



**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026  
AGENDA**

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<b>June 3, 2026</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO 80104 Conference Rooms A&amp;B</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>
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**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.**

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**COSAC Property Tour 3:00 PM**

**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 – May 6, 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. **Visitation Update – Tiffany McCauley/Ryan Smith/Kirk Inderbitzen**
- iv. **Other Updates**
  - 1. **Wildlife videos**

- VII. Informational Item**
  - a. **Site Tours for Archaeology Excavation on 6/5/26**
    - 1. **Email sent by Brittany Cassell**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- I. DLC Grant Discussion**
- II. BOCC Subdivision Parcel Disposal to HOA**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

*\*\*The Next Meeting Will be Held on Wednesday, July 1, 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, MAY 6, 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 - Present  
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 currently

**III. Motion to Approve Agenda**

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

**IV. Motion to Approve Minutes from March 31, 2026**

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

**VIII. Public Comment**

No public comment

**IX. Administrative Announcements**

**Parks and Trails Update,**

- no update provided

**Historic Preservation Update,**

- No update provided

### Open Space Update

- **Lost Canyon Annual Report – Barbara Spagnuolo, Town of Castle Rock,** presented the annual Report on Lost Canyon
- **Agents of Discovery, Darcy Wilson, Administrative Assistant,** provided an update on the Agents of Discovery application on Partnership Opportunities, Agent Douglas events and visits, Green University at Cherokee Ranch Castle, and I Spy Agent Discovery-new summer campaign.
- **Red Card Training - Kirk Inderbitzen, Operations Manager & Ryan Smith, Ranger Supervisor** provided an update on the staff training in 2026 that has happened and upcoming trainings for 2026
- **Fall Festival 2026 – Ryan Smith, Ranger Supervisor** provided an update on the Fall Festival on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, status.
- **Keep It Colorado – Dan Dertz, Director** provided information on HB26-1230 Extended Conservation Easement Tax Credit has just passed the House Appropriations unanimously. The bill went to the House floor May 1, 2026.

### X. Informational Item

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

### XI. NEW BUSINESS

**Mark Weston Memorial Options – Scott McEldowney, Assistant Director** presented a couple options for COSAC members to consider regarding a memorial for Mark Weston, who had passed away recently and was an instrumental member of the open space community. COSAC members were provided cost-estimates to rename the open space and provide an overlook, and an option to rename a trail and place an overlook on the property. COSAC unanimously voted to approve up to \$30,000 from the Open Space Operations, Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects fund from the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources and Open Space Sales Tax, along with accepting a donation from the citizens group supporting the effort to rename the open space.

### XII. Motion to approve the renaming of Spruce Mountain to Mark Weston Open Space at Spruce Mountain

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Sage

SECONDER: O'Malley

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

EXCUSED: Shandro

### 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: Approved

MOVER: Sage

SECONDER: O'Malley

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

EXCUSED: Shandro

**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: Approved

MOVER: O'Malley

SECONDER: Hostetler

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

EXCUSED: Shandro

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

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

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Hostetler

SECONDER: Rundell

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

EXCUSED: Shandro

# Visitation Update

Tiffany McCauley, Land Manager Specialist / Ranger  
Open Space and Natural Resources



# Flock VS. TRAFx Data

## Providing Insight to Trailhead Use

- **Increase in Visitation numbers at all properties with new system.**
  - New Flock system counts vehicles as they enter the parking lot.
  - Previous TRAFx data did not represent trailhead and parking lot use.
  - New Data shows a 69% increase in visitation for 4th quarter of 2025, compared to TRAFx trail use data.
  - Flock Traffic Analytics requires adjustments to provide accurate data.
  - Staff will continue to use data from both Flock and TRAFx systems compare parking lot use to trail use.



# 2025- 4th Quarter Data Comparison

Year	Site	Oct			Nov			Dec			FLOCK Total	TRAFX Total
		FLOCK	BAD FLOCK	TRAFx	FLOCK	BAD FLOCK	TRAFx	FLOCK	BAD FLOCK	TRAFx	Visitation	Visitation
2025	Bayou Gulch	3,713		1,411	2,739		1,079	2,655		869	9,107	3,359
	Columbine South	3,498		1,124	4,807		676	4,152	13,305	592	12,457	2,392
	Dawson Butte	6,457		3,303	6,058		2,650	4,021		2,170	16,536	8,123
	Frink Creamery	1,604		978	1,304		853	1,223		831	4,131	2,662
	Glendale North	4,767		11,843	1,603		12,887	5,700	348	11,816	12,070	36,546
	Glendale South	11,000	25,154	13,993	12,000	29,854	14,686	12,200	20,110	14,056	35,200	42,735
	Greenland	2,000	308	846	1,940		636	3,115		592	7,055	2,074
	Hidden Mesa	3,971		716	6,369		771	4,840		845	15,180	2,332
	Hidden Mesa-Pleasant	2,587		1,473	4,067		1,589	3,088		1,250	9,742	4,312
	Lincoln Mountain	2,360		1,071	5,253		1,037	2,321		831	9,934	2,939
	Sandstone Ranch	5,746		3,340	5,955		3,263	4,496		2,685	16,197	9,288
	Sharptail	1,750	10,023	270	1,750	13,651	63	1,872		196	5,372	529
	Spruce Meadows	4,617		513	3,031		566	2,448		723	10,096	1,802
	Spruce Mountain	8,049		2,511	6,275	21,753	2,239	4,353		2,176	18,677	6,926
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,119</b>		<b>43,392</b>	<b>63,151</b>		<b>42,995</b>	<b>56,484</b>		<b>39,632</b>	<b>181,754</b>	<b>126,019</b>
											<b>69.33%</b>	



# Traffic Analytics Adjustements

- ï The new "Flock Traffic Analytics" system requires adjustments to license plate readers at some properties to provide the most accurate data.
- ï Staff has been actively working to identify issues to correct data reporting.
- ï Many properties have already been adjusted and are reporting more accurate numbers.



# 2026- 1st Quarter Data Comparison

Year 2026	Site	January			February			March			April			FLOCK Total Visitation	TRAFX Total Visitation
		FLOCK	BAD FLOCK	TRAFX	FLOCK	BAD FLOCK	TRAFX	FLOCK	BAD FLOCK	TRAFX	FLOCK	BAD FLOCK	TRAFX		
	Bayou Gulch	4,424		897	4,415		931	3,955		954	3,869	1,096	16,663	3,878	
	Columbine South	4,152	12,346	521	4,152	161,224	675	4,152	143,437	772	4,152	46,085	16,608	2,811	
	Dawson Butte	3,947		1,043	6,540		2,162	6,069		2,419	6,129	2,297	22,685	7,921	
	Frink Creamery	1,377	11,024	861	2,889		947	3,256		1,030	915	1,056	8,437	3,894	
	Glendale North	5,724		10,327	10,582		13,183	9,528		10,222	13,120	12,629	38,954	46,361	
	Glendale South	10,500	53,834	13,393	12,000	141,354	15,075	10,400	118,036	12,952	8,200	10,548	41,100	51,968	
	Greenland	2,794		671	7,783		696	7,110		654	7,145	854	24,832	2,875	
	Hidden Mesa	3,000	17,525	775	3,097		890	4,294		1,005	4,314	1,012	14,705	3,682	
	Hidden Mesa-Pleasant	4,500	17,542	651	4,714		1,398	4,371		1,980	3,500	1,435	17,085	5,464	
	Lincoln Mountain	1,696		736	2,358		935	2,622		948	2,679	955	9,355	3,574	
	Sandstone Ranch	4,127		2,734	5,260		2,951	5,181		3,370	5,396	2,787	19,964	11,842	
	Sharptail	1,757		220	1,750	4,591	328	1,750	7,548	246	2,246	271	7,503	1,065	
	Spruce Meadows	5,000	13,895	741	5,821		677	4,910		618	5,658	818	21,389	2,854	
	Spruce Mountain	5,757		1,912	6,987		2,273	7,306		2,476	6,925	2,650	26,975	9,311	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58,755</b>		<b>35,482</b>	<b>78,348</b>		<b>43,121</b>	<b>74,904</b>		<b>39,646</b>	<b>74,248</b>	<b>39,251</b>	<b>286,255</b>	<b>157,500</b>	
			60.39%			55.04%			52.93%			52.86%		55.02%	



# Questions?



**TO:** The Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager  
**DATE:** May 12, 2026  
**RE:** County Manager Report

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## Sheriff's Office

### Emergency Management

- **Wildfire risk is rising. Learn what you can do and how your County is prepared during a Live Town Hall at 6 p.m. May 20.** Everyone is talking about our historically hot weather and lack of precipitation. Is your home mitigated against potential wildfire? Is your family prepared to evacuate if needed?

The Board of Douglas County Commissioners will host *Courageous Conversations – Your Home, Your Family and Wildfire* – an informative panel discussion to help us all prepare for extreme wildfire risk conditions. The panel of experts includes the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Management, who can explain how you can prepare your home and what Douglas County is doing to keep our community safe. How to Attend or Join the Live Town Hall:



- In person at 100 Third St. in Castle Rock
- Online at [douglasco.gov/townhall](https://douglasco.gov/townhall)
- Via phone by calling 833-380-0668, or answer the phone when we call just before 6 p.m. To sign up to ensure you get a call, visit [douglasco.gov/townhall](https://douglasco.gov/townhall)

[Visit our webpage for more information and resources.](#)

## Human Services

### Child Welfare

- On April 21, 2026, **Douglas County Department of Human Services was awarded the national CarePortal Agency of The Year award.** Amongst over 100 nominations from across the country, Douglas County DHS was selected for their



“well-vetted, high-quality requests, for responding timely with churches who offer to meet the needs of families, and for setting a strong standard for collaboration.” They were also nominated more specifically, for their “intentional shift from transactional support to relational connection , not only focusing on meeting the tangible needs of families, but also in helping families build lasting supportive relationships with their community” noted Chris Lingren, Beautiful Redemption Director of Operations.

One example was highlighted in the nomination where a church responder, through a CarePortal request, became a grandma-like figure for the children and their parents, helping connect the children to sports, helping with parenting and mentoring the parents and supporting them through their challenges, which allowed for the family to remain together in the home and have a long lasting connection to a church long after the department closed out their involvement. DCDHS was noted during the award presentation as “leading the way in Colorado, as we shift to see more meaningful connections through CarePortal requests.”



Over the past decade, we've made progress in recognizing that economic instability increases family stress, which can heighten the risk of abuse or neglect—especially when combined with challenges like substance use, mental health issues, or domestic violence. Reducing financial strain and increasing supports can significantly stabilize families and help prevent child welfare involvement.

CarePortal helps communities respond to the needs of vulnerable children and families by connecting them with neighbors who can offer practical support. Early, proactive assistance can stabilize families and keep children safely at home. In both prevention and protection, meaningful community connections create relationships that can last long after DHS involvement ends.

Since launching in Douglas County in 2020, CarePortal has transformed how communities engage with child welfare by sharing real-time needs and empowering neighbors to respond. When communities rally around families with compassion and practical help, sustainable change becomes possible—one life at a time. Learn more at [www.careportal.org/](http://www.careportal.org/)

- Human Services has transitioned from issuing General Assistance payments directly to clients to a **community based assistance model**. Under this new structure, the department now connects individuals with a network of local partner organizations that provide targeted services and resources. This shift reflects a strategic move toward a more holistic and sustainable approach to meeting client needs, positioning Human Services as a coordinator that links people with the most appropriate supports rather than serving as the sole provider.



This model offers several advantages that strengthen both service delivery and client outcomes. Community partners are able to provide more comprehensive, wraparound assistance—addressing housing, food security, employment, transportation, and other needs in a coordinated way. Leveraging established local organizations reduces duplication of services, increases efficiency, and enhances accessibility for clients who may feel more comfortable engaging with community-based providers. By tapping into the strengths and specialization of community agencies, the new approach promotes more personalized support and improves the likelihood of long term stability for individuals and families.

## Public Works

### Activity Report April 27 – May 9, 2026

- **Do you need flood insurance in 2026? One form can help you find out.** You know homeowners' insurance is essential to protecting property from disasters such as fires and most weather events, but did you know many areas also require a separate policy to cover flood damage?



A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Zone information are available by request from Douglas County's Public Works Department to residents of unincorporated Douglas County to help you determine if flood insurance is required. [Visit our webpage to learn how to request information for your property.](#)

**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.



- **I-25 Douglas County Monument Signs** – Cushing Terrell continues to work on the I-25 Monument Sign project. The project team has survey data and expects geotechnical data soon. They are completing the final design and will adjust with the geotechnical investigation data. The next step is to resubmit structural plans 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.

- **[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](#).

- **[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.



- **[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 has been completed.

- **[Crowfoot Valley Road and Macanta Boulevard Traffic Signal Project](#)** - Douglas County will be installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Crowfoot Valley Rd and Macanta Blvd to address traffic issues at this intersection. The construction of this project started on April 13, 2026, and is 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, following construction, which began on May 4.



- **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. The construction contract is scheduled to be heard by the BCC on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Construction is scheduled to begin in early June and end by October.



- **[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](#)** – Coming soon. 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.

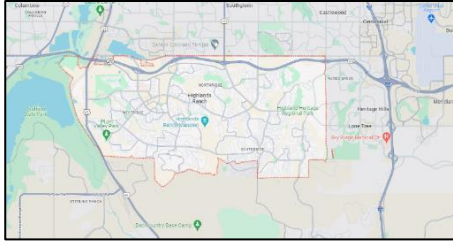


- **[Waterton Road and Middle Fork Street Roundabout Project](#)** - Douglas County is adding a second roundabout beginning with the south half, then proceeding to the north half. Detours will be in place as needed, and one lane in each direction on Waterton Road will remain open during construction.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



- **Highlands Ranch 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.

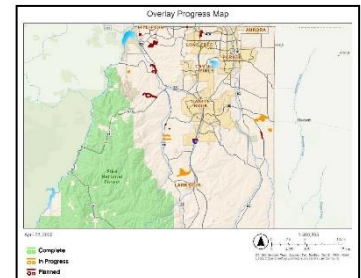
- **2026 Pavement Management**

- The 2026 Sidewalk Repair Project 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. Repairs to guardrails are scheduled to be completed by May 12.

- 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. Work continues, but has slowed due to weather conditions.



- 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 contracted with Western Wrecking to crush the concrete into Class 6 base course. The base course will be used on future road and sidewalk projects. The concrete removed during repairs is 100% recycled and reused. The project produced roughly 38,000 cubic yards of recycled concrete base course.

- **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. 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** - FirstBank withdrew their offer to fund the Bannock LID. County staff met on May 7th to discuss additional funding options. Final design was received in late-April, so TST and County staff are continuing to prepare the plans and specifications for bidding. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)



- **2023 Spring Canyon LID** – FirstBank withdrew their offer to fund the Spring Canyon LID. County staff met on May 7th to discuss additional funding options. Final design is expected in May, so TST and County staff are continuing to prepare the plans and specifications for bidding. (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** - FirstBank withdrew their offer to fund the Country Club (Group 10) LID. TST Infrastructure has received survey data but is not moving forward with the design. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)

### Operations

- **April Statistics for slash/mulch program:**
  - 1,844 loads of slash accepted
  - 472 loads distributed
  - 251 loads of green waste accepted
  - 13 loads of sod
  - 2,580 customers



- **Street Sweeping** - April: 267 lane miles swept; 1,779 lane miles swept YTD
- **Grading** – April: 411 lane miles graded; 1,225 total lane miles graded YTD
- **Paved Surface Report**
  - Pothole Patching – April: 14,200 pounds of material
  - Crack Sealing – April: 17,490 pounds of material
- **Culvert Inspections:** 422 inspections completed YTD. This reporting period, 25 total inspections completed.

- 5 – excellent condition
- 2 – good condition
- 6 – fair condition
- 10 – poor condition
- 2 – severe condition (see right)



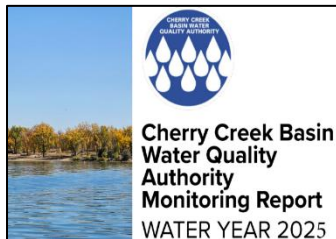
### Development Review

- **MS4 and Stormwater Matters**

- **Chatfield Watershed Authority-Water Quality User Fee Update** The Chatfield Watershed Authority approved a funding request from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for an erosion mitigation project within Chatfield State Park. In accordance with SB23-267, which requires that up to 25% of revenue be reinvested in projects within the park, the Authority allocated \$10,000 from the water-quality user fee revenue to support this effort. (Photos show before and after treatment)



- **Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority Update:** The Board of Directors voted to accept the



**Water Quality Monitoring Report for Water Year 2025.** The report evaluates water quality conditions in Cherry Creek Reservoir and throughout the watershed. Monitoring activities are implemented in accordance with the Cherry Creek Sampling and Analysis Plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan (SAP/QAPP), and applicable regulatory requirements including Cherry Creek Reservoir Control Regulation 72 (CR 72), as well as Water Quality Control Commission

Regulations 31 and 38. The program is designed to assess compliance with the chlorophyll- $\alpha$  standard and other water quality criteria while supporting its beneficial uses.

### Parks and Recreation

- **Breaking Ground on High Note Park** – On Thursday, April 30, the Board of County Commissioners joined the City of Lone Tree and South Suburban Parks and Recreation to celebrate the groundbreaking for phase 1 of the upcoming High Note Park, Lone Tree’s first regional park. ([Read More](#))



Phase 1 of the park’s construction will include two multipurpose fields, a playground, additional connections to Happy Canyon Trail, a dog park and additional community gathering spaces. These amenities are expected to open in late summer of 2027.

Of the approximate \$31 million total cost for phase 1, \$7.5 million of funding comes from the the [Parks, Trails, Historic Resources and Open Space Sales and Use tax](#). The Board of County Commissioners approved the allocation of funds at a Business Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, along with investments for Salisbury Park in Parker and Gold Crown fieldhouse in Castle Rock.

### Parks Programming

- **Trail Count Update:**

Location	2025 Totals through April	2026 Totals through April
Bayou Gulch Regional Park – Dog Park	8,342	7,105
Bingham Lake	19,736	31,169
Bluffs Regional Park*	23,756	54,142
Cherry Creek Regional Trail – Pinery	8,159	10,611
East/West Regional Trail – Grigs Trailhead	11,096	15,632
East/West Regional Trail – High Point**	7,179	16,499
East/West Regional Trail – Monarch Trailhead	4,047	5,685
East/West Regional Trail – Schweiger Ranch	3,930	5,168
East/West Regional Trail – Stepping Stone	10,283	14,539
Fairgrounds Regional Park – Dog Park	16,010	17,725
High Line Canal – East	N/A	5,307
High Line Canal – West	15,346	11,757
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Coyote Run Loop	2,207	3,627
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Incline Trailhead	19,909	22,958
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Newlin's Gold	313	224
<b>Totals</b>	<b>150,313</b>	<b>222,148</b>
*Portions of Bluffs were closed in March and April 2025 for construction, including the counter location.		
**Counter installed in March 2025		

- **Volunteer Program:**

- The marquee event for the year, Dougnad – Arbor Day, was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Fairgrounds Regional Park (FRP). In celebration of Arbor Day and community service, 109 volunteers helped plant 81 trees at the park. This event accounted for 327 hours of volunteer service. The event was successful in part due to partnerships with the Douglas County IT Department, Raptors Baseball, and the Douglas County School District. Since 2022, the Parks and Recreation Volunteer Program has planted 273 trees and 1,450 tree seedlings.



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Parks and Recreation Volunteer Program hosted three events in April. Three volunteers attended our trail pruning event on the East/West Regional Trail on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers traveled with staff about two miles into the backcountry and cleared a ¼-mile section of overgrown Gambel Oak. (See right: before and after treatment)

- o Earth Day was celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with eight volunteers collecting three bags of trash at Bingham Lake.

- o The following events are being offered in May:
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> – Tree Planting at Bayou Gulch Regional Park
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> – Shoreline Cleanup at Bingham Lake
  - May 27<sup>th</sup> – Plant Replacement at FRP

Volunteers can sign up at [douglasvolunteers.com](http://douglasvolunteers.com)



- o **2026 Volunteer Statistics:**

2026	# of Hosted Events	# of Volunteers	Hours of Service	Bags of Trash Collected	Trees Planted	Miles of Trail Maintained
February	1	8	24	4	-	-
March	2	18	36	11	-	-
April	3	120	349	3	81	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1</b>

### Park Operations

- **Monthly Dog Park Rejuvenation** - Douglas County Parks maintains two Dog Parks, one at Fairgrounds Regional Park and one at Bayou Gulch Regional Park. These facilities are divided in half with fencing. This allows maintenance operations to occur on the closed side to provide the best product possible. Every three to four weeks, Parks staff closes one side of each dog park and opens the other. The closed side is aerated, over-seeded and top-dressed with compost. The seed typically germinates within seven to fourteen days, which allows the grass to establish prior to switching sides again. Each Dog Park is visited by approximately 200-400 people with dogs per day and appreciate having grass for the dogs to enjoy. (Photos show before and after treatment)



- **Rueter-Hess Recreation**

- o **Eased Fishing Rules for Rueter-Hess Recreation** - Parker Water and Sanitation District (Parker Water) updated the rules and regulations for recreational use at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. The revised regulations will ease restrictions on Walleye and Yellow Perch fishing. The update increases the Walleye size limit by 1 inch, setting it at 16 to 21 inches, and doubles the Yellow Perch bag limit to 10 fish. The update became effective on May 1, 2026.

	2025	2026
<b>Walleye</b>	Size Limit = 16 to 20 Inches Bag Limit = 2	Size Limit = 16 to 21 Inches Bag Limit = 2
<b>Yellow Perch</b>	Size Limit = 6 Inches or Longer Bag Limit = 5	Size Limit = 6 Inches or Longer Bag Limit = 10

- **Rueter-Hess Opened Early to Water-Based Recreation** - Enhancing the visitor experience is a key focus of recreation management at Reuter-Hess Reservoir. This year, the reservoir opened for boating approximately six weeks earlier than in the previous two years. The pleasant weather and open water attracted around 275 anglers and 90 watercraft. The anglers were actively catching Walleye that ranged in size from 21 to 24 inches. (Below photos: Left is open water in February 2026. Right is iced over in February 2025.)



- **Dock Expansion for 2026** - Enhancing the visitor experience is a key focus of recreation management at Reuter-Hess Reservoir. The County has invested in a modular dock system that can be expanded as participation in water-based recreation grows. In April, the Rangers enlarged the docks and added benches and kayak launches. This improvement provides better access for activities such as fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding. These changes have contributed to increased visitation. For example, an additional 150 people visited the reservoir this April as compared to last year. (Photos above: Left is the fishing dock. Right is the watercraft dock.)



- **Improved Recreation Access** - With the completion of the entrance station, the two-year recreation access project is now complete. The combination of roadway improvements and the new entrance station will improve traffic flow and enhance events like Partner Days and Special events. The increased storage capacity will support watercraft inspections.



○ **2026 Rueter-Hess Visitation Statistics**

Visitation	Totals Through April 2025	Totals Through April 2026
Reservations Made	275	498
Reservoir Visitors	470	937
Trails Visitors	22,429	26,247
Total Visitors	22,899	27,184
<b>Fishing</b>		
Adult Anglers	208	472
Youth Anglers	63	132
Total Anglers	271	604
<b>Public Safety</b>		
People Helped (Assists/Rescues)	0	5
Overdue Visitors	0	4

## Community Services

Activity Report April 23 – May 7, 2026

### Projects or Grants:

- HEART Success Story** - On January 2, 2026, a community member contacted the HEART hotline seeking support for himself and his teenage daughter. After the collapse of his housing and window-tinting business during a difficult divorce, he suddenly found himself without income, stability, or a place to stay. A HEART Navigator responded immediately and secured two nights in a hotel through a local nonprofit and began the referral paperwork for the family to enter the Family Tree GOALS program. While their application was being processed, staff obtained three additional hotel nights to ensure they remained safely sheltered.



The family moved into GOALS on January 7 and reached out to staff the following day to express their gratitude for the quick support that kept them safe during such a vulnerable moment. The father worked closely with the GOALS case management team, focusing on employment, rebuilding stability, and developing the life skills needed to prevent future housing crises. On March 27, 2026, the family successfully moved from GOALS into their own private residence. This case is a powerful example of the impact made possible through collaboration with Family Tree, whose shelter and supportive services help families navigate some of the most challenging times of their lives. Today, the family is thriving in their new home, and able to look back on their journey with a renewed sense of strength and resilience.

- Grants for older adults for March 2026:**

Grant	# Of Trips/Units	Grant Expended	Amount
CDOT MMOF – Transportation	4		\$118.14
DRCOG 5310 – Transportation	564		\$27,506.49
DRCOG AAA – Homemaker	564.25		\$20,916.75
DRCOG AAA – Personal Care	565.75		\$21,300.49
DRCOG AAA – Chore	37		\$1,100.00
DRCOG AAA – Transportation	650		\$22,178.00
OAI – Connect and Care Calls	128		\$1,920.00
OAI – Transportation	485		\$17,945.00
OAI – Shuttle Trips	146		

### Outreach and Engagement:

- Colorado Helping Hub** – HEART recently partnered with the Colorado Helping Hub (CHH), a Parker-based nonprofit dedicated to providing food, essential items, and connecting residents with organizations that offer ongoing support. Volunteers with CHH assemble food boxes and backpacks filled with essential items for individuals and families in need.



HEART provided the CHH with postcards and informational materials about their program to be included in the backpacks they distribute. This ensures that anyone who receives a backpack is also connected with the HEART program for navigation and support. HEART was also provided with a number of backpacks to distribute to unhoused individuals they engage with who are ready to take the next step toward shelter, housing, or supportive services.

- The Happy Crew Meetup** - Community Services staff visited the Happy Crew’s Coffee Shop in Lone Tree and met with Executive Director Amy Mays. Introductions were shared along with insight on

the variety of grants that staff administers. Tips were provided on the grant process and how to include specific data and support in the application.

### **Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI):**

- **Wild Things Art Exhibit – Youth Engagement Highlight** - DCYI youth partnered with the Town of Castle Rock’s TriArts Program to support the transition between art installations at the Cantril Building. Youth assisted with taking down a previous exhibit and preparing the space for a new installation.

DCYI youth met with the President of the TriArts Project to discuss opportunities to collaborate and expand creative programming for local youth. DCYI youth then spent three hours reviewing submitted artwork for the *Wild Things Exhibit* at the Cantril School Gallery in preparation for opening night. Youth played an active role in curating the exhibit - thoughtfully placing framed pieces to create visual flow and enhance the overall audience experience.



## **Community Development**

- **Interested in placing your temporary sign on vacant county property?** Learn how to participate in 2026.



Candidates, groups and other organizations can now register to place temporary signs on six vacant county-owned properties following successful trial periods.

In 2026, temporary signs will be allowed during two periods: from May 4 through July 7, and from Sept. 8 through Nov. 7. [Visit our webpage](#) for a full list of guidelines and step-by-step instructions to

register to participate.

## **Planning Services**

- **Douglas County Public Schools Career Fair** - On April 21, Bryce Ryberg and Luke Boyd with Community



Development and Luke Thornton with Parks and Recreation represented the County at a career fair hosted by Douglas County Public Schools at Ponderosa High School. Several businesses and organizations set up booths showcasing current and future job opportunities for the students. Staff engaged with students about careers in various fields represented by the two Departments, including Parks and Recreation seasonal employment and volunteer opportunities. Attending the career fair provided a valuable

opportunity to connect with a diverse pool of potential candidates and build meaningful connections within the community.

## **Strategic Solutions**

### **Efficiency in the News**

- **How to prompt like a pro** – The gap between those getting 10x value from AI and those getting Google-level search results isn’t brain power or tech skills. It’s asking the right question in the right way with the right context. ([full story](#) with sample prompts)



The good news: Anyone can prompt AI with greater sophistication and confidence to get greater results, starting the second you finish reading this. Remember:

- Context is king: AI isn't a mind reader — it's a context machine. The more you give it (your job, your industry, the stakes, the audience, the history), the sharper its output.
- Question yourself: One of the biggest mistakes users make is trying to think of everything themselves. AI is actually better at figuring out what it needs from you than you are. So ask it.
- Show, don't tell: Specific examples beat broad instructions every time. The more you feed into AI,

the better the answers it spits out.

- Push harder: Don't accept the first answer. The first draft is the warm-up. "Make it sharper." "Cut it in half." "What's my weakest point?" This is where the magic happens.
- Remember it. *This* is how you develop a superpower: Turn your one-time wins into a permanent template of *you*. AI knows what it did right — better than you do because it can see its own patterns. So ask it to tell you, then start building a library of your personal Super Prompts.

## Open Space and Natural Resources

- **Your May adventure awaits with Agents of Discovery** - Did you know Dawson Butte Open Space, south of



Castle Rock, is among front range hikers' favorite places to visit? Find out why and help us preserve the unique trails and landscape with Agents of Discovery. Join a journey (at home or on site) with Agent Douglas during May as you learn the principles of Leave No Trace. [Visit our webpage to download the Agents of Discovery app](#) and start your summer adventures.

- **Open Space and Natural Resources Rangers participate in Search and Rescue Training at Dawson Butte**

**Open Space** - In mid-April, Douglas County Search and Rescue (SAR) conducted routine training at Dawson Butte Open Space, and several Open Space and Natural Resources (OSNR) Rangers attended. The training provided a valuable opportunity for interdepartmental coordination, as Rangers participated in simulated emergency scenarios designed to strengthen communication, situational awareness, and response readiness. Throughout the exercise, OSNR staff engaged directly with SAR personnel to better understand their operational protocols during real world incidents—from planning and deployment to resolution.



OSNR Rangers also had the opportunity to briefly operate SAR's drone technology, which plays a critical role in search operations, terrain assessment, and rapid response, ultimately improving outcomes in the field. OSNR looks forward to strengthening their partnership with SAR to enhance preparedness and public safety.

- **Open Space and Natural Resources Rangers Complete Red Card Certification in Partnership with the**



**Office of Emergency Management** - OSNR Rangers partnered with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to complete the National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) Red Card certification, enhancing wildfire preparedness and response capabilities.

Rangers completed over 20 hours of online training covering fire behavior, fuels, weather, safety protocols, and field equipment, followed by a knowledge assessment.

This was followed by a full day of hands-on training with OEM, where Rangers practiced building fire line, communication procedures, and mop-up operations.

The training concluded with a 3-mile pack test completed in 45 minutes while carrying 45 pounds, which all Rangers passed. This certification and joint training strengthens OSNR's ability to support OEM during prescribed burns and respond effectively to wildfires on Open Space properties, reinforcing interagency coordination and public safety.



## Facilities, Fleet and Emergency Support Services

- **Your favorite hobby could be blue ribbon-worthy in 2026** - Have you recently discovered or renewed your love for baking, gardening, jewelry making or photography? Share your creativity with our community at the award-winning 2026 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.



There are numerous categories for you to choose from in this year's Creative Arts or Agriculture/Floriculture Open Class competitions. With no entry fee or age limits, these contests present an opportunity for the whole family to get involved in this more than 100-year-old community event. [Visit our webpage to start making your plans to participate in the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo July 24 - Aug. 2.](#)

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

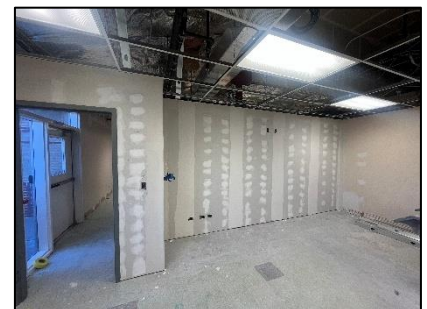
- **Fairgrounds Events:** NATIA, Cowboys 4-H Practice, Plum Creek Kennel, Rebel Ratters, Spring into Summer Agility, MQA, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, DCSO Radio Summit, Goat Clinic, ECO WOW Banquet, Mile High Barrels, Horse Ride Night, Parker Barkers, Safety Day, GOP Breakfast, Eloisa's Quinceañera, Douglas County Police Rally, Victoria's Tea Fundraiser, Buckle Series Horse Show, Evelyn's Baptism, Anistasia's Graduation, K Pop Guardians Live Show, Rocky Mountain Cup Horse Show.
- **Event Spotlight:** KPOP Guardians Live Show comes to the Douglas County Fairgrounds, bringing a high- energy, globally inspired entertainment experience to Castle Rock. Held at the Event Center, the show features live vocalists, dancers, and engaging stage elements that create an interactive, visually compelling atmosphere. As a first-time event at our facility, KPOP Guardians highlights our continued effort to diversify programming and introduce unique entertainment experiences that resonate with the community.



- **Fair & Rodeo Committee Meetings:**
  - Entertainment 5/14; Executive 5/14; Fair Board 5/21

### **Facilities:**

- **Fairgrounds**
  - Brown Barn Refresh: 99% complete
  - Kirk Hall door replacement estimated completion 5/13
  - Pavilion repaint: 60% complete
- **Justice Center**
  - Detention kitchen reseal: 90% complete
  - Judges area remodel room #3026: 75% complete
  - Phase VI roof replacement: 100% complete
  - 911 data room UPS replacement: 55% complete
- **LED Lighting Conversions**
  - Traffic: 100% complete
- **Lansing Point:** Phase II: 66% complete
- **Plum Creek VSO Remodel:** North side Vets: 50% complete (see above right)
- **Louviers:** Emergency Staircase update: 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
- Rebuilding wheel loader bucket (see right)
- AI Bid process
- Reviewing IFBs, RFQs, etc. that are due for renewal in 2026.



- **Fleet Acquisitions:**

- 2024 Asset Replacements & ADDS
  - Budgeted (69) – 6 at upfitter, 63 received.
- 2025 Asset Replacements & ADDS
  - Budgeted (64) – 19 at upfitter, 45 received.
- 2026 Asset Replacements & ADDS
  - Budgeted (65) – 7 in progress, 47 POs, 11 received.

- **Recently Completed:**

- In-Serviced units 2545, 26011 and 25039.
- Decommissioned units 1616 and 1716.
- The Harley Service IFB has been awarded
- The Highlands Ranch Regional Parks fuel site upgrade has been completed.

- **Safety and Security/Emergency Support Services:**

- The [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) is pending approval from the State. Following that approval, 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 Board of County Commissioners for adoption.
- Countywide Fire Drills will be taking place soon. Thank you for your quick cooperation/evacuation, patience, and understanding while they are performed.
- Countywide First Aid/Life Safety Checks will be completed in the month of May. Please email [DCSecurity@douglasco.gov](mailto:DCSecurity@douglasco.gov) if you have any questions or concerns regarding first aid/life safety.
- Fairgrounds Multipurpose Barn access control upgrade is complete.



## Commissioner Meetings

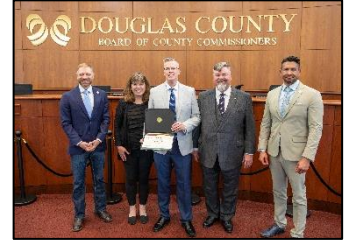
- **Biochar and GreenWorks Construction Moves Forward:** At their Tuesday, April 28, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved a construction contract for the County’s new biochar and recycling facility in Sedalia, marking a major step forward in a project designed to improve wildfire mitigation and expand waste removal services, while saving taxpayers more than \$420,000 annually (Passes 3-0). ([Read More](#))



The contract with Bauen Studios, totaling \$7.88 million, covers construction of the biochar building, product storage structure, utilities, site improvements and infrastructure that will also support future recycling and public drop-off programs.

“Being the first county biochar facility in the country means DougCo can now turn trash into treasure and the liability of dead timber into a multipurpose asset which saves water and removes forever chemicals from it,” said Commissioner Abe Laydon. “This project helps us reduce wildfire risk, conserve water, make recycling and waste disposal more convenient, and create long-term value for taxpayers.”

- Hall of Fame Recognition:** At their Tuesday, April 28, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners formally recognized Stephen Allen for his service on the Douglas County Planning Commission, inducting him into the Hall of Fame. The Board highlighted his work reviewing more than 150 land use applications, participating in 51 public hearings and helping guide major plans including the County’s Comprehensive Master Plan and 2050 Transportation Plan. They noted his consistent professionalism, thoughtful decision-making and willingness to continue serving into 2026 to help complete the transportation plan update.



The Board thanked Stephen for his years of volunteer public service, emphasizing the impact of his contributions in shaping the County’s long-term land use and responsible community growth. ([Read More](#))

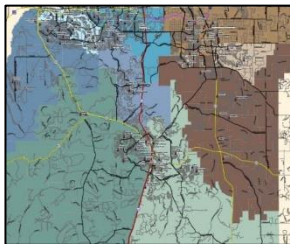
- Salisbury Park Expansion:** At their Tuesday, April 28, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved a \$2,231,026.01 municipal shareback allocation for the Town of Parker to support construction of phase two of Salisbury Park North.



In 2022, voters approved the [Parks, Trails, Historic Resources and Open Space Sales and Use tax](#), an extension of the 1994 voter-approved tax. A portion of the tax revenue is attributed to each municipality located within Douglas County (referred to as municipal shareback funds). Funds are used at the discretion of each municipality and may be requested from the County at any time.

Parker will use this allocation to continue developing new park amenities, including lighted pickleball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, an inclusive playground/splash pad, a community hub, a bike park, restrooms and parking at Salisbury Park North.

- County – School District Land Partnership:** At their Monday, April 27, Work Session, the Board of



County Commissioners met with representatives from the Douglas County School District (DCSD) to discuss surplus school-owned parcels identified as no longer needed for future school construction. The Board and DCSD have expressed interest in preserving several of these neighborhood-adjacent properties as accessible open space, supporting community recreation, mental health benefits and long-term land conservation. (Left: DCSD map of school attendance boundaries)

**Proposal**

- DCSD identified five surplus properties in the Pinery area and Highlands Ranch.
- The County aims to balance open space investments, noting that there has been a lack of accessible open space in the northern part of the county.
- DCSD acknowledged that previous disagreements over appraisals have been resolved by adopting the County’s lower, open-space-based valuation rather than valuation based on development potential.
- The County would utilize funding from the [Parks, Trails, Historic Resources and Open Space Sales and Use tax](#) to acquire the properties.

Next Steps - The Board directed county staff to begin negotiations with DCSD to finalize pricing and the acquisition timeline. Any and all agreements will be considered at a future business meeting.

- **Link On Demand is Coming to Castle Rock:** Douglas County expanded the City of Lone Tree’s Link On Demand rideshare service into Highlands Ranch in 2025 and into Parker in 2026 in response to recommendations made in Douglas County’s Integrated Transit and Multimodal Study. The next phase of the study’s recommendations include expansion into other areas of the county, including Castle Rock. ([Learn More](#))



#### Proposal

- The Town of Castle Rock has agreed to a \$400,000 contribution for this project. This represents a 20% shared investment with the County toward the \$2 million estimated cost to operate Link On Demand within their jurisdiction.
- The Pilot covers all of the Town’s boundaries and connects to the existing Link On Demand service in the county. A service map will be available closer to launch.
- The proposed intergovernmental agreement (IGA) will facilitate a partnership between Douglas County and the Town through cost sharing and joint operational oversight.
- Douglas County’s portion of the cost to operate will be comprised of Road and Bridge Sales and Use Tax revenues along with state, federal and other grant funding.

Board Action - At their Tuesday, April 28, Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved the IGA with the Town of Castle Rock to expand Link On Demand to the town later this year. (Passes 3-0)

### Commissioner Meetings – April 27, 2026

- **Work Session - DCSD Potential Land Partnership Discussion** - The Board of Commissioners held a work session with representatives of the Douglas County School District to discuss surplus school district properties that may be suitable for preservation as neighborhood-accessible open space. DCSD identified several potential surplus parcels, including a 12-acre Pinery Filing 6 parcel, four additional Pinery sites, and a Highlands Ranch parcel with possible recreation interest from a third-party public entity. By a vote of 3-0, the Board authorized County staff to work immediately with the School District to determine parcel pricing and move toward transfer of parcels for open space preservation.
- **Work Session - Potential Open Space Acquisition** - The Board of Commissioners convened a work session to discuss a potential open space acquisition, initially in public session, with site-specific discussion occurring in executive session in accordance with CRS 24-6-402(4) (a). Following executive session, the Board provided staff direction to conduct a site visit, conduct due diligence, and explore a potential offer.
- **Work Session - Draft Scope of Work for a Feasibility Study of Small Modular Reactor Nuclear Sites in the County Proposal**- The Board of Commissioners held a work session with Community Development Department staff to discuss Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology and prepare a draft scope of work that could be used to solicit a consultant to study and review the feasibility and potential economic impacts of establishing SMR nuclear sites in the County. Following discussion, the board provided staff direction to return in two weeks with a memo outlining additional details, regulatory considerations, safety issues, federal grant opportunities, and examples from jurisdictions regarding how the SMR studies in those jurisdictions occurred or are expected to occur, including Colorado Springs, Gillette, and Idaho Falls.

- **Work Session - Proposed Douglas County Zoning Resolution Amendment to Establish Regulations for Nonfunctional Turf - Post-Referral Review-** The Board of Commissioners held a work session with Community Development Department staff to discuss proposed amendments to the Douglas County Zoning Resolution (DCZR) to regulate nonfunctional turf and nonfunctional artificial turf to comply with state statute. Draft regulations were placed on referral from February 3, 2026, to March 3, 2026. The Board gave staff direction to provide additional analysis regarding the long term water conservation impacts of regulation of non-functional turf.

### Commissioner Meetings – May 6, 2026

- **State Lobbyists Call** - The Board of Commissioners reviewed 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 an oppose position on SB26-1430 – Transportation Funding Adjustments.

### Planning Activity Report

Completed Projects					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	04/27/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 159	Plat one multi-family residential lot (concurrent SIP for 240 units).	Minor Dev Residential	SB2023-022
1	04/28/26	Pinery Village Filing 2	Request to establish 3 commercial lots and 7 tracts (Pinery Village).	Minor Dev Non-Residential	SB2021-049
1	04/29/26	Pinecrest Community Church	Request to subdivide the property into two lots.	Minor Dev Residential	SB2024-070
3	04/29/26	Sterling Ranch Filing 3A, Tract D and Tract E	Phase 2 improvements for Prospect Community Park.	Location and Extent	LE2026-005
1	04/30/26	20020 Cockriel Dr, 1 <sup>st</sup> Rev	Add antennas to Verizon Wireless site.	SIP Revision	SP2025-068
2	04/30/26	6067 Perry Park Blvd	Install & operate sanitary sewer lift station.	Location & Extent	LE2026-004
1	05/05/26	Tanterra Pool and Clubhouse Site Plan	Town of Parker - 3,000 sf clubhouse and pool for the Tanterra Subdivision.	External Referral	RE2026-049
2	05/05/26	Crystal Valley Ranch Filing 14, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd	Town of Castle Rock to create 112 single family detached lots.	External Referral	RE2026-050
2	05/05/26	Crystal Valley Ranch Filing 18, Tract C	2 <sup>nd</sup> request - Town of Castle Rock to create 28 single family attached units and one commercial space.	External Referral	RE2026-051

Referrals					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
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, 2nd 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 and Tract A	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	165 senior affordable apartments.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-027
2	04/23/26	Vacation of Pine View Circle	Request for a Roadway Vacation for Pine View Circle.	Roadway Vacation	SB2026-017
1	04/24/26	Tallman Gulch Filing 1, Lot 76	Request to vacate a residential septic system easement.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-013
3	04/27/26	8500 C Moore Rd	Douglas County to construct a Helitack Hanger & K-9 Training Area at existing site.	Location and Extent	LE2026-006
3	04/30/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 61B, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd, Lot 1D, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rev	Request for a change use from retail to retail and restaurant.	SIP Revision	SP2026-007
3	05/01/26	3900 Grace Blvd, 16th Revision	Improve an existing sports field with artificial turf.	SIP Revision	SP2026-054
3	05/04/26	10337 Arrowwood Drive	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2025-090
3	05/04/26	3390 Poston Parkway	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2025-091
3	05/05/26	5389 & 5391 Plum Ave, 1st Revision	SIP revision for hydroponic growing containers.	SIP Revision	SP2025-023

### Upcoming PC Hearings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
1	05/18/26	Pinery Meadows Planned Dev, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd	Allow alternative lot standards for clusters homes. <i>Continued from 5/4/26.</i>	Planned Dev - Major Amd	ZR2026-003
3	05/18/26	8500 C Moore Rd	Douglas County to construct a Helitack Hanger & K-9 Training Area at existing site.	Location and Extent	LE2026-006
1	05/18/26	Redemption Church	Request for one lot for church use.	Minor Dev Non-Residential	SB2026-005
2	07/06/26	Adragna Minor Development Final Plat	Subdivide one lot into two lots.	Minor Development	SB2024-030
2	07/20/26	Crowsnest CMP Land Use Map Amendment	Change 15 parcels of approximately 745 acres in area, from Nonurban to Urban	CMP Amendment	DR2026-003

### Upcoming BCC Land Use Hearings or Meetings

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
	05/12/26	Resolution Proclaiming May as Archaeology & Historic Preservation Month	Request for approval of a Resolution Proclaiming May 2026 as Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month.	Resolution	
	05/12/26	DCZR Amd to Establish Agritourism Regulations	Proposed amendments for Agritourism Opportunities to Sections 3, 4, 21, 22C, 36.	Document and Regulation	DR2025-006

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	05/12/26	3640 N State Highway 67	5-year period for an annual fund-raising event for the Happy Dog Ranch to held on 5/30/26, and similar dates in the future.	Major Entertainment Event	EE2026-003
3	05/12/26	Highlands Ranch Planned Dev, 84 <sup>th</sup> Amd	Add residential units.	Planned Dev - Major Amd	ZR2026-002
1	05/26/26	Redemption Church	Minor Development Final Plat request to establish one lot for a church use.	Minor Dev – Non-Residential	SB2026-005
1	05/26/26	Pinery Meadows Planned Dev, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd	Allow alternative lot standards for clusters homes. <i>Continued from 5/12/26.</i>	Planned Dev – Major Amd	ZR2026-003
2	07/14/26	Adragna Minor Development Final Plat	Subdivide one lot into two lots.	Minor Development	SB2024-030

### Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	04/22/26	4600 E State Hwy 86	Update the SIP to current conditions and add a barn on the property.	Admin USR Amendment	PS2026-102
2	04/23/26	Bell Mountain Ranch Filing 1B, Lot 16	Adjustment to the Primary Building Envelope for an addition to the residence.	Administrative Replat	PS2026-105
1	04/28/26	Castle View Hts Resub of Lots 13 & 14, E of Frontage Rd, Most Lot C	Operate a leased used motor vehicle dealership within a portion of the stated property.	SIP Revision	PS2026-103
3	04/29/26	TR in S1/2SE1/4 25-6-69	Development of a commercial shopping center.	Minor Dev Non-Residential	PS2026-101
2	05/01/26	7047 Perry Park Blvd	Construct an indoor training facility within a portion of the existing driving range.	Admin USR Amendment	PS2026-104
3	05/01/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 159, Lot 1	New park on a 2-acre portion of the property.	Location and Extent	PS2026-106

### Streamline Pre-submittals

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	04/23/26	Reata South 1, Lot 100	Building Envelope Adj to install a pool.	Admin Replat	PS2026-107
3	05/01/26	Sterling Ranch Filing 1, 10th Amd, Lot 1B	Adjust for Accessory Dwelling units floor area limits and tracking at building permit stage.	Planned Development - Admin Amd	PS2026-108

### New Applications

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
3	04/22/26	9370 Venneford Ranch Road	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-041
3	04/22/26	535 Southpark Rd	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-038
1	04/22/26	Pinery Village Filing 2, 1st Amendment	Request for a replat of superblock lot into 17 commercial lots.	Replat	SB2026-015
3	04/22/26	1235 Northridge Road	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-040

<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Project No.</b>
3	04/22/26	10204 Summit View Pkwy	New T-Mobile wireless small cell telecom facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-039
2	04/22/26	Vacation of Pine View Cir	Roadway Vacation for Pine View Circle.	Road Vacation	SB2026-017
3	04/22/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 20, 12 <sup>th</sup> Amd, Most of Lot 19A, 1 <sup>st</sup> Rev, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mod	Replace window with a garage door at existing commercial building.	SIP Modification	SP2026-042
2	04/24/26	Crystal Valley Ranch Filing 18, Tract C	2 <sup>nd</sup> referral request - Town of Castle Rock to create 28 single family attached units and one commercial space.	External Referral	RE2026-051
2	04/24/26	Crystal Valley Ranch Filing 14, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd	Town of Castle Rock to create 112 single family detached lots.	External Referral	RE2026-050
3	04/24/26	8500 C Moore Rd	Douglas County to construct a Helitack Hanger & K-9 Training Area at existing site.	Location and Extent	LE2026-006
1	04/27/26	Fields Filing 1, 1st Amendment	Request to adjust three residential lot line and create two new metro district tracts.	Administrative Replat	SB2026-018
1	04/27/26	9897 B N Delbert Rd, 1 <sup>st</sup> Revision, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mod	Eligible Facilities Request from AT&T to replace 9 antennas with 6 new antennas, 15 RRHs with 12 new RRHs, and a cabinet within the existing equipment shelter.	SIP Modification	SP2026-043
3	04/28/26	9123 Venneford Ranch Road	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-045
1	04/28/26	570 Helena Circle	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-048
3	04/28/26	2195 Summit View Parkway	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-049
3	04/28/26	1775 Thistle Ridge Road	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-044
	04/28/26	Strasburg 2050 Subarea Plan	Adams County for a CMP amendment for the Strasburg Subarea Plan.	External Referral	RE2026-052
3	04/28/26	6575 Lionshead Parkway	New T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-047
3	04/28/26	3303 Summit View Parkway	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-046
3	04/29/26	11038 Monarch Blvd	Request for a new T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-051
3	04/29/26	3900 Grace Blvd, 16th Revision	Improve an existing sports field with artificial turf.	SIP Revision	SP2026-054
3	04/29/26	4885 Valleybrook Drive	New T-Mobile wireless small cell telecommunications facility.	Site Imp Plan	SP2026-050
2	04/29/26	The Oaks of Castle Rock Filing 2, Amendment 1	Town of Castle Rock for The Oaks of Castle Rock Filing 2, Amendment 1.	External Referral	RE2026-054
2	04/29/26	The Brickyard Site Dev Plan, Amd 1	Town of Castle Rock for The Brickyard Site Development Plan, Amendment 1.	External Referral	RE2026-053
1	04/29/26	Pine Curve Filing 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> referral - Town of Parker to divide 25.13 acres for a mixed-use lot and tracts.	External Referral	RE2026-055
1	04/29/26	Parker Hills Estates, Lot 8, 1st Revision	Add parking to accommodate additional seating capacity at existing church.	SIP Revision	SP2026-053

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1	04/29/26	Douglas County Ind'l Park Filing 1, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amd, Lot 2, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rev, 1 <sup>st</sup> Mod	Request to install temporary air-cooled chiller, emergency generator, and IT Equipment for data center.	SIP Modification	SP2026-052
1	05/01/26	Antelope Crossing	Rezone 2 A1 parcels to LRR in anticipation for 9 residential lots.	Rezoning	ZR2026-004
1	05/04/26	Antelope Crossing Filing 2	Turn 2 parcels into 9 residential lots.	Minor Dev Residential	SB2026-019
	05/04/26	Training Lessons and Exercising Sessions of Non-owned Animals, DCZR Amd, Sections 3-6	Proposed County Regulations for Training Lessons and Exercising Sessions of Non-owned Animals.	Document and Regulation	DR2026-004
3	05/04/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 118L, 1 <sup>st</sup> Amd, Lot 88-A, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rev, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mod	Eligible facilities request to replace 3 antennas, wiring, and batteries on an existing AT&T tower.	SIP Modification	SP2026-055

### New Sign Permits

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project No.
3	04/30/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 18B, Lot 8	Hess Elite Performance Center - 5690 County Line Pl Unit #C	SG2026-034
3	05/04/26	Highlands Ranch Filing 153, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amd, Lot 1B	Mcdonald Nissan - 1320 Plum Valley Ln	SG2026-035
3	05/05/26	Massage Facility	Hana Massage – 8796 S Colorado Blvd Unit C	MI2026-006

### Special Event Liquor Permits

Dist.	Date	Event Name	Permittee Name & Event Address	Permit No.
3	04/15/26	HRCRA MTB Series - Race #1-3	Highlands Ranch Community Assoc - 2674 Pemberly Ave	LL2026-032
3	04/15/26	Happy Hour Half K Race	Highlands Ranch Community Assoc - 9370 Ridgeline Blvd	LL2026-031
3	04/23/26	Ukrainian Festival	Ukraine Aid Fund - 9651 S Quebec St	LL2026-034
1	05/01/26	Sparta 110	Sparta Foundation - 18850 Clarke Rd	LL2026-035
2	05/01/26	Jack A. Vickers Prostate Cancer Golf Event	The Castle Pines Golf Club, Inc. - 1000 Hummingbird Dr	LL2026-036
2	05/04/26	Nova Rising Community Fantasy Ball	The Sparrow Group - 14771 Spruce Mountain Rd	LL2026-038

### 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
Highlands Ranch Parkway (Broadway to Burntwood) CI 2026-005	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 Ridgelen 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
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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.