

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - PLANNING

PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type

Construction

Planning

Maintenance

Support

Phased project

Yes

No

If yes, Phase #

of

Brief summary

Grant request

\$

Grant ratio¹

%

Match

\$

Match ratio

%

Total

\$

Total

100 %

APPLICANT

Type

Local

County

Federal

Tribal

Recreation and Metro Districts

Non-Profit

Organization

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

General email

UEI #

Lead contact

Title

Telephone

Email

Project manager

Title

Telephone

Email

PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization

N/A

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

Contact name

Title

Telephone

Email

¹ Grant ratio = grant request / total. Match ratio = match / total.

PROPERTY			
Nearest town or city	Greeley	County	Weld
Latitude/Longitude	40.44290N/104.80047W	Congressional district	4
Name of property owner	City of Greeley		
Trail Corridor controlled by	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee simple	<input type="checkbox"/> Lease	<input type="checkbox"/> Easement
	<input type="checkbox"/> License	<input type="checkbox"/> ROW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

TRAIL			
Uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, walking, running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian
E-bikes allowed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow sports (non-motorized)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc.	63% biking, 37% walking		
Surface	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.)	n/a	Length of trail being planned	650+/- LF
Length of new trail construction ²	n/a	Length of trail maintenance	n/a
Length of inter-connecting trail	n/a	Length of trail reroute	n/a
Length of decommissioned trail	n/a	Length of restored trail	n/a
Length of trail to be signed	n/a	Length of trail grooming	n/a
Other:			
Estimated amount of paid crew hours:	Grant	Match:	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the applicant entity, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is true and correct.

Authorized Representative

Signature	Justin Scharton <small>Digitally signed by Justin Scharton Date: 2023.10.02 15:38:33 -06'00'</small>	Date	10/02/2023
Name	Justin Scharton	Title	NA&T Manager

² Length of trail – use miles, square feet, linear feet

**THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION 34, 2023**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM
THE STATE OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE
TRAILS PROGRAM FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION DESIGN FOR THE
“NARROWS” SECTION OF THE POUDBRE RIVER TRAIL AND TRAILS
STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT**

WHEREAS, the City manages approximately 11 miles of the Poudre River Trail within City limits and in unincorporated Weld County; and

WHEREAS, the “Narrows” section of the Poudre River Trail has structural issues due to the adjacency of the river and a sandstone bluff and requires significant design and repair to protect the Trail’s current alignment; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Areas & Trails Division would benefit from additional trails stewardship seasonal staff; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding opportunities are available through grant programs with the Colorado State Trails Program; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Poudre River Trail Corridor, Inc. will be co-applicants on one grant application for “Narrows” design and engineering; and

WHEREAS, a grant in the amount of up to \$45,000 from State Trails for the “Narrows” design requires a minimum 25% match of \$11,250; and, a grant in the amount of up to \$75,000 from State Trails for the Trails Stewardship pilot program requires a minimum 25% match of the grant funds in the amount of \$18,750 and

WHEREAS, grant funding will be used to work with consultants for the design and engineering of repairs to the “Narrows” section of the trail and to hire a seasonal Trail Stewardship crew to perform trail maintenance tasks; and

WHEREAS, the properties where the projects will occur will be under the control of the City of Greeley for at least 25 years and conserved for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Greeley to receive this grant funding and to complete the projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO:

1. The Greeley City Council hereby supports and authorizes a submission of grant applications to the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

2. The City Council authorizes the Greeley Culture, Parks and Recreation Department to execute any document or submit any electronic response that is necessary to obtain the grant funding.

3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH day of
October 2023.**

ATTEST:



THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO

By: _____
City Clerk

By: _____
Mayor

Timeline

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION



PROJECT DETAILS

Organization

Project title

TASK <i>Mobilization, staffing, construction or maintenance elements, planning phases, etc.</i>	Dates*	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Administrative Close-out							

*The timeline is an estimate of your project completion. Remember the project must be completed within 2.5 years of the award date. Suggestion - use quarterly or multiple month time frames [Q2/XX; Jun-Sept XX]. Initial grant expiration date will be June 30th or December 31st, dependent upon assigned funding source.

Criteria Questions



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - PLANNING

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1. PROJECT NEED

15 points

A. Give a detailed description of the project, including information such as trail system improvements, trail development, amenities, and other recreation opportunities.

B. Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time.

C. Describe how issues such as existing trail system management, wildlife and natural resource conservation, new trail development, and long-term maintenance will be addressed during this process.

2. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

15 points

- A. Describe the community that will benefit from project. Include relevant demographic and economic data.
- B. Outline any deficiencies or barriers to access this project would address or improve for the abovementioned community.
- C. Estimate the number of people and/or types of user groups that will have access to recreational opportunities as a result of this project. Include methods for determining this estimate.
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3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

10 points

- A. Give a detailed description of who will oversee the planning process. Include any pertinent information such as survey needs, facilitation processes and consultant information.
- B. Outline any CPW State Trails funding received in the last five years and if the project(s) were completed on time, on budget and within scope. For applicants without prior State Trails funding, provide examples of similar grant funded projects. Include project title, year of award, grant amount, and grantor for each.
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4. PLANNING

10 points

A. Discuss the planning process that identified this project as a priority.

B. List all approved internal master or outdoor recreation plans and/or any external area, regional, or statewide plans this project supports and describe the benefit.

5. OUTCOME

10 points

A. Describe the deliverables for the project and the anticipated timeline of the planning process and potential implementation.

B. List (in bulleted form) and provide a brief description of each: Objectives, Tasks/Project Milestones, End product and/or deliverables.

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

15 points

A. Describe efforts you will undertake to engage the public, especially the community served by the project (number of meetings held, public comments, citizen surveys, etc.) through this grant.

B. Include how stakeholders (public agencies, conservation/stewardship/recreational groups, community organizations, school, and/or local businesses) will be identified and involved in the planning process.

C. Describe how potential opposition to this plan or its implementation will be identified, addressed and managed.

8. BUDGET AND FUNDING

10 points

A. Describe the source of match for the project and when it will be secured. Include in-kind donations and partner contributions.

B. Describe any consequences if this funding application is unsuccessful (loss of partner funds, staff capacity, expiration of surveys, etc.).



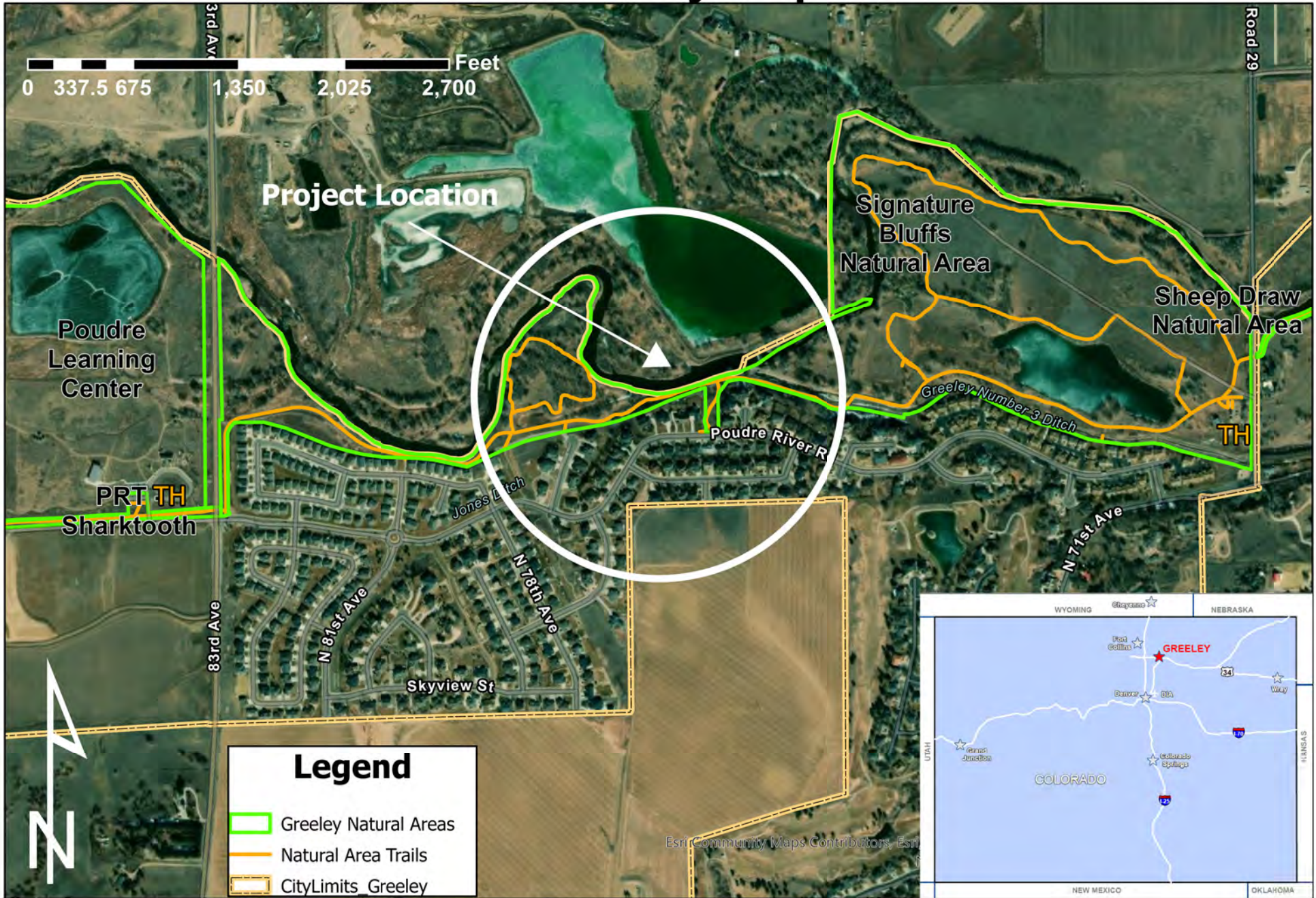
Project Budget

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

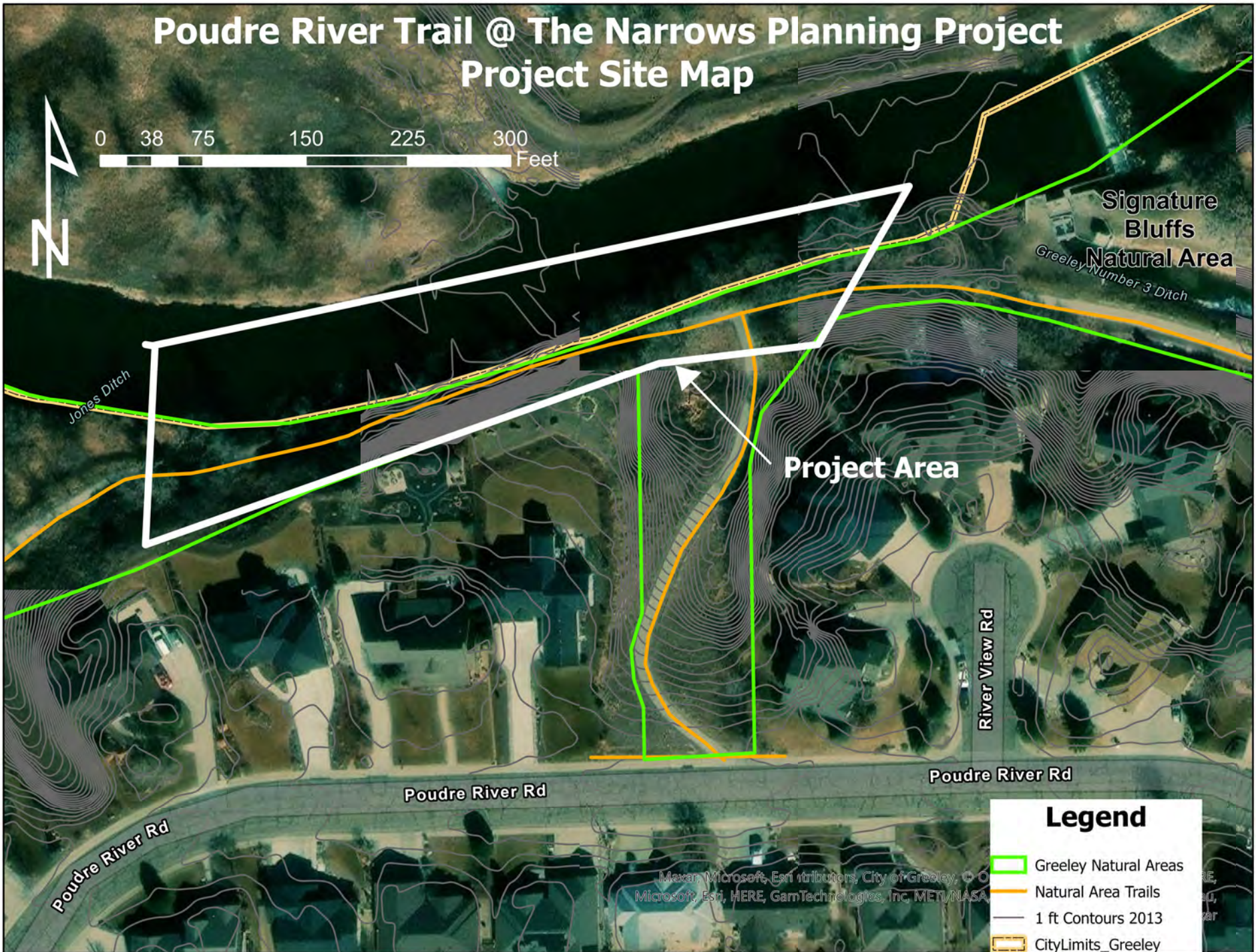
Project details				Match details			
CPW Grant #	Organization			Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount
	City of Greeley Natural Areas & Trails Division			City of Greeley	Cash	Mar-24	\$ 80,000.00
	Poudre River Trail Narrows Design & Engineering			Poudre River Trail Corridor Inc	Cash	Mar-24	\$ 25,000.00
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$	45,000.00					
Local match	\$	105,000.00	Min. Match	\$	11,250.00		
Project Total	\$	150,000.00				Match Total	\$ 105,000.00

Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance
Contracted Services								
Design and Engineering (to include consultant services consisting of topographic survey, geomorphic assessment, ecological assessment, geotechnical investigation, basemap development, preliminary hydrologic & hydraulic assessment, 30% concept design)	1	EA	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	Cash	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -
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Salary/Wages								
				\$ -				\$ -
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				\$ -				\$ -
Materials/Supplies								
				\$ -				\$ -
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Additional Categories								
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
				\$ -				\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 150,000.00		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	

Poudre River Trail @ The Narrows Local Vicinity Map



Poudre River Trail @ The Narrows Planning Project Project Site Map



Project Area

Signature Bluffs
Natural Area

Greeley Number 3 Ditch

Jones Ditch





River View Rd

Poudre River Rd

Poudre River Rd

Poudre River Rd

Legend

-  Greeley Natural Areas
-  Natural Area Trails
-  1 ft Contours 2013
-  CityLimits_Greeley

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Poudre River Trail—Narrows Planning Grant



LEFT: 2002 photo of the narrows section prior to initial construction. Names carved into the soft sandstone gave rise to the natural area's name of "Signature Bluffs".

BELOW: Looking upwards at bluff face. Carvings and sandstone fracturing are visible. (2022)



LEFT: View of trail in Narrows section from across river. (2019 Image)



LEFT: Poudre River is immediately adjacent to the trail, approximately 10 feet below trail surface during low flows. (2023)



RIGHT: 6-foot wide trail between bluff face and large cottonwood tree on river bank. (2023)



RIGHT: Erosion under trail. (2019 image)

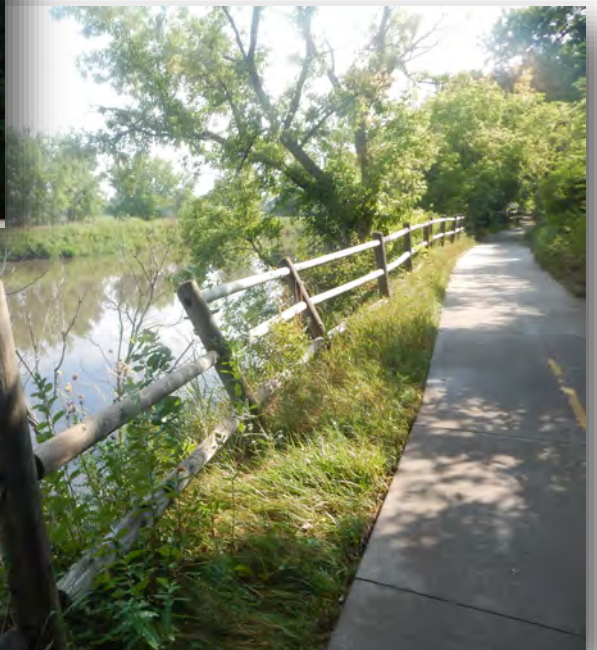


LEFT: Rockfall onto trail. This occurred shortly after the bluff face was scaled to remove loose rock. Face is inspected regularly for loose rock. (2021)

BELOW: Trail is immediately next to the bluff wall. (2022)



LEFT: View of river from trail illustrating the aesthetics of the Narrows. (2022)



RIGHT: Erosion has caused the fence to fail. Much of this fence has been replaced using system that does not need to be anchored into the soil as seen in top photo. (2022)



Dear Karen,

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of the City of Greeley's application for the State Trails Planning Grant. I firmly believe that this grant will play a pivotal role in redesigning and enhancing the safety of the Narrows section of the Poudre River Trail Corridor. This project aligns perfectly with the City's commitment to creating a safer, more accessible, and enjoyable outdoor environment for our residents and visitors.

The Poudre River Trail is a beloved natural asset that contributes significantly to the quality of life in Greeley and the region. The Narrows section, although beautiful, poses safety concerns and limits access to this vital community resource. By securing the State Trails Planning Grant, the City of Greeley will have the means to address these concerns and transform the Narrows section into a safer and more welcoming destination for all.

The benefits of this project are numerous and far-reaching:

- **Safety Improvement:** Redesigning the Narrows section will mitigate the risks associated with its current state, making the trail safer for walkers, cyclists, and families. This will not only reduce accidents but also encourage more people to utilize this scenic route.
- **Enhanced Accessibility:** A redesigned Narrows section will accommodate individuals with disabilities and people of all ages, ensuring that the Poudre River Trail is truly inclusive.
- **Economic Impact:** An improved Poudre River Trail will attract more tourists, leading to increased revenue for local businesses. Moreover, it will enhance property values and promote tourism-related job opportunities in our city.
- **Community Well-being:** A safer and more accessible Poudre River Trail fosters community health by encouraging outdoor activities and exercise. The mental and physical health benefits for our residents cannot be overstated.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** A well-designed trail respects the environment, and the City's commitment to this project will further our goals in environmental stewardship and preservation.

The Poudre River Trail Corridor, Inc. (nonprofit) has approved \$25,000 of grant matching funds as we are confident that the City of Greeley is fully capable of executing this project successfully and responsibly. By securing the State Trails Planning Grant, we can make significant progress in achieving these goals. I encourage the grant committee to look favorably upon Greeley's application, recognizing the positive impact it will have on our community and region.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my wholehearted support for the City of Greeley's pursuit of the State Trails Planning Grant. The redesign of the Narrows section of the Poudre River Trail is an essential endeavor that will benefit our community in numerous ways. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any additional information or assistance with this application.

Thank you for your dedication to the betterment of our community, and I look forward to the positive developments that will result from this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dale Hall
Chairman, Board of Directors
Poudre River Trail Corridor, Inc.



North Front Range
Metropolitan
Planning
Organization

September 27, 2023

Greeley Natural Areas & Trails
321 N 16th Ave
Greeley, CO 80631

To whom it may concern:

The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) is pleased to support the City of Greeley's application to the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Planning Grant. The Poudre River Trail is an important asset to both Greeley and the region, and it sees heavy recreational use year-round. The requested funding will allow the City of Greeley to improve a section of the Poudre River Trail that currently follows a narrow ridge between the top of an erodible river bluff and the river surface. This section of the trail has been subject to several major flood events resulting in erosion that is undermining the trail and causing significant long-term damage. As part of the Lower Poudre River Master Plan adopted by the City in 2019, the Narrows section has been identified as a section at risk of being undermined from both bank erosion caused by the river and drainage flowing over the trail on its path to the river.

For over 40 years, completing the 45-mile Poudre River Trail has been a priority among Northern Colorado partners. With a vision to connect Greeley to Fort Collins along one of the state's most historic and iconic rivers, it serves as the backbone of our regional trail system. Upon completion, it will connect residents in four of our region's largest and fastest growing communities, as well as unincorporated areas with otherwise limited recreation and transportation options.

As adopted in the NFRMPO's 2013 Regional Bike Plan, the Poudre River Trail is one of the 12 Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATC) and is the backbone of the regional trail network. This designation has been reaffirmed in subsequent plans at the local and regional level, including the NFRMPO's 2016 Non-Motorized Plan, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the 2021 Active Transportation Plan (ATP), and the 2050 RTP. The NFRMPO believes the project aligns with the NFRMPO's 2050 RTP vision which is to ensure the multimodal transportation system in Northern Colorado is safe, socially and environmentally sensitive, and strengthens the region's quality of life and economic vitality. This project will improve the trail's resiliency and lessen the trail's environmental impact. Improvement of this trail corridor will also provide better connections to surrounding communities.

Improving the Poudre River Trail will help the NFRMPO achieve its regional transportation goals. We strongly support this project and appreciate Greeley's efforts in building out and futurizing the trail.

Respectfully,

Suzette Mallette
Suzette Mallette (Sep 27, 2023 11:09 MDT)

Suzette Mallette
Executive Director

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Fort Collins, Colorado 80521
(970) 800.9560
nfrmpo.org



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September 28, 2023

Karen Scopel
321 N. 16th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631

Dear Ms. Scopel,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the City of Greeley's application to the Colorado Department of Natural Resources State Trails program for the Poudre River Trail Narrows Planning project. This is an urgent safety matter for the many recreation users in the Signature Bluffs Natural area as this section of trail is being damaged by erosion from flood events.

The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area is a renowned area that offers ample opportunities for adventure on a healthy working river filled with abundant wildlife and breathtaking scenery. Premiere facilities, including trails, visitor centers, and interpretive exhibits, make Northern Colorado a beautiful place to live and visit. The river's heritage stems from conflicts over water use, which led to the development of Western water law, innovative irrigation techniques, and water measurement devices. As part of the implementation of our 2022 Strategic Interpretive Plan, we are working to champion the National Heritage Area as a whole.

The Poudre River Trail is one of The City of Greeley and Larimer County's top priorities. Once Larimer County addresses the gaps in the trail in the coming year, the Poudre River Trail will be over 40 continuous miles in length, from Bellvue, north of Fort Collins, to Island Grove Park in Greeley. The pending loss of an existing section of the Poudre River Trail referred to as the "Narrows" in the Greeley managed section of the regional trail would be a devastating blow to a project 25 years in the making.

The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area strongly supports the City of Greeley Natural Areas and Trails Division's narrows planning project and are grateful for their thoughtful and preemptive approach to managing regional trail usage.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Stoker
Executive Director



NORTHERN COLORADO CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

A Program of the Poudre River Trail Corridor, Inc.

October 2, 2023

Ms. Karen Scopel
Environmental Planner
Greeley Natural Areas & Trails
321 N 16th Ave
Greeley CO 80631

RE: STATE TRAILS PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION – NARROWS SECTION

Dear Karen:

This letter is in support of the City of Greeley's grant application to State Trails to study the Narrows Section of the Poudre River Trail located just to the west of the Red Barn at 71st Avenue.

The main objective of our Cycling Without Age program is to provide free trishaw rides to members of our community who are housebound, living in supported living situations, have mobility challenges or simply want to find themselves in nature. Since our Greeley trishaws are housed in the Red Barn, the Narrows Section of the Trail is important for our ability to ride west along the River to the Poudre Learning Center and Windsor.

If this section of the Poudre Trail were to become unusable, we would be required to re-route our trishaws through an adjacent residential subdivision along public streets without a designated bike lane. This would be a much less desirable alternative for our pilots because we would be sharing the street with passenger vehicles and away from this beautiful, historic section of the Poudre River.

If the City designs improvements to the Narrows section of the Poudre Trail (to insure its continued and sustainable use for future community residents), it would be a very important project for all of us to support!

If you need any further assistance in promoting your grant application or have questions concerning our Cycling Without Age program, please give me a call at 970-302-2232.

Sincerely,

Mike Ketterling

Mike Ketterling
Co-chair of NoCo CWA committee

September 30, 2023

Karen Scopel
Greeley Natural Areas and Trails
321 N 16th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80631

RE: Narrows Planning Grant support

Dear Karen:

I would like to express my support the City of Greeley's grant application to evaluate the Poudre River Trail section, known as the Narrows.

The Narrows section of the Poudre Trail is one of the most beautiful stretches of the trail, with its tunnel of shade and the natural bluffs along the south side. It is one of my favorite sections. Erosion of the river banks has required the erection of some temporary fences along the way that make the narrows even more narrow and making walking and biking traffic somewhat hazardous under certain situations. The section is within short walking distances from two of the most central trail heads in Greeley, and connects the East and the West ends of the trail. A failure of the Narrows section of the trail caused by erosion or other natural deterioration would in my view be somewhat catastrophic for the increasing number of our community that use the trail on a regular basis.

Maintaining and buttressing the existing Narrows section is of utmost importance but ideally, I would hope The City would also consider extending the width of the trail in parts of this section. Currently The Narrows section is off-limits to the local Cycling Without Age trishaw rides provided for the elderly and disabled in our community. In the narrowest section, the passage is not wide enough when a trishaw meets a recumbent bike or a three-wheel bike, requiring the approaching bike/trike to turn around or back up. A widening of only a foot or two would allow a slow transport of these wide cycles meeting each other in the Narrows.

I was very encouraged to see that the city is pursuing this grant project to examine and address the needs of the Narrows section. If I can help in any way, please let me know. My e-mail is stevejbrinkman@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Steve Brinkman

Steve Brinkman
2129 64th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80634

Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – PLANNING OR SUPPORT

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization _____

Project title _____

DOCUMENTS

PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Project scope	Applicant's own	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Project map	Applicant's own	PDF

FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Project information	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Application questions	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Timeline	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

10. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)

12. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.

Name of organization: _____

13. Volunteers will be utilized on the project

Name of organization: _____

*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.