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CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

MEETING DATE: October 30, 2013

TIME: 11:30 am

LOCATION: Recreation Center large conference room – 920 Boulder Drive

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from the September 25, 2013 meeting.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, that the consent agenda be approved and that each specific action on the consent agenda be approved as indicated. (Items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed above. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee Member or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered on the regular agenda.)

Regular Agenda:

1. Presentation and review of appendices B & D edits by sub-committee
2. Presentation and review of revised/enhanced maps:
 - a. North gateway map
 - b. Service Area 8 map
3. Report from presentation at the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting

New business:

1. Public Comments

Next Meeting Date: November 20, 2013

Editing sub-committee will review for presentation at the November 20 meeting:

- Chapter 4, Parks, trails recreation and natural areas, classifications, standards and service areas
- Appendix A

CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 25, 2013
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amber Travsky, Bill Gribb, Dan McCoy, Dave Hammond, Evan O'Toole, Joe Lord, Mike Moeller, Peggy McCrackin, Vicki Henry

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Amy Williamson, Nadia Kaliszewski

CITY OF LARAMIE STAFF PRESENT: Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director; Derek Teini, Senior Planner; David Derragon, Assistant City Manager; Eric Jaap, Civil Engineer; David Schott, Parks Manager; Audem Gonzales, Assistant Planner; Mel Owen, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: None.

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Hammond at 11:38 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

1) Approval of the minutes from the September 4, 2013 meeting.

Motion by Travsky, second by Moeller, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried 6-0 (Gribb, Lord and McCoy absent).

Regular Agenda:

1) Review of introductory chapter and park service area 8.

Teini noted that the editing sub-committee had reviewed the introductory chapter and made revisions and edits. The Committee requested that the following changes be made to the Introductory Chapter:

-The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's mission statement needs to be included in the introduction.

-Further detail is needed within the introduction emphasizing the importance and origin of the current plan; the connection to the Laramie Comprehensive Plan also needs to be emphasized.

-Under the section describing public involvement it should also be noted that the Committee always had an open public comment period listed on the agenda of each meeting.

-Service Areas should be spelled out when referenced in the document no abbreviation (SA#) should be used.

-In order to be consistent, "bicycles" should be used rather than "bikes".

Motion by Gribb, second by Lord, to designate the formal title of the plan "Recreation Systems Master Plan". Motion carried 7-1, Henry nay, McCoy absent.

2) Review of Table of Contents.

Teini presented the draft Table of Contents. The Committee noted that numbers would need to be developed for the Table of Contents, and requested that the "Appendices" listing on page one be removed as it was duplicated elsewhere in the document.

New Business

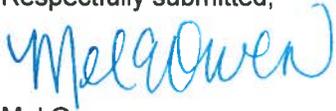
1) Public Comments: None.

2) Upcoming Meeting with the County Planning and Zoning Commission: Staff noted that they will be attending the October 9th meeting of the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission to give a presentation about the Master Plan and update the County on the current status of the Ad Hoc Committee's work. Staff invited Committee members to attend the presentation.

3) Staff will send out select Appendices and the Standards and Classifications chapter to the editing sub-committee as they are completed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mel Owen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mel Owen
Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation - City of Laramie

Appendix B – Public Survey Results

The survey found below was used by staff and the Ad Hoc Committee to collect public opinion on a wide range of issues regarding parks, recreation, trails and natural areas. Survey topics and general questions were developed by staff and the Ad Hoc Committee, which in turn were refined and administered by the University of Wyoming Survey Research Center. The survey was sent in July of 2012 to 1,600 area citizens who live within the City of Laramie or within one mile of the City. Of the 1,600 surveys sent, 1,378 had valid addresses and 400 completed questionnaires were obtained, for a response rate of 29%. The final technical report, “City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Survey, 2012” and all associated responses can be obtained by contacting the City of Laramie.

The following is a summary of the key results from the *WYSAC City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Survey, 2012* and were identified by the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc committee as noteworthy:

[Page 11] Not surprisingly, parks are most often used in the summer (97%), followed by fall (81%) and spring (77%) and then a sharp decline in winter (31%). Respondents were allowed to mark every season they typically use parks, so a total of more than 100% is expected.

[Page 13] Those completing the survey were asked to select from a list the City parks that their household used the first, second, and third most within the last 12 months. When all data was combined, Washington Park is shown to be the most commonly used park by Laramie households, selected nearly 30% of the time. Both LaBonte and Undine Parks were next most commonly used by households, with each selected 15% of the time. No one from the sample selected either Jerry Ullrich or O’Dell Park as their first, second, or third most used park.

[Page 14] Residents who use City of Laramie parks were asked which park amenities they utilize. The most popular amenities were park trails (76%), followed by restrooms (62%) and park shelters/gazebos (61%). The three least frequently used amenities listed were Community Gardens (10%), Other (8%), and Skate Parks (5%).

[Page 15] The Recreation Center, Ice & Events Center, and UW Jacoby Golf Course are the recreation facilities most often used in the City.

[Page 16] Laramie citizens were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with five items covered in the survey and of particular interest to the Parks and Recreation Department. As shown in **Figure 8** below, 90% of respondents indicated they were very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with parks, followed by 71% of respondents indicating satisfaction with both off-street trails and recreational facilities/activities. On-street bike lanes were rated lowest in satisfaction, but still over half of Laramie citizens indicated being very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with this amenity.

[Page 16] Respondents were then asked to place a priority for funding allocations on the same five items. **Figure 9** shows the percentages of those respondents indicating *High Priority* for each of the amenities. Most commonly listed as a high priority by Laramie citizens were parks (62%), followed by

recreational facilities/activities (44%), on-street bike lanes (32%), off-street trails (26%), and finally natural areas (24%).

[Page 18] Laramie citizens were asked to indicate where they would like to see new parks and 18.8% of the respondents indicated they would like new parks in Service Area 6, 15.5% in Service Area 1, and 14.8% in Service Area 8.

[Page 19] When asked if they or members of their household had visited a park in the last twelve months, 87.8% of Laramie citizens indicated that they had visited a park at least once.

[Page 21] Laramie's most frequently used parks include: Washington Park 32.7%, LaBonte 15.3%, Undine 12.8%, Greenbelt Trail/Park 11.0%, and LaPrele 9.6%.

[Page 23] The most common amenities Laramie residents would like to see in the parks include park trails for running, biking or walking; sidewalks for accessibility; restrooms; playgrounds; park shelters/gazebos and drinking fountains.

[Page 24] Laramie citizens reported that personal vehicles (53.8%) were the primary means of getting to parks followed by walking (34%) and bicycling (11.1%).

[Page 24] When asked the distance children under twelve years old are allowed to travel unsupervised to parks 58.3% of the respondents answered zero blocks, 30.2% answered four blocks, and 7.3% indicated eight blocks. Four blocks is roughly a quarter-mile and eight blocks is roughly a half-mile.

[Pages 34 - 35] When Laramie citizens were asked to prioritize funding allocations, City parks were ranked as a high priority at 62.4%. For off-street trails 26.2% indicated a high funding priority, and 32.2% indicated a high priority for on-street bike lines.

[Appendix B] When asked reasons for using City of Laramie parks, an overwhelming number of respondents answered for exercising and walking dogs. Other popular responses revolved around children play facilities and personal exercise.



8. Which of the following amenities have you used while at City of Laramie parks? (Mark all that apply.)

- Park Shelters/Gazebos
- Baseball/softball fields
- Basketball/volleyball/tennis/horseshoe courts
- Athletic Fields for various activities (e.g. soccer, lacrosse, Frisbee, football, archery, etc.)
- Restrooms
- Playgrounds
- Sidewalks for accessibility
- Park trails for running, biking or walking
- Dog Parks
- Skate Parks
- Community Gardens
- Splash Pads/wading pools
- Drinking Fountains
- Other (Specify) _____

9. What other amenities, if any, would you like to have access to at City of Laramie parks?

10. What barriers or difficulties do you experience when using City of Laramie parks?

11. How do you MOST OFTEN get to City of Laramie parks? (Please mark only ONE response.)

- Walk
- Personal vehicle
- Other
- Bike
- Public transportation

12. If you have children under 12 years old, what is the maximum distance you would allow your child to travel unsupervised to get to a City of Laramie park?

- N/A - no child under 12
- 4 blocks (1/4 mile)
- More than 8 blocks
- 0 blocks
- 8 blocks (1/2 mile)

TRAILS, PATHS, & BIKE LANES

Trails maintained by the City of Laramie include OFF-STREET trails and paths (such as next to Garfield St. and the Green Belt) as well as ON-STREET bike lanes (such as on 9th St. and Harney St.).

13. Have you or members of your household used OFF-STREET trails in or around the City of Laramie in the past 12 months?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / not sure

13a. If yes, did you use OFF-STREET trails for recreation, transportation, or both?

- Recreation
- Transportation
- Both

14. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to OFF-STREET trails/paths? (Mark all that apply.)

- Smooth and clean surface
- Overlook/observation areas
- Information/Way Finding signs
- Linkage to City Parks
- Linkage to downtown and business districts
- Separate lanes for bikers and walkers
- Bicycle Racks
- Restrooms
- Other (Specify) _____

15. What barriers of difficulties do you experience when using OFF-STREET trails or paths?

16. Do you or members of your household ride a bicycle within the City of Laramie?

- Yes No Don't know / not sure

16a. If yes, when riding your bike in the City of Laramie, how frequently do you use ON-STREET bike lanes?

- All the time Most of the time Some of the time None of the time

17. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to ON-STREET bike lanes? (Mark all that apply.)

- Painted and swept Bike lanes marked at intersections
 Way Finding Signs Other (Specify) _____
 Separate Bike Lanes from Parking

RECREATION FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

18. Have you or members of your household used a City of Laramie recreation facility in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the back of the COVER LETTER for a listing of City of Laramie recreation facilities.)

- Yes No → Skip to question 20.

19. Which recreation facilities have you or members of your household most often used in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the map on the back of the COVER LETTER and enter the number that corresponds with up to the THREE recreation facilities you most often use.)

1. (Most often used.) 2. (Second most often used.) 3. (Third most often used.)

20. What barriers or difficulties do you face in using current recreation facilities and activities that are offered in our community?

21. Are there any deficiencies in recreation facilities or activities in Laramie?

22. What other types of recreation facilities and activities would you like to see in Laramie?

NATURAL AREAS

Natural areas are defined as lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, open space, preservation of unique topography, visual aesthetics or some other resource that has been determined of value to the community.

23. Have you or members of your family used a City of Laramie natural area in the past 12 months?

- Yes No

24. Do you feel that natural areas should be maintained by the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department?

- Yes No

25. Should natural areas allow public access or should some natural areas restrict access?

- All public access
 Some restriction
 Don't know / Not sure



26. Overall, how satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A - Do not use
City of Laramie Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie OFF-STREET Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie ON-STREET Bike Lanes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie Recreational Facilities/Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie Natural Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. Please tell us what priority should be placed on each of the following items with regard to funds allocation.

	High priority	Moderate priority	Low priority	Not a priority	No opinion / not sure
City of Laramie Parks	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie OFF-STREET Trails	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie ON-STREET Bike Lanes	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie Recreational Facilities/Activities	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie Natural Areas	<input type="radio"/>				

28. Do any children under the age of 12 live in your household?

- Yes
- No

29. What is your age?

- 18 – 24 years
- 25 – 34 years
- 35 – 44 years
- 45 – 54 years
- 55 – 64 years
- 65 – 74 years
- 75 years or older

30. What is your employment status? (Mark all that apply.)

- Full time employed
- Part time employed
- Student
- Retired
- Not employed at all

31. In which of the following income ranges does your household's income fall? (Please indicate the category that best describes your household's total income before taxes in 2011.)

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

Comments:

Thank you for your participation! Please mail the completed survey in the envelope provided to:
University of Wyoming, Survey Research Center, Dept. 3925, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071

Appendix D – Stakeholder Groups

The following information was used during the Stakeholder Group meetings held during the week of April 16-20, 2013. Meeting times were offered from 7:00am to 5:00pm, including evening times to 7:00pm on Monday and Wednesday. The letter and questionnaire were provided to each group prior to the meeting. Each Stakeholder Group was asked to provide answers to questions during a 20-minute time slot selected by the group, or in writing if the group was unable to attend a meeting.

Initially, 79 stakeholder groups (listed below) were contacted to attend the Stakeholder Group meetings. Stakeholders who did not schedule a meeting during the appointed times were encouraged to set up a meeting time at their convenience. In total, 18 groups either set up a meeting or mailed in the questionnaire provided by staff.

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Stakeholder Groups who attended the meetings and/or submitted responses:

Albany County Historic Preservation Board
Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Wyoming
Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
Environmental Advisory Committee
Feeding Laramie Valley
Friends of Undine Park
Laramie Barnstormers Club
Laramie BikeNet
Laramie Colts Baseball
Laramie Local Foods
Laramie Main Street Alliance
Laramie Railroad Depot Association
Laramie Rivers Conservation District
Laramie Soccer Association
Rawstone Development
Sweetwater Development
Wyoming Territorial Prison

Stakeholder Groups who did not attend but were invited to the meetings:

Laramie Regional Airport Board	Laramie Blizzard Soccer
Albany County Commissioners	Laramie Civic Center
Albany County Planning and Zoning Members	Laramie Colts Baseball
Albany County Planning Department	Laramie Country Club
Albany County Road & Bridge	Laramie Economic Development Corporation
Albany County School District	Laramie Gardening Club
Albany County Tourism Board	Laramie Main Street Alliance
Albany County Transportation Authority	Laramie Rangers Baseball
Ark Regional Services	Laramie Rifle Range
Laramie Audubon Society	Laramie Rivers Conservation District
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Laramie Soccer Association

Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
Bureau of Land Management - Rawlins FieldOffice

Boy Scouts
BP Amoco
Chamber of Commerce
Developer- Lindy LLC
Developer – Acre Company
Developer – Landmark Development
Developer – Delta Construction
Downtown Laramie Business Association
Ducks Unlimited
Endurance Riders
Environmental Advisory Committee
Fair Grounds Board
Feeding Laramie Valley
Friends of Undine Parks
Girl Scouts
Half Acre
High Plains Harriers
Historic Preservation Board
Izaak Walton League
Laramie Plains Museum
Kiwanis Club
Knights of Pythias
Laramie Advisory Commission on Disabilities
Laramie Barn Stormers
Laramie Beautification Committee
Laramie Bike Net

Laramie Trap Club
Laramie Youth Baseball
Laramie County Community College, Albany
County Campus
American Legion - Laramie
Lions Club
Laramie Local Foods Group
Masons
Monolith Ranch Advisory Committee
Mule Deer Foundation - Snowy Range Chapter
US National Forest
Optimist Club
Laramie Planning Commission
Rotary Club
Ruckelshaus Institute, University of Wyoming
Shrine Club
Wyoming State Parks
Tracks Across Wyoming
Laramie Traffic Commission
Laramie Railroad Depot Association
Turner Tract Board Member
Union Pacific Railroad
University of Wyoming
UW Club Sports
UW Intramural Sports
Wyoming Department of Transportation
Wyoming Game and Fish
Wyoming Territorial Prison
WyoTech
Laramie Lincoln Community Center

INVITATION SENT TO STAKEHOLDER GROUPS:

March 23, 2012

Laramie Community Groups and Organizations,

The Laramie City Council adopted a goal in 2011/12 to have city staff and community volunteers complete a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the city and surrounding areas city owned properties; along with completing a detailed location plan for the Greenbelt Trail system based upon the Laramie Comprehensive Plan.

In June of 2011, the Council appointed eleven members to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee with the goal to research and prepare for Council consideration of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. As part of the committee's work they have requested that the staff solicit and collect public comments with stakeholder meetings from individual community groups and organizations that may have an interest in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Stakeholder meetings are typically a vehicle for groups and organizations who may have an interest in the future parks, trails, recreation or open space to provide individual comments and ideas for further consideration within the master plan process.

With this being the case, we would like to take this opportunity to invite your organization to participate in individual stakeholder meetings that are scheduled for the week of April 16th through April 20th. We will be scheduling twenty minute time slots for community groups and organizations to attend and give their input and comments concerning the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The meetings will be held between the hours of 7:00am and 5:00pm. Evening times will be available to 7:00pm that Monday and Wednesday. All of the meetings will be held at the Laramie Recreation Center small conference room.

Attached to this letter are six questions that we would ask all groups and organizations to consider when responding to the stakeholder meetings. Please note that if you or your organization would prefer to provide a written response to the questions rather than attending a meeting with staff, your written comments will be welcomed and considered by the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to schedule a time for a stakeholder meeting, please contact Mel Owen, Administrative Assistant for the Parks and Recreation Department at 721-3572 or email mowen@cityoflaramie.org. Please note that meeting times are first come, first served. Additional information on the Ad Hoc committee including agendas and minutes can be found on the city's web site at <http://cityoflaramie.org/index.aspx?NID=456>.

On behalf of the City Council and the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, we would strongly encourage your participation in the master plan process as this critical planning document will guide the future of the parks, recreation, trails and open space in Laramie for the next twenty five to thirty years.

Sincerely,

Paul Harrison
Parks and Recreation Director

Dave Hammond
Ad Hoc Advisory Chair

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Stakeholder Meeting Questions

April 16th through April 20th 2012

7:00am to 5:00pm (evening times available to 7:00pm on Monday and Wednesday)

Contact Information

Organization Name:

Chair of organization:

Physical or mailing address:

Phone number:

Email Address:

Web site address:

Active members within your organization:

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?
2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?
Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?
3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?
4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?
5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?
6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

The following are responses to the questionnaire provided to each Stakeholder Group. The responses have been categorized by group, in alphabetical order.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Albany County Historic Preservation Board

Representative(s) present at meeting: Amy Williamson

Active members within your organization: 9 board members, appointed by the County Commissioners

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

The Historic Preservation Board focuses on preserving historic areas and structures throughout the community. By doing so, tourism opportunities are increased and citizens are able to utilize these areas more fully. A comprehensive approach to preservation allows for otherwise disparate historic spaces to be incorporated into the Plan as recreational amenities.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Short term, the Board is involved in the Harney Street viaduct construction mitigation and completing a map that compiles local historic places. For mid-term goals, the Board hopes to register the Ames Monument as a Historic Landmark and developing historic routes that tie into the monument and surrounding area. The Board would also like to focus on the restoration of the town of Sherman, replete with interpretive areas, as a long term goal. It was noted that these historic areas outside of town would make excellent trail destinations or connections.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

In order to remain viable, the Board must continue to attract knowledgeable and motivated volunteers. It was noted that the Board receives very limited funding each year from the County Commissioners; the individual projects the Board undertakes are completely funded by grants and private donations.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

Future projects are focused on creating signage for local attractions, including the Overland Trail and a variety of historic buildings as well. Signage for general regions are also planned in order to note the specific activity or businesses which historically occurred there. The Board is also focused on creating a local register of historic places.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

There is a greater recognition of the importance of historic structures and places. There is also more of a willingness to allow for outside involvement in attempts to preserve historic locales. Nationally, there are also more resources for the type of work the Board is undertaking.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

A greater incorporation of historic spaces within the Plan is definitely seen as beneficial from the Board's perspective. Public education is also a key component of continuing the Board's efforts at preservation.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Albany County Planning and Zoning

Representative(s) present at meeting: David Gertsch

Active members within your organization:

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

County planning staff have been directed to create an open space and trails plan for the County as well. Subdivision regulations are also being re-examined.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

The County is focused on preserving agricultural areas and natural resource areas, maps of these areas will be included within the county plan. The County Commissioners also seem generally supportive of trails connecting residents to state forest lands and the acquisition of the APO area from Warren Livestock.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

At this time funding for parks facilities have been low and overall park land dedication is a low priority.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

County planners have noted that growth has been focused south of Laramie. A presentation of the Master Plan to the County Planning and Zoning Commission was recommended when further progress had been made.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Big Brothers Big Sisters

Representative(s) present at meeting: Steve Hammaker

Active members within your organization: BBBS served 652 youth last year, from ages 5 to 18.

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Big Brothers Big Sisters offers one-on-one mentoring programs, intervention programs, after school programs for grades sixth through twelfth and a progressive youth diversion program. BBBS utilizes recreation facilities and events to help incentivize youth participation in their programs. Their programs are based upon the relationships forged with the youth participants; recreation is used to help with bonding and often offered as a reward for success within the program. The program helps to introduce youth to the recreation opportunities available in the community, which they otherwise might not have an opportunity to utilize or participate in. Transportation to and from recreation sites and events remains the largest barrier for BBBS.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Connectivity and equal access are two major issues BBBS would like to see the Master Plan tackle. Parks within a few blocks of "home" are necessary to encourage use; this means that parks need to be well distributed and a park facility of some type should be within walking distance for most Laramie residents. The addition of the Lincoln Community Center was noted as a huge benefit to youth on the west side of Laramie, who were previously cut off from many recreation opportunities. It was suggested that an introduction program or classes be explored to help youth in accessing and learning how to utilize recreation opportunities at the Recreation Center.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

BBBS is exploring purchasing Nellie Isles, which houses their current facility. The possible purchase and renovation of the facility would enable economic stability and more long range planning. Their central location is beneficial, but having only one location in Laramie does limit their ability to provide service to all segments of the population. They have found that those they provide services to are overwhelming *local* youth, meaning they live within easy walking distance of Nellie Isles. This phenomenon would seem to support the contention about the accessibility of parks, and the necessity to place parks and recreation facilities throughout the community rather than in centralized locations which would place a travel burden on participants.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

BBBS is open to partnering opportunities in the future. In the short term, the organization plans to continue utilizing recreation facilities and services as a core part of their programs.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

There has been a shift in focus to positive youth development goals. Attendant with this change has been a shift from prevention to intervention. A correlation could likely be drawn between this shift and recent funding cuts for education and after school programs.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

It was noted that much of the youth in Laramie have no idea of the myriad of recreation opportunities available to them. Beyond simply educating them on the possibilities though, other barriers such as prohibitive cost and transportation remain.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Laramie BikeNet

Representative(s) present at meeting: Evan O'Toole, Nancy Sindelar

Active members within your organization: 50 members

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

BikeNet is a relatively small group whose primary function is to organize small races and rides around the Laramie community, such as the Dead Dog Class and the Wednesday Night Series. BikeNet helps to support the community's affinity for bike recreation and transportation which will be a component of the new Master Plan.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

BikeNet fully supports greater connectivity throughout Laramie. The group would also like to see a master map of bike trails and paths developed and disseminated for use within the community. A bike path connection from Wal-Mart to Spring Creek is a necessity. The group also noted that McCue Street and Highway 230 are problematic areas for cyclists and should probably be examined for safety concerns. BikeNet would also like to see bike lane safety standards applied to Highways 130 and 230 which are major bike corridors. The group would also like to see a bike park in the vein of Valmont Bike Park in Boulder, with jump features and trails added to the Plan. A cyclo-cross area would also be a great addition to the parks and recreation facilities. Additionally, the group would like to ensure that a large scale Greenbelt loop is in place around the outer boundaries of Laramie.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

There are no distinct plans to grow BikeNet's membership rolls, however the group fully expects membership to remain steady. The current membership dues are low which helps to promote membership and there are also no plans to increase said dues.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The group hopes to begin more community outreach efforts, such as a bike event around July 4th and possible roles in public education campaigns related to bike safety.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

There is an increase in bike use nationwide and locally due to health considerations, the cost of gas and concerns over the environmental impact of motorized travel. Due to the increase in bike

use, greater attention is being focused on creating bike friendly infrastructures in order to promote safety and encourage greater use.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

There is definitely interest in creating another bike arterial along Garfield Street. Avid cyclists would also like to see bike lanes painted on 9th Street between Lewis and Grand Streets and the placement of bike triggers at the lights of major intersections, such as 4th Street and Iverson as well as 9th Street and Iverson. Signed or striped bike lanes to area recreation opportunities such as Lake Hattie, Sybil Canyon, Rogers Canyon and Herrick Lane would also be beneficial additions.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Biodiversity Conservation Alliance

Representative(s) present at meeting: Duane Short

Active members within your organization: 300 regular members

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

The Biodiversity Conservation Alliance's mission is the protection of wildlife, wild places and public land. The members of the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance are outdoor and fitness focused individuals; often the focus is on outdoor recreation or non-organized outdoor sports. The BCA is very active in aquifer protection efforts and believes that land preservation over the aquifer can ultimately offer a variety of other compatible recreation uses.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

One of the primary goals the Conservation Alliance is committed to is Aquifer Protection. In the short term the BCA would like to see the expansion of the Greenbelt Trail system and more trails overall throughout Laramie. Mid-term goals would be an expansion of public transportation, in particular environmentally friendly public transportation. The creation of an expansive local trail *system* is an important goal which will help to bring a greater focus on outdoor fitness opportunities to the community.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The BCA is focused on promoting smart growth that does not outpace community support for the underlying projects.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The BCA tries to support sustainability on a community-wide level. An expansion of the current recycling program, water conservation efforts, energy efficient living, and supporting means of non-motorized transportation are all future concerns of the BCA. The BCA is also trying to

promote a long range winter recreation plan for the Medicine Bow National Forest which would help to mitigate user conflicts between non-motorized and motorized recreation. Ultimately the goal is to create more "livable communities" by reducing carbon dioxide production, water consumption and minimizing the number of vehicles on the road.

- 5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**
Nationally and locally there is a much greater focus on sustainability and encouraging sustainable living thereby decreasing negative impacts on the environment.
- 6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**
The Alliance would like to see further protection of the surrounding waterways and riparian areas around Laramie. There is also a desire for an increase in the amount of science and education (interpretive) programs offered in the community.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Laramie Colts

Chair of organization: Kent Kleppinger

Active members within your organization:

- 1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**

The Colts have implemented team building activities centered on a team project which kicks off the beginning of each season. It would be beneficial to use these team projects to tackle required maintenance or upkeep at Cowboy Field, such as painting locker rooms.

- 2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

There are a variety of maintenance and upgrade concerns the Colts would like to see occur at Cowboy Field. It was noted that the over-use of the field greatly affects the condition of the field, which should be taken into account when setting schedules; it would likely be of benefit to all to limit fall use. The irrigation needs to be upgraded and a segmented tree re-planting needs to occur along the fence. All potholes need to be addressed for safety concerns. Tarps are also needed to cover home plate and the mound. Concrete repairs need to be undertaken to fix the bleachers. A monument to previous UW teams should also be considered at the entrance of the facility. In the long term, the Colts would prefer not to see artificial turf in the infield. A new permanent concession area would be a beneficial upgrade with revenue promoting possibilities.

- 3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

At this time, the Colts are unsure of their future within the League, but they plan to stay active in Laramie, and possibly add other teams locally.

4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**
5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**
6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**
It was noted that an outside turf grass specialist or consultant might be a good idea in order to keep the field in good health and make recommendations for the future.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Country Club, LLC
Representative(s) present at meeting: Bill Edwards
Active members within your organization:

1. **How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?**
Providing a good residential product to Laramie, but also making Laramie a better place by improving its quality of life, through access to parks and recreation opportunities.
2. **What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**
Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?
 Would like to see the detention pond at the corner of Beech Street and Glacier Street improved and incorporated into the parks system. Little water is in this area for any given time and improvements could be made to make this space usable for everyone.

 The city should partner with the State and look at developing a state of the art golf course along the Laramie River. Use of existing park lands, state land and PB Amoco site should be considered. Long term economic benefits would include, West Side redevelopment, Tourism, Quality of Life improvements, business driver for existing and new business. Also be a unifier for West Laramie and East Laramie. Would have to have expertise on this issue brought in to help.
3. **Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**
Will be providing the City a new Preliminary Plat for the Grand View Heights area in the Turner Tract. Open space a trails will be incorporated.
4. **Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**
Same as #3.
5. **What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**
n/a
6. **Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

Business and Residential development want amenities. Not only within their proximity but in the community as a whole; Golf Course, East Laramie, Trail/Beltway Network.

Willing to set up meeting or help the City towards the East Laramie Access issues and acquiring the property.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Environmental Advisory Committee

Representative(s) present at meeting: John Evans

Active members within your organization:

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

The Environmental Advisory Committee is a citizens' advisory group dealing with environmental issues. It is broad based in that it deals with a variety of topics including natural disaster mitigation, ecological concerns, and active flood control. Recreation opportunities could be created or protected through some of the efforts supported by EAC.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Some high profile cleanup projects could also be tied to recreation opportunities. The clean-up of the old Sawmill that Mountain Cement has began work on could lead to the placement of a natural park. The site was originally a series of ponds that acted as floodplain, it could again serve this purpose and act as a fishery if properly rehabilitated. The area could be transitioned into a natural or open space area with interpretive opportunities after the clean-up is completed. The other Mountain Cement site, adjacent to the Greenbelt in west Laramie, would be an excellent addition to the community's public lands. A park or even an amphitheater on this parcel could act as an excellent entry feature for Laramie. The Committee would also like to see the clean-up of the BP Amoco site with the area used for recreation purposes if possible. Areas with flood control devices could possibly be utilized for recreation purposes as well, such as fishing. Along Cottonwood Creek and Shepherders Canyon there will likely be dikes or entrapment ponds installed for flood control purposes, these areas could potentially be developed into fisheries as well.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

Locally there has been increased support from citizens for environmental protection measures. Industrial mitigation measures to reclaim land for recreation purposes are also on the rise. There

has also been a greater emphasis on non-motorized transportation routes and paths nationally. And there seems to be an increase in incorporating water features for recreation purposes into municipal parks and recreation services.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

Locally water conservation issues center around water temperature, rather than quality. High temperatures can degrade/destroy fish habitats. This would need to be taken into account if attempts at cultivating local fisheries are undertaken.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Feeding Laramie Valley

Representative(s) present at meeting: Lena Dunning

Active members within your organization: Currently 25 active members

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Feeding Laramie Valley is focused on promoting production of local food, ensuring equal distribution of local food resources and educating the public. A primary goal for Feeding Laramie Valley is the expansion of community gardens throughout Laramie. Community gardens increase a sense of ownership in Parks and foster good stewardship of public lands. There is currently a need for both production and demonstration gardens in Laramie.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Clearly, the expansion of the community garden program is a key goal for Feeding Laramie Valley; it should be noted that in addition to more garden spaces, there must also be a geographic balance of demonstration and production gardens within the community to ensure equal access. The group would love to see demonstration gardens located within Kiwanis, Undine, LaPrele and Optimist Parks.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

Feeding Laramie Valley has secured a five year funding source with the receipt of a Food Dignity Grant through the University of Wyoming. The group hopes to cultivate a dedicated volunteer base during the five year period in order to continue the group's work after funding has lapsed.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

Currently the group is focused on local produce; they hope to formalize long term plans after potential production sites are finalized.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

Concerns about the common problem of “food insecurity” are finally entering the national and local dialogue. There is also a greater focus on increasing the nutritive value of meals for school lunches and other at-risk groups. Food concerns and the interest in food production seem to bridge generational divides, suggesting that the subject of local food production will continue to remain important.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

The group is open to any size land dedication for gardens. Larger plots are preferable for production gardens, but they hope to expand the overall acreage of gardens in Laramie and are therefore open to all possibilities. The expansion of small gardens into City playgrounds and school property would also be an important part of raising the visibility of local food production and reaching more people on an educational level about Feeding Laramie Valley’s mission.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Friends of Undine Park

Representative(s) present at meeting: Eileen Byrd

Active members within your organization: six very active members

1. How does your organization’s goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

The Friends of Undine Park (FOUPs) consider themselves custodians of Laramie’s oldest park and work to raise the profile of Undine Park, while keeping it a vibrant part of the community.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

The FOUPs have seen a distinct need for lower speed limits around the park boundaries. A reduction of the speed limit to twenty miles per hour around the perimeter of the park would help safeguard the safety of citizens enjoying Undine Park. The volleyball court has seen high use in recent years, improvements to the court would be beneficial. An expansion creating one or more sand volleyball courts should also be considered. From observing use of Undine, an in-path park around the perimeter of Undine would also be well used. The tennis courts receive high use, but are currently in disrepair. Repairs to the courts, including replacing the backboard, should be considered.

The Friends also noted that large events held at Undine Park often create parking issues; it would probably be best to look at alternatives to the current on-street parking scheme. The majority of the group felt preserving the existing green space is more important than creating off street parking spaces; however they are supportive of other ideas to increase parking such as a potential lease of the Nellie Isles parking lot, a bump out to accommodate diagonal parking or reducing the lane size on surrounding streets in order to fit in diagonal spaces. As a long term, large scale project, the group would like to see the construction of a Gazebo based on the historic structure that once stood in Undine.

There also continue to be problems with dogs off leash in the park and owners not cleaning up after their pets. Robert and Leslie Waggener, who have an Adopt A Park Agreement for Undine Park, were also present at the meeting. The Waggoners have cleaned Undine Park of trash and dog waste since 2006. Recently, they have noticed an increase in dog related problems in the park and would like to see the City address some of these issues. There has been a large increase in the amount of dog waste left behind in the park and there are continued problems with dogs at large within the park. The Waggoners and the FOUPs both noted that enforcement of the existing dog ordinance needs to become a priority otherwise people will continue willfully ignoring the existing rules. An information letter and supporting documents regarding these problems were submitted by the Waggoners, and are appended to this summary.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The Friends plan to continue their active advocacy for Undine Park and will be planning large events in the Park as weather and volunteer staffing allows.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The Friends continue efforts at growing the annual Arts in the Park, which has proved to be a successful event in the past.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

Alternative uses of the park area were mentioned such as Bocce Ball. The Friends noted that the Undine Park Splash Pad has really helped to revitalize the park; it has proved very popular with citizens and has greatly increased traffic to the park. The FOUPs and Waggoners did want to note that they hope Undine will not be considered as a future off leash dog area. The problems stemming from off leash dogs and waste issues would only be exacerbated if Undine was designated as an off leash area. The creation of an off leash dog area within the park would also severely limit the overall use of the park, likely creating user conflicts in every sector of the park.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Wyoming Game and Fish

Representative(s) present at meeting: Mike Snigg, Steve Gale, [Lee Noxx (3.25.13)]

Active members within your organization: n/a

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

One of the main goals is to provide for fishing opportunities for all Wyoming citizens. Increased participation in fishing is a major goal for the G&F.

Provide for habitat.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Future Pond Sites/Fisheries: Spring Creek Channel, a pond located south of Spring Creek and west of Corthell Road, Simpson Springs, Go Forth Res., pond south of Optimist Park (multiple locations), along Laramie river just north of City Limits (north of Curtis Street), BP Amoco Site,

See questions 4 and 6.

The archery range on the Monolith is a good idea. Having this area available so close to town would be great and possible partnerships with the Bowhunters of Wyoming would be a possibility to look at.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

Overall this questions does not apply. However long term funding for the G&F and it's stocking program should be no issue. There are no issues with continuing to stock Huck Finn Pond or any other fisheries that may be created in the future. A lot of fisheries would have to be brought on line for the G&F resources to be stretched and subsequently not being able to stock ponds. In short, if we build fisheries they will be stocked.

The area east of town is a critical range for Antelope. At one time the Mule Deer population was good in this area as well. Preservation of this area would be great for not only access to the NF, but for the antelope.

Monolith Ranch is good habitat for Antelope and White Tail.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The Go Forth Reservoir is on the G&F radar and would be a great fishery when repaired. There may be some wetlands mitigation needed before this can happen.

Continue to work with the City on any work related to the Spring Creek Channel. The G&F has resources for design and can provide expertise related to the project.

The G&F believes that the area the Ad Hoc has identified as a future pond, south of Spring Creek and west of Corthell Road, is a good idea and should be considered.

The G&F thinks that the Simpson Springs area would be a good location for a fishery as well. Also recognize the wildlife value as well.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

Continued participation in fishing for all segments of the population.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

It was recommended that any park, especially if water is available either by proximity to water like the Laramie River, Spring Creek or natural springs that a fishing pond be considered as an amenity in any park. Additionally, if water is not available, wells could be considered as an option to provide water for ponds.

If Spring Creek was to improve as a fishery, no age restrictions would be recommended.

Huck Finn Pond could have the age restriction eliminated if desired by the community.

As new streets or other infrastructure cross streams, lakes or rivers, working with the G&F could provide opportunists and design to improve habitat in these areas.

The City should produce a fishing map for the Laramie River, where can you fish, where can you not.

Possibly look at reducing vegetation along the Laramie River in some areas to improve fishing access to the river on City property.

Continue to hear that access to the City gun range is difficult. Membership, intro class, etc. makes it a bit more work than it needs to be. Because of this they see a lot of people using public property all over the area and really using it hard. It may be time for the City to consider better operation of their facility or an additional facility (or indoor range) that would improve access.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Laramie Local Foods

Representative(s) present at meeting: Katie Hines, Peggy McCrackin

Active members within your organization: 20-25 people at monthly meetings, 300 on mailing list

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Laramie Local Foods' mission is to foster the increased production and consumption of sustainably grown food in the Laramie Basin and the surrounding region needed to supply Laramie's food needs. The group's goals are as follows: increasing the number and economic viability of local small and moderate sized food growers; supporting ecologically sound and socially just farming practices; increasing production of food in home gardens; expanding knowledge of fresh food preparation and preservation through outreach to both adults and children; and ensuring that all Laramie residents have access to affordable, nutritious, and safe food that is grown in a humane, socially just, and ecologically sustainable manner.

The group noted that there is a growing interest in Laramie about growing your own food. There is also a greater desire for community gardens. The group believes that increasing community garden space will also increase opportunities for public education which fits in with the group's goals.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Laramie Local Foods hopes to develop a production garden, of five to ten acres, in the future to help meet broader goals of food access. The preference would also be to have a community garden within each Laramie park. The following locations were noted as potential sites by the group: the west side of Optimist Park, Harbon Park (which is a highly desirable location due to its

no-spray designation), Undine Park and possibly other small locations along the Spring Creek corridor.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

The group was formed in 2008 and is entirely volunteer driven. Recently, the group has experienced an influx of members from a younger demographic. In order to remain a viable organization with an active membership base the group is dedicated to increasing interest in their group, continuing their advocacy for a local food movement, completing fundraisers in order to forego charging membership dues, and collaborating with other organizations in the community and statewide.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The group plans to continue with hosting community outreach events such as the Tour de Coop and a local producers and garden tours. A local food festival is also planned for the summer of 2013 as well as preservation workshops offered to the community. It was noted that the group has investigated grant possibilities to fund a large scale community garden.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

There is a growing local and national trend of concern with where our food comes from. The local food movement is growing as individuals develop a greater stake in local food production. An important trend is also the development of partnerships which provide local food to area schools, thus educating younger generations about food production.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

A ten acre parcel, with a minimum ten year lease, would be ideal for the development of a production garden. The group would like to work in partnership with the City in ultimately securing such a site. On another note, the group stated that they believed many residents would support a native plant garden and natural areas that are kept as native rather than maintained as manicured turf areas.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Laramie Rivers Conservation Districts

Representative(s) present at meeting: Tony Hoch and Trish Penny

Active members within your organization: Over 1,300 on the Newsletter mailing list, over 13,000 distinct hits on the website.

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

The LRCD is a local government entity that encourages involvement in nature and promotes good stewardship of the environment. Outreach efforts are targeted to youth in the community in particular. A variety of education programs, field trips and gardening demonstrations are offered in Laramie, Rock River, Centennial and the surrounding rural service areas as well.

- 2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?**

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

The LRCD would like to see the addition of natural playscapes and edible landscapes to the parks system with some educational or interpretive components. The LRCD also supports efforts towards entryway beautification. More bathroom facilities are needed in City Parks, and future facilities might explore green designs with an emphasis on solar power. Off street parking at some City Parks would also be a great improvement to explore. An expansion of tennis courts and the addition of lighting and of seating adjacent to the courts would also be beneficial. LRCD would also like to encourage the development of other affordable recreation programs at locations other than the Recreation Center. Another need within the community is the development of dog parks. Ideally locations outside of town with ample trailways should be explored for this purpose.

- 3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

Currently there is strong constituent support locally for the LRCD, and supporting state statutes and the mill levy will help to ensure the organization's survival.

- 4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?**

The LRCD would like to expand their office, with an increased office space area and multipurpose room to house meetings and educational programming. The LRCD would also like to see the rehabilitation of the BP refinery property within three to five years. LRCD has been very supportive of greenbelt development and tries to encourage biking and alternative transportation.

- 5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?**

There is an increase in community gardens and edible landscapes nationally. Outdoor learning centers are also on the rise. Overall, there is a strong commitment to interpretive programs that promote environmental awareness and stewardship.

- 6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?**

LRCD would like to see an expanded Nature Center at LaBonte Park in the future. The west side of Laramie seems to be under-served by Parks and Recreation services, and would benefit from additional infrastructure. It is imperative that protection of the Aquifer be secured, and the LRCD supports any future land acquisition that would serve that purpose. Laramie would be well served to continue expanding the Greenbelt bike transportation system throughout town, which should include a connection from Laramie up to National Forest lands. As charter members of the Laramie Beautification Committee, LRCD fully supports the Committee's work in entryway and community planting and landscaping, as well as the continuation of the Public Art Program.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Laramie Soccer Association

Representative(s) present at meeting: Crystal Hammaker

Active members within your organization: 700-750 throughout the year, counting youth and adult participants

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

LSA services a wide range of people in the community, including those in lower income brackets through their scholarship program. Their mission is to give every child access to learning and playing youth soccer. LSA has also expanded to include adult soccer leagues, thereby filling a void in the community's adult soccer offerings.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

The largest short term goal is the transition to "small-sided" games in the youth leagues; however there are currently not enough facilities in Laramie to accommodate all the games necessary to schedule games. The switch to small sided games would double the number of teams in each division, thereby doubling the number of fields needed. The expansion of LSA's programs is thereby dependent upon the availability of more soccer facilities.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

LSA plans to continue focusing on offering recreational soccer opportunities for the community, since that is clearly the niche that they have been successful in thus far. The group believes the development of more fields is the key to sustaining growth within their organization. The Association also plans to work with other sports organizations in coordinating schedules so that youth have the ability to accommodate multiple activities and sports with minimum scheduling conflicts. The increase in scholarship requests over the last few years also means that LSA will have to continue finding scholarship funds in order to serve all segments of the community.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

As part of ensuring the viability of the organization, LSA would like to explore the development of a large soccer complex; part of such a development would necessarily be the pursuit of grants and large-scale fundraising efforts.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

Nationally, soccer participation has become static which is largely attributed to the multiplicity of options for youth sports and activities. Locally, participation remains strong. The movement towards small sided games is definitely a growing trend, which LSA would like to help foster on a local scale.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

LSA would fully support the development of a large soccer complex by the City; however ensuring that all outside agencies and organizations receive fair access to the facility would be of paramount importance. User conflicts at the existing facilities have proved problematic, ultimately more space and a fair system overseeing use is necessary. The group also wanted to note that some of the current facilities in use, such as Scout Park, will need further maintenance and work in order to remain viable soccer facilities.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Laramie Main Street Alliance

Representative(s) present at meeting: Margaret Brown

Active members within your organization: 300 members comprised of area businesses

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Connectivity is seen as key; walking and biking have grown in popularity for transportation. For downtown Laramie, barriers such as 3rd Street must be mitigated in order to continue encouraging non-motorized traffic downtown. Concern was expressed about the possible dedication of Iverson Avenue as a bike lane, it was noted that the Fire and Emergency vehicles currently utilize Iverson Street as a primary route. Additionally, consultants for Main Street have stated that University Avenue should be the main connector from downtown to the UW campus. The Main Street Alliance's five year plan has already noted that University Avenue will be explored as the primary connector to downtown. There also exists a need to create a primary connection to downtown for residents south of Grand Avenue.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Bicycle lanes will need to be developed or enhanced, with a particular focus on north-south routes after the removal of the Clark Street overpass. Better signage is also needed for downtown, especially way-finding signs guiding visitors to the downtown area and signs denoting parking locations, Depot Park and the 1st Street Plaza.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The Main Street program receives funding on a year to year basis, however the Downtown Development Plan was recently completed which lays out a multi-year plan of action.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The Downtown Development Plan is still in draft form, work on finalizing the document is a priority.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

Small neighborhood parks seem to be gaining in popularity. There has been a marked residential movement towards downtown, creating a greater emphasis on non-motorized transportation. Main Street wants to forge greater connections with UW students, and encourage more students to patronize downtown Laramie.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

It would be ideal to see the eventual expansion of the ACTA public transportation system. The development of University Square will help to fulfill a future need for increased park/green space.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Rawstone Development LLC

Representative(s) present at meeting: Paul and Warren Greaser

Active members within your organization:

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Ultimately as costs for development increase, these costs are passed on to the consumer, as developers, Rawstone is interested in sustainable development in the community.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Rawstone has a vested interest in seeing corridors for pedestrian and bicyclist transportation developed throughout Laramie. Trails and paths connecting the community to public lands and to Laramie parks are seen as equally important. If greater connectivity is fostered, then developers have a greater incentive in cooperating to create new trail pieces. The preservation of wildlife corridors are also seen as an important part of Laramie culture or lifestyle. The preference would be for greater flexibility in the designation and use of mini-parks, tot lots or community gardens within the UDC and Parks and Recreation. More flexibility would allow for the completion of more projects and parks lands, which would benefit everyone.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

One local trend of concern is the community mores of trespassing. For some reason, access to lands, be they public or private, is seen as an entitlement and therefore the preservation of private property rights becomes problematic. Beginning to change these mores is definitely desirable, however part of doing so would likely mean ensuring that the Laramie community has adequate, legal access to public lands on the outskirts of town.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

From Rawstone's perspective there are adequate park lands within the city limits, the most important thing for the future will be fostering connections to existing parks and developing more pedestrian and bike trails. It was noted that the current UDC, which requires in lieu of fees, can be difficult for developers; it is often easier to plan for land dedication during the preliminary plat process rather than paying up-front cash at the beginning of a project.

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Laramie Railroad Depot Association

Representative(s) present at meeting: Larry Ostresh

Active members within your organization: around 50 people

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

The Depot Association hopes to see continued cooperation and support of the Railroad Heritage Park within the new Master Plan.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

The Association sees the protection and stability of north Depot Park key to their longevity and therefore hopes to see no large scale changes to the north of the park. The preference would be to simply leave the park area north of the Depot as open space. The south side of the park would benefit from the addition of a few picnic tables. The addition of a sidewalk along the east boundary of the park, contiguous to the street, would be an excellent improvement to the area. The Association hopes to open as an operational museum in the Depot building in July of 2012. All work and upkeep on the museum is reliant upon volunteer labor, interns from the University of Wyoming and outside funding. Further lighting of the Park and the display train within the Park is also a short term goal.

The completion of a Railroad Legacy Trail with the appropriate interpretive signage is also a goal the Association would like to see addressed within the plan. Ideally the Railroad Legacy Trail could tie in with the existing Greenbelt. The following locations were all noted as potential sites for interpretive signs: the 1901 train tracks; the Laramie, North Park and Pacific railroad beds; the Ice Plant and Stockyards.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The Association is forming an active volunteer group to assist with the necessary upkeep. At this time, there are no plans on charging admission to the museum; by focusing on volunteer based staffing costs can be kept down. Offering the Depot for private rentals will cover the operational costs of the building.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

The primary goal is the opening of the museum; related to that goal are some building improvements such as heating upgrades and the addition of a small kitchen in order to encourage more private rentals of the space during off hours. The Association would also like to assist with the development of the Railroad Legacy Trail. Their vision of the initial trail would incorporate the following route: beginning at the Depot, across the footbridge to the engine house, to the Y, and back over the Railroad bridge. Extensions of the Railroad Legacy Trail could include the following: south to the old tie plant, further south to the Laramie North Park and Pacific Railroad beds, west along the old LHP&P road to Highway 130 in west Laramie, north to the former stockyards, further north to the PFR ice plant.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

Overall, railroad enthusiasts are growing in numbers and more interest has certainly been seen locally. There has also been a growth in railroad oriented tourism as well. With the expansion of the Depot Museum and further efforts to memorialize the history of the railroad throughout Laramie, the Depot Association is well poised to take advantage of this growth.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

As a group, there is little support for the proposed off leash dog area in Depot Park. Safety concerns, combined with the higher traffic that such an area would produce, and the attendant clean-up problems are all concerning to the Association. Such detriments to the area could have a negative impact on the Associations ability to market the Depot for private rentals and encourage the public to spend time at the museum after the opening.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Sweetwater Limited, LLC

Representative(s) present at meeting: Paul Hoffman

Active members within your organization:

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Sweetwater Limited strongly believes that the Westfield Business Park needs a pocket park and trail connection.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

A pocket park and trail connection within the Westfield Business Park.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

At this time Sweetwater has no plans to add a park or playground within the development.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

Both nationally and locally there has been a rise in rental housing, in particular multi-family housing developments.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

Under the current UDC, charging per residence within a development works against developers putting pocket parks in their developments using their own funds. It would be beneficial to have some relief for those that might be willing to develop their own park. If the City would accept parks built by developers and the responsibilities to maintain it, Sweetwater Development would be

more inclined to build parks within developments. Different detention designs should be examined in order to potentially utilize detention ponds and drainage areas as parks.

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Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Walker Construction

Representative(s) present at meeting: Doug Walker (4/11/13)

Active members within your organization: n/a

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

To provide housing in Laramie, but overall, parks are good for residential development

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

n/a

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

n/a

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

Currently working on the Walker Subdivision and the Final Plat associated with it was recently approved. A future Preliminary Plat is expected for the area to the west of the current Final Plat. Prior to this discussion with the Park and Recreation Department would be desired to possibly accommodate a play lot park. Also open to the idea of a larger park in the subdivision.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

n/a

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

Work together prior to submittal to work through issues and possibly find cost savings on both the developer and city end of the project.

Overall for us, giving the fee is better than giving the land.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Organization Name: Wyoming Territorial Prison

Representative(s) present at meeting: Debra Ahmend

Active members within your organization: The Territorial Prison is open for six month out of the year, seven days a week and averages 26,000 visitors per year.

1. How does your organization's goals and vision fit with the development of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

The Wyoming Territorial Prison is a Wyoming State Historic site focused on recreation, land management and offering interpretive programs to the public. There are several distinct ecosystems within the site and opportunities for nature and trail interpretative sites abound.

2. What amenities or improvements, directly related to your organization, would your organization want to see within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan within the following time frame?

Short Term: 1-10 years? Mid Term 10 to 20 years? Long Term 20+ years?

Depending on the projects, there is certainly a potential to partner with the City in resource management projects adjacent to or within the state property. As natural resource management is a critical issue for both the State and the City, a greater focus on educating the public about resource management and becoming caretakers of public land is necessary.

3. Does your organization have a long term plan for growth and sustainability that you could share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

A ten year Master Plan for the site was recently conducted which fully lays out plans for the future of the site and the services offered to citizens. Included in the plan, is a three year project to create a nature path tying into the Greenbelt Trail with interpretive signs installed in the upland and wetlands area.

4. Does your organization or group have any projects or plans in the future that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?

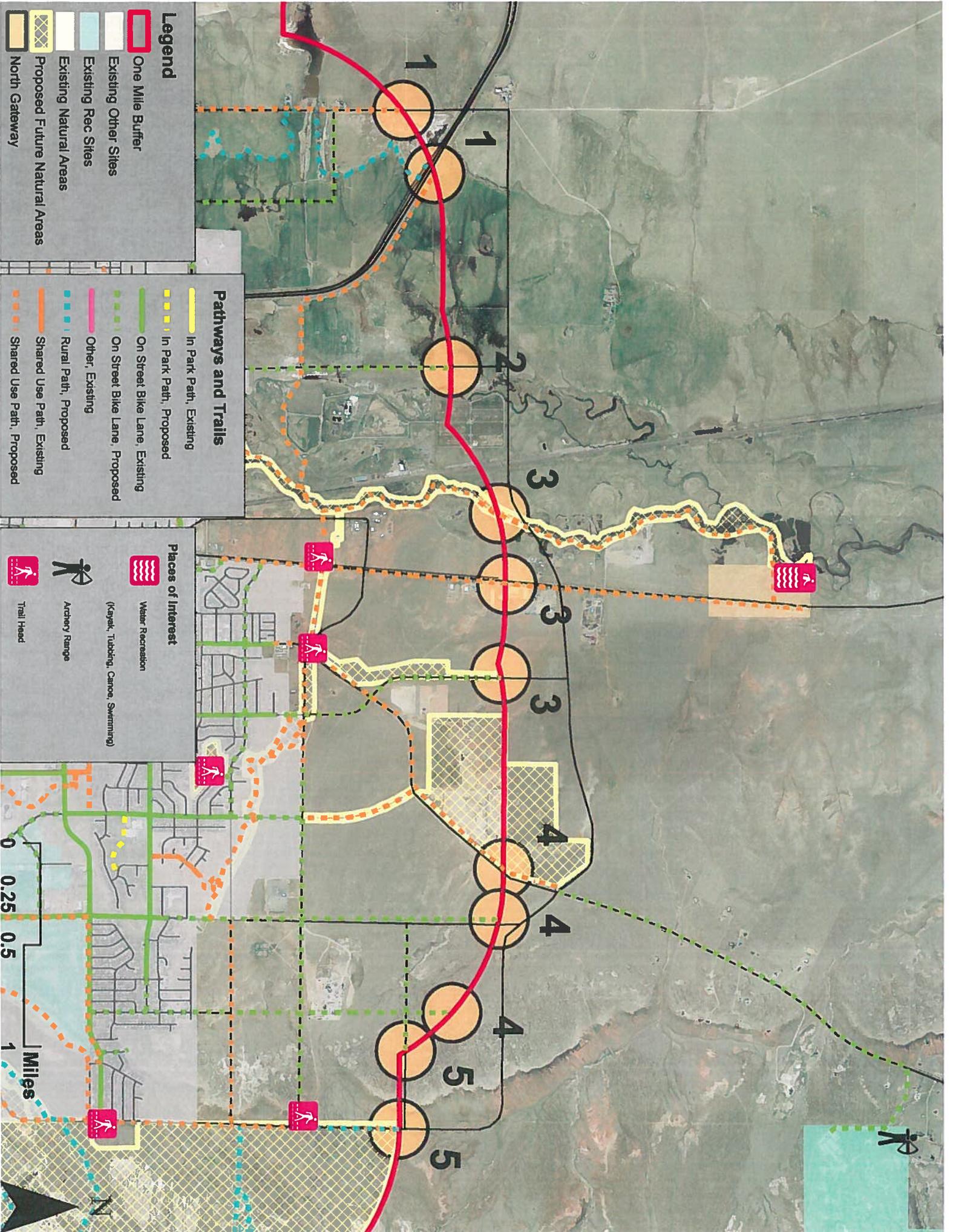
The expansion of non-motorized trails, like the one mentioned above, could easily be tied into the existing system of trails within the community.

5. What are the national and local trends within your organization's goals and mission?

The key goal of the Wyoming Territorial Prison is to increase visitor traffic to the site. Preservation must go hand in hand with public education. WTP hopes to become a national destination site while remaining an integral part of the community. In order to do so, the site must continue to foster recreational opportunities for visitors and the community.

6. Other comments or concerns you would like to add?

The Wyoming Territorial Prison site has been negatively impacted by Greenbelt users. The WTP wants to continue their support of the Greenbelt however attention must be paid to issues stemming from user conflicts or abuse in order to mitigate these impacts. There are severe erosion issues along segments of the trail due to the creation of the trail and the attendant soil compaction. Users have also damaged fencing at the WTP site and there is an ongoing problem of boundaries designating WTP land (and therefore a "fee area") being ignored. There has also been damage from an illicit BMX bike course that people have created by trespassing on WTP land. The WTP would also like to see the McCue Street connection to the Greenbelt identified as a recreational trail in order to count visitor numbers stemming from this location; the McCue connection has been identified by WTP staff as a point of entry that receives heavy use, counting the numbers at this point would help paint a more accurate picture of trail use.



Legend

- One Mile Buffer
- Existing Other Sites
- Existing Rec Sites
- Existing Natural Areas
- Proposed Future Natural Areas
- North Gateway

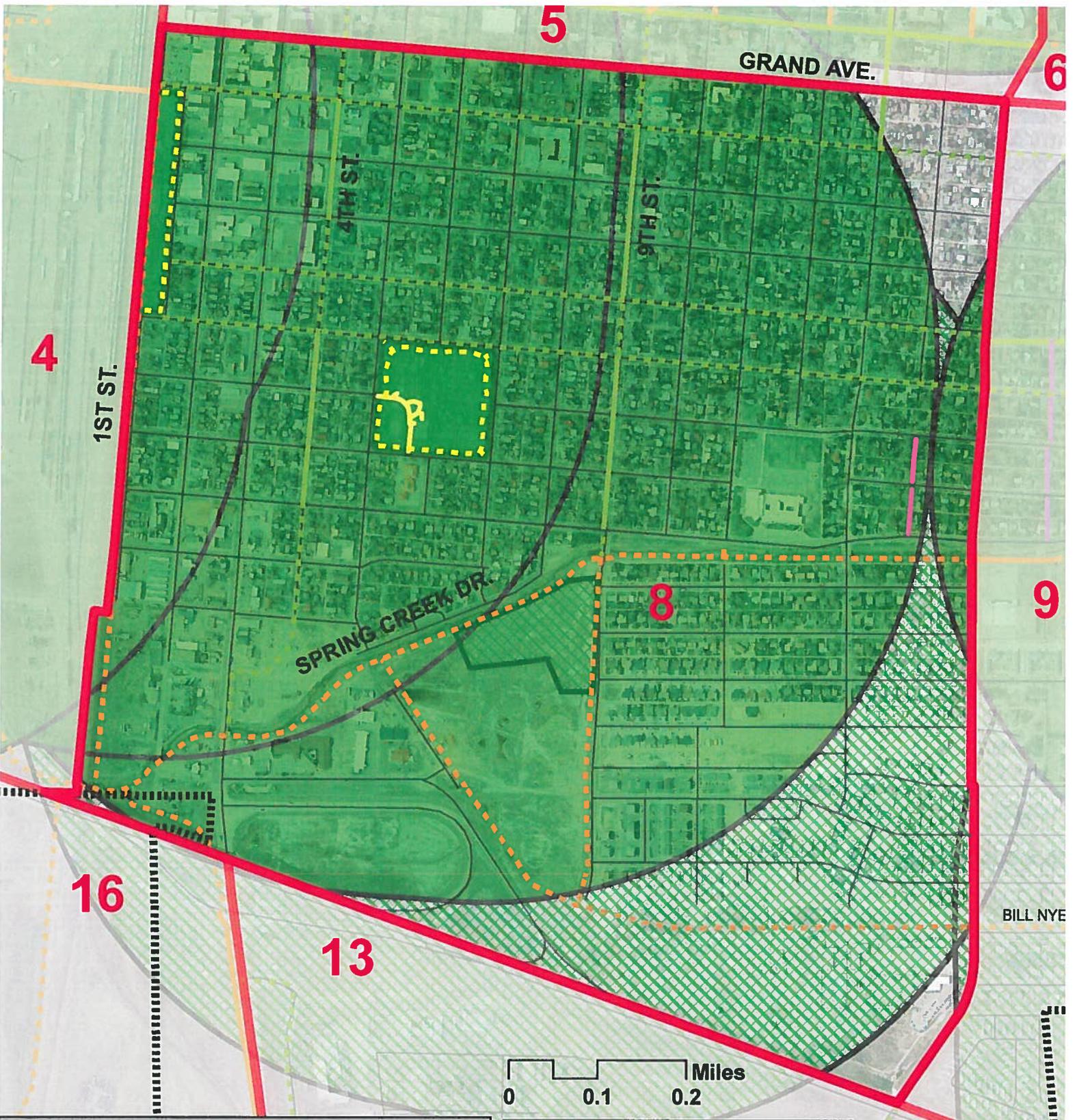
Pathways and Trails

- In Park Path, Existing
- In Park Path, Proposed
- On Street Bike Lane, Existing
- On Street Bike Lane, Proposed
- Other, Existing
- Rural Path, Proposed
- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Proposed

Places of Interest

- Water Recreation
(Kayak, Tubbing, Canoe, Swimming)
- Archery Range
- Trail Head



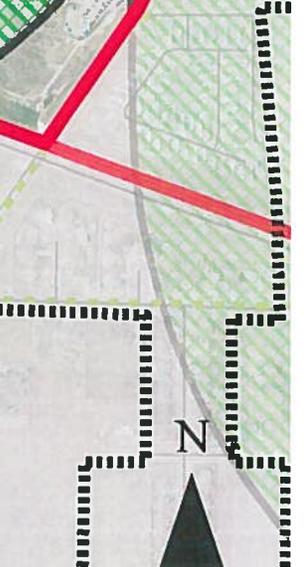


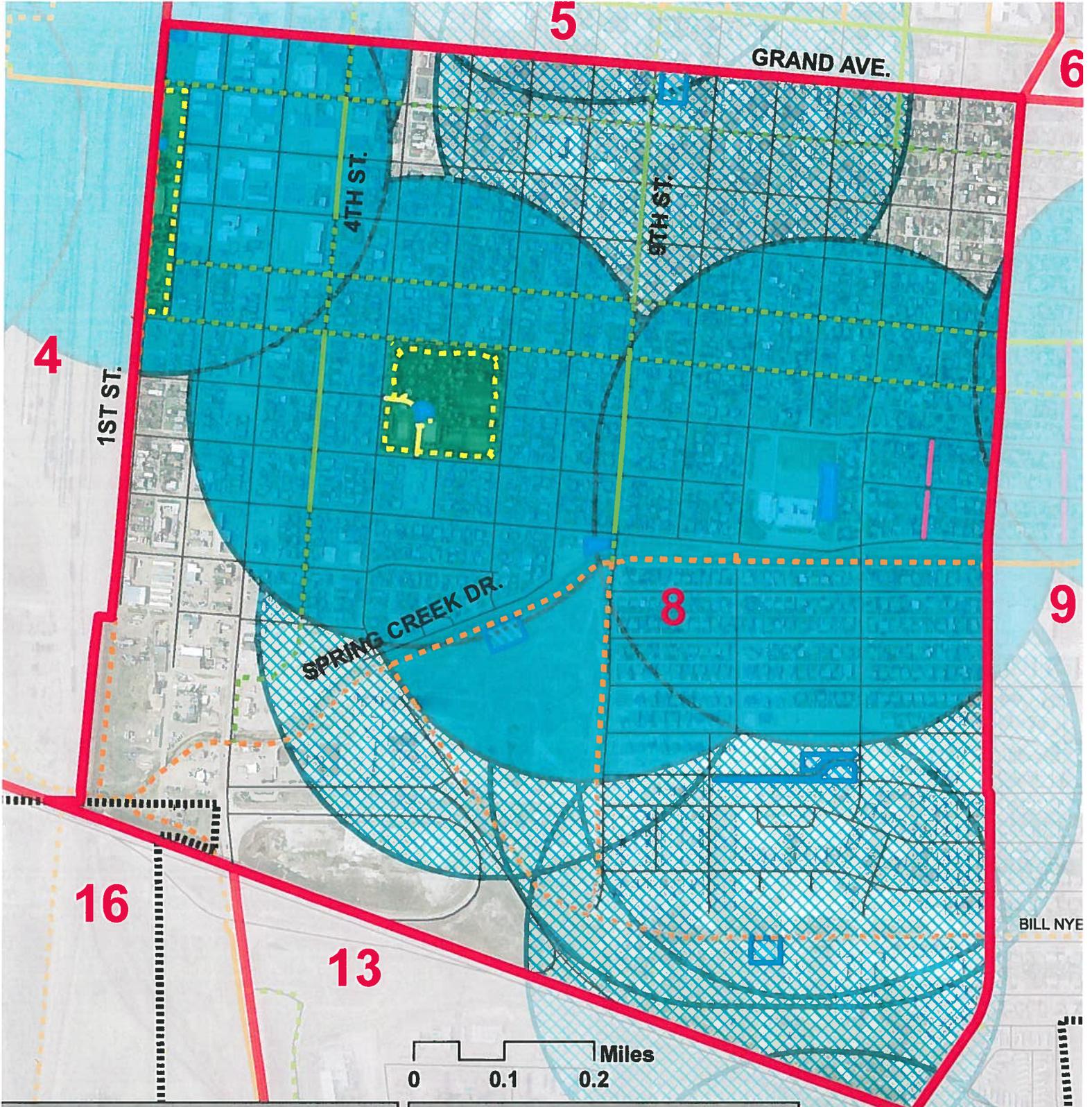
Legend

- Service Area 8
- City Boundary
- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Existing Neighborhood Park Buffer
- Proposed Neighborhood Park
- Proposed Neighborhood Park Buffer

Pathways and Trails

- In Park Path, Existing
- In Park Path, Proposed
- On Street Bike Lane, Existing
- On Street Bike Lane, Proposed
- Other, Existing
- Rural Path, Proposed
- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Proposed



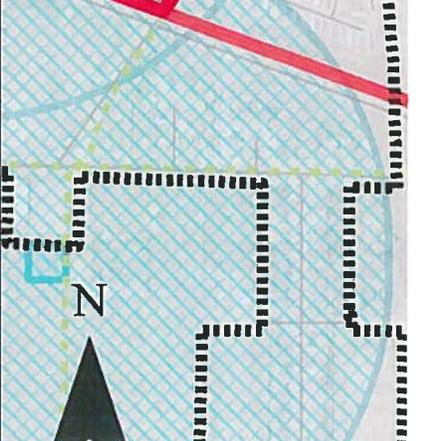


Legend

- Service Area 8
- City Boundary
- Existing Play Lots
- Proposed Future Playlot
- Existing Playlot Buffer
- Proposed Playlot Buffer

Pathways and Trails

- In Park Path, Existing
- In Park Path, Proposed
- On Street Bike Lane, Existing
- On Street Bike Lane, Proposed
- Other, Existing
- Rural Path, Proposed
- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Proposed



Recreation Systems Master Plan

Albany County P&Z Presentation October 2013

Recreation Systems Master Plan

- ▶ Why are we here?
- ▶ To present the work of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and to receive your comments, suggestions, and feedback on the draft plan maps
- ▶ Who is the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?
 - ▶ Comprised of members from; (2) Parks, Tree & Rec. Advisory Board, (1) Ranch Advisory Committee, (1) Planning Commission, (1) City Council member, (1) Laramie Bike Network & (5) citizens at large
 - ▶ Appointed by the City Council
- ▶ Albany County P&Z was asked in 2011 if they wanted to participate in the plan. At that time there was not any interest in participating.
 - ▶ The Ad Hoc Committee has requested to keep you informed of the plan and how it relates to the County Comprehensive Plan.
 - ▶ County Planner David Gertsch has attended many of the meetings and has been copied on all Ad Hoc Committee work product.



Why develop a Recreation Systems Master Plan?

- ▶ Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space (1982)
 - ▶ 30 years old = Major changes in the community
 - ▶ 1982 – 2007 other reports completed
 - ▶ Laramie Greenbelt Plan 1992
 - ▶ Laramie Land Use Element (Laramie Comp. Plan) 1995
 - ▶ Laramie Bicycle Facility Master Plan 1998
 - ▶ Laramie Comprehensive Plan (2007)
 - ▶ Plan recommended that a Parks & Recreation Master Plan be developed
 - ▶ Why? The most commented items centered on Parks, Recreation, Trails and Natural Areas
 - ▶ Albany County Comprehensive Plan (2008)
 - ▶ Work with the City of Laramie to: Develop an open space and trails master plan.
- Provides elected officials, public, staff, and developers a decision making tool and policy guidance related to the future development of Parks, Trails and Recreation areas

Recreation Systems Master Plan

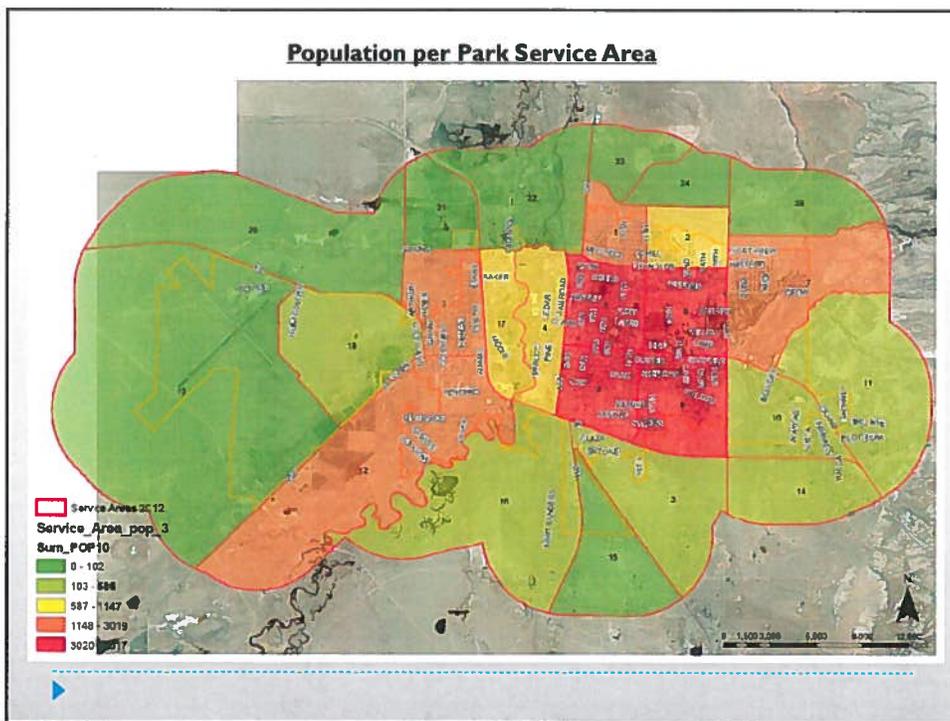
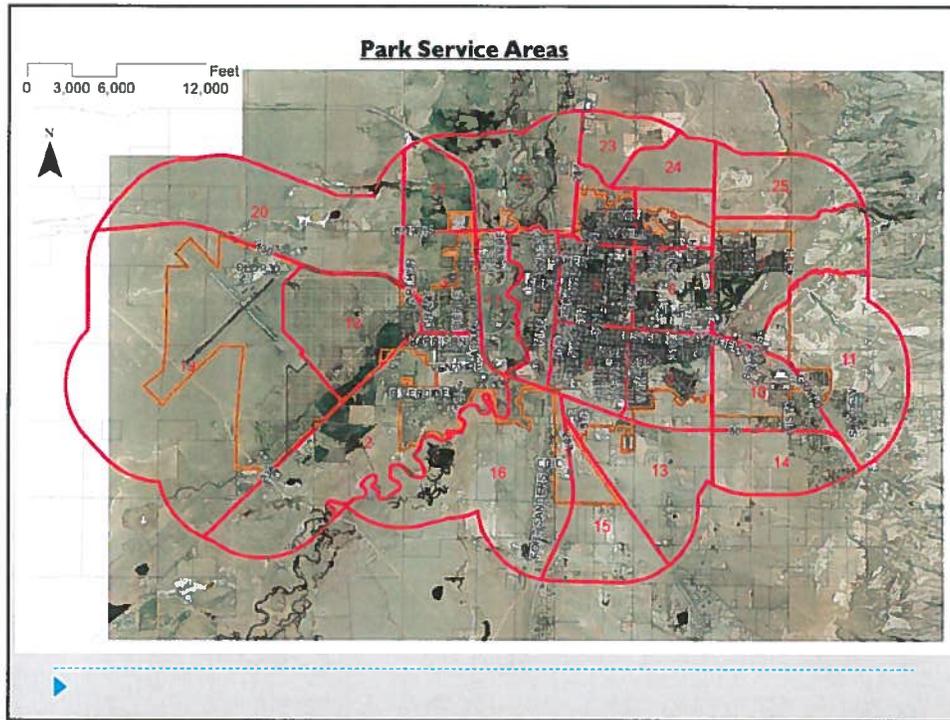
- ▶ Reviewed the basics of park planning; understanding how a plan is developed and how regulation & policy are developed from the plan.
- ▶ Reviewed all applicable documents: Comp. Plan, UDC, 82' Parks & Recreation Plan, Bike master plan, greenbelt plan
- ▶ Overview of all parks, recreation, trails and natural areas that exist within the city's parks and recreation system
- ▶ Defined/discussed, and approved park service areas
- ▶ Held stakeholder group meetings
- ▶ Developed a public scientific survey that was prepared and administered by WYSAC (the survey included Albany County residents as well)
- ▶ Reviewed population analyses from census data
- ▶ Developed parks need & deficiency analysis
- ▶ Developed parks, trails and recreation area classifications and standards
- ▶ Developed the parks, trails and recreation area maps based upon the park service areas, population trends, geographic analysis and the classification standards

Recreation Systems Master Plan

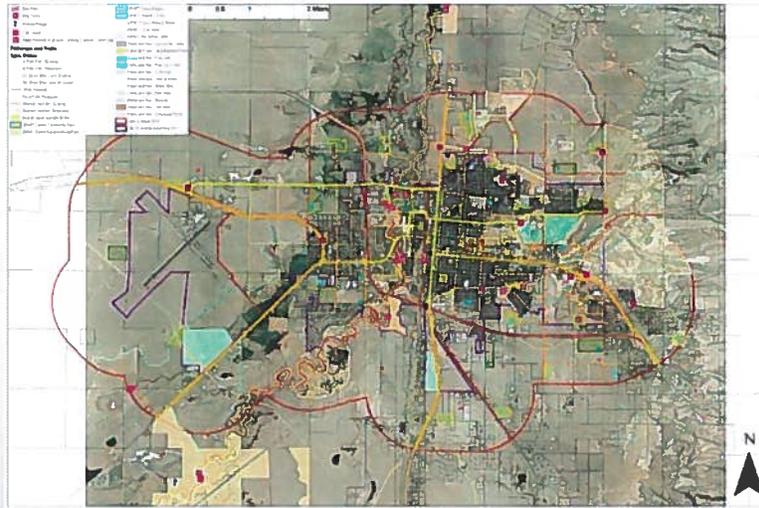
- ▶ **Park Service Areas:**
- ▶ Based upon service area barriers such as major roads, the railroads, the Laramie River, etc. which inhibit access to parks and recreation facilities
- ▶ Twenty five (25) individual park service areas are recommended within the master plan
- ▶ **Parks Classification Standards:**
- ▶ Based upon NRPA national standards, that were modified and adapted to specifically meet Laramie and its needs
- ▶ **Community Parks (Washington & LaBonte)**
 - ▶ One (1) mile service area
 - ▶ 3-5 acres per 1,000 people/20 to 50 acres in size
- ▶ **Neighborhood Parks (Undine & Kiwanis)**
 - ▶ One half (1/2) mile service area
 - ▶ 3 acres per 1,000 people/5 to 10 acres in size
- ▶ **Playlots (O'Dell Mini Park)**
 - ▶ One quarter (1/4) mile service area
 - ▶ 14,000 square feet (1/3 of an acre) per 1,000 people
- ▶ **Other Sites:**
 - ▶ School parks (Jr. and Sr. High, UW campus)
 - ▶ Recreation Areas (Aragon Softball Complex, Little League Complex)

Recreation Systems Master Plan

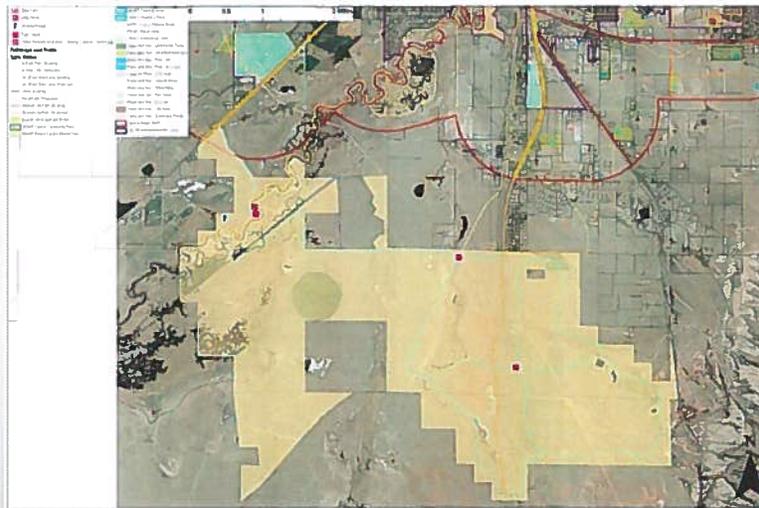
- ▶ **Natural Resource Areas:**
- ▶ Typically lands that are set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, open space, preservation of unique topography, visual aesthetics, cultural resource, or some other resource that has been determined of value to the community
- ▶ **Trails, Bikes and Pedestrians:**
- ▶ Three types of trails and bike/pedestrian routes established:
- ▶ **Bike Lanes: (9th Street and 30th Street, 22nd Street)**
 - ▶ Bike lanes are on road marked lanes, typically on local or collector streets to permit safe travel by bicycles
 - ▶ Standard: consistent and continuous painting of lanes, bike boxes, sweeping and snow removal as necessary
- ▶ **Shared Use Paths: (Laramie River Greenbelt Trail)**
 - ▶ Shared use paths are bike routes that are physically separated from motorized traffic by an open space or barrier, either within or outside of the road right of way
 - ▶ Standard: eleven (11) feet wide concrete, separated from roadway
- ▶ **Other Bike Routes:**
 - ▶ In-Park Pedestrian Paths (Washington & LaBonte Parks)
 - ▶ Rural trails (compacted gravel or single track trail)
 - ▶ Mid block paths (sidewalk connections within neighborhoods)



Existing and Proposed Parks, Trails, and Recreation areas (all of Laramie)



Monolith Ranch



Recreation Systems Master Plan

- ▶ The Recreation Systems Master Plan will be a planning document for the future growth of Parks, Trails and Recreation, and Natural Areas for the next forty (40) years.
 - ▶ The Ad Hoc Committee has recommended that a separate Master Plan for the Monolith Ranch be developed after the Recreation Services Master Plan is adopted.
 - ▶ Please note that there have been a number of public comments and concerns raised at the Ad Hoc meetings from County residents east of Laramie, essentially requesting the Master Plan and maps be limited to the current City limits.
 - ▶ The Ad Hoc Committee considered this request, and approved a motion to have the service areas remain extended to the one mile area outside of the City limits.
 - ▶ The City staff is not asking for concurrence as was indicated two (2) years ago, thus the City's Master Plan will not be applicable to the County, or County residents.
 - ▶ All areas within the one (1) mile growth area are possible areas that could experience annexation in the future, thus providing Parks, Trails, Recreation and Natural Area planning is important.
 - ▶ The County does not have to follow the plan. If Parks, Trails, Recreation or Natural Areas are acquired outside of the City limits, it will be through a typical purchase, donation or some other formal agreement negotiated between the City and the property owner.

 - ▶ Questions?
 - ▶ Thank you for your time and your consideration.
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