Open Space
Element Update

Boulder County
Comprehensive Plan
» Adopted 1978
» Vision for development
» Channel growth to municipalities
» Protect ag lands
» Preserve environmental and natural resources
Background

» Legal Foundation: State Law (*C.R.S. 30-28-106*)
» Lead Department: Land Use
» Adopted by Planning Commission
» Advisory Document to guide land use decisions
»Implemented through Land Use Regulations and other planning tools

**Boulder County Comprehensive Plan**
BCCP Contents:
» Goals Section
» Individual Elements (policies)
» Maps
Elements Relevant to Parks & Open Space:

1) Agriculture Element
2) Cultural Resource Element
3) Environmental Resources Element
4) Open Space Element

Boulder County Comprehensive Plan
Goals of the OSE Update:
» 30,000 foot view
» simplify language
» broaden policy topics
» clarify the goals and policies
» eliminate reference to programs
» eliminate redundancies
» provide guidance for future
» NOT to revisit the INTENT of goals and policies
Boulder County Comprehensive Plan
» Open Space Element Policies and Maps (POSAC-BOCC-PC)
» Management Policies (POSAC-BOCC)
» Management Plans (POSAC-BOCC)
» Rules & Regs (POSAC-BOCC)
» Operating Plans, etc. (administrative)
Typical Management & Policy Planning Process
» Internal & public scoping
» Data collection, resource inventory
» Develop alternatives
» Draft Plans
» Public Review
» Public Hearings (POSAC, BOCC)
» Adoption by BOCC after POSAC recommendation

Open Space Element Update
8 Management Policies
  > Cropland Policy
  > Water Policy
  > Conservation Easement Policy

50+ Management Plans
  > Betasso Preserve Management Plan
  > Walker Ranch Management Plan

Open Space Element Update
Anticipated Timeline

» Spring 2015: Preview to POSAC and PC
» Summer 2015: Open House #1 (July 28)
» Fall/Winter 2015/16:
  > Joint study session with POSAC (Nov.)
  > Public Hearings & Adoption
Questions, Comments?

What would you like to see when we bring you the first draft?