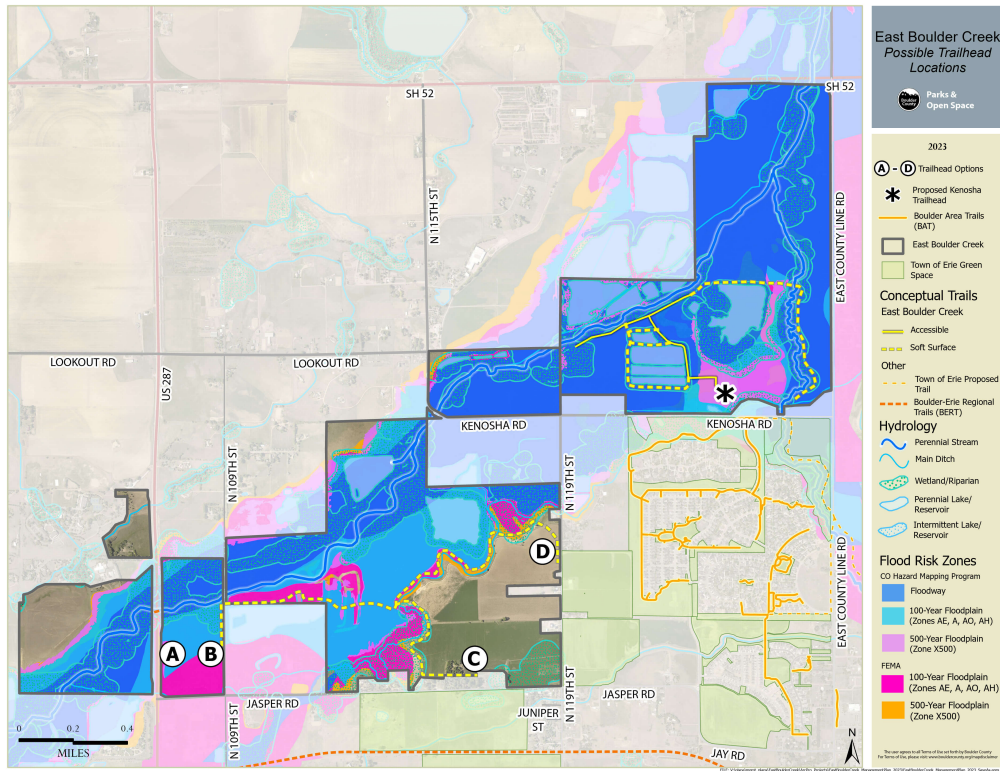
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East Boulder Creek Site Prairie Run Open Space Trailhead Location Survey

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What is your **preferred** trailhead location?

- A - US 287
- B - N 109th St
- C - Jasper Rd / Wise Homestead Museum
- D - N 119th St

What is your **least preferred** trailhead location?

- A - US 287
- B - N 109th St
- C - Jasper Rd / Wise Homestead Museum
- D - N 119th St

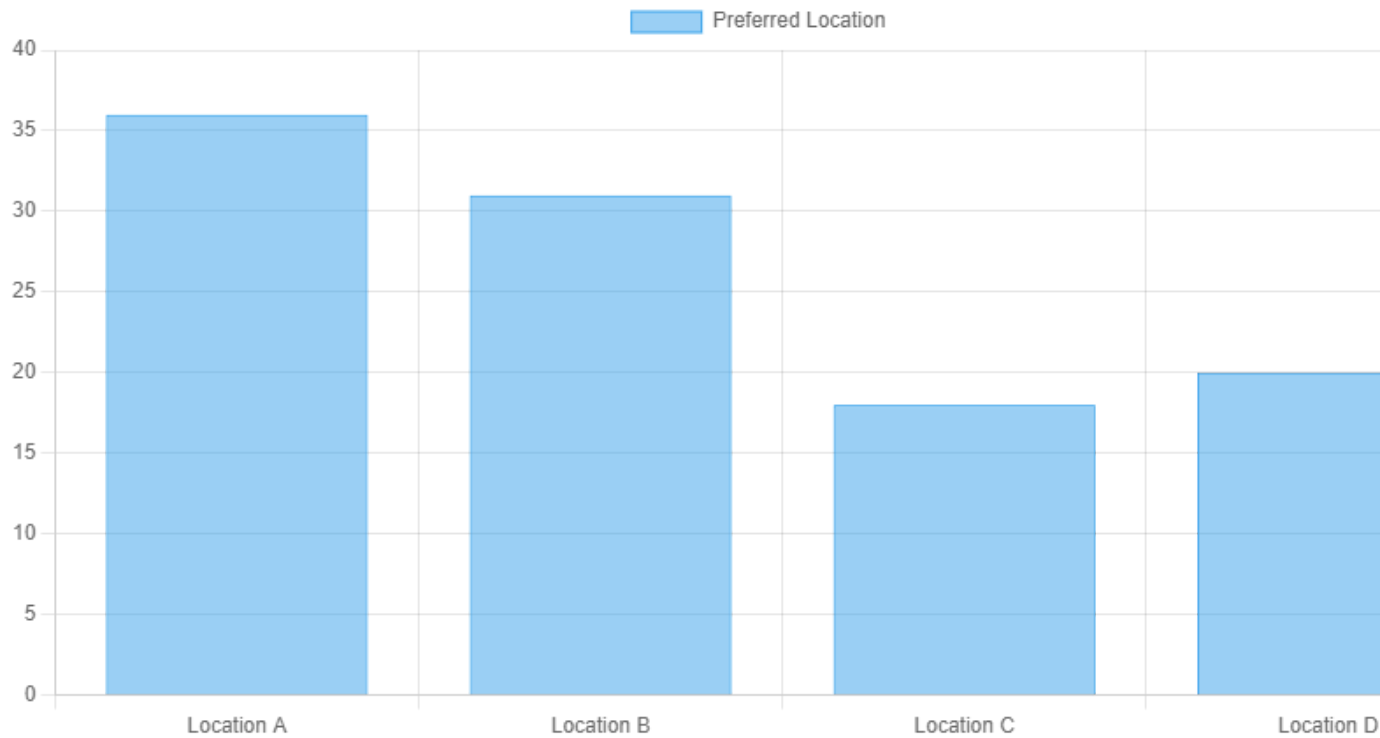
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East Boulder Creek Site *Prairie Run Open Space* Trailhead Location Survey RESULTS

Preferred Location (n = 105)

- A: 36 (34.3%)
- B: 31 (29.5%)
- C: 18 (17.1%)
- D: 20 (19%)



Least Preferred Location (n = 105)

- A: 31 (29.5%)
- B: 29 (27.6%)
- C: 17 (16.2%)
- D: 28 (26.7%)



Appendix 6: Southwest Trailhead Analysis (POSAC condition of approval to the BOCC)

	Location A: US Highway 287	Location B: 109th Street (Proposed Location in Plan)		Location C: Near Jasper Road and the Wise Homestead Museum	Location D: N 119th Street
Trailhead Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessed from east side of US Hwy 287. • High traffic speeds and volumes on Hwy 287 will require major road construction to accommodate a trailhead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction includes widening to construct a north/south deceleration lane. ○ Extensive coordination and permitting will be necessary through CDOT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessed from west side of 109th Street. • Alterations (widening, paving) would not be required. • Jasper Rd. was requested by members of the public as an alternative access route. If selected, utilities will need to be relocated and a ditch crossing must be constructed, increasing permitting/approval time and construction costs. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location C would require an elevated access road (approx. 650 linear feet in length) heading north from Jasper Rd. • This road would need to be designed around the existing oil and gas infrastructure, above the sub-irrigated agricultural field, and require elevation due to the high water table. • Widening the road for a turn lane could be required per Town of Erie Public Works. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessed from the west side of 119th Street, roughly 3/4 mile north of Jasper Road. • Widening the road for a turn lane could be required per Town of Erie Public Works
Public Access Road Conditions	<p>Highway 287:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60-mph speed limit • ~27,000 average annual daily trips² (highest traffic volume of roads in this area) • Asphalt road surfacing 	<p><i>Access off 109th St:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-mph speed limit • ~90-110 average annual daily trips² (lowest traffic volume of roads in the area) • Gravel road • Low history of crashes⁵ 	<p><i>Access off Jasper Rd:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50-mph speed limit • ~1,700 average annual daily trips² • Asphalt road surfacing 	<p>Jasper Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35-mph speed limit • Average annual daily trips is unknown • Asphalt road surfacing 	<p>119th Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40-mph speed limit • Average annual daily trips is unknown • Asphalt road surfacing
Visitor & Neighborhood Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to Hwy 287 makes ranger patrols quick and easy to fit into their daily schedules. • Unlikely location for unwelcome activity due to visibility from Hwy 287. • Rangers and visitors will have clear views of the trailhead from the road. • High traffic speeds on Hwy 287 could risk visitor safety. • This potential trailhead has not been considered in the US 287 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to Hwy 287 makes ranger patrols quick and easy to fit into their daily schedules. • Unlikely location for unwelcome activity due to visibility from Hwy 287. • Rangers and visitors will have clear views of the trailhead from the road. • Low speed limit along 109th St. facilitates safe access to the trail 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailhead location is set back behind the Wise Homestead Museum and does not allow observation of the trailhead from the roadway. • Rangers and visitors could potentially not have a clear view of trailhead from the road. • Speed limit of 35 mph • Reduced potential for conflict associated with active oil & gas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangers and visitors will have clear views of the trailhead from the road. • Adjacent homes are very close to the proposed parking area. • Location provides a trailhead far from significant daily travel routes. Patrols of the area maybe reduced/limited by rangers due to location. • Reduced potential for conflict associated with active oil & gas wells

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	Vision Zero Safety & Mobility Study ³ and could create additional safety issues for travels along Hwy 287.	system and is away from major highways and collector streets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced potential for conflict associated with the active oil and gas wells nearer to US Hwy 287. 	wells on the property (no wells are adjacent)	on the property (no wells are adjacent)	
Cost, Permitting, & Maintenance⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitting required with CDOT, FEMA, CPP, and State of CO. This location will necessitate extensive permitting and major road construction, significantly increasing the project costs and extending the project timeline by a minimum of 1-4 years. <p>Approx. Cost: \$1.6M Maintenance: \$\$\$\$</p>	<p><i>Access off 109th St:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitting required through CPP, PW, and State of CO. Permitting timeframe: 12-18 months <p>Approx. Cost: \$279K Maintenance: \$</p>	<p><i>Access off Jasper Rd:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitting required through CPP, PW, State of CO, and possibly FEMA. Ditch company review/ approval of ditch crossing Permits/ approvals of utility relocations Permitting timeframe: 2 -3 years <p>Approx. Cost: \$1.35M - \$1.5M (If utilities are relocated) Maintenance: \$\$</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitting required through CPP, State of CO, and Town of Erie Public Works Permitting timeframe: 12-18 months <p>Approx. Cost: \$767K-857K or \$1.84M-1.94M (increased cost if Town of Erie requires road widening) Maintenance: \$\$</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitting required through CPP, State of CO, and Town of Erie Public Works Permitting timeframe: 12-18 months <p>Approx. Cost: \$744K-794K or \$1.81M-1.86M (increased cost if Town of Erie requires road widening) Maintenance: \$\$</p>
Trailhead Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitates a future connection to the planned Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) and future trails designated in the US 287 Vision Zero Safety & Mobility Study³. Transit Connections: Existing bus stop at Jasper and Hwy 287 on south side of the road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitates a future connection to the planned Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT) and future trails designated in the US 287 Vision Zero Safety & Mobility Study³ Transit Connections: Existing bus stop at Jasper and Hwy 287 on south side of the road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitates a future connection to the planned Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Transit Connections: Nearest bus stop is approx. 1 mile away at Jasper and Hwy 287. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This location does not facilitate access to the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail (BERT). Transit Connections: Nearest bus stop is approx. 2 miles away at Jasper and Hwy 287. 	
Floodplain Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of the trailhead would likely impact the 100- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction would likely impact the 100-year floodplain and result in additional permitting needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not within 100-year and 500-year floodplains. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not within 100-year and 500-year floodplains. 	

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	<p>year floodplain and result in additional permitting needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deceleration lane could affect the floodway, which would require additional permitting and costs (estimated in Cost, Permitting & Maintenance row above) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil conditions vary widely throughout this site, including some areas of wet conditions (high water table) that will increase construction and maintenance costs. Trailhead would need to be elevated off ground levels to mitigate for high ground water and surrounding flood irrigation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located within irrigated agricultural land, requiring elevation of the trailhead and access road.
Wildlife Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located within a raptor nest buffer and could potentially require consultation with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not fall within any raptor nest buffers or sensitive wildlife habitats. 	<p>Does not fall within any raptor nest buffers or sensitive wildlife habitats.</p>	<p>Does not fall within any raptor nest buffers or sensitive wildlife habitats.</p>
Agriculture Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts to agriculture operations are limited as the trailhead and trail are along the perimeter of the pasture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts to agriculture operations are limited as the trailhead and trail are along the perimeter of the pasture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considered an agriculturally historic agricultural important area. This location would significantly impact the highest-producing alfalfa field in Boulder County. Agricultural tenant has concerns about vandalism and trespassing on their operations. The current method of flood irrigation would need to be changed to a pump system. Approx. cost \$250K-350K (included in totals above). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in the middle of irrigated agricultural land, requiring elevation of the trailhead and access road. Irrigation of the field would need to be changed to a pump system. Approx. cost: \$250K-300K (included in totals above).
Neighbor Proximity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This location does not have immediate residential properties adjacent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three residential properties located across the street from this location. If selected, the trailhead will be sited as carefully as possible to minimize impacts to the neighbors' direct viewsheds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjacent to the backyards of two residential properties and the Wise Homestead Museum (owned by the Erie Historical Society). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately adjacent to one residential property and across the street from six residential properties. Due to the density of the homes across the street, it would be more challenging to locate the lot out of neighbors direct viewsheds.
Ownership	Boulder County Parks & Open Space	Boulder County Parks & Open Space	<p>Boulder County Parks & Open Space and Town of Erie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Erie would have to support a modification to the 	Boulder County Parks & Open Space

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Other Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the existing oil and gas facility must be maintained. • Off-street parking would not be available in cases of parking reaching full capacity or the parking area being closed. • Location offers a trail experience to members of the community that may not travel off of significant/familiar roadways. • Provides a location for first responders to complete paperwork that provides quick and safe access to calls along Hwy 287 and east Boulder County. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a western termination point to the EBC site and proposed trails. Without a trailhead here, people would likely park along the sides of the road on 109th St. As a public road, street parking cannot be prohibited. • 109th Street provides ample, safe offroad parking should the parking area reach capacity or should the parking area be closed. • Provides a location for first responders to complete paperwork that provides quick and safe access to calls along Hwy 287 and east Boulder County. 	<p>conservation easement and the join Wise Open Space Management plan (2007) on this property to allow for the trailhead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comp plan designation: Open Space/Agricultural Preservation & Urban Buffer is referenced in the conservation easement (CE) held by Erie and prohibits the development of a trailhead (see above). • Location provides a scenic and remote-feeling trailhead experience that can be enjoyable for visitors. • Jasper Rd is narrow and does not provide off-street parking for trailhead closures and overflow parking with capacity is reached. • Proximity to the Wise homestead museum would likely mean that BCPOS rangers become defacto security for property where they do not have jurisdiction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 1 mile away from the proposed Kenosha Rd. trailhead that serves the northeast section of the property. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This would result in two trailheads with extensive infrastructure in relatively close proximity, which is not a best practice of BCPOS. • Near an existing, active oil and gas road; use of this road for trailhead purposes is unknown. It's possible we'll need to build our own entry and trailhead access road, creating two parallel roads. • Proposed trails heading directly west of this location would dead end on the west side of 109th St., resulting in public on street parking at 109th. As a public road, street parking cannot be prohibited. • 119th Street is narrow and does not provide off street parking for trailhead closures and overflow parking when capacity is reached.

Table Footnotes:

¹Attendees of the most recent public site visit requested an alternative on a nearby Town of Erie open space property. This location is not included in this survey. However, staff is working with the Town of Erie to understand the feasibility of this location and will report the results at the upcoming Board of County Commissioners public hearing.

²Average Annual Daily Traffic counts acquired from Boulder County's Vehicle Traffic Counts online mapping service:

<https://bouldercounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Compare/index.html?appid=820cc2109948489285ed45a95b925af6>

³ The US 287 Vision Zero Safety & Mobility Study is available online at: <https://assets.bouldercounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/us-287-vision-zero-safety-mobility-study-and-appendices.pdf>

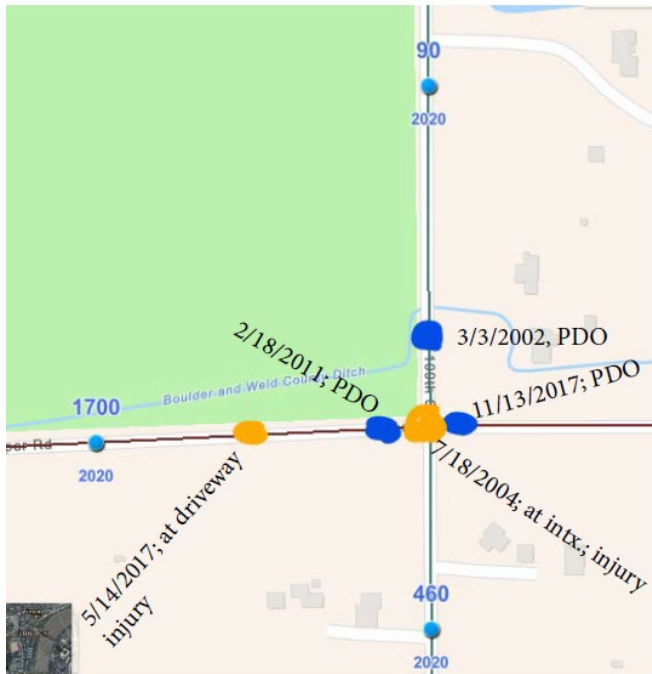
⁴ Boulder County Public Works and Parks & Open Space Project Management and Design workgroup were consulted to inform permitting and cost estimates.

Acronyms: CDOT: Colorado Department of Transportation, FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency, CPP: Boulder County Community Planning & Permitting, PW: Boulder County Public Works

⁵ See crash history below (source: Boulder County Public Works).

109th & Jasper Rd Crash History since 2002 (22 years)

- 3/3/2002 – PDO (Property Damage Only); north of intersection; icy conditions; single vehicle run off road
- 7/18/2004 – Injury; daytime, clear; 2 vehicles broadside at intersection
- 2/8/2011 – PDO; west of intersection snowy, non-intersection; single vehicle run off road
- 5/4/2017 – Injury; west of intersection; daytime, clear; 2 vehicles, sideswipe at driveway
- 11/13/2017 – PDO; east of intersection, single vehicle



East Boulder Creek Possible Trailhead Locations



2024 Trailhead Options

- (A) - (D)** Trailhead Options
- *** Proposed Kenosha Trailhead
- Town of Erie Trails
- East Boulder Creek
- Town of Erie Green Space

Conceptual Trails

East Boulder Creek

- Accessible
- Soft Surface

Other

- Town of Erie Proposed Trails
- Boulder-Erie Regional Trails (BERT)

Hydrology

- Perennial Stream
- Main Ditch
- Wetland/Riparian
- Perennial Lake/Reservoir
- Intermittent Lake/Reservoir

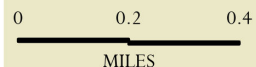
Flood Risk Zones

CO Hazard Mapping Program

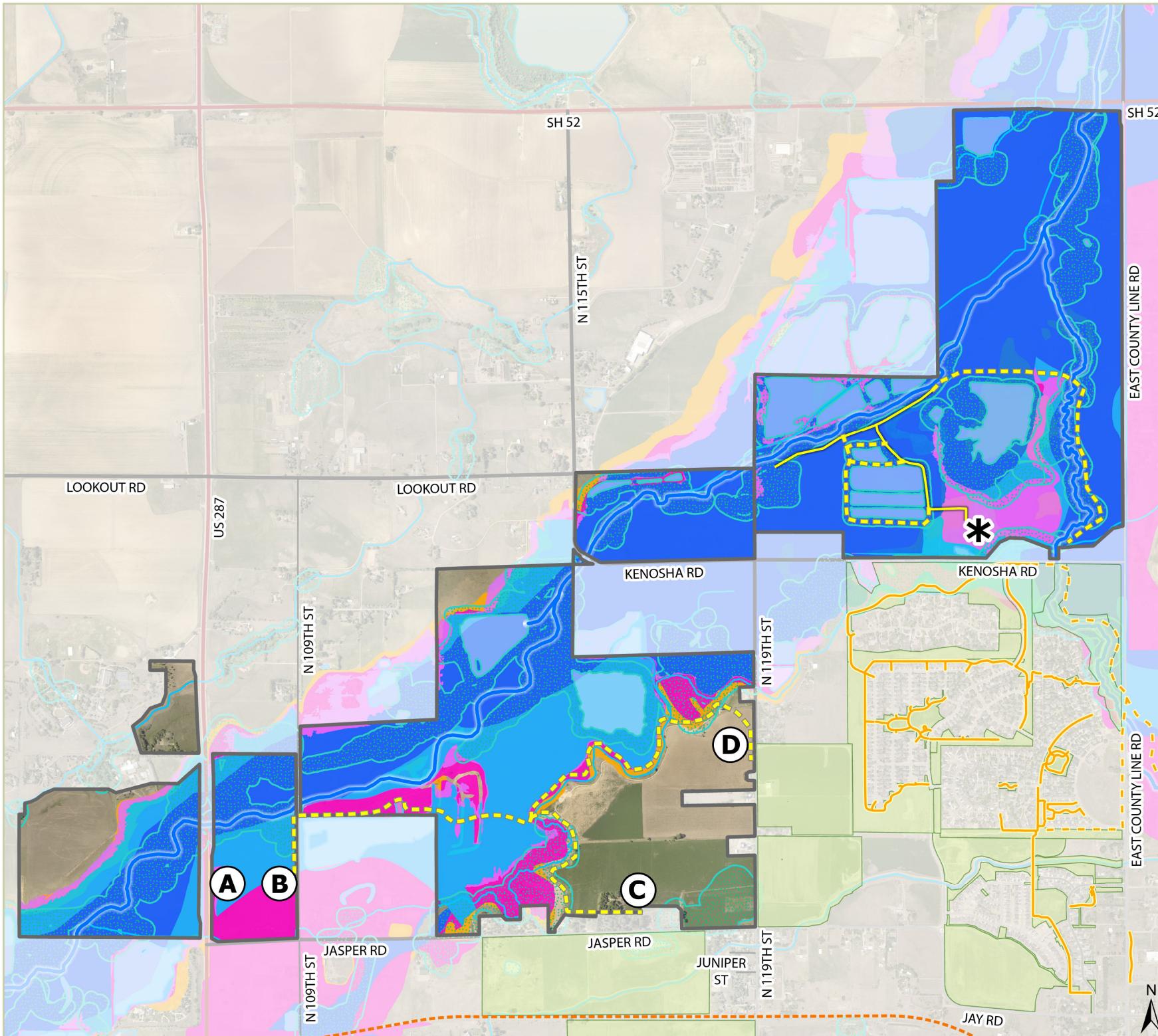
- Floodway
- 100-Year Floodplain (Zones AE, A, AO, AH)
- 500-Year Floodplain (Zone X500)

FEMA

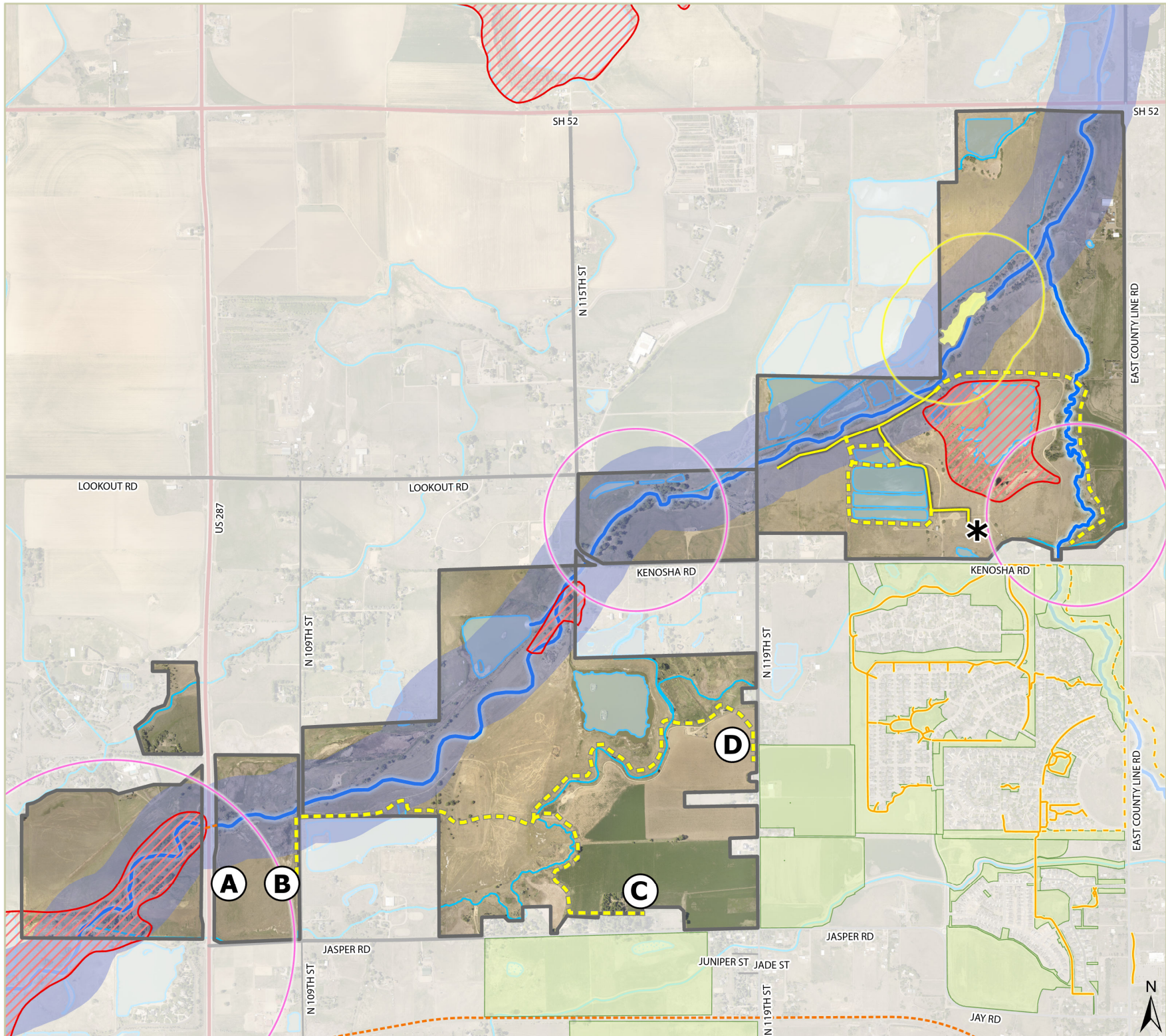
- 100-Year Floodplain (Zones AE, A, AO, AH)
- 500-Year Floodplain (Zone X500)



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East Boulder Creek Possible Trailhead Locations with Wildlife



2024

- A - D** Trailhead Options
- *** Proposed Kenosha Trailhead
- Boulder Area Trails (BAT)
- East Boulder Creek
- Town of Erie Green Space
- Critical Wildlife Habitat (BCCP)
- PMUM Zone 4 (BCCP)
- Active Heronry
- Active Heronry Buffer
- Raptor Nest Buffer

Conceptual Trails

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- Boulder-Erie Regional Trails (BERT)

Hydrology

- Perennial Stream
- Main Ditch
- Perennial Lake/Reservoir
- Intermittent Lake/Reservoir

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Parks and Recreation

January 19, 2024

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Boulder, CO 80302

To the Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to express the Town of Erie's continued support for the East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan. The Town of Erie and the members of our Open Space & Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB) deeply appreciate the collaborative effort with the Boulder County Parks & Open Space staff over the past year as these plans have taken shape.

Specifically, the Town of Erie and the members of the OSTAB support:

1. The development of recreational uses and trail opportunities north of Kenosha Road and west of County Line Road.
2. The development of soft-surface trails within Boulder County between North 109th Street and North 119th with future trail connection to the Town of Erie's trail network east of North 119th Street.
3. The future development of a southern trail spur connecting the proposed Boulder County trail network to the future Town of Erie trail network planned for Wise Open Space and further connection to the Boulder to Erie Regional Trail.

The Town of Erie is not in support of a recent conceptual parking lot proposal that has the lot placed immediately north of Jasper Road near the Wise Museum. This parcel maintains a shared conservation easement between the Town of Erie and Boulder County and is currently zoned as Agricultural/Open Space. The Town of Erie does not support amending this conservation easement or altering the zoning.

The East Boulder Creek Site Management Plan remains an opportunity to create a benefit for generations to come. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to reach out should you require any further information or clarification on our position with this project.

Sincerely,

Patrick Hammer
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Erie

OSTAB Members:
Ken Martin, Chair
Phil Brink
Christine Felz

Tim Payne
Joe Swanson
Dave Tazik