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Adams County News and Information
**Adams County Commissioners Award \$5.4 Million
in Open Space Grants**

Thanks to the voter-approved Open Space Sales Tax, the Adams County Board of Commissioners awarded \$5.4 million in open space grants for 17 projects during the May 31, 2016 public hearing. Funding for this grant cycle came from revenues from the second half of the 2015 Adams County Open Space Sales Tax, which was passed by Adams County voters in 1999.

The Open Space Advisory Board reviewed 17 grant applications this grant cycle, recommending that the Board of County Commissioners approve all the projects for full funding. Accordingly, the Board awarded 17 open space grants totaling \$5,470,330.

The grant recipients are as follows:

City of Thornton—Adams 12 STEM Launch Niver Nature Heritage Trail Collaboration Project—\$711

Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District—Clear Creek Valley Park Pollinator Habitat Project—\$5,000

Barr Lake State Park—Lake Appreciation Day 2016 Project—\$2,675

City of Westminster—Metzger Farm Farmstead Improvements Project—\$379,751

City of Westminster—Big Dry Creek Trail Upgrade Project—\$300,000

City of Brighton—Bromley-Hishinuma Farm Interiors Project— \$275,000

City of Brighton- CFRT—Veterans Park Missing Trail Link Project—\$226,115

Town of Bennett—Kiowa Creek Trail Engineering Phase II Project—\$17,000

City of Aurora—Sand Creek Park Improvements Project—\$325,000

Adams County Transportation Department—Pedestrian Underpass at York Street on Clear Creek Project—\$950,000

Adams County Parks & Open Space Department—Clear Creek Trail Replacement Project—\$220,500

City of Commerce City—Martinez Property Acquisition Project—\$90,000

City of Aurora—Moorhead Splash Pad Project—\$160,000

City of Thornton—Construction of FasTracks Neighborhood Connections and Pedestrian Underpass Project—\$1,514,139

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies—Engaging Adams County Residents/Visitors in Open Spaces with Environmental Education Project—\$ 190,854

City of Thornton—Woodglen Brookshire Community Park Restrooms Project—\$377,874

Westgate Community School—Westgate Community Environmental Campus—Construction Phase I Project for \$435,711

When the Open Space Sales Tax was presented to voters in 1999, the ballot question called for the creation of a citizen Open Space Advisory Board. This board recommends open space projects to the county commissioners for funding. Grants are funded from 68 percent of the tax

proceeds and are awarded twice a year.

“The awards made today will help improve trail connections between neighborhoods, our regional trail systems, and the commuter rail stations that will be opening in the coming years,” said Board of County Commissioners Chair Steve O’Dorisio. “We are also proud to be investing in improvements to existing parks, environmental education, and the restoration of historical farmsteads within Adams County.”

Mini Grant: Adams 12 STEM Launch Niver Nature Heritage Trail Collaboration Project—City of Thornton

Project Summary: This project involves students from the Adams 12 STEM Launch school for the construction and installation of bird and bat houses in the natural areas, adding decoratively painted trash cans, and painting the bridge wing walls along the trail. The project site is located at 9402 Inca Court.

Grant Award: \$711

Mini Grant: Clear Creek Valley Park Pollinator Habitat Project—Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District (Sponsored by City of Westminster)

Project Summary: Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District will partner with the Butterfly Pavilion to create a Pollinator Garden to the west of the Clear Creek Valley Park community gardens. The garden will include raised bed lots for residents to grow food or flowers. Clear Creek Valley Park is located at 5902 Tennyson Street.

Grant Award: \$5,000

Mini Grant: Lake Appreciation Day 2016—Barr Lake State Park (Sponsored by Adams County)

Project Summary: The purpose of this project is to bring public awareness to water quality and issues through the participation of 250 volunteers performing shoreline cleanup, eradicating noxious weeds, and staining boardwalks. The event is followed by lunch and educational activities for the volunteers. Barr Lake State Park is located at 13401 Piccadilly Rd.

Grant Award: \$2,675

Metzger Farm Farmstead Improvements Project—City of Westminster

Project Summary: This project involves the final step in the preservation of the farmstead at Metzger Farm. This phase includes building stabilization and interpretive signage to allow future public access. Metzger Farm is located at the northeast corner of 120th Avenue and Federal Boulevard.

Grant Award: \$379,751

Big Dry Creek Trail Upgrade Project—City of Westminster

Project Summary: Approximately 1.3 miles of the Big Dry Creek Trail between 112th Avenue and 120th Avenue will be upgraded. The trail is currently 8’ wide crusher fines and will be upgraded to 10’ wide concrete with 4’ aggregate for snow plowing and increased safety of trail users. Big Dry Creek Trail is located between 112th- 120th Avenues and Federal and Sheridan Boulevards.

Grant Award: \$300,000

Bromley-Hishinuma Farm Interiors Project—City of Brighton

Project Summary: This grant will be used to rehabilitate the interiors of the Migrant Workers House and the first and second floors of the Farm Main House. The project includes architectural design and rehabilitation of the floors, walls, trim, stairs, windows, and doors of both houses. The Bromley-Hishinuma Farm is located at 1594 East Bromley Lane.

Grant Award: \$275,000

CFRT(Colorado Front Range Trail)-Veterans Park Missing Trail Link—City of Brighton

Project Summary: This grant will be used to create a safe new access for trail users adjacent to Highway 7 and through Veterans Park. It will connect Downtown Brighton through the Adams County Fairgrounds to Denver going south and in the future will connect to Longmont and Fort Collins going north. It will create 1,775 linear feet of 10' wide trail, a 50 foot bridge, 540 feet of trail over a stormwater pipe, engineering and design, as well as revegetation. Veterans Park is located at 405 West Bridge Street.

Grant Award: \$226,115

Kiowa Creek Trail Engineering Phase II—Town of Bennett

Project Summary: The Town of Bennett received funding for the Colorado Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration approvals to construct the Interstate 70 segment of the Kiowa Creek Trail. The trail is located at I-70 and Kiowa Creek.

Grant Award: \$17,000

Sand Creek Park Improvements Project—City of Aurora

Project Summary: The City of Aurora plans to construct a shelter and nature-based playground, as well as walkways, to improve circulation at the Sand Creek Park. Sand Creek Park is located at 2700 North Peoria Street.

Grant Award: \$325,000

Pedestrian Underpass at York Street on Clear Creek—Adams County

Project Summary: Adams County plans to construct a pedestrian underpass below Highway 224 along York Street in order to create greater connectivity to the Clear Creek Regional Trail and provide a safer route for trail users. The project site is located at York Street and Clear Creek.

Grant Award: \$950,000

Clear Creek Trail Replacement—Adams County

Project Summary: Adams County will use these grant funds for the repair and upgrade to a section of the Clear Creek Trail that runs along the Lower Clear Creek and Colorado Agricultural ditches. This includes 900 feet of trail replacement, stabilization of the ditch bank and a 2' shoulder added to the trail. The project site is located along the Clear Creek Trail between the LCC Diversion Dam & Kalcevic Gulch.

Grant Award: \$220,500

Martinez Property Acquisition—City of Commerce City

Project Summary: The City of Commerce City will use this grant to fund the acquisition of a residential lot adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Park and the Commerce City Recreation Center. The project also includes demolishing the existing house, grading, and installation of irrigation and sod on the site. The property is located at 6023 Forest Drive.

Grant Award: \$90,000

Moorhead Splash Pad—City of Aurora

Project Summary: The City of Aurora will construct an aquatics spray ground as part of the renovations to the Moorhead Recreation Center. Providing a splash pad feature for younger children will allow the recreation center to serve a wider range of users within the community. The Moorhead Recreation Center is located at 2390 North Havana Street.

Grant Award: \$160,000

Construction of FasTracks Neighborhood Connections & Pedestrian Underpass Project—City of Thornton

Project Summary: These grant funds will be used for construction of neighborhood connections to four North Metro FasTrack stations scheduled to open in 2018, the purchase of five right-of-way parcels to

accommodate the connections, as well as the design and construction of a pedestrian and bicycle underpass at the 88th Avenue FasTrack station. These connections will improve safety issues and help integrate the stations within the neighborhoods. These sites are located throughout the City of Thornton.
Grant Award: \$1,514,139

Engaging Adams County Residents/Visitors in Open Spaces with Environmental Education—Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (Sponsored by Adams County)

Project Summary: This grant will provide funding to support environmental education and programming through educational staff, volunteer coordination, and scholarships for program participants. Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is located at 14500 Lark Bunting Lane.
Grant Award: \$190,854

Woodglen Brookshire Community Park Restrooms Project—City of Thornton

Project Summary: This grant will provide support for the design and construction of restrooms at the Woodglen Brookshire Park. The project includes the tap, testing, water line, sewer line, electrical, plumbing, landscape restoration, and associated items. Woodglen Brookshire Park is located at 11730 Saint Paul Street.
Grant Award: \$377,874

Westgate Community Environmental Campus—Construction Phase I- Westgate Community School (Sponsored by City of Thornton)

Project Summary: This grant will be used for site preparation, a public pavilion, grassy open space area, shade trees, shade structures, sloped embankments, a social plaza with benches and tables, a grassy amphitheater with terraced boulders, landscape and irrigation. The project also includes the addition of a K-5 playground funded by GOCO. Westgate Community School is located at 12500 Washington Street.
Grant Award: \$435,711

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