

Colorado Parks and Wildlife



St. Vrain State Park Update – Ben Pedrett, Park Manager



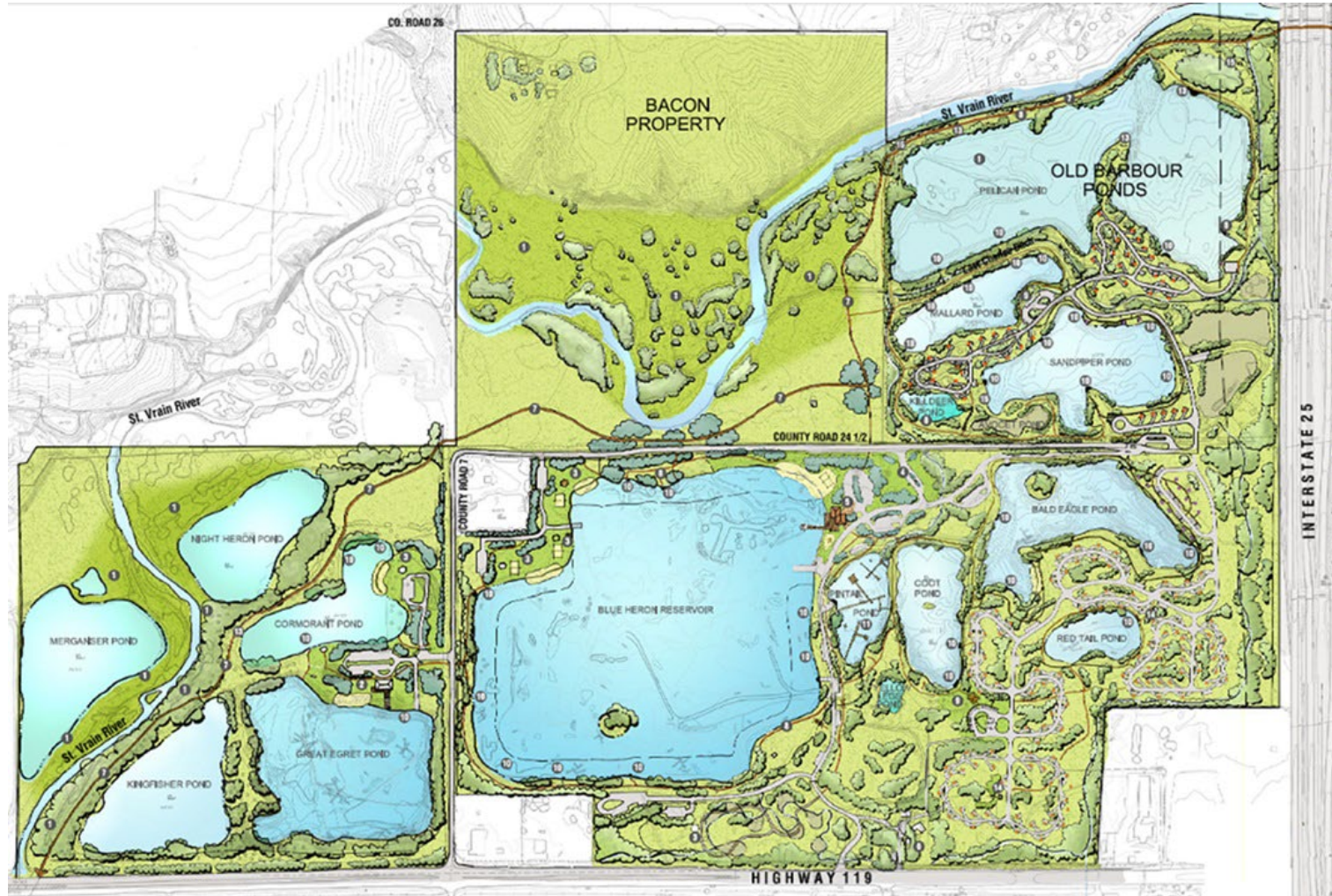


Recent History:

- Land Acknowledgement
- CDOT to GFP
- Camping/ Fishing/ Hunting
- 2000: GOCO Legacy
- 2010: Buildout Complete
- 2013: Flood



2007 Master Plan



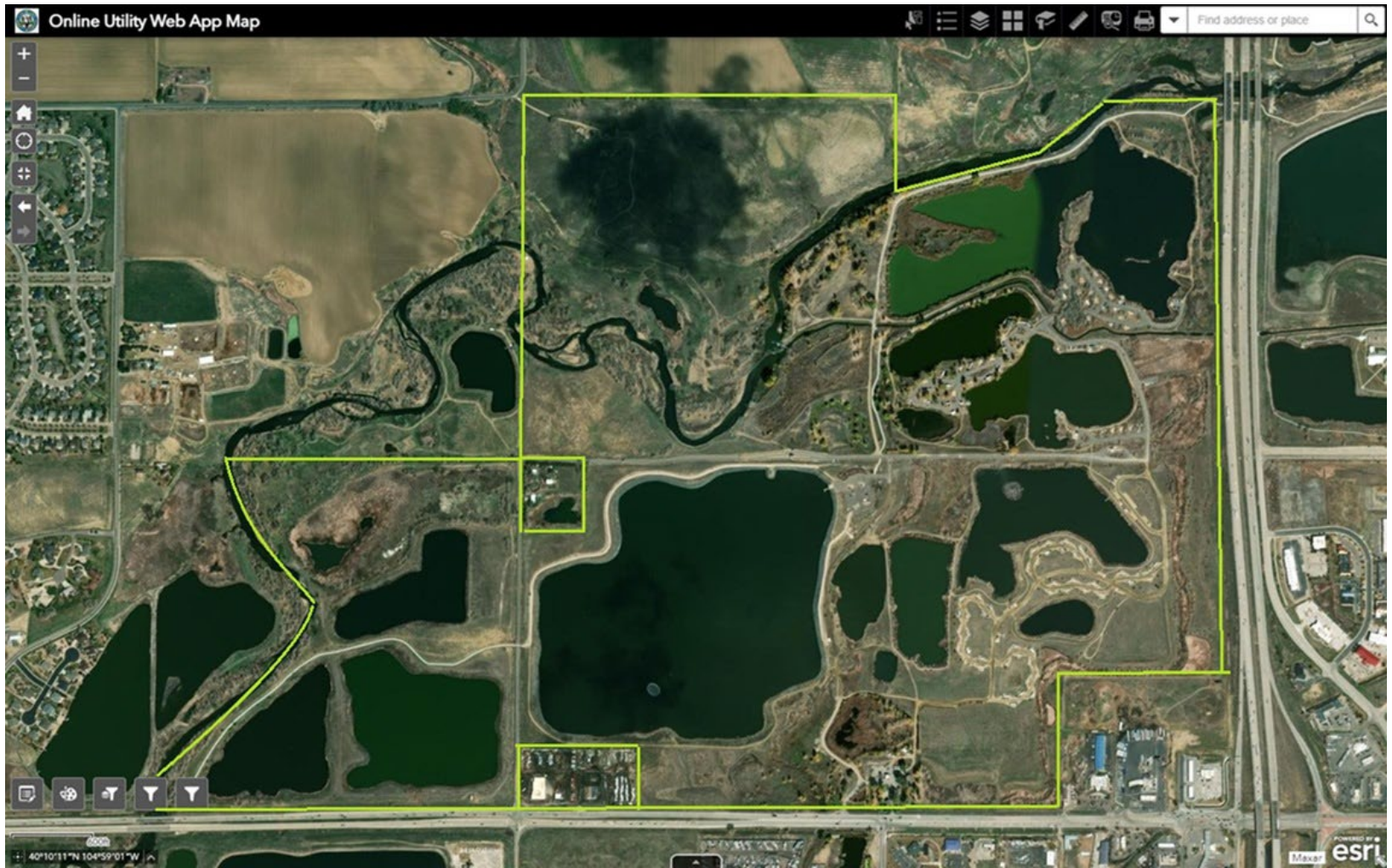


St Vrain Facts

- Opened in 1965 as a State Park
- Renamed St Vrain in 2001
- Acreage changed from approx. 125 as Barbour Ponds to 689 as St Vrain
- 275,211 visitors FY24
- Employees 5 FTE, and 6 Temporary Staff, 12 volunteer campground hosts
- Estimated Expenditures within 50 Miles of Park: \$4,931,696



St Vrain State Park



St Vrain Attractions

- Main park attractions include:
 - Camping
 - Fishing
 - Wildlife Viewing / Hiking



Camping

- Campsites
 - 41 Electric only sites
 - 46 Full Service Sites
 - 87 Total campsites
 - Campground is full most weekends from April 1st through October 31st
 - Occupancy Rate = 95%



Fishing

- 11 Ponds for fishing including warm and cold water fishing
- Fish species include: Trout, Bass, Catfish, Sunfish, Perch, Pike and Crappie
- Ponds are stocked between 40 and 60k trout annually – hatchery to table ratio
- Two Ponds managed a trophy bass water.
 - Special Regulations:
 - Fish with Flies and Lures only
 - Catch & Release Bass, slot limit for Catfish



Wildlife Viewing / Hiking



- Wildlife Viewing:
 - One of best places for bird watching in the area
 - Largest Heron rookery in Colorado
 - Bald Eagles frequently visit the park in winter
 - Several nesting pairs of Osprey spend their summers in the park
 - Many owls and hawks nest in the park
 - Many birds visit the park during migration
 - Mammal and birds use river corridor for travel
- Hiking
 - 6.75 miles of hiking trails



Financial Overview: FY2023

- Revenue:
 - FY23: \$1,269,217.12
 - Camping 68%
- Expenses:
 - \$819,619.79
 - Operations: \$342,270.00
 - FTE: \$477,349.79
- Sustainability:
 - +\$449,597.33 to CPW cash



The number Nine

- 9th oldest park
- 9th smallest park
- 9th visited park (on Eastern slope)
- 9th highest earning park in the system



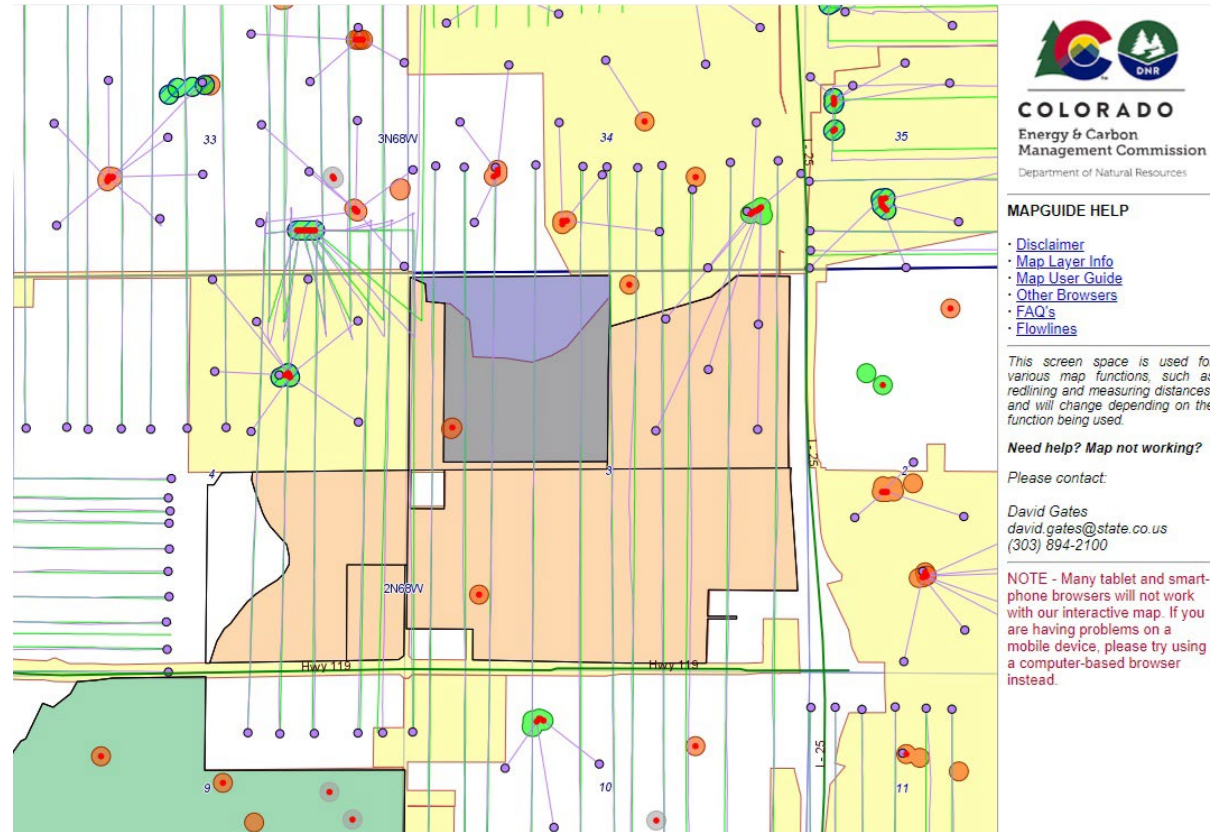
Water

- 3 Main types of water supplies:
 - Irrigation Ditch Shares
 - 3.35 of 50, Rural Ditch
 - Water Storage Rights
 - Blue Heron: 900 ac./ft.
 - Leased Fully Consumable
 - Perpetual exchange with Longmont 350 ac./ft.
- Augmentation Agreements
 - Out-of-Priority evaporation depletions with SV&LHWCD



Mineral Rights

- 2015 Oil & Gas:
 - Kerr McGee/
Anadarko/
Occidental
Petroleum
 - Net Revenue:
\$7,566,562.15
– Parks for
Future
Generation
Trust Fund

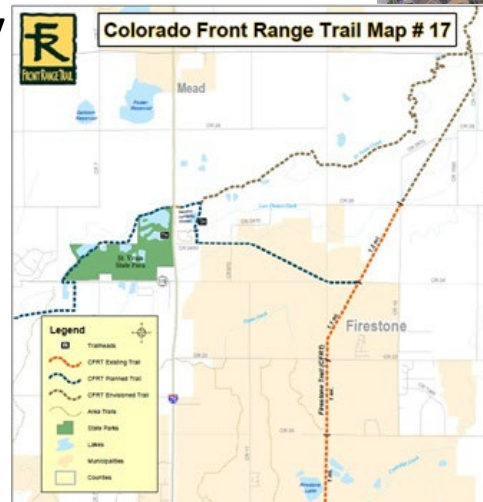


In the Future:

- Wetland Mitigation Banking:
 - 150 Acres = 60 credits
 - Planning lease with Ecosystem Investment Partners
- Housing Developments
 - Weld County/ planned dev
- Trail Connections
 - Longmont South
 - Union North



A blue heron enjoys the view at SLV



Productive Land



Thank You!



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Questions?