



# Parks & Open Space

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## **PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 24, 2024

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

<b>TO:</b>	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
<b>FROM/PRESENTER:</b>	Emily Ruff, Civil Construction Field Supervisor
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>Trailhead Maintenance Program Overview</b>
<b>ACTION REQUESTED:</b>	Information Only

The Boulder County Park and Opens Space (BCPOS) Trailhead Maintenance (THM) program has evolved significantly since the very first trailhead was built in 1985. Since the onset of managing trailheads for public use, we now service 39 different locations all around the county that are frequently utilized by community members and visitors alike. The built structures often found at our trailheads, such as restrooms, picnic shelters, information kiosks, and trash and recycling receptacles, require continuous attention and care by our staff to provide visitors a safe and welcoming experience. This includes routine sanitation and restocking efforts and general maintenance upkeep such as painting, staining, hardware replacement, and more.

As the need for serving and maintaining user amenities grows, so does the multifaceted THM program. Finding the balance between providing a high standard of cleanliness at our trailheads, implementing new strategies and innovations, and keeping up with our maintenance backlog is a challenge. However, this small but mighty team works hard to address the combination of needs. This overview will share some of the history that has led the team to the high level of output we are supplying today and what the future of our open space trailheads will look like.

This presentation on the BCPOS Trailhead Maintenance program will provide an overview, including:

- Brief Introduction of the Presenter: Emily Ruff, THM Field Supervisor
- Background: The history of the THM program from its beginning
- Current Programing: What are the prominent priorities, objectives, and core duties
- Projections for the Future: What to expect in the next five years