



# OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

## A G E N D A

Thursday, October 24, 2013

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E. Third St., Loveland

*The mission of the Larimer County Open Lands Program is to preserve and protect significant open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and develop parks and trails for present and future generations. These open lands provide opportunities for leisure, human renewal and protection of our natural and cultural resources.*

Please call Sandy at 970-679-4592 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

### REGULAR MEETING

- Approval of the meeting minutes for August 22, 2013
- Review Agenda and enclosures

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Items not on the agenda.

### INFORMATION:

- November 13 is the Regional Open Space Boards meeting to be held at the County Courthouse Offices building in Fort Collins. Our regular OLAB meeting will be held immediately following.
- The public meeting on trailhead carrying capacity issues and proposed changes in Horsetooth Mountain Open Space area will be October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Fort Collins Public Library, Harmony Branch.
- Jeffrey Boring was selected by Larimer County as the August Employee of the Month – congrats Jeffrey!
- The Northern Colorado Trails Conference will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> - for more information and to register, visit CPRA-WEB.ORG
- Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, staff will lead volunteers from DNR and Colorado State Forest Service to remove buckthorn trees (a non-native and invasive tree) from the northern edge of Lion's Open Space.
- Postponed submittal of the State Trails grant application to build a two-mile section of the Colorado Front Range Trail between Carpenter Road and Loveland's Recreation Trail due to the flood and need for Loveland to prioritize new funding demands. Will look to reapply in a future year.
- A temporary access easement around the entrance to Hermit Park OS has been granted to the National Guard and CDOT for a staging area for equipment and personnel, as well as a materials storage area as part of Colorado's declaration of a state of emergency resulting from the flood. The easement will terminate December 1, 2013 and Larimer County and Estes Valley Land Trust will receive payment for stewardship and restoration.
- Great Outdoors Colorado is replicating the 2012 Plug in to Nature Study in 2 other communities beginning this fall. Staff is assisting with these projects as needed.
- Education staff has begun using some online tools to engage the public through citizen science. You can check out our department's 'mission' at [www.projectnoah.org](http://www.projectnoah.org) and stay tuned for updates on using Project Budburst as well.
- The Noco Nature Fest (formerly the Northern Colorado Birding Fair) was canceled due to issues related to the flood, however staff redirected the event's silent auction to a fundraiser at Bath Nursery and helped raise over \$6200 to donate to the Community Fund for Northern Colorado for flood relief efforts.
- To sign up for Parks Advisory Board minutes go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm> put in your email and click 'subscribe', then check "Parks Advisory Board" box



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- Natural Resource Events for November. See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>

## PRESENTATION:

- BOARD PHOTO – dress brightly!

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Open Space Operations Area report - Flood damage and assessment update
- CDOT Right of Way acquisition along Long View Farm Open Space – Notice of Intent to Acquire
- Future open space tax considerations – OLAB subcommittee update

## ACTION:

- Trust for Public Land (TPL) letter requesting assistance in tax considerations

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Updated Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2012-2014. **No Updates.**

**BOARD COMMENT:** Items not on the agenda

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (24-6-402(4)(a) C.R.S. Purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or personal property interest. **There WILL be Executive Session**

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### Attachments:

- Agenda for October 24, 2013 meeting
- Minutes of August 22, 2013 meeting
- Sales tax report for prior month
- Newspaper Articles
- LVFOS CDOT Notice to Acquire
- DRAFT TPL assistance letter
- \*\*Executive session materials

Public can view these items at [larimer.org/openlands/advisory.htm](http://larimer.org/openlands/advisory.htm)  
 \*\* Send to OLAB only – confidential Executive Session items

**Next Meeting:** Regional Open Space boards meeting, Wednesday, November 13, 2013; 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Larimer County Courthouse Offices building at 200 W. Oak St., Fort Collins.