



**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026  
AGENDA**

---

<b>May 6, 2026</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO 80104 Conference Rooms A&amp;B Instructions for virtually joining the meeting can be found at: <a href="https://www.douglas.co.us/board-county-commissioners/boards-commissions/open-space-advisory-committee/">https://www.douglas.co.us/board-county-commissioners/boards-commissions/open-space-advisory-committee/</a></b>
--------------------	----------------	---

---

**The purpose of the Douglas County Open Space Advisory Committee is to advise and make recommendations to the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners (Board) and municipal officials regarding disbursement of funds from the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources, Open Space Sales and Use Tax Fund, and to select open space land to be proposed for acquisition, maintenance, or preservation, to establish priorities, and to make recommendations to the Board on lands involving conservation easements acquired with such funds.**

---

**COSAC Administrative Pre-Meeting 5:00 PM**

**Administrative questions on anything on the agenda**

**CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM**

- I. Roll Call**
  
- II. COSAC Disclosures**
  
- III. Adoption of Agenda**
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes – March 31, 2026**
  
- V. Public comment (Provisions for additional public comments will be made as deemed appropriate by Chair)**
  
- VI. Administrative Announcements**
  - i. Parks & Trails Updates**
  - ii. Historic Preservation Updates**
  - iii. Open Space Updates**

1. **Lost Canyon Annual Report – Barbara Spagnuolo**
2. **Agents of Discovery – Darcy Wilson**
3. **Red Card Training – Kirk Inderbitzen & Ryan Smith**

**iv. Other Updates**

**VII. Informational Item**

- a. **Land Use Process for Buckee’s in El Paso County – Dan Dertz**
- b. **Gearing Up for 2027 Budget - Staff**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**I. Mark Weston Memorial Options - Scott McEldowney**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

*\*\*The Next Meeting Will be Held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.\*\**

Attachments:  
Last meeting minutes  
Presentations (if applicable)  
Staff Reports (if applicable)  
County Manager Report

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

**I. RECURRING ITEMS**

**ROLL CALL**

Jay Sage, Chair – Present  
Jim Guerra, Vice Chair – Present  
Jennifer Drybread, Committee Member – Present  
Mark Giebel, Committee Member – Present  
Patti Hostetler, Committee Member – Present  
Gregory Ochs, Committee Member - Excused  
Brian O'Malley, Committee Member – Present  
Tom Rundell, Committee Member – Present  
Elizabeth Snow, Committee Member – Present  
Kathie Shandro, Committee Member – Present

**II. COSAC Disclosure for Items on the Agenda**

None at this time.

**III. Motion to Approve Agenda**

RESULT: Approved  
MOVER: Hostetler  
SECONDER: O'Malley  
AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell  
EXCUSED: Ochs

**IV. Motion to Approve Minutes from March 4, 2026**

RESULT: Approved  
MOVER: O'Malley  
SECONDER: Guerra  
AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell  
EXCUSED: Ochs

**V. Election of Officers**

**VI. Motion to Re-elect Jay Sage as Chair of COSAC**

RESULT: Approved  
MOVER: Rundell  
SECONDER: Shandro  
AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell  
EXCUSED: Ochs

## **VII. Motion to Re-elect Jim Guerra as Vice Chair of COSAC**

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Shandro

SECONDER: Hostetler

AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

EXCUSED: Ochs

## **VIII. Public Comment**

No public comment

## **IX. Administrative Announcements**

### **Parks and Trails Update,**

- no update provided

### **Historic Preservation Update,**

- No update provided

**Scott McEldowney, Assistant Director,** provided the following updates:

- Transition last night to new emails ending in douglasco.gov
- Asking for feedback on our Teams SharePoint site. All going well.

**Dan Dertz, Director,** provided the following updates:

- Ms. Chris Hashimoto passed away.
- Month of April COSAC meeting will be a 5-hour tour on the East side of Douglas County since we are doing the meeting today. Daytime hours. Jennifer Drybread suggested doing this tour monthly, having a standing tour.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS/CURRENT AND FUTURE VISIONS**

- None discussed

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Outside 285 Grant Match – Kirk Inderbitzen, Operations Manager**

Kirk Inderbitzen presented the revised ask for the Outside 285 Grant Match. Explained that other partners will be the grant holder. The Counties' financial portion was lowered to \$50,000.

## **XII. Motion to approve the request to participate in the Open Space Outside 285 Grant Match with a \$50,000 contribution. This is to take precedence over the original motion.**

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Hostetler

SECONDER: Shandro

AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

EXCUSED: Ochs

**Supplemental Budget Items – Kirk Inderbitzen, Operations Manager**

Kirk Inderbitzen presented the staff requests supplemental funding items with project list, cost, and details.

**XIII. Motion of approval of \$2,285,000 for the supplemental budget request, subject to historic preservation plans related to funding for Prairie Canyon Ranch, Sandstone Ranch, and William Converse Ranch**

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Hostetler

SECONDER: Shandro

AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

EXCUSED: Ochs

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

COSAC entered executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a),(b) and discussed the potential acquisition of specific real property in Douglas County for preservation as open space. The discussion included the costs, benefits, and relative merits of potential property acquisitions, existing protections and encumbrances, limitations upon use, wildlife, natural resources, terrain, surrounding properties, and how the property relates to the objectives of COSAC and Douglas County. COSAC also received legal advice from an assistant county attorney regarding executive sessions and compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

**Motion for COSAC to enter an executive session.**

RESULT: No Executive Session held

MOVER:

SECONDER:

AYES:

EXCUSED:

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After adjourning the executive session, COSAC members came back to the regular COSAC meeting. COSAC Chair, Jay Sage stated that COSAC was now finished with the executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a),(b) for the purposes of discussing the potential acquisition of specific properties and legal advice, stated that no decisions were made in the executive session, and asked for a motion for adjournment.

**Motion for COSAC to exit executive session.**

RESULT: No Executive Session Held

MOVER:

SECONDER:

AYES:

EXCUSED:

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion to adjourn the regular COSAC meeting.**

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Shandro

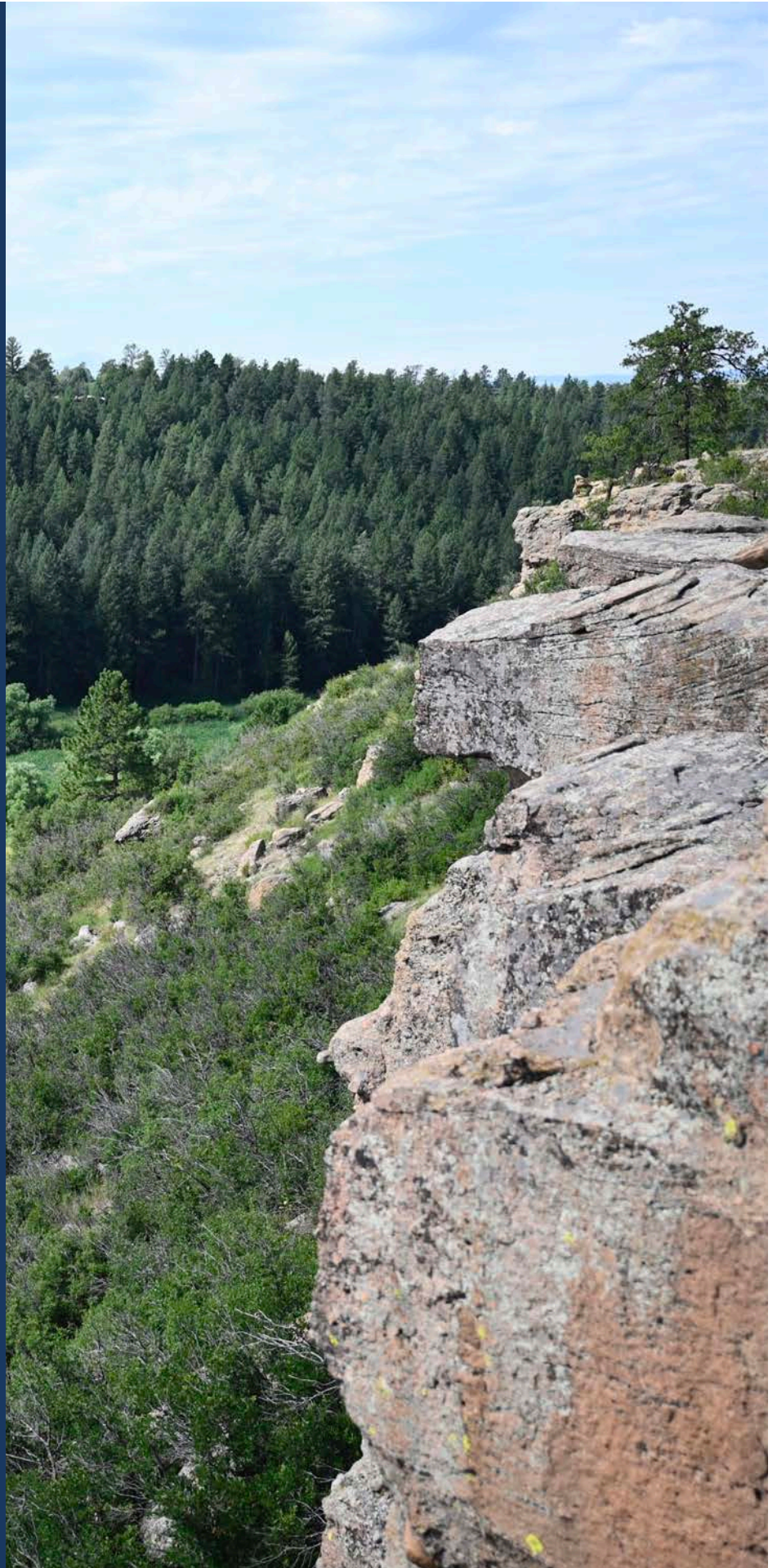
SECONDER: O'Malley

AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Drybread, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler,  
Rundell

EXCUSED: Ochs



Castle Rock  
**PARKS &  
RECREATION**  
*Lost Canyon Ranch  
Open Space*  
*2026 Annual Report  
to Douglas County  
Open Space Advisory  
Committee*



# TABLE OF Contents

- 3.....Statement of purpose
    - Overall summary
    - Conservation Easement
    - Master Plan
  - 4..... Management Plan
  - 5..... Construction activity
  - 7.....Wayfinding / Signage
    - Cultural resources
    - Special events and community engagement
  - 8..... Awards
- Appendices (click to view)**
- [A.....Master Plan](#)
  - [B.....Management Plan](#)
  - [C.....Trailhead parking lot construction design](#)
  - [D.....Entrance monument construction design](#)
  - [E.....Sign Plan](#)



## Statement of purpose

Beginning on April 1, 2025, and on or before April 1 of each year thereafter through and including April 1, 2034, the Town shall provide the County with an annual report documenting the work performed by the Town on the property and all related activities during the preceding year. Such report shall describe, in general terms, the Town's use of the property, all activities associated with, and expenses incurred in the design, installation and maintenance of trails on the property, estimates regarding public attendance on the property, efforts undertaken to comply with the Conservation Easement, and any other information requested by the County regarding the property. A copy of such report shall be provided to the County Open Space Advisory Council (COSAC). The Town shall promptly respond to all County and/or COSAC inquiries regarding the property and compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.

## Overall summary

The 681-acre Lost Canyon Ranch property was acquired by the Town of Castle Rock (Town) as open space on May 1, 2024. Since acquisition, the Town's Parks and Recreation Department has completed comprehensive Management and Master Plans to guide long-term stewardship of the property, balancing resource conservation with appropriate public access.

Following approval of these plans, Town staff advanced final design and implementation of public access improvements. These include entry monumentation and gate enhancements, trailhead parking areas, a sustainable soft-surface trail system, and targeted roadway and drainage improvements to support safe and durable access.

As of April 1, 2026, the property remains closed to the public, with closure signage posted at the secured main entrance. The closure will continue into early 2026 due to ongoing construction activity. Additional details regarding these improvements are provided within this report.

To keep the community informed, the Town has established a project webpage at [www.CRgov.com/LostCanyonRanch](http://www.CRgov.com/LostCanyonRanch), where residents can access project updates, background information, and sign up for notifications.

The Town anticipates opening Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space to the public in summer 2026, with a target date of July 11, 2026. The final opening date will be dependent on completion of key improvements, including the entrance, trail system, trailheads, and associated signage.

## Conservation Easement

To ensure the long-term protection of Lost Canyon Ranch and its identified Conservation Values, a Conservation Easement was conveyed and recorded with the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder on May 1, 2024. The easement Grantor is The Conservation Fund, as the fee simple owner of the property

at the time of conveyance, and the Grantee is Douglas Land Conservancy (DLC), a Colorado nonprofit organization.

The Conservation Easement establishes restrictions on the use and development of the property to preserve its open space, ecological integrity, and other conservation values, ensuring these resources are protected in perpetuity for the benefit of the public.

As part of DLC's ongoing stewardship responsibilities, annual monitoring and site assessments are conducted in coordination with Town staff. The 2025 monitoring visit occurred in September, with no issues or concerns identified regarding compliance with the Conservation Easement.

## Master Plan

In fall 2024, the Town initiated the master planning process for Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space, engaging Wenk Associates to assist with planning, analysis, and public engagement.

Wenk Associates supported a comprehensive planning effort that included public open house events, site analysis, traffic studies, roadway grading and drainage assessments, concept design, wayfinding development, and preparation of illustrative graphics and the final Master Plan document.

The Master Plan establishes the long-term vision, goals, and management strategies for Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space, ensuring alignment with the Conservation Easement while guiding appropriate public use. Key elements of the plan include an overview of site conditions, conservation considerations, detailed site analysis, proposed trailhead locations and trail alignments, signage and wayfinding plans, and identification of limited special use areas within designated building envelopes.

The Master Plan is guided by the following goals:

- Protect and preserve the site's natural habitat and cultural resources
- Provide public access for passive outdoor recreation and education
- Integrate the property into the Town's broader open space and trail network
- Provide a buffer from surrounding development pressures
- Balance conservation priorities with recreational access

Achieving this balance is a central focus of the plan. The property's sensitive canyon environments, presence of wildlife habitat, and single-point access through an adjacent residential neighborhood require a careful and deliberate approach to design and operations. To minimize impacts and preserve long-term resource integrity, permitted recreational use will be limited to hiking, excluding bicycles and dogs.

The planning process also evaluated several additional site considerations, including access limitations, potential phased implementation, protection of sensitive wildlife areas, preservation of the historic cave feature, trailhead and parking design, and the use of fencing along residential boundaries.

Town staff presented the draft Master Plan to the Douglas Land Conservancy Stewardship Committee in June 2025. The Committee provided feedback but deferred formal approval pending review of the Management Plan. Following incorporation of comments, the final Master Plan was completed in July 2025.

The Master Plan and Management Plan were jointly approved by Douglas Land Conservancy in August 2025 and subsequently approved by the Castle Rock Town Council through Resolution 2025-113 on September 16, 2025. [A copy of the final Master Plan is included as Appendix A.](#)

## Management Plan

A Land Management Plan for Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space was completed in May 2025, ahead of the November 2025 deadline established in the Conservation Easement. The plan builds upon the approved Master Plan and focuses on both visitor management and resource stewardship to ensure an appropriate balance between natural resource protection and public recreation, consistent with the Town's guiding principles and policies.

The overarching management objective for Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space is the preservation of its natural habitat, open space character, historic resources, and outdoor recreational values (collectively referred to as "Conservation Values"), as well as the protection of the surrounding natural environment. In accordance with the Conservation Easement, any use or activity that could impair or interfere with these Conservation Values is prohibited.

To guide implementation, the following management priorities have been established:

- Public safety and welfare
- Protection of natural and cultural resources
- Effective administration and management of the property
- Public access and education

The draft Management Plan was presented to the Stewardship Committee and legal counsel of Douglas Land Conservancy in late July 2025. Following review, DLC provided comments, which were incorporated into the final document.

The Douglas Land Conservancy Board approved the final Management Plan in August 2025. The plan, along with the Master Plan, was subsequently approved by the Castle Rock Town Council through Resolution 2025-113 on September 16, 2025.

[A copy of the final Management Plan is included as Appendix B.](#)

### Caretaker's residence

The former caretaker's residence, a 1,608 sq. ft. double-wide trailer, was in poor condition at the time of acquisition in 2024. Due to its deteriorated state, Town staff determined that demolition was the most appropriate course of action.

In February 2025, asbestos-containing materials were abated and cleared in accordance with requirements from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Demolition was completed in May 2025, allowing the site to be repurposed for a future trailhead parking area.

### Ranch house

The primary residence on the property is a 4,152 sq. ft., single-story ranch house constructed in 1976. The structure is currently unoccupied and in fair condition, though it has not undergone significant upgrades since its original construction. The building was evaluated as part of the Master Plan process for potential future uses; however, no timeline for improvements or renovation has been established.

In the interim, Town staff have completed limited repairs to address safety and security needs, including ceiling and plumbing repairs and installation of new locks. Ongoing maintenance may continue as needed until a long-term use and design are determined. Over the past year, the ranch house has also served as a staging location for small-scale events coordinated by the Town and its nonprofit partner, Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation, as further described in the Special Events section of this report.

### Indoor horse arena

The 10,230 sq. ft. indoor horse arena, also constructed in 1976, is currently in deteriorating condition. The structure was evaluated during the Master Plan process; however, no decisions or timelines have been established regarding its future use, repair, or potential removal. In the interim, Town staff are securing the structure by closing off doors and access points to limit unauthorized entry.

### Outbuilding #1 (Wood stable)

Outbuilding #1 is a 3,860 sq. ft. wooden stable located west of the ranch house within a fenced pasture area. This location is identified in the Master Plan as a potential site for a secondary, larger trailhead parking area. No formal plans or timelines have been established for improvements or reuse of the structure at this time.

### Outbuilding #2 (Cattle shed)

Outbuilding #2 is a 1,728 sq. ft. metal cattle shed constructed in 1969. The structure is in poor condition, with significant deterioration including missing roof panels. While no formal decision has been made, Town staff are evaluating demolition as a likely course of action given its current condition.



## Construction activity

### Trailhead parking lots

The approved Management Plan identified three primary trailheads with associated parking and amenities: Creekside, Cattleman's, and High Prairie. Construction has commenced on the Creekside and Cattleman's trailheads, while the High Prairie Trailhead has been deferred for future evaluation based on budget, operational needs, and site performance during the first year of public use.

Construction of the Creekside Trailhead began in November 2025 by SaBell's Civil and Landscape LLC. The trailhead is located within the previously disturbed footprint of the former caretaker's residence to minimize impacts to surrounding natural resources and is the closest access point to the main gate. First phase improvements include 18 parking spaces, including two ADA-accessible spaces, curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk connections, signage, and an ADA-accessible path connecting to the dam at the Franktown-Parker Reservoir. Staff will continue to evaluate additional site furnishings for both initial opening and future phases, including bear-resistant trash receptacles, picnic tables, bike racks, and benches. Staff are also evaluating the feasibility of incorporating limited pull-off parking along the improved entry drive. First phase completion is anticipated in 2026. Staff anticipates evaluating future phases and improvements which may include a permanent picnic shelter, vault toilets, and plaza seating areas.

Construction of the Cattleman's Trailhead began in January 2026. This trailhead is designed to accommodate higher parking demand, including use associated with special events at the ranch house. The parking area is located within a relatively flat pasture to minimize disturbance. Upon completion, the lot will include expanded parking capacity, six ADA-accessible spaces, a Class 6 road base surface, and an 8-foot-wide crusher fines trail along the north and west edges. The site will be enclosed with post-and-dowel fencing. The adjacent wooden stable (Outbuilding #1) will remain outside of the fenced parking area. First phase completion is anticipated in 2026. Similarly, to Creekside, staff anticipates evaluating future phases which may include a permanent shelter, vault toilets and plaza seating and gathering areas. [A copy of the Trailhead Parking Lot Construction Plans is included in Appendix C.](#)

### Access driveway and gate entrance

Access to Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space is currently controlled by a locked gate that accommodates one-way traffic. Planned improvements to the entry drive and gate are intended to enhance safety, visibility, and operational efficiency. The redesigned entry will allow for two-way traffic to accommodate emergency and maintenance vehicle access, improve sightlines from the adjacent roadway, and provide clear visual cues to visitors regarding site status (open or closed).

The new gate will include remote operation capabilities, allowing Town staff to manage access during non-operational hours and during inclement weather conditions. As of April 1, 2026, design plans for the entry improvements—including traffic calming measures along Lost Canyon Ranch Road—have been submitted for internal review. [A copy of the Entrance Monument Construction plan is included as Appendix D.](#)

Next steps include finalizing fabrication contracts, securing required electrical permits, and initiating construction. Town staff are also initiating the installation of a security camera system at the entrance to monitor site access.

## Roads

Existing roadways within Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space are currently unpaved and subject to seasonal variability, including muddy, icy, and rutted conditions that limit reliable year-round access. To improve durability and drainage, roadway upgrades are being implemented based on Master Plan recommendations from Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers.

Improvements include grading, installation of Class 6 road base, asphalt surfacing, and drainage enhancements. Staff requested DLC's review and approval of a request to pave the entry drive with asphalt to Creekside trailhead and received approval on Nov. 11, 2025. Construction activities by Sa-Bell's Civil and Landscape LLC have begun with the segment between the entry gate and Creekside Trailhead. As of April 1, 2026, Class 6 road base has been installed and is awaiting final proof rolling in preparation for asphalt paving.

Vehicle access beyond designated trailheads will be restricted. Gates will be installed beyond Creekside and Cattleman's trailheads to prevent unauthorized access. Additional roadway improvements will be evaluated as operations evolve.

## Trails

The approved Trails Master Plan includes approximately 15 miles of soft-surface trails organized into nine stacked loop systems, including a 10-mile outer loop. Final design and field layout were completed by Tony Boone Trails, LLC.

Trail construction began in November 2025, with Timberline TrailCraft LLC serving as the Town's on-call trail contractor. As of April 1, 2026, approximately two miles of trail have been completed, including segments of the Turkey Track Loop and Gobbler's Pass. A 0.6-mile ADA-accessible crusher fines trail connecting the Creekside Trailhead to the Franktown-Parker Reservoir dam has also been completed.

All trails will be designated for hiking only and designed to minimize environmental impacts. Soft-surface trails will generally be limited to 30 inches in width and constructed using sustainable techniques. The ADA-accessible trail will comply with U.S. Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines. Trail difficulty levels will vary and be clearly signed.

Trail design incorporates features such as native stone steps, retaining walls, tread armoring and boardwalks where necessary to address steep terrain and sensitive conditions. Two crossings of Willow Creek will require coordination under the Douglas County Habitat Conservation Plan for the Preble's meadow jumping mouse and consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Town staff continue to coordinate with Castlewood Canyon State Park on a future trail connection. The State Park anticipates constructing their segment in 2026, which will provide improved access to climbing areas and help alleviate parking demand. Protective fencing is also being considered to discourage access to sensitive Golden Eagle nesting areas.



## Fencing

Boundary fencing improvements were completed to address discrepancies between existing fence lines and the legally surveyed property boundary, as well as to prevent unauthorized livestock access.

True North Surveying and Mapping, LLC completed a boundary survey confirming the need to relocate multiple fence segments. Existing barbed wire fencing was replaced with wildlife-friendly three-strand smooth wire. Frontier Fencing installed new fencing along the southeast, western, and northern boundaries between May and November 2025.

Relocation of fencing along the northern boundary impacted seven adjacent residential properties, as the corrected boundary extended approximately 30 feet into previously encroached areas. The Town's Zoning Division coordinated directly with affected property owners prior to construction.

During removal of existing fencing, a historic wire fence—likely dating back approximately 75 years—was identified and preserved for potential future interpretive use.

Additional fencing needs along internal roadways are currently being evaluated. Removal of obsolete fencing will be supported through volunteer efforts coordinated by the Town's POST Partners Volunteer Program.

## Wayfinding / Signage

A comprehensive Sign Plan was developed based on the preliminary Master Plan's designs from Wenk and Associates. The plan includes entry monument signage, trailhead kiosks, regulatory signage, directional wayfinding, and interpretive elements.

Design concepts incorporate consistent materials, thematic elements, and durable construction appropriate for the site. The Sign Plan was posted to Rocky Mountain E-Bid on Sept. 29, 2025 and closed Oct. 17, 2025. The Town awarded the contract to Eversign LLC d/b/a Concept Signs and Graphics on Nov. 21, 2025. As of April 1, 2026, Town staff has been coordinating with Concept Signs on shop drawings, finalizing sign locations, sizing, and graphic content in preparation for fabrication and installation.

[A copy of the Sign Plan is included as Appendix E.](#)

## Cultural resources

Due to the presence of a known archaeological site on the property, the Town contracted HDR Inc. to conduct a comprehensive cultural resources investigation for Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space prior to construction of trails and trailhead facilities.

The investigation included a Class I desktop review and background research, consisting of records searches through the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office and the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. This effort was followed by a full Class III intensive pedestrian survey conducted across the property between March and April 2025. Findings were documented in a cultural resources survey report prepared in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and applicable State of Colorado standards.

The survey identified a significant number of cultural resources, including:

- 43 newly documented archaeological sites
- 2 previously recorded precontact sites (including Franktown Cave)
- 18 potential-site rock alcoves
- 15 isolated finds and features

Of these, 9 sites were classified as high sensitivity and 16 as moderate sensitivity. HDR Inc. recommended avoidance of these areas, including a minimum 50-foot buffer from any trail construction to prevent disturbance and discourage surface collection.

Detailed mapping of these resources was included in the technical report; however, for protection purposes, site location data has been omitted from this public document and is available upon request. During trail planning and prior to construction, Town staff conducted field verification and adjusted trail alignments to avoid all identified sensitive areas.

The report also included recommendations regarding eligibility of identified resources for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, HDR proposed potential future investigations of Franktown Cave, including development of a high-resolution three-dimensional model using Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology, as well as subsurface analysis through geophysical methods such as ground-penetrating radar or magnetometry. These efforts may be considered by the Town in the future based on need, resource protection priorities, and available funding.

Future management of Franktown Cave will incorporate guidance from History Colorado, the University of Denver, and HDR, Inc. Both HDR and the State Archaeologist have emphasized the sensitivity of the site and recommended that it remain closed to public access. Consistent with this guidance, no trails are planned to access the cave. Town staff will continue to monitor the site and evaluate whether additional protective measures, such as fencing or security cameras, are warranted.

## Special events and community engagement

The Castle Rock Parks and Trails Foundation coordinated and hosted a series of small-group, preview-style events in 2025 in advance of the planned public opening of Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space. These limited-capacity events required advance registration and were intentionally designed to align with conservation goals while fostering community engagement.

The events also provided an opportunity to support fundraising efforts for future parks, trails, and open space initiatives led by the Foundation in partnership with the Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department.

Collectively branded as the Discover Lost Canyon Series, the program included six small-group experiences and two fundraising events, with a total attendance of approximately 225 participants in 2025. Event offerings included:

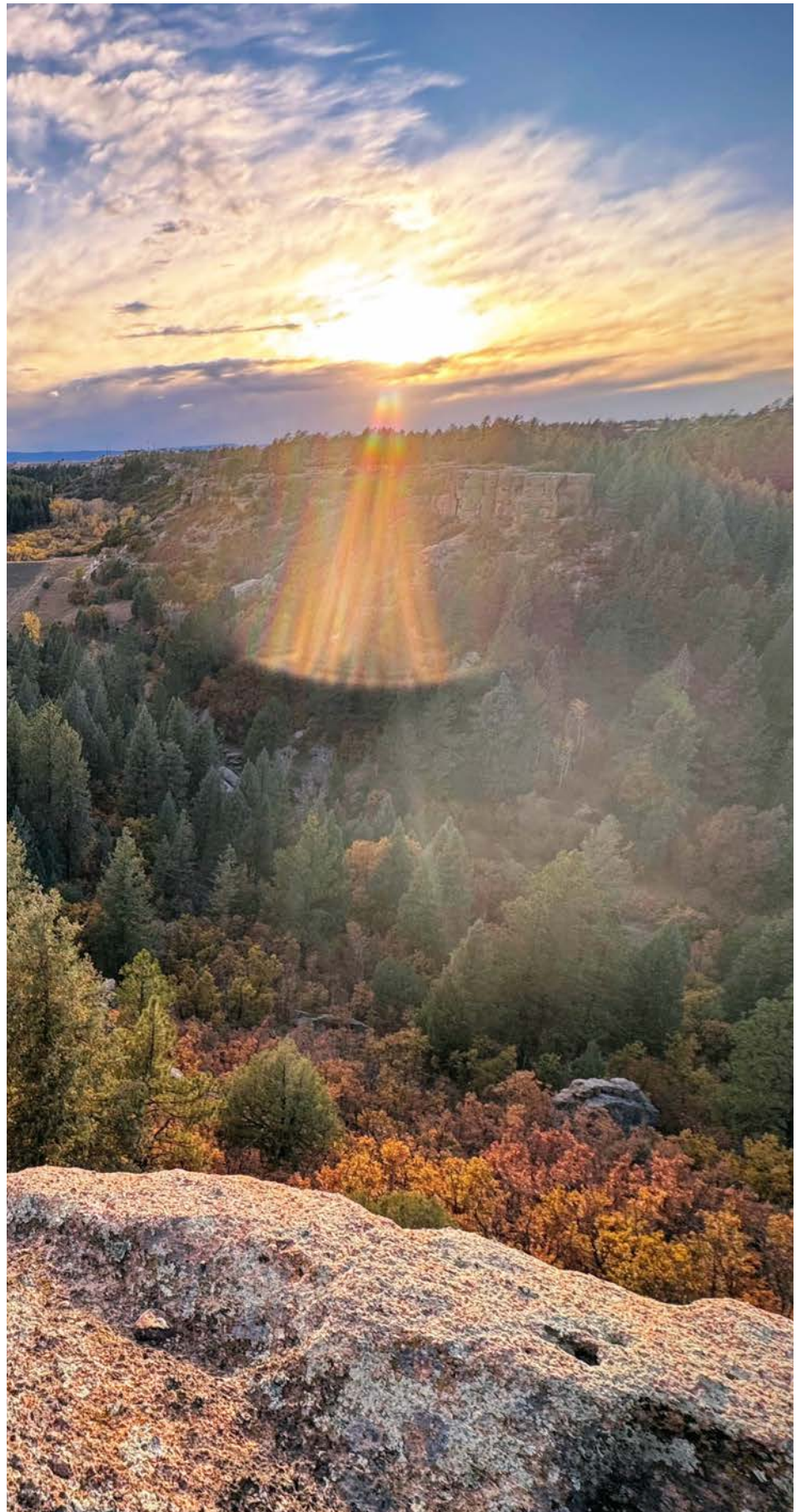
- Guided hikes along the north canyon edge in July, August, and September, conducted in small group formats to minimize resource impacts
- A dark sky stargazing event hosted in partnership with the Denver Astronomical Society at the ranch house in June
- A full moon guided hike along the eastern canyon edge in August
- Twilight on the Trails, a fundraising event at the ranch house featuring a guided hike along the eastern canyon edge in July
- Wild Rumpus Halloween Bash, a themed fundraising event at the ranch house with a guided hike in October

These early-access events provided valuable opportunities to introduce the community to the property in a controlled and low-impact manner, while also helping to inform future programming, operational planning, and stewardship efforts.

## Awards

### 2026 Colorado Lottery Starburst Award

The Colorado Lottery did not choose the Lost Canyon Ranch acquisition for a Starburst Award in 2025, but did inform the Town that another nomination submittal in 2026 would be encouraged. The same application from 2025 was resubmitted in February 2026. Winners will be announced in April.



# Agenda Item

**Date:** May 06, 2026  
**To:** County Open Space Advisory Committee (COSAC)  
**Through:** Dan Dertz, Director of Open Space and Natural Resources  
**From:** Scott McEldowney, Assistant Director of Open Space and Natural Resources  
**Subject:** Mark Weston Open Space Memorial

---

## SUMMARY

A group of citizens who have been instrumental in establishing the County's open space program are requesting County Open Space Advisory Committee (COSAC) consider memorializing Mark Weston (one of the founding members of the County's open space program) by honoring Mark Weston through establishment of a memorial. Staff requested that COSAC provide a recommendation to the Board for their consideration.

## BACKGROUND

At the November 2025 COSAC meeting, COSAC heard presentations from family and community members regarding establishment of a Mark Weston Open Space memorial. Mark passed away from ALS in early 2025. Memorial ideas range from naming a trail and overlook to renaming an entire Open Space property in Mark's memory.

Mark Weston was a juggernaut in the conservation community. His contributions to the Douglas County Open Space program were vast, starting with planning and passage of the original Open Space sales and use tax in 1994, and likely long before. Mark was instrumental in many early Open Space acquisitions and conservation easements, including Greenland Ranch, JA Ranch, and Prairie Canyon Ranch. Passion for conservation, tenacity for closing the deal, western personality, and immeasurable wisdom made Mark the unforgettable character we honor through this request.

The depth and breadth of Mark's contributions to our community go far beyond Open Space and Douglas County. He was a Board Member of the Douglas County Library Commission, Planning Commission, Open Space Advisory Committee, Mounted Patrol Volunteer, and much more. In his successful career as a Conservation Land Appraiser, Mark impacted the conservation community nationally. According to Nancy McLaughlin, Professor at the University of Utah, Mark was an indispensable national appraisal expert who established Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission curriculum and taught national courses. Mark also made significant contributions at the State level. According to Aaron Welch, Director of the Colorado Division of Conservation, he saved Colorado Conservation Easement Tax Credit (CCETC). The CCETC has a \$45 million

annual budget, which has been used in Douglas County and throughout the state. In addition to his work with the CCETC, Mark also helped to create the Division of Conservation for the State of Colorado. He was a true pioneer in conservation.

### **OPTIONS FOR COSAC CONSIDERATION WITH PROJECTED COSTS**

Options for COSAC to consider:

1. Name the 'Greenland Overlook' and access trail at Spruce Mountain from the trailhead to the overlook after Mark
  - a. For example - 'Weston Trail and Overlook'
  - b. Place/replace trail and interpretive signage along route and at overlook, and memorial benches
  - c. Approximate cost \$10k
2. Rename the entire Spruce Mountain Open Space after Mark
  - a. For example - 'Mark Weston Open Space at Spruce Mountain'
  - b. Replace monument sign and other signage
  - c. Approximate cost \$30k

### **NEXT STEPS**

COSAC will provide a recommendation that staff will present to the Board of County Commissioners.

**TO:** The Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager  
**DATE:** April 28, 2026  
**RE:** County Manager Report

---

- **Volunteers are the heart of Douglas County** - Do you love seeing spring flowers and budding trees in our public spaces? Do you have an older adult in your life who can maintain independence thanks to donated housework or transportation? Maybe you or someone you know has been helped off a trail after an injury, or even safely directed around a traffic accident. Or, perhaps your family and friends look forward to attending the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo every summer. All these scenarios, and many you may not even



notice, are due to the work of volunteers. Those who freely give their time in Douglas County account for at least 30,000 hours of service work each year. [Visit our webpage to learn how we're recognizing volunteers and how you can get involved in 2026.](#)

- **Douglas County enters a new digital era with a more secure .gov website** - If you visit Douglas County's website after April 17, you may notice something new in the address bar — but the change represents far more than just a different web address. It marks a step forward in security, trust, and how the County serves its community in an increasingly digital world.



Unlike other domains, .gov is reserved for verified government entities and regulated by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), helping ensure residents can trust they're accessing official County information while adding protection against phishing and fraudulent sites. [Visit our webpage](#) for more information about the transition.

- **Douglas County invites you to celebrate Colorado's 150th birthday and America's 250th anniversary through local history** - You're invited to explore the stories, landmarks and landscapes that helped shape our community and Colorado.



As Colorado marks 150 years of statehood and the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, Douglas County is launching a series of free community events, exhibits and educational experiences that connect today's residents with the people and places that influenced the region's early growth. [Visit our webpage to learn about all of the ways you can participate.](#)

## Assessor's Office

- **Notice for property owners: 2026 Valuation Appeal Deadlines are approaching** - The Douglas County Assessor will begin hearing real property valuation appeals on May 1, 2026, with the appeal window running through June 8, 2026. Homeowners and property owners who wish to object to their property valuation can submit written objections by mail (postmarked no later than June 8) or file online until midnight on June 8. Appeals for business personal property start June 15, 2026, and must be delivered or postmarked

by June 30, 2026. The Douglas County Assessor's Office released Notices of Value on May 1. Only properties with a change in value, change in use, or a change in ownership should have received these notices, which is about 10% of Douglas County property owners.



In-person appeal meetings are encouraged and can be scheduled by appointment. The Assessor's Office—located at 301 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock—is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information about valuations, appeals, and scheduling is available on the [Douglas County Assessor's webpage](#) or by calling 303-660-7450.

## Economic Development

- **Winning Back Business: Commissioner Kevin Van Winkle Outlines New Development Strategy** - Commissioner Kevin Van Winkle joined 9News yesterday to discuss how Douglas County is fighting back against the trend of major employers leaving the state. By streamlining duplicative regulations and tackling administrative hurdles, the county is positioning itself as a national leader in business-friendly development. [Watch here.](#)



- Denver Gazette: [Strengthening the Douglas County Aerospace Hub](#) - Colorado just finalized a landmark expansion for a major aerospace leader, and the **Douglas County EDC** was instrumental in securing the win. To beat out three other states, our team provided a specialized local incentive package, including tax rebates and expedited permitting.



This expansion anchors more than 1,000 high-paying jobs in our community, proving once again that Douglas County is the nation's premier destination for industry innovation.

## Sheriff's Office

### Emergency Management

- **Learn how to protect your property from wildfire at May 9 Open House** - Do you have questions about how to protect your home from wildfire? Following a warmer-than-average winter and below-normal moisture, wildfire risk is trending higher across Douglas County. To help residents prepare, Douglas County, in partnership with Colorado State University, is hosting a **Wildfire Mitigation Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 9**, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.



This free, family-friendly event gives residents a chance to connect one-on-one with experts and get practical, real-world guidance on protecting their homes and property before peak wildfire season arrives. [Visit our webpage for more information](#) on attending this and other upcoming public safety meetings.

- Staff attended the annual Colorado Access and Functional Needs Conference, where we learned to plan better with our AFN communities.
- Hosted the Quarter 2 Douglas County Emergency Managers Coordinating Group meeting and delivered training on Bark Beetles, Drought, and Fire.
- Staff attended the Colorado Wildfire Conference, learning about new tools, techniques, and strategies for reducing wildfire risk and enhancing resilience.

- Progress is being made on the approved EOC upgrade project, with furniture selected and a timeline for completion established.

## Public Works

### Activity Report April 13 – April 24, 2026

- **County Line Road now open between University Boulevard and Broadway** - Good news, Douglas County drivers! This morning, on Thursday, April 16, County Line Road, between University Boulevard and Broadway, reopened, marking a major progress milestone for the County Line Road Widening and Reconstruction Project.



During the recent 100-day closure, crews completed roadway work to keep construction team members and the travelling public safe, while also keeping this project on time and on budget. [Learn more about what crews accomplished during this closure and what drivers can expect looking ahead.](#)

- **Douglas County Commissioners, Rep. Lauren Boebert partner to request federal funding for critical infrastructure projects** - With the support of Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, Douglas County is working to advance critical transportation and water infrastructure projects.



Each year, local governments may apply for federal funding through their Congressional representatives. This year, Douglas County worked closely with Congresswoman Boebert’s office to advocate for investments that will improve safety, mobility, and long-term sustainability across the region. [Visit our webpage for detailed information](#) about funding requests, including C-470 and Quebec and Sedalia Wastewater Collection.

- **Douglas County introduces “Doug Glass” to lead 2050 Transportation Plan** - When you roll up to a work zone, it’s natural to feel a little frustrated. No one likes unexpected delays, but they are a sign of progress. Douglas County is making historic investments in transportation infrastructure to support a growing community, and that means more construction in the near term. With that progress comes a shared responsibility: slowing down, staying alert and keeping everyone safe in work zones.



As part of our effort to help community members understand the impacts of the 2050 Transportation Plan and how to navigate it safely, we are thrilled to introduce the newest member of the Public Works team, Doug Glass. [Visit our webpage to learn more about Doug's mission and to help us give him a nickname!](#)

### Active Projects ([Cone Zone Webpage](#))

- **[Pine Drive/Pine Lane Improvements Project](#)** - General construction hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday work may occur if approved by the Douglas County Engineer. Initial construction operations will require single lane closures and flagging operations, traffic shifts, and increased construction noise and truck traffic. There will be no construction on major holidays.



- **I-25 Douglas County Monument Signs** – The north entry sign has completed the CDOT preliminary review and the project team is awaiting CDOT permits to complete the survey and geotechnical investigation. Once complete, structural plans can be finalized and submitted for final CDOT review. The targeted construction date is late summer. The design team is currently addressing the CDOT request for structural details on the RTD bridge sign. The preliminary CDOT review of the south entry sign is also complete and the next steps include survey and a geotechnical evaluation. Pending survey results, the south sign will likely require a review by FHWA. Recent coordination with CDOT indicates no design character changes are required, and major comments for all sites are expected to be resolved in the next submittal.

- **[Crowfoot Valley Road and Macanta Boulevard Traffic Signal Project](#)** - Douglas County will be installing a new traffic signal at this intersection to address traffic issues. The project started on April 13, 2026, and anticipated to be completed by August 6, 2026. The travel lanes on both Crowfoot Valley Rd and Macanta Blvd will be restricted to one lane in all directions once construction begins on May 4.



- **[Hilltop Road \(Legend High School to Crest View Drive\) Improvements Project](#)** – For segment 1 of this project, construction began on April 16, 2025 and crews began paving operations on March 9, 2026. This is the first of three projects planned over the next few years to reconstruct and widen the Hilltop Road and Singing Hills Road corridors. The project has a 16-month completion date and is anticipated to be finished in September 2026. Phase 2 of Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027; and will take 9 to 12 months to construct. Phase 3 of construction is anticipated to begin in 2029 (pending funding); and will take 12 to 18 months to construct.



There have been questions from citizens about the new roundabout construction at the intersection of Crestview Dr and Village Rd on Hilltop Rd, which will eliminate the existing two-way stop-controlled intersection. Here is the map: [Roundabout Rendition/Map](#).

- **[Pine Creek and Highway 67 Culvert Replacement Project](#)** – Two culverts on Pine Creek Rd and three culverts on Douglas County Highway 67 need to be replaced. The existing storm culverts vary in size from 36” diameter to 48” diameter and are made of metal. Construction started in Fall 2025 and will end in May 2026. Update: Completed early.



- **[Waterton and Eagle River Roundabout Project](#)** - Construction started on December 8, 2025, and is anticipated to be completed by March 8, 2026. [View Roundabout Plan here](#)



**Phase 1** was completed on Friday, February 6, 2026.  
**Phase 2** Traffic switch will remain in configuration until the first week of April. This configuration includes opening lanes on Waterton Rd in both directions of traffic as well as opening Eagle River St to the south. The north side of Waterton Rd will be closed and access from Eagle River St to the north of the intersection will also be closed. [Detour Map for the Work Zone](#)

- Highlands Ranch Pkwy Reconstruction, Broadway to Burntwood** – The project bid on April 8<sup>th</sup> and Castle Rock Construction Company was the apparent low bidder and was 43% less than the engineer’s estimate. This project includes the reconstruction of the pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter along the corridor. Additionally, a new median will be constructed, new signals will be constructed at Highlands Ranch Parkway and Ridgeglen, and the signals at Burntwood will be replaced. Construction is scheduled to begin in June and end by October.



- Waterton Road and Middle Fork Street Roundabout Project** - Douglas County is adding a second roundabout beginning with the south half, then proceeding to the north half. Detours will be in place as needed, and one lane in each direction on Waterton Road will remain open during construction. Construction began on March 30, 2026 and is anticipated to be completed on August 7, 2026.



- Highlands Ranch Fiber Improvements** - Several utility companies — CenturyLink/Lumen, Comcast, Google and BAM Broadband — are independently installing new or upgrading existing fiber optic networks throughout Highlands Ranch as part of broader broadband expansion efforts. Construction associated with these projects is expected to continue through spring 2027.



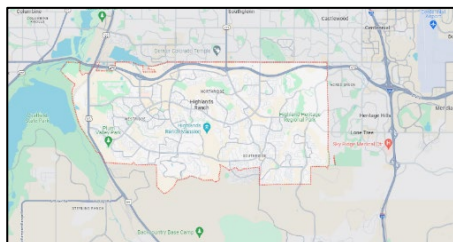
While Douglas County is not responsible for these installations, the County has established a fiber information hotline and email to help residents identify the correct utility provider when questions or concerns arise regarding construction, repair or maintenance activities. These include:

- Connecting residents with the correct utility company contact when they have questions about fiber construction, repairs or maintenance occurring in their area.
  - Addressing communication gaps when residents are unable to obtain information directly from the providers, ensuring the public has access to the most current and accurate information available.
- Dakan Road Bridge Replacement Project** - Douglas County Engineering staff is currently completing design for the replacement of the Dakan Road Bridge. This project consists of demolition of the existing structure and replacing 151 feet of bridge over West Plum Creek, as well as 1,750 feet of roadway improvements. The project includes removal and replacement of the present structure, hot mix asphalt, erosion control, site restoration, traffic control as well as other roadway items. The proposed structure will be built to the north of the existing structure, thereby allowing the existing structure to remain open to the traveling public and emergency service vehicles during construction. The anticipated construction start date is late spring/early summer 2026.



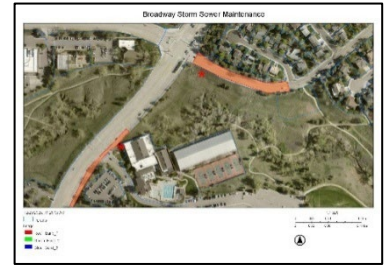
- Highlands Ranch Drainage Projects**

- Storm Sewer UV CIPP Lining Project:** Douglas County’s contractor began work on March 30 and will continue until April 17, 2026. The contractor will be at multiple sites throughout the project and should be at each site approximately one day each, weather, and equipment dependent. There will be on street parking restrictions in place and flaggers will be in place during work hours to control traffic; there may be small delays associated with this work.



- **Venneford Ranch Rd and Green Meadows Dr Storm Sewer Repair** – Douglas County recently completed storm sewer repair work on Venneford Ranch Road at Green Meadows Drive that took place from Feb. 24 through March 3, 2026.

- **[Broadway at Northridge Recreation Center Storm Sewer Maintenance Project](#)** – Completed - Staff completed the maintenance phase of this project for the 54” Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) located along the front of the Northridge Recreation Center in Highlands Ranch, and the dual 126” CMP storm culverts that are located under Broadway at the Northridge Recreation Center.



- **2026 Pavement Management**

- The 2026 Sidewalk Repair Project was bid on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Chato’s Concrete LLC was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$2,279,120.00. This is 9% below the engineer’s estimate. The project continues with work on County Line Road where they are doing repairs to broken panels, curb and gutter. Next Chato’s Concrete will move to the Weatherstone neighborhood for concrete repair and ADA curb ramp retrofit.



- The 2026 Guardrail Repair Project began in April with guardrail installation at Wolfensberger Rd. and Hier Ln. Guardrail repairs are scheduled at Waterton and Louviers, Waterton and Mt. Kataka, Chambers and Haseley, and Surrey Dr. and Heather Dr.

- The 2025 Concrete Crushing project is nearing completion. As the sidewalk project removes and replaces concrete, the old concrete is stockpiled at the Moore Road facility. The County has contracted with Western Wrecking to crush the concrete, which is then used on future road and sidewalk projects. The concrete removed during repairs is 100% recycled and reused. The project has produced roughly 20,000 cubic yards of recycled concrete base course.



- The 2026 Asphalt Overlay Project bid on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The apparent low bidder was Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. with a bid of \$10,230,041.55 which was 13% below the engineer’s estimate. Work began April 20 on Village Circle East, Sageport, Dawson Rd, Greenwood Rd and Deerfield.



- **[Grigs Road Paving Project – Phase 2](#)** - RS&H was selected as the design consultant for phase 2 of the Grigs Road project. Phase 2 will start where phase 1 ends, near the East-West Trailhead Parking Lot and will continue north onto the existing concrete road. The project includes realignment of the road, drainage improvements, a parallel pedestrian trail, and asphalt paving. The consultant has developed concept-level designs for the roadway and adjacent trail. A virtual open house is being developed to share the concept designs and solicit feedback from the public. Survey and geotechnical work continue. This project is scheduled to be constructed in 2027.



- **Jones Road** – Matrix Design Group was selected as the design consultant for the Jones Road project. The project includes asphalt paving of the roughly 3-mile road as well as drainage improvements. The project

will be constructed in phases. A concept design has been selected, and the team is working towards the final design of the first phase. Staff are reviewing the 90% plans for phase one while Matrix continues to work on phase two. Final design for the remainder of the project is expected by the end of the year.

- Quebec and Park Meadows Dr Intersection Improvements** – The 100% design for the “quick action plan” was received and the project will bid on May 19th. The initial signing and striping improvement package will be constructed in summer of 2026. The final design contract with Basis Partners was approved by the Board on February 24th. The Basis team is scheduling subconsultants for survey and the geotechnical investigation will begin in April. Final design for corridor improvements and pavement reconstruction is expected in the fall of 2026.



- 2023 Bannock LID** - Final plans and specifications were received, staff will assemble the bid package, and the project is scheduled for a June 9 bid opening. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer of 2026. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County as part of the construction loan.)



- 2023 Spring Canyon LID** – Final design is expected on May 5th and County staff will then begin to prepare the bid package. The project is scheduled for a June 23rd bid opening. County staff will meet with First Bank/PNC on April 15th to discuss financing for all three 2026 LID projects. The CDPHE approval process for the proposed lift station continues. TST has begun reaching out to property owners to discuss design considerations. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)



- Country Club Group 10 LID** - TST Infrastructure has received survey data and has begun design. Plans are expected by late June, and the project is scheduled to bid on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This LID contains four properties and is the smallest of the three current LID projects. It is scheduled for fall 2026 construction.



### Development Review

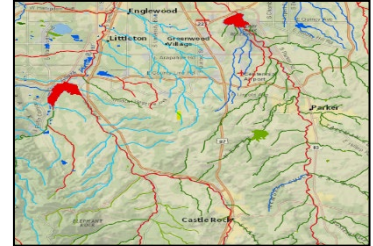
- Letters of Credit and Warranties**
  - Sterling Ranch Filing 1, 7th Amd., Lot 303 - Warranty Performance Agenda and Resolution for BOCC 04/28/2026
  - Remuda Ranch RSP - Warranty - Agenda & Resolution for DV2017-258 for BOCC 04/28/26

- MS4 and Stormwater Matters**



**Chatfield Watershed Authority:** The Chatfield Watershed Authority along with other South Platte basin workgroups applied for a Section 319 Planning Grant through the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC). The grant was awarded with an amount to be determined. Section 319 planning grants, funded by the EPA and managed by state agencies, provide financial assistance to develop Watershed Plans that address nonpoint source water pollution. The Authority will utilize this grant funding to update the current Chatfield Watershed Plan to align with EPA standards.

- **CDPHE-MS4 Permit Renewal Update:** DC staff participates in the focused stakeholder meetings with CDPHE that began in 2025 and are scheduled to conclude in May 2026. Additionally, the Cherry Creek Basin MS4 permittees have engaged separately with CDPHE to provide input during the MS4 Permit renewal process. CDPHE is expected to release the public-noticed draft MS4 Permit renewal in late 2026.
- **Colorado Control Regulation 93 Rulemaking Hearing:** The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) held a rulemaking hearing on February 9, 2026, regarding revisions to Regulation #93, which lists the state's impaired waters under the federal Clean Water Act. The final rule was published in April 2026. Both the Chatfield Watershed Authority and the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority retained Party Status for the rulemaking hearing and worked directly with CDPHE to ensure proper listing designations and stream segmentation.



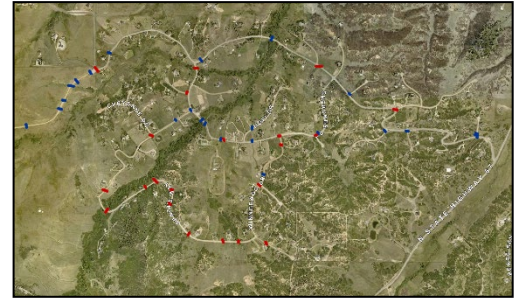
- **Sterling Ranch Filing #7-A** - ARS is installing cement treated base (DV #2024-410). (See far right)
- **The Canyons Subdivision Filing #5** - WW Clyde is installing sidewalks at the Canyons Subdivision (DV #2021-287). (See near right)
- **Trails at Smoky Hill Phase #2B** - New West Paving is installing top and bottom asphalt mats (DV #2020-240). (See far right)
- **Kelly Court Storage** - Titan Logistics is installing storm sewer infrastructure and a trickle channel (DV #2023-463). (See near right)
- **Piney Lake Trails Subdivision** - Claystone Construction is installing storm sewer infrastructure and New West Paving is installing asphalt (DV #2022-517). (See far right)
- **The Fields Subdivision Filing #1** - Loya Construction is placing base course and asphalt in Phase #1 (DV #2024-322). (See near right)



### Operations

- **Street Sweeping** - March: 830 lane miles swept; 1,512 lane miles swept YTD
- **Grading** – March: 420 lane miles graded; 804 total lane miles graded YTD
- **Paved Surface Report**
  - Pothole Patching – March: 10,240; YTD: 26,770 pounds of material
  - Crack Sealing – March: 44,160; YTD: 110,875 pounds of material

- **Culvert Inspections:** 397 inspections completed YTD. This reporting period, 68 total inspections completed.
  - 1 – excellent condition
  - 28 – good condition
  - 21 – fair condition
  - 16 – poor condition
  - 2 – severe condition



**Building**

April 9, 2026 – April 22, 2026	
Inspections	
Building	515
Electrical	532
Mechanical/Plumbing	322
Roofing	70
Permits	
Accessory Use	27
New Commercial	5
New Residential	18
Roofing	33
Valuations	
Accessory Use	\$954,023
Commercial	\$1,890,401
Residential Alteration	\$1,948,178
New Residential	\$6,727,347

**Community Development**

**Planning Services**

- **Louviers’ water quality officially meets state standards - Information courtesy of the Louviers Water &**



**Sanitation District:** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has announced that Louviers Water and Sanitation District (LWSD) has returned to full compliance after demonstrating four quarters of ongoing compliance. CDPHE issued its violation order to the District in February 2020. The order was issued when it was discovered that Louviers’ drinking water contained radium levels above both

the state and federal standards. The removal of the violation confirms that the District’s new radium treatment system delivers safe water to customers. [Visit our webpage to learn more](#) about the process to improve water in Louviers, including funding and partnership from Douglas County.

- **Liquor Licensing Update** - At their Monday, April 6, Work Session, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed updates related to the County’s Liquor Licensing Authority. Staff presented options for using contracted hearing officers to oversee more complex hearings when needed. After discussion, the Board confirmed that appointing hearing officers is not necessary at this time.



The Board then considered recommended updates to local penalty guidelines to align them with state regulations, including minimum fine requirements and rules governing when fines and suspensions may be imposed. Following review, the Board approved revisions to the penalty guidelines, including greater discretion regarding whether license suspensions must be served on holidays, reducing financial impacts on local businesses during peak periods.

- **Zoning Update for Animal Training and Exercise** - In December 2025, staff reviewed a case where a property owner allowed non-owned dogs on-site for exercise by non-residents. This activity was considered similar to existing allowances for training non-owned horses. The Douglas County Zoning Resolution already permits up to 14 weekly lessons for training non-owned animals such as horses and dogs. The Board directed staff to draft regulations to clarify and formalize how dog exercise and training uses should be managed across rural zone districts.



Proposal – 1) Amend the zoning resolution to explicitly allow “training lessons and exercising sessions of non-owned animals” as an accessory use in Estate Residential, Rural Residential, Large Rural Residential and A-1 districts. 2) Define how lessons and exercising sessions are counted and maintain the limit of no more than 14 combined sessions per week. 3) Clarify distinctions between animal training/exercising and other uses such as horse boarding, including when a Use by Special Review is required.

At their Monday, April 6, Work Session, the Board directed staff to proceed with the zoning amendment referral process, which will solicit comments from review agencies and the public. The referral period would be followed by the formal hearing process, during which the Planning Commission and the Board each receive public testimony before considering final adoption.

### **Historic Preservation**

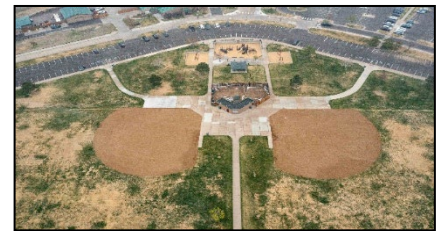
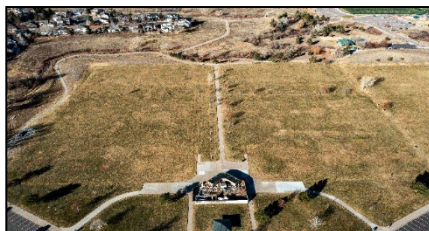
- **Exhibits - Historic Preservation Press**
  - A story on the Douglas County Historic Preservation exhibit at Parker Water and Sanitation headquarters was featured on [CBS4](#) on April 12.
  - The [Parker Chronicle](#) featured a story on April 10 on the County's partnership with the Town to re- envision its Heritage Center located in the Old Schoolhouse in downtown Parker. This will include a partnership between the County's Historic Preservation team, Parker Area Historical Society, and the Town of Parker.



### **Parks and Recreation**

#### **Parks Programs**

- **Highland Heritage Regional Park Ball Field Re-install** - The original design of HHRP included two dirt infield ball fields. These ball fields were removed in 2015 and converted to natural grass to provide more space for multipurpose use. Following recent community feedback calling for more ball fields in the County, the decision was made to reinstall them. The first step in this process was completed as the irrigation and grass were removed, and three inches of new infield material were added. The building permit for installing a new chain-link backstop has been issued, and staff are working with a contractor to install it.



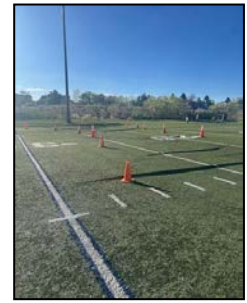
## Park Operations

- **Baseball Field Improvements** - Annual maintenance projects continue on the 8 natural surface ballfields that the Parks Department manages. Over the course of a season, the transition area between the infield and the outfield accumulates infield material and forms a lip. Sometimes, that lip can be 2-3 inches high. This creates an unsafe situation where ground balls can bounce unpredictably into a player.

Parks staff uses a piece of equipment called a verticutter to reduce the height of the lip without damaging the grass at the transition. The verticutter de-thatches, aerates, and levels the soil in one pass leaving a flat, safe surface for the participants.



- **Synthetic Turf Damage** – On April 15, a powerful dust devil moved through Highland Heritage Regional Park. The vortex contacted the ground at the edge of the synthetic football field at the West Fields complex. It lifted the turf off the ground and caused ripples across the field. Crews began repairs on Thursday morning and the field was ready for play that afternoon. (Photos are before and after)



## Community Services

- On Monday, April 13, during the annual Developmental Disabilities Mill Levy presentation by Developmental Pathways, the Board of County Commissioners had the opportunity to meet and hear from Troy Bowen, a local businessman, artist and author with autism. Troy lives independently and is thriving in our community due to the support he has received from Developmental Pathways since 2016.



Troy has earned both an Associate of Applied Science degree and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 3D Animation degree, launched his own production company, and wrote, illustrated and self-published two children's books: "Starry's Galaxy Adventure" and "Just Be a Bat."

"With the support I have received from Developmental Pathways and my amazing family, I have a very full life that includes living on my own and caring for myself," said Troy. "I have learned to cook, clean, and understand the finances needed to be independent."

## Activity Report April 9 - 23, 2026

### Outreach and Engagement:

- **Link On Demand Outreach:**
  - **Highlands Ranch Older Adult Health and Resource Expo** – Community Services staff shared information regarding grant providers, resources and transportation options to older adults in the Highlands Ranch community on April 9. Staff visited with approximately 60 residents who had questions about the Link On Demand services and its expansion into Parker. Many positive comments were received about the service.
  - **Parker Fieldhouse** – On April 13, Community Services staff were present at the Parker Fieldhouse to provide outreach regarding the launch of Link On Demand in the Town of Parker. Staff engaged with 10 residents,



passed out information about the service, and answered questions for those experienced with the service and those hearing about it for the first time.

- **Parker Library** – On April 14, Community Services staff were present at the Parker Library to provide outreach regarding the launch of Link On Demand during Coffee Chat and the library’s morning story time. Information was given to library staff, and the service was discussed with an estimated 15 library patrons.
- **Windcrest Senior Living Community** – Community Services staff visited Windcrest to inform residents about the Link On Demand service on April 15. Many residents had used the service, but others were interested in trying it or getting information about it for the future. Staff spoke to around 50+ residents. One resident said, “I’m your biggest advertiser. I tell everyone to use it. I love it.”
- **Parker Recreation Center** – On April 16, Community Services were present at the Parker Recreation Center to provide outreach regarding Link On Demand to patrons going to their Older Adult Health Classes. Information was passed out and questions regarding the service were answered.



- **Douglas County Human Services Resource Fair** – HEART participated in the Douglas County Human Services (DHS) Resource Fair on April 15. The event brought together more than 50 community providers who shared information about the resources and services they offer to support DHS staff in their work. In addition to agencies that collaborate directly with DHS, many organizations in attendance provide vital support to our most vulnerable residents, helping to strengthen the safety net for individuals and families across the county.



- **You've heard of First Aid. What about Mental Health First Aid?**  
Do you know what to do if you see a friend, coworker, neighbor or family member in distress? Learn life-saving tools of Mental Health First Aid at free upcoming training sessions in May. Join individually or as a group to learn how to help youth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, in Castle Pines [Learn more and register online.](#)



### Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI):

- **Youth Meet Adult Leaders** – This was a fun and meaningful DCYI event held recently, centered on an important developmental asset for teens: having supportive, caring, and connected adults in their lives.



During this interactive evening, youth leaders met with Douglas County elected and community officials for conversation, connection, and collaboration. The relaxed format gave teen leaders an opportunity to share their perspectives, exchange ideas, and build relationships directly with adult counterparts and county decision-makers.

Discussion topics included Pathways to Leadership, Public Service and Civic Engagement, Future Workforce and Internships, and Current Issues Leaders Are Working On. One great example of the evening’s impact came during a conversation about how Douglas County Libraries could potentially host local businesses to discuss internship and job-shadowing opportunities for teens.



## Open Space and Natural Resources

- **Community Workday with Volunteer Weed Warriors** - On Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, volunteers from Open Space



and Natural Resources (OSNR) Weed Warriors joined forces with North Star Academy to tackle common mullein at Columbine Open Space, working south toward the Front Range Trail. Fourteen middle school students, along with their assistant principal and several OSNR staff and volunteers, worked diligently to collect more than 10 bags of mullein seed heads.

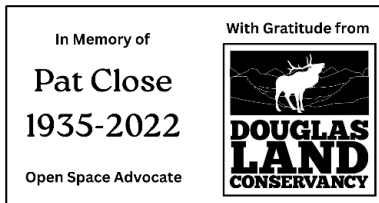
Their efforts made a meaningful difference in improving the health and scenic quality of the riparian area. The event also provided a valuable opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in natural resource stewardship. OSNR is committed to offering diverse outreach opportunities for communities across Douglas County.

- **Memorial Hitching Post at Dawson Butte Open Space**



Patricia A. "Pat" Close (1935–2022) was a respected horsewoman and longtime editor of *Western Horseman*, where she spent four decades writing, mentoring, and advancing equestrian publications. She was widely recognized for her lasting contributions to the Western and horse communities.

Horses were both her profession and her passion. Following her passing, Douglas Land Conservancy (DLC) and Open Space and Natural Resources (OSNR) partnered to



honor her legacy by installing a hitching post with a commemorative plaque at the Dawson Butte Open Space trailhead for public equestrian use. A small dedication event with her friends and family is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, followed by a group ride.

- **Learn what spring brings to our Open Spaces with Agents of Discovery** - The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the green foliage is returning to Douglas County's Open Spaces. Springtime has arrived and so has your next open space adventure with Agents of Discovery.



April's journey will take you through the wide-open views of Lincoln Mountain Open Space south of Franktown. Through this adventure, learn about all the budding life of the season and see if you can spot wildflowers coming to life. There are options to join the fun at home or on-site through the app. [Visit our webpage to get started.](#)

## Strategic Solutions

### Process Improvement Showcase

- **Rethinking Customer Intake to Better Serve Residents** - What started as a simple question - how do we get our team off the phone? - evolved into a broader effort to improve how Public Works serves residents.

Facing high call volumes and growing demand, the team identified an opportunity to improve access while making staff more available for high-value interactions. While the work began in Operations, the Customer Service Team also supports GESK, DESK, and ROW permitting inspections, serving as a key front door across Public Works.

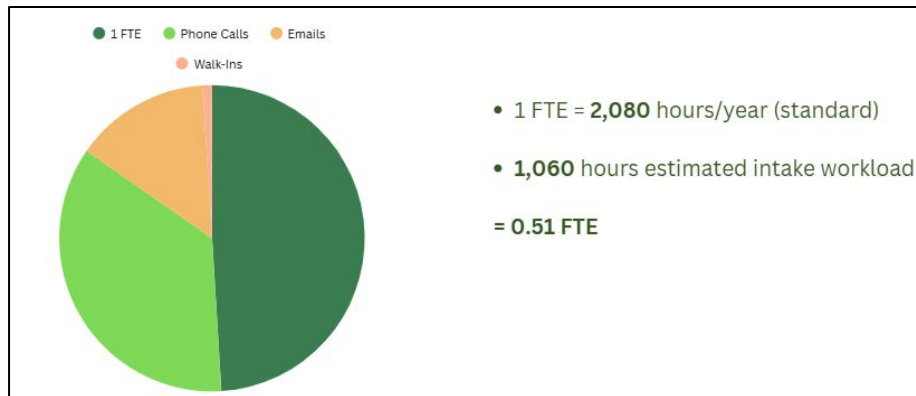
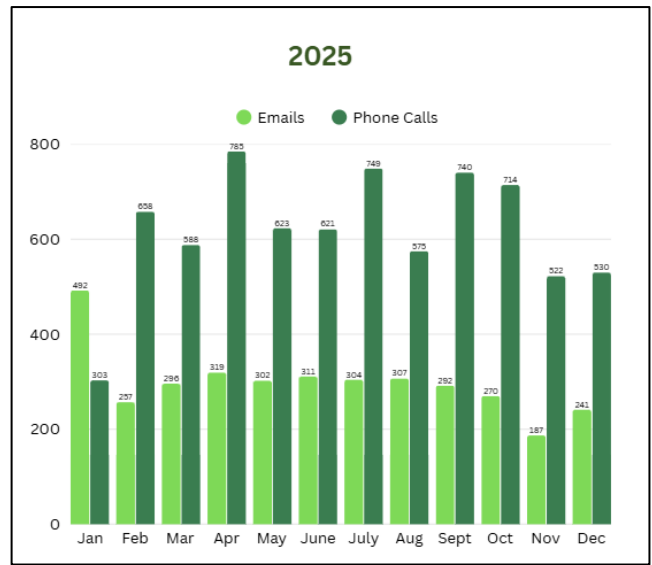
The goal is a balanced service model: convenient digital options for those who prefer them, while preserving the personalized, high-touch service Douglas County is known for.

**The Challenge**

- Heavy reliance on phone calls as the primary intake channel
- Fragmented communication across phone, email, and web
- Residents often contact multiple staff before reaching the right person
- Confusion about who to call (County vs Town vs CDOT)
- Staff time consumed by repetitive intake tasks

**Key Metrics**

- **11,000+** annual customer interactions, with over **67%** occurring via phone
- **1,060 staff hours annually (~0.5 FTE)** dedicated to PW Operations intake alone
- Up to **23%** of Operations customer interactions (**1,330–2,500 annually**) result in work orders entered into Cartegraph, many of which are highly repeatable (e.g., road maintenance, snow/ice, traffic).



**Service Transformation Approach**

The team intentionally started with **process - not technology**. The goal was to make small, practical improvements first, clean up and simplify the intake experience, and incorporate change management for both residents and staff before introducing advanced tools.



**Phase 1:**  
**Make Access**  
**Simple & Clear**



**Phase 2:**  
**Create a Consistent**  
**Digital Intake**



**Phase 3:**  
**AI Automation**  
**& Scale**

### Expected Results & Benefits

- Improved Access: Easier, clearer ways to report issues
- Balanced Experience: Digital convenience with more staff availability for complex needs
- Operational Efficiency: Reduced intake workload and faster handling of repeatable requests
- Sustainable Workload: Less phone demand, enabling focus on higher-value work
- Scalable Model: Consistent, data-driven intake approach for broader County adoption

**Team** - This effort is led by an exceptional Customer Service Team in Public Works. Their commitment to improving both the residents' experience and staff sustainability has been central to this initiative's success. *Kathleen Williams, Candace Randall, and Trudy Kruse (from left to right)*



### Efficiency in the News

- **Local Governments Center Reform Efforts on Users** - Local and state government efficiency initiatives are expanding beyond cost-cutting to focus on improving both operational effectiveness and user experience. Programs emphasize redesigning services from the user's perspective, tracking customer experience alongside cost savings and engaging directly with both employees and residents for feedback. Approaches like active workforce participation in improvement initiatives and human-centered design are helping agencies deliver services that increase trust and streamline operations while ensuring service quality is not sacrificed for efficiency. Full story: [Government Technology](#)



### Public Health

- **Health Department Survey: Help Shape Wellness Efforts** - The Douglas County Health Department is gathering input to better understand tobacco, vaping, and nicotine use in our community. This anonymous survey will help guide future prevention and cessation programs that support the health and well-being of Douglas County. Participants may choose to provide an email address if they'd like to receive additional information about available quit-support resources, but this is completely optional. The survey is open through May 31st, and broad participation will make the results far more meaningful. If you have a few minutes, please take the survey and lend your voice to this important wellness initiative. [Survey link](#)



### Facilities, Fleet and Emergency Support Services

- **The Award-Winning Douglas County Fair & Rodeo is July 24 - August 2, 2026** - The countdown is on — we're officially 100 days away from the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, and now's the time to grab your tickets for all the fun! [Tickets to all events are on sale now.](#)
  - **Kick-off concert:** The award-winning Douglas County Fair & Rodeo is welcoming legendary country artist Trace Adkins to kick off the 2026 Fair & Rodeo at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24.
  - **Colorado Farm-to-Table:** Dining becomes an experience for the senses at our Colorado Farm-to-Table brunch. Dine on a one-of-a-kind, locally sourced brunch in the perfect atmosphere for a weekend social event with friends and family beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 26.
  - **ProRodeo weekend:** The 2026 Fair & Rodeo wouldn't be complete without the great Western tradition of ProRodeo. Get up close as professional cowboys from every corner of the U.S. come together to rope, wrangle and hold on for 8 seconds.



- **Serve the community and be involved in Douglas County’s premier summer event as a 2026 Fair & Rodeo volunteer** - Imagine getting a backstage pass to Douglas County’s biggest event of the year, while serving your community in a fun and meaningful way as a volunteer at the 2026 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.



This year, the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo will be held July 24-Aug. 2 in Castle Rock. But it doesn’t happen without energetic, friendly fair-lovers, ages 16 and up, needed to help everything run smoothly. [Visit our webpage to learn more about the perks of volunteering and how to sign up.](#)

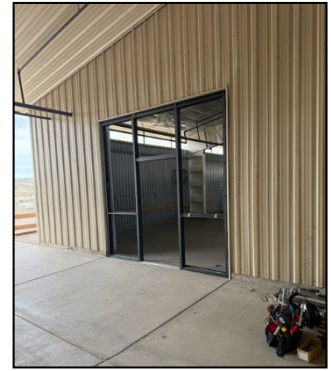
**Douglas County Fairgrounds and James R. Sullivan Events Center**

- **Fairgrounds Events:** Mile High Youth Corp Trailer Training, Parker Barkers, Public Works Training, Cowboys 4-H Practice, Plum Creek Kennel, Human Services Provider Fair, Master Gardener Potluck, Running Rovers, Rocky Mountain Sieger, Denver Sikh Event, Finley Wedding, Livestock Judging Contest, GOP Breakfast, All American Reptile and Plant Expo, DCSO Expo, Public Works Retirement Party, Irish Step Dancing Event, Buckle Series Horse Show, Tri Arts Project Gala, NATIA, Rebel Ratters, Spring into Summer Agility, MQA, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- **Event Spotlight:** The All-American Reptile and Plant Expo returns to the Douglas County Fairgrounds this weekend, continuing to be one of the largest and most well-attended events hosted on our property. Held across in the Event Center, the expo brings together a wide variety of vendors featuring reptiles, exotic animals, rare plants, and related supplies, drawing strong interest from both hobbyists and families.
- **Fair & Rodeo Committee Meetings:**
  - Show Management 5/4; Livestock Sale 5/4; Marketing 5/11; Guest Experience 5/11; Entertainment 5/14; Executive 5/14; Fair Board 5/21



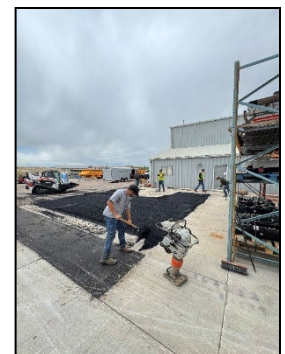
**Facilities:**

- **Fairgrounds**
  - Brown Barn Refresh: 90% complete
  - Kirk Hall door replacement (see right)
- **Justice Center**
  - Detention kitchen reseal: 15% complete
  - Judges area remodel room #3026: 20% complete
  - Phase VI roof replacement: 50% complete
- **LED Lighting Conversions**
  - Traffic: 40% complete
- **Lansing Point: Phase II: 51% complete**
- **Miller Building** – Furniture replacement in five offices: 100% complete
- **PMC: Roof replacement** – 100% complete
- **Plum Creek VSO Remodel: North side Vets: 30% complete** (see right)



**Fleet**

- **Working On:**
  - Continuing fuel site controller/pedestal upgrades with IT
  - 2026 asset acquisition specifications
  - 2027 budget forecast
  - Biochar facility equipment needs
- **Fleet Acquisitions:**
  - 2024 Asset Replacements & ADDS
    - Budgeted (69) – 6 at upfitter, 63 received.
  - 2025 Asset Replacements & ADDS
    - Budgeted (64) – 22 at upfitter, 42 received.
  - 2026 Asset Replacements & ADDS
    - Budgeted (64) – 8 in progress, 51 POs, 5 received.
- **Recently Completed:**
  - In-Serviced units 2517, 2535, 2536, 2546 & 26003.
  - Decommissioned units: 0301, 1009, 1832, 08032, 12023 & 23047.
  - Agendas submitted for approval by the BOCC
    - Phil Long Ford for two F150s
  - The Harley Service IFB has been completed.
  - Sedalia fuel site upgrade has been completed (see above right)
  - Thanks to PW Operations for paving the dirt areas of the Parker fleet shop parking lot. (see right)
- **Safety and Security/Emergency Support Services:**
  - The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the State for approval. After the State approves, it will be sent to FEMA for review and approval. After that, each jurisdiction will adopt it and finally it will be presented to the BOCC for adoption.
  - County-Wide old badge readers upgrade is 100% complete.



## Communications and Community Engagement

- **Zebulon Regional Sports Complex** - Communications surrounding Zebulon have been ongoing throughout 2026. On Feb. 2, 2026, the Douglas County Planning Commission voted to approve a Location & Extent request for site-wide grading and essential infrastructure that will support future development of both Zebulon and the Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (EVOC). On March 31, Douglas County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a contract with KT Development to design, build, program and operate Douglas County's new Zebulon Regional Sports Complex.

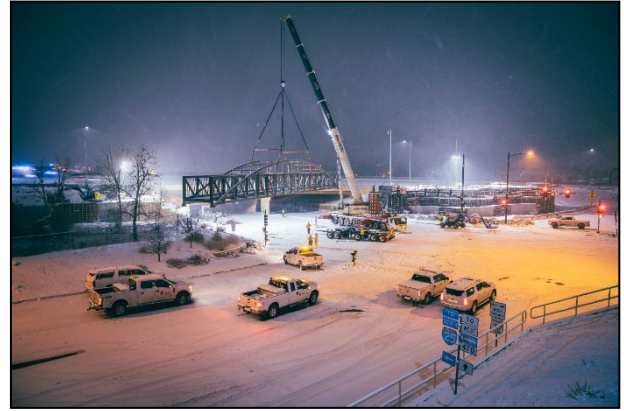


- Communication Objective: To increase public awareness and engagement throughout progress toward the development of Zebulon Regional Sports Complex.
  - Tactics have been primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, earned media, a YouTube video, and organic social media.
  - Results:
    - Newsroom Post Views: 4,627
    - Social Media Impressions: 40,529
    - Email Open Rate: 25.1%
    - YouTube Views: 657
  - Media:
    - Total number of media mentions (online, print, broadcast): 25
    - Estimated Reach (online, print, broadcast): 13,659,380
    - Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$5,053,970
- **Courageous Conversations: Our Children and the Internet** - The "Courageous Conversations" Live Town Hall took place on March 25, 2026.



During the "Courageous Conversations: Our Children and the Internet" live town hall—hosted by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners—local law enforcement, educators, prosecutors and nonprofit leaders shared what they are seeing on the front lines, and what families can do about it. One of the strongest themes of the evening was that protecting children online requires a shared effort between parents, schools, law enforcement and the broader community.

- Communication Objective: To engage experts and the community in a discussion about youth and internet safety.
  - Tactics were primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, a YouTube video, and organic social media.
  - Results:
    - Newsroom Post Views: 305
    - Social Media Impressions: 28,053
    - Email Open Rate: 12.2%
    - Attendees: 12,760
    - YouTube Views: 93
- **DRCOG Photo Contest** – Congratulations to Drew Bouchard, Visual Content Producer, on two of his photos being chosen as one of the ten winners of the RTP photo contest. DRCOG will credit Drew with his name next to his photos in the final plan (still under development). In the meantime, DRCOG will showcase his photos on their social media. Below are the two photos – great work!



*Above left: Photo taken by Drew Bouchard - Bluffs Regional Park in Douglas County, Colorado.*

*Above right: Photo taken by Drew Bouchard - C-470 Trail over Yosemite Street at night during snowfall and construction.*

### Commissioner Meetings – March 31, 2026

- **Douglas County Open Space Advisory Committee Work Session** – The Board held a work session with the County Open Space Advisory Committee (COSAC) as part of an annual review. COSAC members reported on open space and natural resource programming and COSAC funding strategies and priorities. The Board convened an executive session to discuss potential future open space acquisitions that may be subject to upcoming negotiations.

### Commissioner Meetings – April 6, 2026

- **Community Development Updates** -The Board held a work session with Community Development Department staff on three topics:
  - **Liquor and Massage Licensing Updates:** Staff discussed potential discussed revisions to liquor and massage licensing processes, including the potential for a hearing officer to conduct some licensing hearings. The Board also discussed updates to the County’s current penalty guidelines are proposed for alignment with State regulations and to provide for additional enforcement flexibility. By a vote of 3-0, the Board approved the adoption of the proposed penalty guideline revisions.
  - **Zoning Resolution for Non-Owned Animals:** The Board reviewed regulations for rural property owners leasing out their land for short-term dog training and exercise, an issue that arose from a resident using the "Sniffspot" app. To balance property owner’s rights with neighborhood concerns regarding traffic and noise, staff recommended allowing this as an accessory use in rural zone districts (Estate Residential, Rural Residential, and A1) provided they follow specific limits. The Board adopted a motion, 3-0, to proceed with a referral to codify these rules into the zoning resolution.
  - **Colorado 150th & US 250th Anniversary Celebrations:** To celebrate the United States' 250th birthday and Colorado's 150th birthday in 2026, the county has planned a year-long series of events, historic ribbon cuttings, and public exhibits. Planned activities include public tours of a national archaeological site, historical exhibits at local libraries and the county fair, a drone show, and the opening of restored historical sites like the Spring Valley Schoolhouse, the Mick Helmer cabin, and the Evans Homestead. By a vote of 3-0, the Board directed staff to update the Miller Building's wall art and historic displays.
  - **Legal Updates** – By a vote of 3-0, the Board approved a motion to receive legal advice in executive session pertaining to active legal matters.

### Commissioner Meetings – April 7, 2026

- **Administrative Meeting** - Staff discussed strategies for public communication and community engagement. The board evaluated the success of recent town halls, specifically focusing on how to increase digital participation and address public safety concerns. Staff provided updates on infrastructure projects, such as the Link on Demand transit expansion and various park groundbreaking. The discussion also covered appointments for local boards and the review of potential sponsorships for upcoming community fundraisers and conferences.
- **Federal Lobbyist Call** – Douglas County Commissioners and Federal Lobbyist discussed advocacy efforts regarding human trafficking legislation, a portion of which was convened in executive session for discussion of negotiating positions.

### Commissioner Meetings – April 8, 2026

- **State Lobbyists Call** - The Board of Commissioners opened a brief meeting with state lobbyists to discuss state legislative issues potentially impacting Douglas County government. The Board motioned, by a unanimous vote, to enter an executive session to discuss legislative negotiating positions. At the conclusion of the executive session, the Board unanimously took the following positions on bills by Board motion:
  - HB26-1120 - Mobile Home Property Taxation – Support
  - 26-144 - Modify Property Tax Lien Sales Treasurer Deeds & Fees – Amend
  - SB26-141 - Wildlife Collision Prevention – Amend
  - HB1053 - Motor Vehicle Regulation Administration – Support
  - HB1113 - Modification of Elections – Amend
  - SB26-103 - Remove Opposition

### Commissioner Meetings – April 13, 2026

- **Douglas County Emergency Management: Pine Beetle and Wildfire Update** – The Board from Emergency Management staff regarding significant wildfire risk and the expanding mountain pine beetle epidemic on the Front Range. Staff highlighted the benefits of the County’s wildfire mitigation cost share program, which helps residents manage the massive costs of removing highly flammable dead trees from residential areas, the county relies on a 50% cost-share program that helps landowners, HOAs, and metro districts afford contractors to cut and transport the wood to the county's biochar facility. Because safe disposal requires significant logistical support, commissioners explored funding a public-private transportation partnership. In addition, the county aims to increase resident sign-ups for emergency alerts and will keep its Helitack helicopter team strictly within the Front Range to guarantee immediate local protection. *Motion* - to institute a county pine beetle task force. Passes 3-0.

### Commissioner Meetings – April 14, 2026

- **Potential Property Acquisition** – The Board convened to discuss a potential property acquisition with a seller. The board moved to enter an executive session under provision 24-6-402(4)(e). Pass 3-0. Upon its return to open session, the Board directed Open Space Director Dan Dertz to continue negotiations.
- **Administrative Meeting** – Discussion included on a record-breaking town hall with over 12,000 attendees, updates on an open meetings lawsuit where the county plans to file a motion to publish and a petition for rehearing, and authorization to negotiate with alternative bands for the county fair. Staff also discussed intergovernmental agreements for community corrections and a pedestrian bridge, volunteer appreciation and the launch of a new .gov website. During the meeting, the board passed two motions: a motion to appoint Virginia Love to the Douglas County Fair Board of Directors, and a motion to appoint former finance director Andrew Copland to the Audit Committee. Passes 3-0.

## Commissioner Meetings – April 21, 2026

- **Douglas County Libraries Briefing** - Douglas County Libraries (DCL) presented an annual report to the Board of County commissioners, highlighting strong fiscal performance, community impact, and adherence to its founding mission. DCL hosts 1,000+ monthly meetings and 180,000 annual story time participants, while maintaining top-tier national circulation metrics. DCL representatives briefed the Board on the Sterling Ranch library project which will break ground in July and is projected to open in 2027. The project will be cash-funded and is under budget.
- **Work Session – Various** - The Board approved a motion to renew the political signage pilot program, with a start date of May 1, 2026 for the primary election cycle.

Procedural Standards for Public Testimony: The Board discussed options for management of property owner and representative testimony and rebuttal during land use meetings and hearings.

2040 Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP) Amendments: The Board reviewed updates related to air quality and transportation, emphasizing local control and opposition to state-driven density or electrification mandates that conflict with county character.

Additional Direction: Staff were directed to expand marketing for the County Fair and Rodeo, including use of larger signage and partnerships with HOAs, metro districts, and municipalities.

- **Legal Updates - Pre/Post Executive Session** – The Board entered executive session upon recommendation of the County Attorney to receive legal advice regarding a potential new ordinance and ongoing litigation, citing statutory authority.
- **Pre Executive Session – Legislative Strategy Briefing** - The Board received an update on state legislative activity with approximately three weeks remaining in the session and provided direction to negotiators in executive session.
- **Administrative Meeting** - The Board reviewed public affairs strategy related to the Zebulon Sports Complex, wildfire preparedness, America 250, Colorado 150 initiatives, and reviewed correspondence requests.

## Planning Services Activity Report

Completed Projects					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	04/08/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 2, Lot 8 Replat, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revision, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mod	Install a rooftop solar energy system to existing church building.	SIP Modification	SP2026-022
2	04/08/26	Plum Creek Church - Building Expansion	Referral request - Town of Castle Rock for the Plum Creek Church building expansion.	External Referral	RE2026-040
3	04/09/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 89A, Tract E	Request for a Site Improvement Plan (SIP) for new cell tower.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-009
2	04/09/26	4043 A Dawson Trail Blvd, 2nd Modification	Eligible Facilities Request (EFR) to modify existing equipment for Verizon.	SIP Modification	SP2026-026
2	04/16/26	Canyonside Filing 2, Lot 3 - AdventHealth	Referral request - City of Castle Pines for a new AdventHealth medical office building.	External Referral	RE2026-039
2	04/20/26	The Meadows Filing 17, Area 4 Amendment 19	Referral - Town of Castle Rock for the Plat of Limelight Center at the Meadows.	External Referral	RE2026-047

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	04/20/26	Dawson Trails Filing 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> referral request from the Town of Castle Rock for Dawson Trails Filing 3.	External Referral	RE2026-046
2	04/20/26	2995 Fifth Street, 1st Revision, 1st Mod	Request to modify location of trash enclosure at existing church.	SIP Modification	SP2026-031
1	04/20/26	Hillcamp Sub-Area Plan	2 <sup>nd</sup> referral - City of Lone Tree - create a sub-area plan comprised of 2 previous PDDs	External Referral	RE2026-042
1	04/20/26	Hillcamp Southridge Preliminary Plan	Second referral from the City of Lone Tree for the Hillcamp Southridge preliminary plan, proposing 343 single family detached lots.	External Referral	RE2026-043
1	04/20/26	Hillcamp Ridgegate Preliminary Plan	2 <sup>nd</sup> referral request - City of Lone Tree proposing 261 single family detached lots.	External Referral	RE2026-044
2	04/20/26	Brickyard Filing 1, Amendment 2	Town of Castle Rock for the Brickyard Filing 1, Amendment 2.	External Referral	RE2026-048
1	04/20/26	Hillcamp Drive Filing 1	Second referral request from the City of Lone Tree for a final plat of Hillcamp Drive.	External Referral	RE2026-045
1	04/21/26	Stroh Exemption, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd, Parcel A & B1	Expand the Urban Area to provide residential and commercial development.	CMP Amendment	DR2025-008
2	04/21/26	5054 Crowfoot Valley Road, 1st Modification	Request to modify lighting at existing church.	SIP Modification	SP2026-020

## Referrals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	03/26/26	Pinery Meadows Planned Dev, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd	Allow alternative lot standards for clusters homes.	Planned Dev - Major Amd	ZR2026-003
2	03/26/26	Oak Bluff Subdivision	21 single family lots.	Final Plat	SB2025-049
3	03/30/26	Sterling Ranch Filing 3A, Tract D and Tract E	Phase 2 improvements for Prospect Community Park.	Location and Extent	LE2026-005
3	03/30/26	Sterling Ranch Filing 9A	Establish 3 nonresidential lots and two tracts.	Minor Dev Non-Residential	SB2026-010
3	03/31/26	6490 N. US Hwy. 85	1-day Entertainment Event for an open house to promote their wildlife facility.	Minor Ent Event	EE2026-002
2	04/01/26	Happy Canyon Ranches, Block 2, Lot 2	Public fundraiser of approximately 200 attendees at Sky View Farm.	Minor Ent Event	EE2026-001
3	04/01/26	Louviers Industrial Park, Lots 9-12	Document existing site improvements for an existing industrial use.	Site Imp Plan	SP2025-098
2	04/07/26	3640 N State Highway 67	5-year period to hold an annual fund raising event for the Happy Dog Ranch	Major Ent Event	EE2026-003
1	04/08/26	Pinery Village Filing 1, 2nd Amendment, 3A	Request for a new mini warehouse facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-018
3	04/09/26	Country Palace, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amd Lot 1A-1A, 6 <sup>th</sup> Amd	18,000 sf addition to existing church and expansion of worship area by 400 seats.	Major USR Amendment	US2025-019
3	04/10/26	Sterling Ranch Filing 6A, 2nd Amendment	Request for a Minor Development for a daycare facility.	Minor Dev Non-Residential	SB2026-014
3	04/10/26	Sterling Ranch Filing 6A, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amd, Lot 229A	Request for a Site Improvement Plan (SIP) for a daycare facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-030
2	04/13/26	5050 Echo Gap Road	New Verizon Wireless Monopine Tower.	Site Imp Plan	SP2025-086

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	04/16/26	Crowsnest Master Plan Amendment	Amendment for future urban development.	CMP Amendment	DR2026-003
3	04/20/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 75C, Lot 8	Increase Lot 8 2,997 SF and decreasing Tract A the same.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-011
3	04/21/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 159, Lot 1	Request for 165 senior affordable for apartments.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-027

### Upcoming PC Hearings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	05/04/26	Pinery Meadows Planned Dev, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd	Allow alternative lot standards for clusters homes.	Planned Dev - Major Amd	ZR2026-003
1	05/18/26	Redemption Church	Request for a Minor Development Final Plat to establish one lot for a church use.	Minor Dev Non-Residential	SB2026-005

### Upcoming BCC Land Use Hearings or Meetings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
	04/28/26	Public Contract for Services with ERO Resources Corp in the Amount of \$312,494	Request for a contract with ERO Resource Corporation for \$312,494 for the Archaeology Excavation, Stabilization, and Site Stewardship Project at site 5DA.265.	Contract	
1	04/28/26	Bloom Preliminary Plan	Subdivide into 32 single family lots.	Preliminary Plan	SB2025-017
1	04/28/26	Vacation of a portion of Cottonwood Ave	Vacation of a portion of Cottonwood Ave with split ownership	Roadway Vacation	SB2026-004
3	04/28/26	5970 N US Hwy 85, 6th Amendment	Waiver of a submittal requirement related to a USR amendment for the Sedalia Recycling Center and Depository.	Major USR Amendment	US2025-001
3	05/12/26	Highlands Ranch Planned Dev, 84 <sup>th</sup> Amd	Assign 350 residential units to Planning Area 85 of the Highlands Ranch PD.	Planned Dev – Major Amd	ZR2026-002
1	05/12/26	Pinery Meadows Planned Dev, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd	Change setbacks and development standards for single-family detached cluster homes.	Planned Development – Major Amd	ZR2026-003
	05/12/26	DCZR Amendment to Establish Agritourism Regulations	Allow agritourism activities and related uses in the A-1 and LRR zone districts.	Zoning Resolution Amendment	DR2025-006
2	05/12/26	3640 N State Highway 67	Fundraiser for 5 years beginning May 30, 2026, with similar dates through 2030.	Major Ent Event	EE2026-003
1	05/26/26	Redemption Church	Establish one lot for a church use.	Minor Dev Non-Residential	SB2026-005

### Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	04/08/26	935 Evalena Rd	The applicant proposes a Site Improvement Plan Revision to increase the available parking area by 50 spaces.	SIP Revision	PS2026-088
3	04/14/26	Titan Road Ind'l Park Filing 1, 4 <sup>th</sup> Amd, Lot 1A	Create a flex space warehouse and storage lot.	Site Imp Plan	PS2026-093

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	04/16/26	10900 Chatfield Lake Rd	Operate a leased concrete and asphalt reclamation and recycling facility.	SIP Revision	PS2026-098
1	04/21/26	8752 N State Hwy 83	Rezoning to Light Industrial for development of a storage facility.	Rezoning	PS2026-100
2	04/21/26	M&B properties east of S Perry Park Rd, South of Tomah Rd	Vacate lot lines between properties to make all lots conforming to the Agricultural One zone district.	Administrative Replat	PS2026-097
3	04/21/26	5635 Kelly Ct	Multi-function storage facility.	Site Imp Plan	PS2026-099
3	04/21/26	Metes & Bounds East of N Moore Rd	40 building, 160-unit Townhouse development on approximately 10 acres.	Minor Dev Residential	PS2026-094

### Streamline Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	04/08/26	Perry Park Filing 7, Lot 14, Blk 1 & Perry Park Filing 7, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd, Lot 11A	The applicant proposes an Administrative Replat for a Lot Line Vacation (LLV).	Administrative Replat	PS2026-092
3	04/09/26	PART NE ¼ 32-6-68; PART SE ¼ 32-6-68; PART SW ¼ 33-6-68; PART NW ¼ 4-7-68; PART NE ¼ 5-7-68; 143.689 AM/L	Douglas County Office of Emergency Management proposes to construct an OEM building, hangar and a K-9 training center at the existing EVOC site.	Location and Extent	PS2026-096

### New Applications

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	04/10/26	Hillcamp Drive Filing 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> referral request from the City of Lone Tree for a final plat of Hillcamp Drive.	External Referral	RE2026-045
1	04/10/26	Hillcamp Ridgeway Preliminary Plan	2 <sup>nd</sup> referral request - City of Lone Tree proposing 261 single family detached lots.	External Referral	RE2026-044
1	04/10/26	Hillcamp Southridge Preliminary Plan	2 <sup>nd</sup> referral - City of Lone Tree proposing 343 single family detached lots.	External Referral	RE2026-043
1	04/10/26	Hillcamp Sub-Area Plan	2 <sup>nd</sup> referral - City of Lone Tree - create a sub-area plan comprised of 2 previous PDDs.	External Referral	RE2026-042
2	04/10/26	2995 Fifth Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Rev, 1 <sup>st</sup> Modification	Request to modify location of trash enclosure at existing church.	SIP Modification	SP2026-031
2	04/13/26	922A Pawnee Tr, 4th Revision, 6th Mod	Eligible Facilities Request (EFR) to upgrade existing equipment.	SIP Modification	SP2026-032
2	04/14/26	Dawson Trails Filing 3	Second referral request from the Town of Castle Rock for Dawson Trails Filing 3.	External Referral	RE2026-046
2	04/14/26	The Meadows Filing 17, Area 4 Amendment 19	Town of Castle Rock for the Plat of Limelight Center at the Meadows.	External Referral	RE2026-047
2	04/15/26	Brickyard Filing 1, Amendment 2	Town of Castle Rock for the Brickyard Filing 1, Amendment 2.	External Referral	RE2026-048
1	04/20/26	Douglas County Ind'l Park Filing 1, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amd, Lot 2B, 3rd Revision	Request to install temporary air-cooled chiller, emergency generator, and IT Equipment for data center.	SIP Revision	SP2026-033
1	04/20/26	Pinery Meadows, PT Tract C	Request to make certain corrections to the Metro District Director Parcel Tract.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-016

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	04/21/26	Tanterra Pool and Clubhouse Site Plan	Town of Parker - 3,000 sq. ft. clubhouse and pool for the Tanterra Subdivision.	External Referral	RE2026-049
3	04/21/26	955 Bristle Pine Circle	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Impr Plan	SP2026-036
3	04/21/26	6798 Lionshead Pkwy	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-034
3	04/21/26	6939 Lionshead Pkwy	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-035
3	04/21/26	9755 Burntwood Way	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-037

### New Miscellaneous Jobs

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	04/14/26	14727 Westcreek Road	Request for a Legal Parcel Determination SPN 2765-254-00-006.	Legal Parcel Determination	MI2026-007
2	04/16/26	5454 Tower Rd, Yore	STR application for guest house, 2 bedroom, 4 occupants.	Short-Term Rental	MI2026-008

### New Sign Permits

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project No.
3	04/14/26	Sedalia, Lots 9-14, Blk 7 & W ½ of vacated Karcher St Adjacent to Lot 9 Town of Sedalia	The Magic Manor - 5450 Manhart Ave	SG2026-031
1	04/20/26	Piney Lake Trails Filing 1, Tract B	Piney Trail Estates - 13950 Mahana St	SG2026-032
1	04/20/26	Piney Lake Trails Filing 1, Tract B	Piney Trail Estates - 13013 Pagoda Dr	SG2026-033

### Massage Facility Licenses

Dist.	Date	License Type	Business Name & Address	License No.
3	05/05/26	Massage Facility	Hanna Massage – 8796 S Colorado Blvd Unit C	MI2026-006

### Special Event Liquor Permits

Dist.	Date	Event Name	Permittee Name & Event Address	Permit No.
2	04/09/26	Taste of Tri-Lakes Cares	Tri-Lakes Cares - 14771 Spruce Mountain Rd	LL2026-028
2	04/10/26	Colorado Jump Tour	Colorado Horse Rescue - 7522 S Pinery Dr	LL2026-029
3	04/13/26	Highlands Ranch Beer Festival	Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Fund - 9568 S University Blvd	LL2026-030
2	04/20/26	Cinco de Mayo	St Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 8909 - 2746 Fifth St	LL2026-033

## Public Works Bid Calendar

Updated 4/22/26

Project Description	Plans Available to Contractors	Contractor Pre-Bid Conference	Project Bid Opening	Tentative BCC Approval Date
<b>Platte Canyon Repair DC 67 SP 2026-002</b>	March 9, 2026	March 18, 2026	March 31, 2026 <i>Seven bids under review</i>	April 28, 2026
Removal and export failed benched section of DC 67 roadway immediately adjacent to the Platte River. Reconstruct roadway section with drainage layer and drainage pipe network. Project includes sustained traffic control, paving, earthwork, drainage work, armoring a sloped shoulder, and road section construction. Bid items include hot mix asphalt for patching, geotextile (drainage) and aggregate base course.				
<b>Highlands Ranch Parkway (Broadway to Burntwood) CI 2026-005</b>	March 16, 2026	March 25, 2026	April 7, 2026 <i>Six bids under review</i>	May 12, 2026
This project includes removing and replacing the concrete pavement, curb and gutter, and sidewalk and pedestrian improvements. A raised median will be installed in the center of the roadway to enhance driver safety. The bike lane will remain in the reconstructed roadway. Also included is the construction of a new traffic signal at the Ridgeglen Way/Highlands Ranch Pkwy intersection and the reconstruction and upgrade of the existing traffic signal for the Burntwood Way/Highlands Ranch Pkwy intersection.				
<b>Quebec St and Park Meadows Dr Signing and Striping Improvement Project CI 2025-031</b>	May 4, 2026	May 13, 2026	May 26, 2026	June 23, 2026
This project is Phase 1 of a larger project to improve congestion in the corridor and replace aging infrastructure. The goal is to improve traffic flow for vehicles travelling to C-470, as well as vehicles accessing the nearby businesses and schools. Phase 1 includes updates to pavement striping, signage, and signal timing. The project extends 1800 feet between 8664 S. Quebec St. and C-470. Work includes removal of pavement markings, removal of signs, sweeping, sign panel fabrication, and application of inlaid epoxy pavement marking as well as inlaid preformed thermoplastic pavement marking.				