



TOWN OF ESTES PARK

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Memo

To: Kerri Rollins, Open Lands Program Manager
Larimer County Dept. of Natural Resources

From: Steve McFarland – Finance Officer

Date: May 24, 2011

RE: Open Space activity for 2010

The Town of Estes Park is proud to be part of the Larimer County Open Lands program.

For 2010, our income was as follows:

Open Space Funds from County	\$241,083
Federal Grant (hike/bike path)	3,368
Interest/investment income	<u>2,876</u>
	\$247,327

Expenditures were as follows:

Staff/personnel costs:	\$40,503
Walkways/bikeways - upkeep	1,105
Walkways/bikeways - capital	75,559
Co-op project with EVRPD	<u>50,000</u>
	\$167,167

Expenditure details include:

Walkways/bikeways – upkeep:

- repairs made to Riverwalk trail along Big Thompson river.

Walkways/bikeways – capital:

- Fall River Trail continues to be extended towards Rocky Mountain National Park
- Asphalt sealing performed on Trails near Highways 7 and 36
- Plans were drafted to begin redevelopment work on Bond Park – a multi-phase, multi-year project where Estes Park's primary municipal park will be expanded with added hardscapes and increased recreational/festival usage opportunities



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Co-op project with Estes Valley Recreation and Park District (EVRPD):

- The EVRPD received a Go-Co Grant for continuation of the Fish Creek Trail at Scott Ave. to Cheley Camps. The Town partnered with the EVRPD for \$50,000. The total project is roughly \$900,000.

Future

The Town is focusing most of its available 2011 Open Space Funds on the Bond Park project. Phases I and III are underway and expected to ready for summer usage.

Due to the importance/prominence of the Bond Park project, I am including the initial and most current press releases for your perusal.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions about our open space projects.

Sincerely,

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March 15, 2011
News - For Immediate release

Bond Park redevelopment begins this week

100-block of MacGregor Avenue to close approximately March 28

On approximately March 18, the Town of Estes Park will begin construction of the first phases of Bond Park's redevelopment. Construction will include storm sewer and other infrastructure improvements necessary at this point in Bond Park's redevelopment. The project is scheduled for completion by May 26, 2011 so that the park may be used for scheduled events. Cornerstone Construction Concepts of Estes Park will serve as the Town's contractor after the Town Board approved its project bid of approximately \$769,000.

Beginning approximately March 28, the 100-block of MacGregor Avenue will close to traffic for the duration of construction. Park Lane is expected to remain open to traffic throughout the project although one-lane traffic flagging may be necessary at times. Drivers are encouraged to watch construction signage for details.

Phase one includes the reconstruction of the 100-block of MacGregor Avenue adjacent to the park. As proposed, it would accommodate approximately 50 event tents on a new hard surface while maintaining public parking and accommodating one-way northbound traffic when there are no events. Phase three connects with phase one and includes the reconstruction of the Park Lane parking spaces and sidewalk immediately adjacent to Bond Park to accommodate more event tents. Both phases would include infrastructure improvements to lighting and electrical, irrigation and drainage systems. The design schematic is available at www.estes.org/pressreleases/bondpark.aspx

The Bond Park Master Plan recommended dividing the project into a series of six possible phases so that the Town can complete design and construction as funding becomes available. Due to their importance in laying the groundwork for future improvements, phases one and three were recommended in the Master Plan as the first steps in completing the project. For 2011 construction of these phases, the Town budgeted \$500,000 from its Larimer County Open Space Fund, which is comprised of Estes Park's share of the one-quarter of one percent sales tax collected by Larimer County specifically for trails and open space. Additional funding comes from the Town's Community Reinvestment Fund.

In 2009, the Town initiated a process to consider a redesign of Bond Park in an effort to make it a more user-friendly space for residents and visitors. The process included online public voting, community forums, stakeholder meetings, a public survey, focus group interviews with representatives from the community, and a digital design charrette incorporating ideas into a three-dimensional computerized model of Bond Park. The resulting Bond Park Master Plan was adopted by the board in February of 2010. It provides recommendations for the Town to consider as it moves forward with work in Bond Park.

For more information, please visit www.estes.org/pressreleases/bondpark.aspx or contact the Town of Estes Park Public Works Department at 970-577-3588. To receive Town news and/or meeting agendas by e-mail, please e-mail townadmin@estes.org.

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May 13, 2011
News - For immediate release

Bond Park update: Park Lane paving delayed by weather

The Town of Estes Park and its contractor, Cornerstone Construction Concepts of Estes Park, are redeveloping Bond Park with completion scheduled for May 26. In order to accommodate construction, several adjustments have been made in the Bond Park area.

Updates:

- Due to heavy precipitation this week, the closure of Park Lane from Virginia Lane to MacGregor Avenue will be extended through May 17 for paving and striping. Two-way traffic along with parking on the north side will resume beginning approximately May 18. Park Lane businesses and the north sidewalk remain open.
- All lanes of Elkhorn Avenue will reopen by the evening of May 13.
- View Bond Park project updates and a photo gallery at www.estes.org/pressreleases/bondpark.aspx.

Previously announced:

- The new concrete sidewalk on the south side of Elkhorn will reopen to pedestrians by May 14. In the meantime, pedestrians are detoured to the Riverwalk.
- The Riverwalk will remain open until May 14 when the south Elkhorn sidewalk reopens. Approximately 30 feet of the Riverwalk behind the Range Realty and Wynbrier establishments will then be closed through approximately May 20 during continued construction in the parking lot.
- Due to landscaping work, the new concrete sidewalk in front of Town Hall will reopen approximately May 20. Until then, Town Hall, including the public restrooms, is accessible through the north Town Hall entrance off MacGregor Avenue near the Town Board Room. The handicap public entrance on the east side of Town Hall will remain open for normal business hours. The entrance by the Town Board Room will be the only public entrance for Town meetings after 5 p.m.
- Through approximately May 26, the parking lot between Range Realty and Wynbrier establishments is closed as the contractor installs the storm sewer and completes the parking lot with a new concrete sidewalk, new asphalt and striping. Business parking is available to the west in the East Riverside parking lot near Dairy Queen.

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- The 100-block of MacGregor Avenue is closed to traffic for the duration of construction.
- The MacGregor Avenue entrance to the Town Hall parking lot, near the Police Department, will be closed to the public for much of the project. The parking lot will remain accessible from Elkhorn Avenue.
- The utility payment drop box normally located at the corner of Park Lane and MacGregor Avenue is temporarily relocated next to the library book drop box at the Town Hall parking lot exit onto Elkhorn Avenue, near the Estes Valley Library.
- The U.S. Postal Service mailbox normally located at the corner of Park Lane and MacGregor Avenue is temporarily relocated further north on MacGregor Avenue. It is accessible in a pull-out on the east side of MacGregor Avenue.
- The bus pull-out on Elkhorn Avenue in front of Town Hall is closed to vehicle traffic during the project. The parallel parking spaces adjacent to the Subway establishment on East Riverside Drive serve as an alternate area for bus loading and unloading.

Background:

Included in the current phases of Bond Park's redevelopment is the reconstruction of the 100-block of MacGregor Avenue adjacent to the park. It will accommodate approximately 50 event tents on a new hard surface while maintaining public parking and accommodating one-way northbound traffic when there are no events. Parking spaces and the sidewalk along Park Lane are also being reconstructed to accommodate approximately 30 more event tents. Until further phases are developed, some additional tents can still be placed on the grassy area of Bond Park. Both phases include infrastructure improvements to lighting and electrical, irrigation and drainage systems. The design schematic is available at www.estes.org/pressreleases/bondpark.aspx.

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