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

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2014

TIME: 11:30 am

LOCATION: Recreation Center large conference room – 920 Boulder Drive

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting.
2. Acknowledge receipt of the email comments from Thane McKinsey.

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. Consideration of options/alternatives for the proposed map symbols outside of the city limits within the extraterritorial one-mile buffer.
2. Presentation by the steering committee members for the Northeast Laramie Greenbelt – Connect regional shortgrass prairie and open space.

New business:

1. Public Comments

Next Meeting Date: January 2015 TBA

**CITY OF LARAMIE
PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 19, 2014
Minutes of Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amber Travsky, Amy Williamson, Bill Gribb, Dan McCoy, Dave Hammond, Evan O'Toole, Vicki Henry, Mike Moeller,

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Joe Lord, Peggy McCrackin

CITY OF LARAMIE STAFF PRESENT: Paul Harrison, Parks & Recreation Director; Derek Teini, Senior Planner; David Schott, Parks Manager

GUESTS: Thane McKinsey, Thaddeus Mast, Kimberly Starkey, Candy Hamaker, Bern Hinkley, Suzanne Lewis, John Nutter, Marius Favret, Becky Riley, Terri Jones

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Hammond at 11:30 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) **Approval of the minutes from the October 22, 2014 meeting.**
- 2) **Acknowledge receipt of the draft minutes from the regular meeting of the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of October 8, 2014.**
- 3) **Acknowledge receipt Paul Harrison's notes from the public comments received at the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of October 8, 2014.**

Motion by Williamson, second by Travsky, that the consent agenda be approved as presented.
Motion carried 7-0, Henry absent.

Regular Agenda:

- 1) **Consideration of five options/alternatives for the removal of the proposed map symbols outside of the city limits within the extraterritorial one-mile buffer.**

Harrison presented the Ad Hoc Committee members the five proposed map options along with the two map options proposed by Bern Hinkley. The Committee inquired on how the proposed map options will affect or function within the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan document. Staff responded that any of the proposed maps would have minimal affect within the draft plan, but noted that the maps are just one minor element of the P&R Master Plan and that the P&R Master Plan must be considered holistically in its entirety.

Motion by Travsky, second by Williamson to create an amalgam of map option #1 with shading and no cross hatching on all of private land within the extraterritorial areas and show icons on public lands only within the extraterritorial areas. An amendment to the original motion was presented by Henry, seconded by Williamson to add the private property box shown on option #4 to the original motion. The amendment to the original motion carried 6-1.

The Ad Hoc Committee opened the meeting to public comment on the original motion on the floor as amended.

-Becky Riley noted that the motion on the floor would fulfill all of the grant requirements of the Indian Ridge neighborhood residents.

-Kimberly Starkey asked for a clarification of the motion as amended that was on the floor.

-Thane McKinsey asked the Committee how the motion would affect gated communities within the extraterritorial area.

-Terry Jones requested that no shading and no text be included within any of the private property within the extraterritorial areas.

-Kimberly Starkey noted that the Committee had received a petition signed by 277 citizens requesting that all symbols from all maps be removed from the extraterritorial areas and that all text references from the extraterritorial areas be removed, and that the Committee is not adequately considering the petitioners.

-Bern Hinkley noted that the maps are important and should be fully transparent with all icons included. He noted there is merit to including the icons to keep and sustain the vision of the plan and recommended that the icons not be removed.

-Thane McKinsey noted that the issue is that no one can predict what will happen with this private property in the future.

-Candy Hamaker stated that at the County P&Z meeting it was noted that the icons on the maps will adversely impact private property. She requested the Committee remove all icons on the maps within the extraterritorial area until "if and when" it becomes annexed into the City.

-Kimberly Starkey noted that the vision of the plan is in conflict with private property and she respectfully requested that the Committee confine the plan to the City and City owned property.

-Terry Jones noted that the City owns lots of land that is not yet developed with trails and recreation areas requesting that when the City develops their own property they could then consider private property in the county extraterritorial area.

The original motion as amended carried 6-1 with O'Toole absent.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Henry to request the staff prepare a second map option for consideration at the next meeting with clear designations of public property and private property similar to the proposed map number one from Bern Hinkley. Motion carried 7-0 with O'Toole absent.

Motion by Travsky, seconded by Moeller to propose that the O'Dell Mini Park Playlot in service area 1 be enlarged to show an area of proposed future expansion over her adjacent private property due west of the O'Dell Mini Park. Motion carried 7-0 with O'Toole absent.

New Business

1) Public Comments

-Becky Riley noted that she is working with a neighborhood steering committee to develop a regional shortgrass prairie preserve and open space adjacent to Kiowa Park. The steering committee would like to make a presentation to the Ad Hoc Committee at their next meeting.

2) Next Meeting Date:

December 3, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Harrison
Parks and Recreation Director

Paul Harrison

From: Thane McKinsey [thane_mckinsey@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 3:39 AM
To: PTR Master Plan
Subject: recreational

To whom it concerns

In regards to the maps, I think properly identifying private property on city maps serves the community well.

I think that it is fine that Amber Travsky put her own property on the map to become part of a public park. Now the proper thing for her to do is to donate her property to the public at her own expense.

As for the gentleman who believes that having public trails across a person's private property increases the value of that property, this guy should get a clue. If this were true, private property owners would be putting public trails across their own property instead of "No Trespassing signs" and the City of Laramie would "not" be trying to do it by force.

One more thing, why would a potential property buyer to the Laramie area be interested in buying a piece of property that could have a public path forced through it by the City of Laramie? Doesn't the city of Laramie already have great recreational opportunities like Happy Jack, Medicine Bow, The Snowy Range and Vedauvee just to name a few.

Thanks

Thane McKinsey

FEATURES

- City Boundary 2014
- Service Area 11
- Interface Area (see page xx)

PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

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

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Water Recreation
- Kayak, Tube, Canoe & Swim
- Trail Head
- Archery Range
- Bike Park
- Dog Park
- Fishing Access

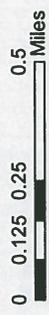
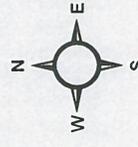
PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Recommended Nhb. Park
- Existing Community Park
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- Existing Playlot
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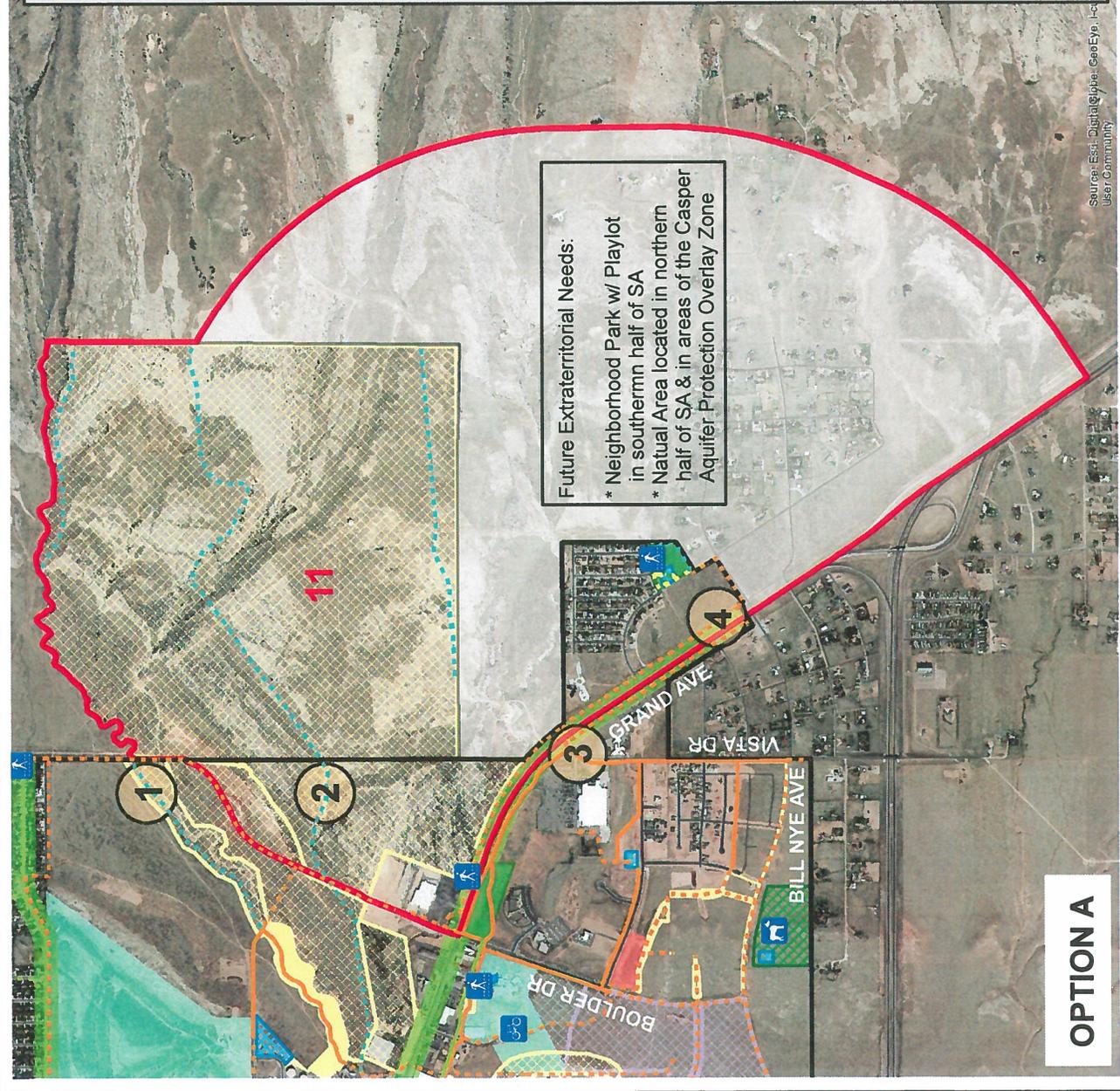
ADDITIONAL SITES

- Existing UW Site
- Existing School Site
- Recommended School Site
- Existing Natural Area
- Recommended Natural Area
- Existing Recreation Site
- Recommended Rec. Site
- Existing Other Site
- Recommended Other Site
- Existing Detention Area
- Beautification Corridor

Private Property
 All private property is not accessible for public use without written permission of the landowner. Crossing private land to reach public or shared land without permission could result in a criminal trespass violation.



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Future Extraterritorial Needs:
 * Neighborhood Park w/ Playlot in southern half of SA
 * Natural Area located in northern half of SA & in areas of the Casper Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone

OPTION A

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, i-cubed, User Community

FEATURES

- City Boundary 2014
- Service Area 1
- Interface Area (see page xx)

PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

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

PLACES OF INTEREST

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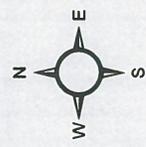
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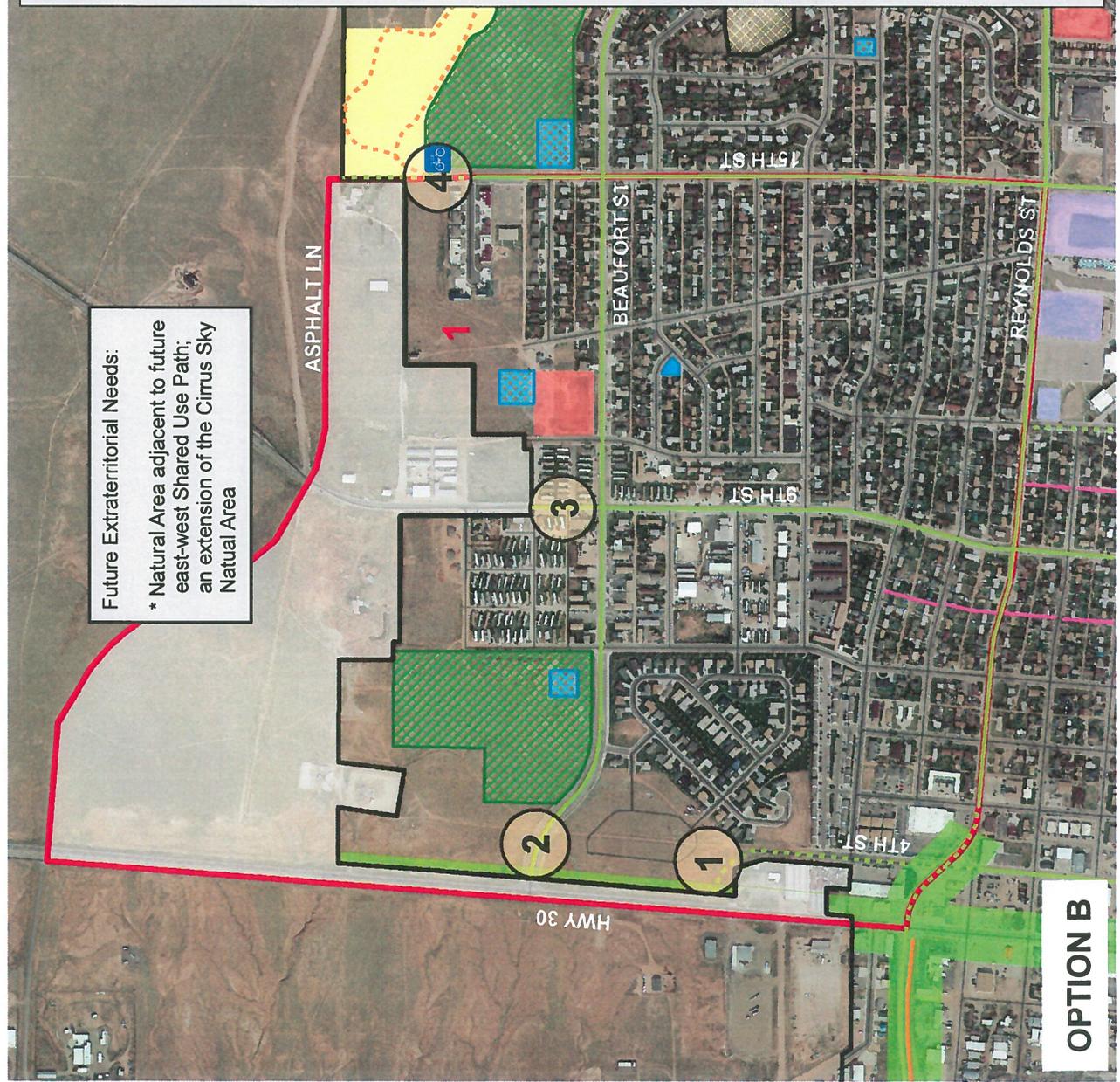
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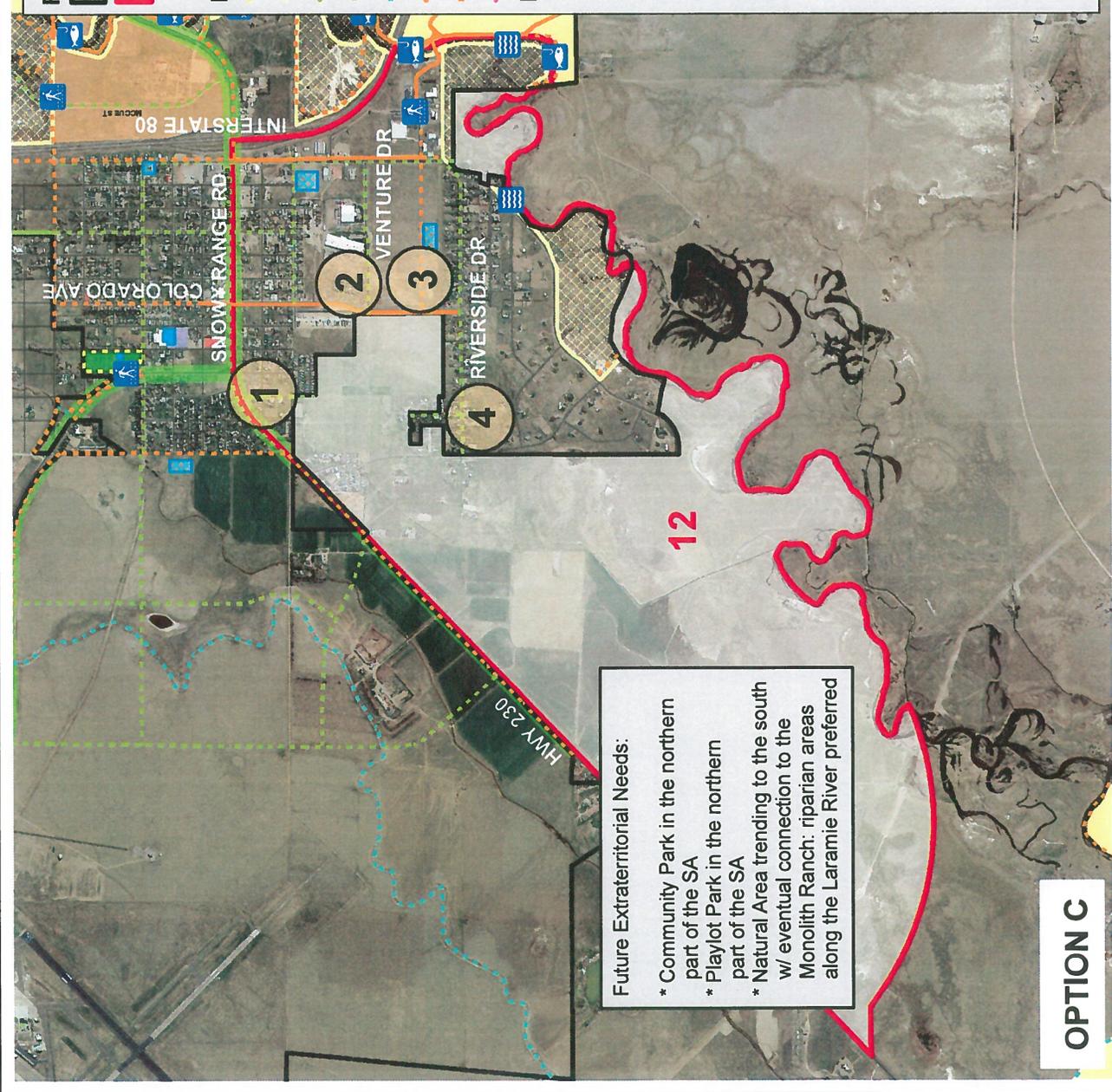


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Future Extraterritorial Needs:
 * Natural Area adjacent to future east-west Shared Use Path; an extension of the Cirrus Sky Natural Area



OPTION B



FEATURES

- City Boundary 2014
- Service Area 12
- Interface Area (see page xx)

PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Recommended Nhb. Park
- Existing Community Park
- Recommended Comm. Park
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- Recommended Playlot in Park

PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

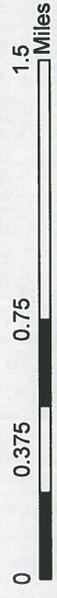
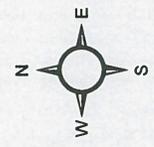
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PLACES OF INTEREST

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- Trail Head
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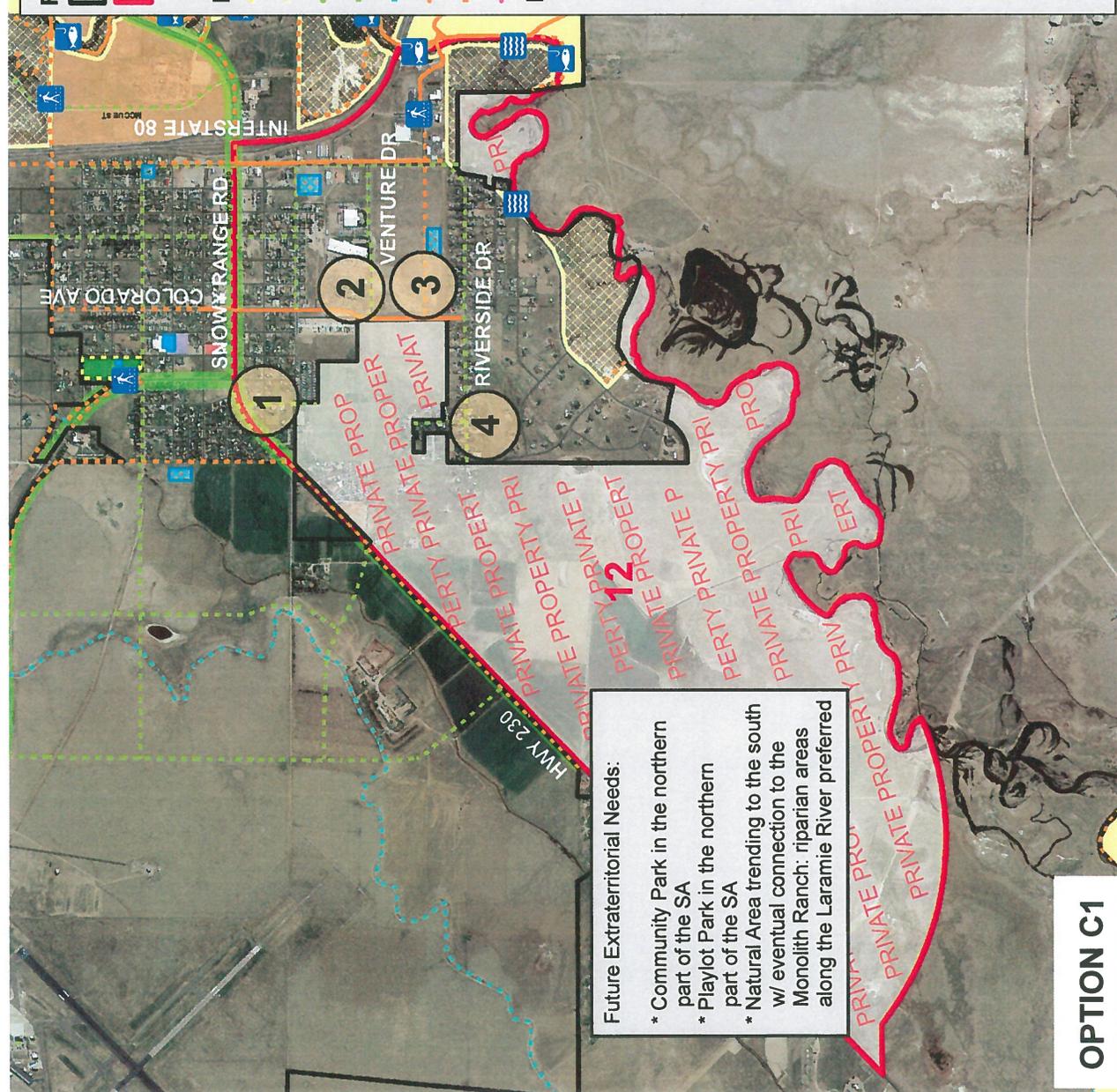
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Future Extraterritorial Needs:

- * Community Park in the northern part of the SA
- * Playlot Park in the northern part of the SA
- * Natural Area trending to the south w/ eventual connection to the Monolith Ranch: riparian areas along the Laramie River preferred

OPTION C



FEATURES

- City Boundary 2014
- Service Area 12
- Interface Area (see page xx)

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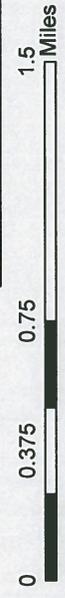
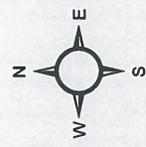
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OPTION C1

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NORTHEAST LARAMIE OPEN SPACE PROJECT

(Kiowa Park/Outlot A)

Current situation

- Kiowa Park 7.4 acre expansion finalized 2/2014
- Outlot A reserved by city for purchase until 2/2016
- Neighborhood must show interest and develop ideas for city to purchase Outlot A (16.6 acres; value uncertain but likely \$300K-540K)

- City has long-term proposal to upgrade Kiowa expansion (see diagram)
- Some open space preservation grants require 20-25 acres minimum, so best if Kiowa expansion plan is not adopted

NORTHEAST LARAMIE OPEN SPACE PROJECT

(Kiowa Park/Outlot A)

Ideas for Open Space development

- 1. Regional *plein air* natural history museum**
 - a. Preserve area as native shortgrass prairie** (complements the riparian ecology of the Laramie greenbelt)
 - b. Install loop trail for biking, skiing**
 - c. Install gravel nature trail, benches and signs**
 - d. Interpretive signs at appropriate places on:**
 - i. Geology (on ridge looking E)*
 - ii. Laramie's groundwater sources (on ridge)*
 - iii. History of Warren Livestock Company*
 - iv. Botany of native shortgrass prairie*
 - v. Invasive species*
 - vi. Wildlife (pronghorn, badgers, deer etc.)*
 - vii. Laramie plains weather systems (looking W)*
- 2. Observatory:** place where residents can set up personal telescopes, benches, signs with sky maps
- 3. Natural Amphitheatre** for school groups, parks activities
- 4. Connect with Laramie greenbelt** via UW Golf Course trail system, Cirrus Sky trail system

Northeast Laramie Greenbelt-Connect

Regional shortgrass prairie
preserve and open space

A proposal to the City of Laramie
from citizens of the Alta Vista/
Indian Hills Neighborhood

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Northeast Laramie Greenbelt-Connect

Regional shortgrass prairie preserve and open space

The Current Opportunity

In February 2014, the City of Laramie finalized a 7.4 acre expansion to Kiowa Park in northeast Laramie.

At the same time the city reserved the right, through February 2016, to purchase an additional 16.6 acres of undeveloped land located immediately north ("Outlot A") of the recent acquisition for Kiowa Park. The city has encouraged interested citizens to develop a proposal for this potential expansion.

The Alta Vista/Indian Hills neighborhood recognizes an unparalleled opportunity to provide much needed community open space in northeastern Laramie, and a chance to connect this space with the Laramie Greenbelt trail system. Hence, we propose a three-stage project, the:

Northeast Laramie Greenbelt-Connect

Stage 1: Create NE Laramie shortgrass prairie preserve

Stage 2: Connect with city greenbelt trail system

Stage 3: Extend shortgrass prairie open space

Stage 1: Creating the Northeast Laramie shortgrass prairie preserve

Stage 1 involves the following:

1. The city will preserve the Kiowa Park expansion as a natural area, and acquire Outlot A (16.6 acres) as additional, contiguous natural area.

2. Together these parcels comprise contiguous open space of 24 acres, large enough to be eligible for open space preservation grant support. The neighborhood will lead or assist in grant applications.
3. The city will develop the parcels as a regional open space that preserves and interprets the native shortgrass steppe of eastern Laramie. This project complements the riparian ecology of the Laramie River segment of the city greenbelt.

The Northeast Laramie shortgrass prairie preserve could feature:

1. Loop trails for walking, bicycling, and skiing that in the long term will connect to the city greenbelt trail system.
2. A nature trail with benches and interpretive signs on:
 - a. Geology (on ridge looking east)
 - b. Laramie's groundwater sources (on ridge)
 - c. History of Warren Livestock Company
 - d. Botany of native shortgrass prairie
 - e. Invasive species
 - f. Wildlife (pronghorn, badgers, deer etc.)
 - g. Laramie plains weather systems (looking west, source of prevailing winds)
3. An observation site: a place with benches and sky map signs, where residents can set up personal telescopes.
4. A natural amphitheater for school groups and city parks and recreation activities.

Stage 2: Connect with the city greenbelt trail system

The second stage of the project provides connections to the city greenbelt trails:

1. An east trailhead at Shoshone and Indian Hills Drive and a south trailhead at the north end of Arapaho Drive provide easy access from the northeast Laramie shortgrass prairie preserve to the public trails on the UW golf course.
2. A west trailhead at Sioux and Apache Drive allow access to Northview and west to the Cirrus Sky trail system. (Note: Shoshone Drive will not be extended across the ridge north of Outlot A.)
3. Map boards help orient walkers and cyclists to the Laramie Greenbelt trail system.

Stage 3: Extend shortgrass prairie open space

The third stage of the project extends the open space northwards to Northview Drive.

1. Acquisition of the land north of Outlot A ("Stage 3 open space expansion" on map) for open space makes good use of land with exposed bedrock that would be difficult to develop.