

## Fee Waiver Staff Report

**Date:****To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners**Through:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager**From:** Terence T. Quinn, AICP, Director of Community Development *TQ***CC:** Steven Shoultz, CPRP, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails, and Building Grounds**Subject:** **Fee Waiver Request in the amount of \$175 for the Platte River Academy Cross Country Meet at Bluffs Regional Trail****OWNER:**  
DOUGLAS COUNTY  
100 THIRD STREET  
CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104**REPRESENTATIVE:**  
BILL PASCUA  
PLATTE RIVER ACADEMY  
4085 LARK SPARROW STREET  
HIGHLAND RANCH, CO 80126

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**Board of County Commissioners Meeting:****September 23, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.**

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**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Platte River Academy (PRA) requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$175 for their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Country Meet at the Bluffs Regional Trail (4<sup>th</sup> year at this location) on October 21, 2025.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Platte River Academy is a K through 8th grade public Charter School with approximately 170 middle school students in Douglas County, Colorado. PRA is on a limited budget and would like to request any financial assistance with the granting of a fee waiver or reduced fee.

**III. REQUEST**

Platter River Academy requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$175 for their 6th Annual Cross Country Meet at the Bluffs Regional Trail (4<sup>th</sup> year at this location) on October 21, 2025.

**IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT**

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the use fee of \$175 for the Platte River Academy.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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# Platte River Academy

*Knows and Grows Every Learner*

My name is Bill Pascua and I'm the athletic director at Platte River Academy, a Douglas County School, located at 4085 Lark Sparrow Street in Highlands Ranch. We are a K-8 charter school that's been in existence for over 20 years. We have high academic standards while boasting a thriving sports program for a school with only 170 middle schoolers (6th - 8th grade).

Within the past few years we started hosting our own Platte River Academy cross country meet in order to offer other schools, charter, private, or regular public schools an opportunity to race in the beautiful trails that weave throughout our area. To be honest, it's also been a way for us to offset the costs associated with running a sports program that is completely self sustained. We get no money from the school itself to finance our programs.

We have appreciated the opportunity to use the trail at Bluffs Regional Park for our meet that last few years. We have reserved Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 for our meet this year. It's a beautiful, yet challenging course that offers great scenery of the surrounding area. I am emailing to request a fee waiver for our meet this year (you graciously waived the fee last year and we truly appreciate it). I know the hikers of the trail have enjoyed watching our kids compete and we often end up chatting with them and let them know who we are and what we're doing. We do our best to make sure the trail is available to everyone that uses it that day.

I am hoping you would consider a fee waiver again as this is one of our fundraisers for a very small cross country program. As prices increase in all areas of our sports program (officials, uniforms, coaches, etc), we use the meet to help offset costs for the program. We would be happy to bring trash bags and do a park clean up for you guys as well. I appreciate your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Kindly,

**Bill Pascua | PE Teacher & Athletic Director**

Platte River Academy Charter School

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