

Larimer County  
Natural Resources  
OPEN LANDS MASTER PLAN



Department  
of Natural  
Resources

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# Larimer County Open Lands Master Plan

## Phase 1

- Identify gaps from previous studies
- Identify priorities and issue areas

## Phase 2

- Public Forum #1
- Focus groups
- Plan direction and recommendations

## Phase 3

- Public Forum #2
- Present key findings
- Develop draft Plan

## Phase 4

- Agency and Committee Review
- Public Draft Plan
- Adopted Plan

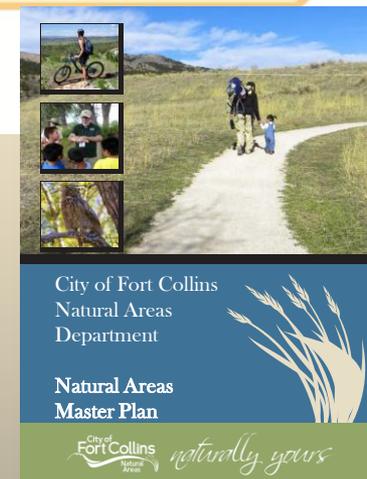
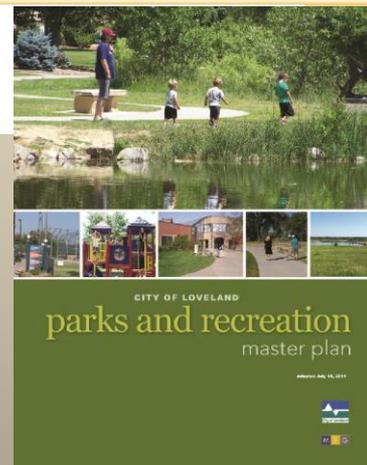
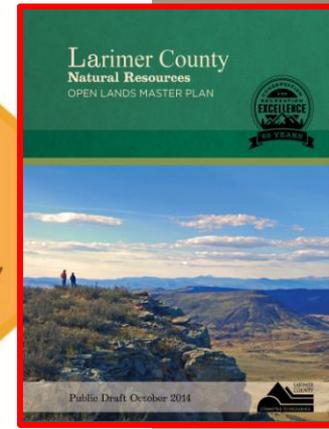
## Loveland Parks and Recreation Plan

## Fort Collins Natural Areas Master Plan



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Recreation & Conservation  
Choices for Northern Colorado



# Public Feedback

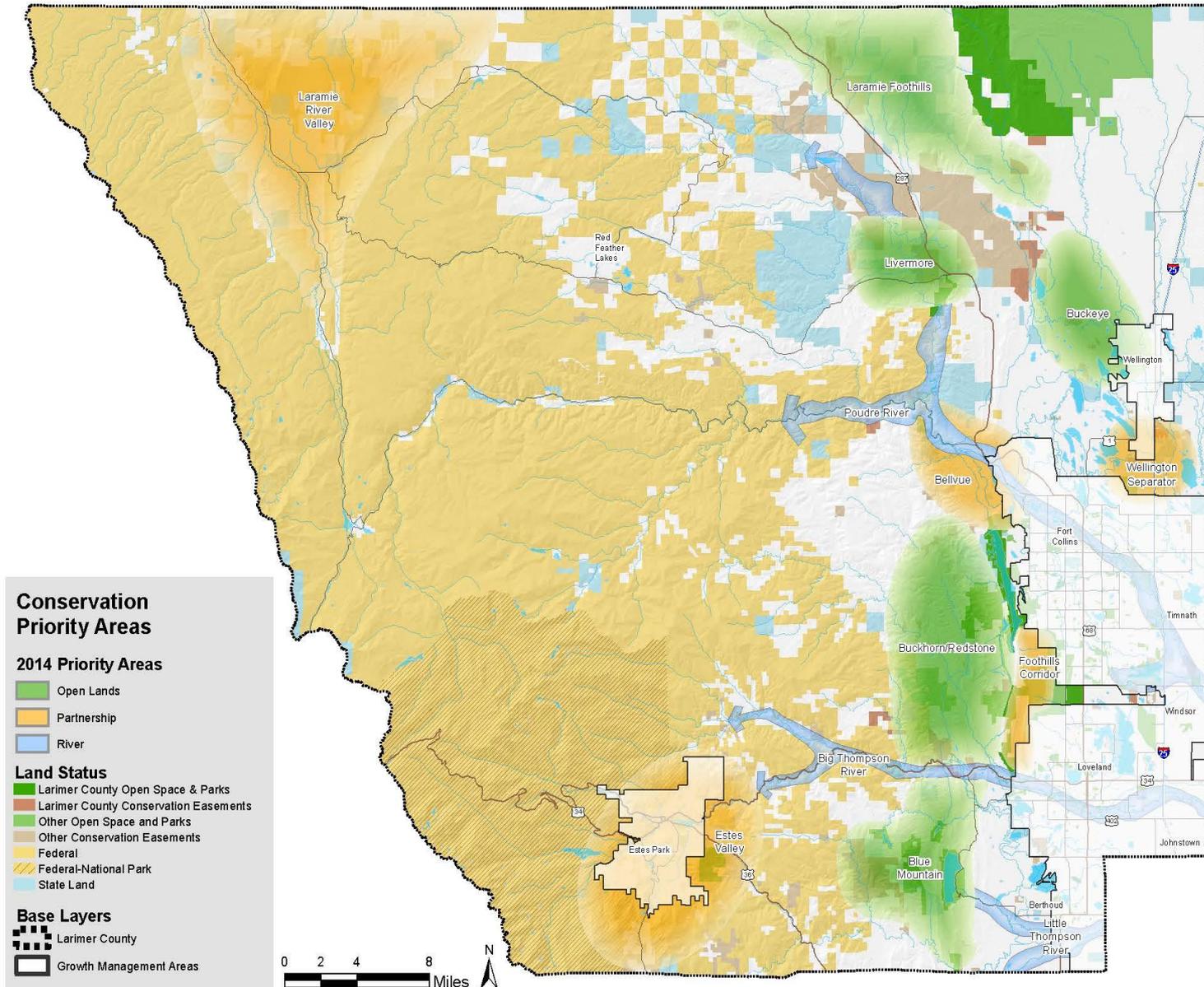
- 30 day comment period
  - 72 citizen comments
  - Agriculture Advisory Board
  - Legacy Land Trust
  - City of Ft. Collins Natural Areas
  - Overland Mountain Bike Club

# Conservation Vision

## Larimer County Open Land Program's Role

- The Open Lands Program will primarily focus on the natural landscapes, river corridors, and agricultural priorities areas with willing landowners beyond municipal Growth Management Areas.
- Expanding existing open lands and conserved properties by conserving in-holdings and adjacent lands
- Cities, towns, and non-profit land trusts will lead conservation activities in the partnership priority areas and within their respective Growth Management Areas, often with financial support from the County.

# Conservation Priority Areas



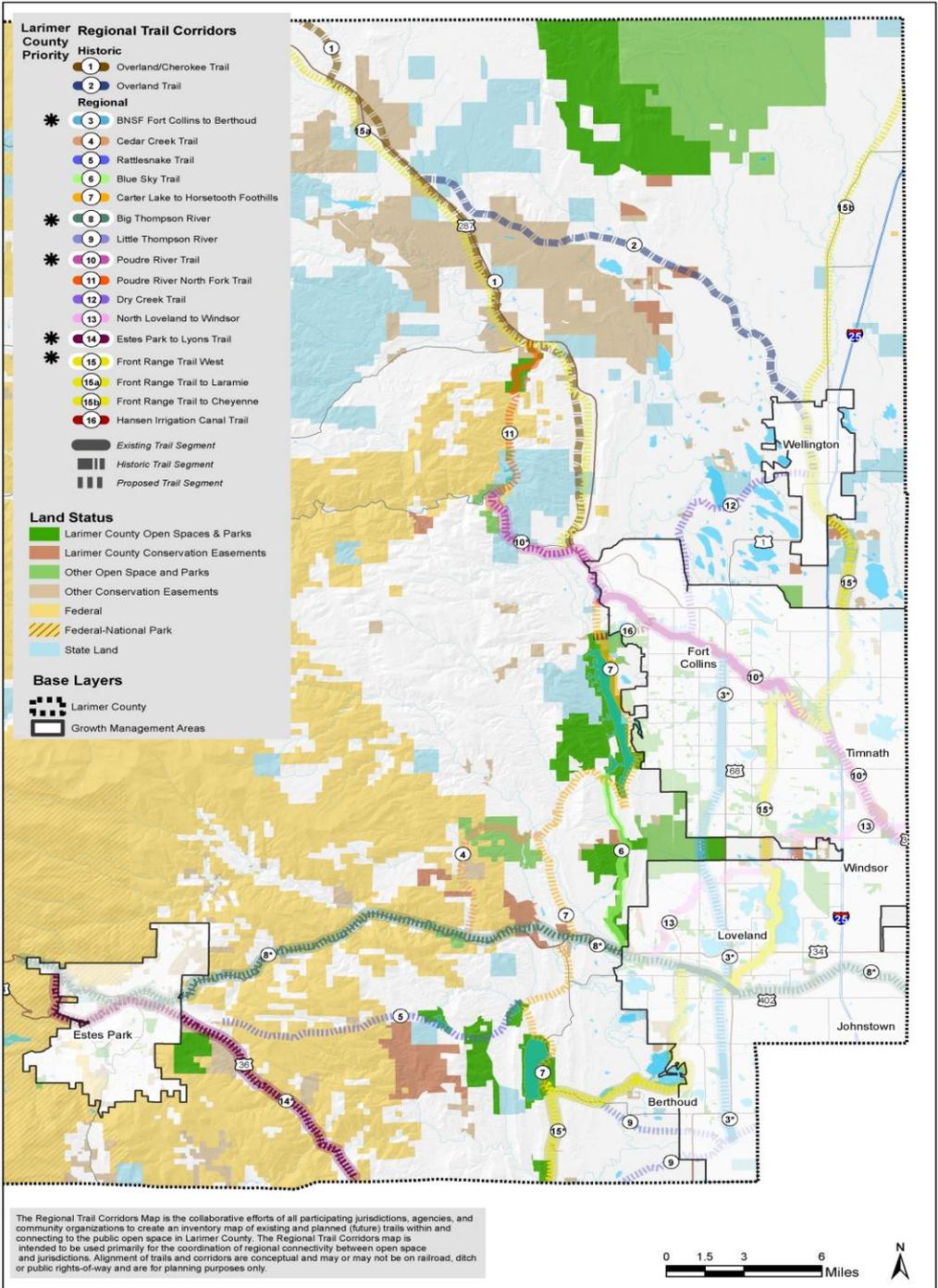


## Open Land Program's Role in Recreation

- More of the same!
- Trails!
- Outside of Growth Management Areas, offer a diversity of large-acreage compatible recreational experiences, while minimizing multiuse visitor conflicts and negative impacts on conservation values.
- Within and near the Growth Management Areas, partner with all municipalities to serve their local, open space and natural area recreational needs, as appropriate.



# Priority Trails



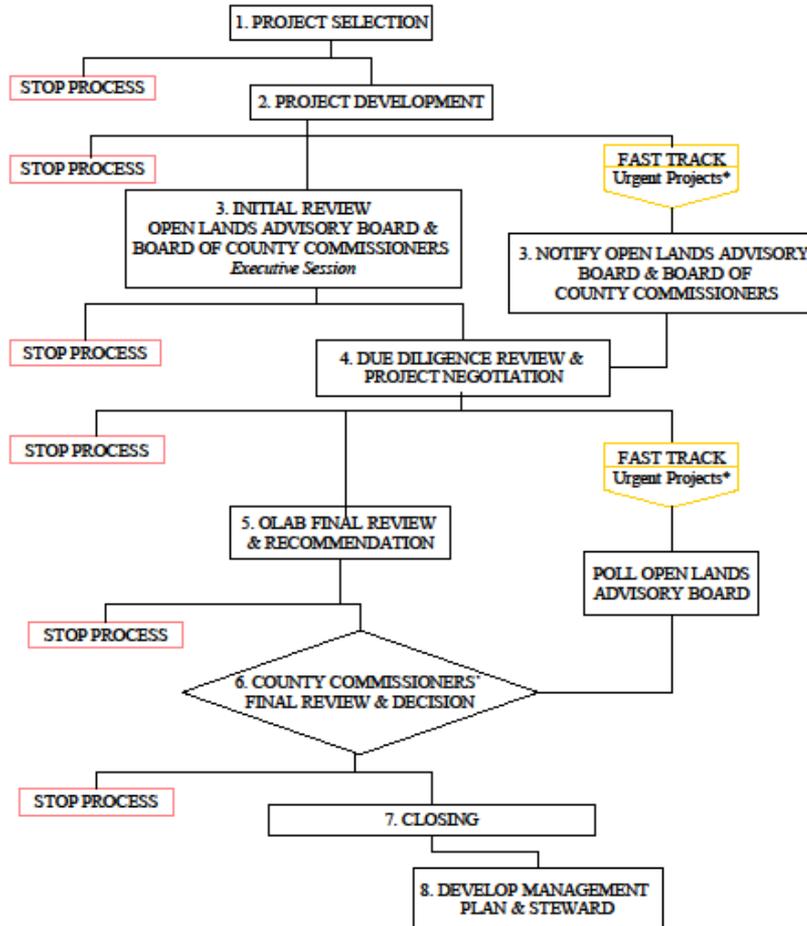
The Regional Trail Corridors Map is the collaborative efforts of all participating jurisdictions, agencies, and community organizations to create an inventory map of existing and planned (future) trails within and connecting to the public open space in Larimer County. The Regional Trail Corridors map is intended to be used primarily for the coordination of regional connectivity between open space and jurisdictions. Alignment of trails and corridors are conceptual and may or may not be on railroad, ditch or public rights-of-way and are for planning purposes only.



Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Opened: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acquisition Project Type: \_\_\_\_\_

### Acquisition Process Overview (Flow Chart)

[Refer to Narrative for more details]



\* Urgent Projects are determined on a case-by-case basis, but generally the reason for the urgency must be out of the control of the party seeking the status to qualify.

Review the plan at:  
[www.larimer.org/olmasterplan/](http://www.larimer.org/olmasterplan/)

Comments?

