

Exhibit A – Project Information

NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

Applicant or Organization Name:		
Complete Mailing Address:		
Applicant Lead Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

PROJECT MANAGER (this person will have day-to-day responsibility for the project)

Name:	
Telephone:	Email:

PRIMARY PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Partner Contact Name:		Title:
Telephone:	Email:	Is this the primary contact for this grant: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Title:	
Grant Request: \$	Match Amount (Min. 25%): \$
Total Project Cost: \$	
<p>Project Description: Please write a 2-3 paragraph description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not the place to talk about the project background, the benefits, the funding, or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address that information in question #1 of the Selection Criteria.)</p> <p>WHO? Who will complete the work, and who will oversee the project? Provide a brief description of your community or organization, highlighting its mission and purpose.</p> <p>WHAT? Explain what you are going to do or accomplish. What is the goal or the reason for your project? Break down the project into a list of specific activities to be completed. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the categories on your budget page. Include quantity or quality as part of your description of work to be performed. How long? How many? How many feet? How many miles? What materials will be used? Is a specific standard or guideline being used?</p> <p>WHERE? Explain in detail the location of your project. Where is the project located? What county? What National Forest/BLM Office? Provide the names of the trail(s) or trail system and where the work will be performed. List the land manager agency or municipality.</p> <p>DEFINITIONS? Please define all acronyms and specialized terms that are used in your project description.</p>	

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Project Description

Previous CPW grants awarded (last 3 years) List award year, category and project name

City of Steamboat Springs



October 2, 2022

Fletcher Jacobs, Program Manager
State Trails Program
13787 S. Hwy. 85
Littleton, CO 80125

RE: Support for City of Steamboat Springs US40 West Pedestrian Connection

Dear Fletcher,

The City of Steamboat Springs City Council strongly supports the grant application for funding from the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Non-motorized Trail program for a West Steamboat Springs Trail Connection. This project is a priority for City Council and for the residents of Steamboat Springs and Routt County.

In 2000, the Steamboat Springs community passed a bond issue to fund the Yampa River Core Trail in Steamboat Springs, and we have extended the trail over the years to its current length of 6.2 miles. The Core Trail is an enormously popular hard surface with adjacent soft surface trail that follows the Yampa River in our community. Trail counters show an average weekly total of over 5,000 pedestrians and bikers. Our community is passionate about trail use, as evidenced by our 2017 Community Survey which showed that 93% percent of the community uses the Core Trail, and 88% use other trails within Steamboat Springs. The biggest complaint about the core trail is that it does not extend to West Steamboat, which is a critical housing area for year round residents.

This project includes construction of a segment of sidewalk/core trail that will extend from the bowling alley to the KOA campground. This is an essential project that will connect residents to recreational opportunities and safer multi-modal travel along Highway 40. This project provides an opportunity for partnering with Routt County, and the owners of the properties we are accessing with easements. It also closely aligns with our council goals for environmental sustainability. Thank you for your time and consideration on this project that is so important to our community.

Sincerely,

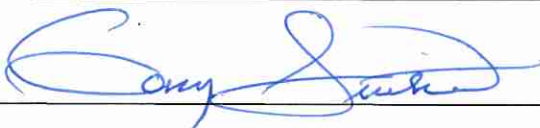


Robin Crossan, President
Steamboat Springs City Council

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LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Williams Partnership, City of Steamboat Springs			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports (non-motorized)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
TRAIL SURFACE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
PROJECT LOCATION (For multiple project sites attach a separate list.)			
Nearest Town or City: Steamboat Springs, CO			
County(ies): Routt			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): 40.504, -106.870			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members): 3			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail being planned	.41
Miles of new trail construction		Miles of trail maintenance	
Miles of inter-connecting trail		Miles of trail reroute	
Miles of trail to be decommissioned		Miles of trail to be restored	
Miles of trail to be signed		Miles of trail grooming	
Other		Other	

Applicant Printed Name: Gary Suiter, City Manager

Applicant Signature:  Date: 10/4/22

CONSTRUCTION GRANT SCORING CRITERIA

All applicants must respond to the criteria questions. Use the numbered blank pages at the end of this section. This application will be scored on a 100-point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Outside reviewers and State Trails staff will review each project. Projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores.

Grant review subcommittee members review and score grant applications based on the totality of information available. This may include not only the answers provided to the application questions, but also additional information provided to the review subcommittee from agency staff and subcommittee member knowledge and information that is relevant to the proposed project.

Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please read and understand all application questions prior to answering. Respond in **12-point font**. Reference all attachments.

1. Scope (10 points)

Describe the proposed project including the length/width of trail construction, and major components necessary to complete the trail such as materials, under/overpasses, bridges, trail heads, trail sections, etc. Address each trail component separately, specifically mentioning its characteristics. Please describe if this is a multi-phase project, and the plan for how future phases will be funded. Discuss the ownership status of the trail corridor and any easements or land acquisitions that have been acquired for the trail. Please include a few site photos and a map of the area.

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)

Briefly discuss how this project expands trail loops, links, improves and/or restores trail use and connectivity to other trails, parks, and/or other outdoor recreation opportunities. If the project is connected to a larger trail system, describe the size, extent, and predominant uses of that system.

3. Need (15 Points)

Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time. Who are you building the trail for and how does it benefit them? Does this project create or enhance experiences that otherwise do not exist in the area? Why are CPW State Trails funds necessary to complete this project and what opportunities are lost if the grant is not awarded? Describe the community this project will serve and provide population and economic data. Briefly describe how the proposed trail will accommodate non-motorized uses within the region. List each user group and estimate their percentage of overall trail use, e.g., bicyclists - 40%, hikers - 50%, equestrian - 10%. What features make this trail suitable for these uses?

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

Discuss the planning process that identified the construction of this trail(s) as a priority. Is this project part of an approved master plan, federal Forest or Resource Management Plan, or a landscape level regional planning effort (such as an Outdoor Regional Partnership)? If so, what priority is it given in that plan? Has this project been deemed a priority by any other agencies or given any significant designations? Please explain any existing trails in the area and describe the need for additional trail routes to be constructed.

5. Design and Construction (10 points)

How is the trail designed to ensure longevity and sustainability to meet current and future use levels? Who is designing/will design the trail and oversee the trail work and what are their qualifications? What best management practices will be used to construct the trail to ensure that the trail and its amenities will be sustainable? Who will build the trail (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)?

6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)

Describe how the project will be maintained and managed for long-term sustainability. Has an operations and maintenance plan been developed for the project areas? If so, please explain the plan in detail including who will be responsible for this work, the estimated annual costs and funding plans. Have trail reroute options been considered for current on-the-ground unsustainable trails and trail sections in the project area? If so, are there plans to decommission and/or restore these unsustainable trail sections?

7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

Describe how potential impacts to wildlife and natural resources were evaluated during the planning process for the trail (such as utilizing resources listed in Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind). Describe any plans for avoiding sensitive habitat as well as minimizing, and/or mitigating wildlife and natural resource impacts. Describe the plan for trail management and monitoring after construction. Were CPW staff members engaged in the planning process? Describe how their recommendations will be implemented. For example, if a seasonal closure is recommended, what are the dates of the closure and how will it be implemented to be effective (signage, gates, game cameras, etc.)?

8. Public Engagement (10 points)

Public notification is mandatory for all projects.

Describe the public process for this trail project (regular meetings, public meetings, working groups, etc.). Please highlight any collaborative approaches that were taken and summarize the feedback received from the public that determined the need for this project? Describe any received opposition to the project, and how the concerns have been addressed.

9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)

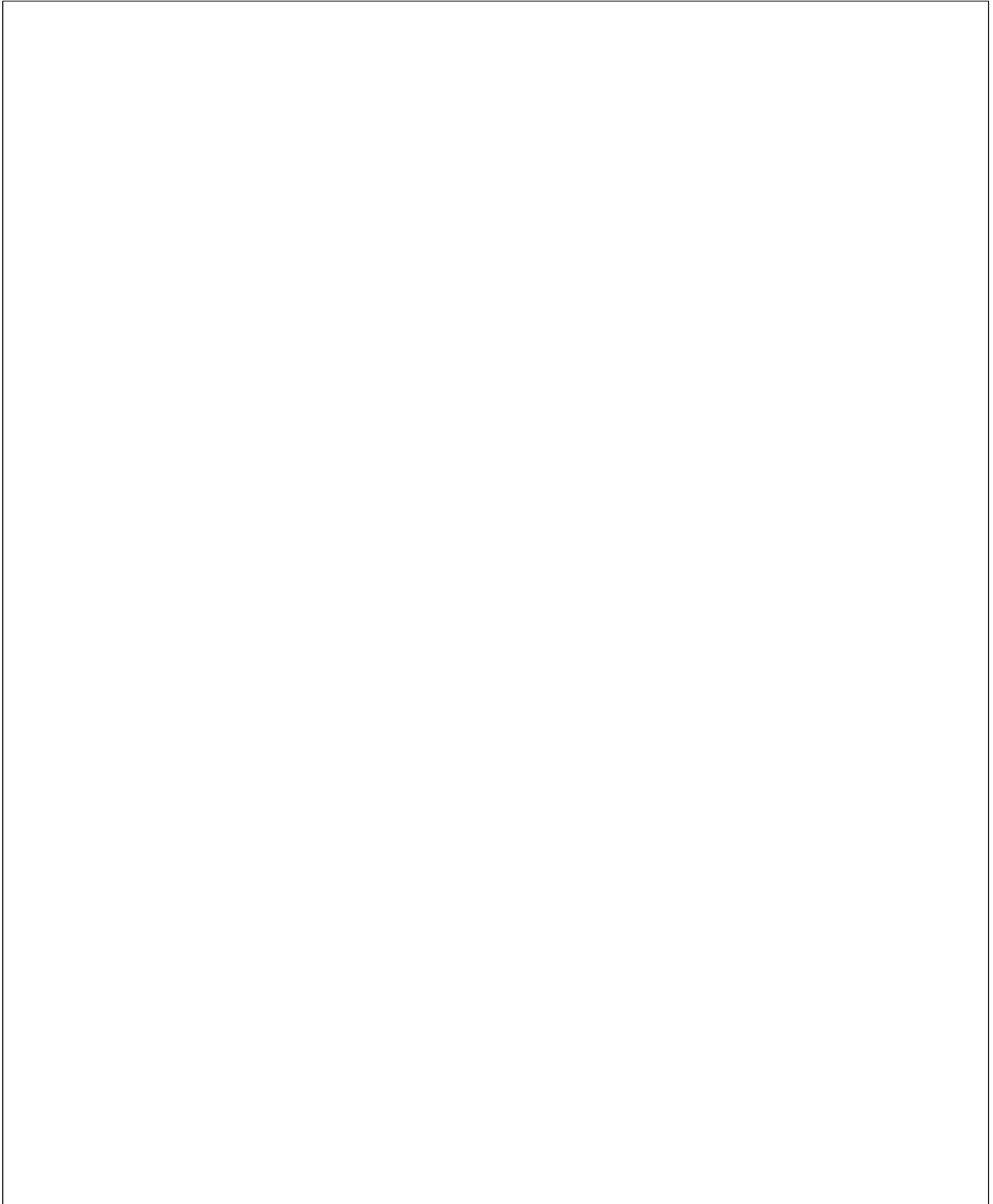
Discuss partnerships established for this project and their contributions. What other funding sources have been dedicated or are anticipated to be dedicated to this project? If matching funds are not yet secured, what are the plans for raising those additional funds? Will applicant and/or partner funds be lost if State Trails funds are not awarded? Submit letters of commitment/support from landowners and/or funders as a separate attachment (resolution from the governing body should include support and resource commitment; a separate support letter is not required). Beyond these letters, up to 5 non-funding letters of support may be submitted.

10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Describe your organization's ability to complete the specific grant transaction(s) that will be necessary to accomplish this project. Please provide examples (if any) for grant projects of similar magnitude that demonstrate your organization's ability to manage the requested level of grant funding; including the project title, grantor, award amount and year the project was funded. If State Trails funding is not awarded, what is the plan to complete the project?

1. Scope of Work (10 points)

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)



3. Need (15 points)

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

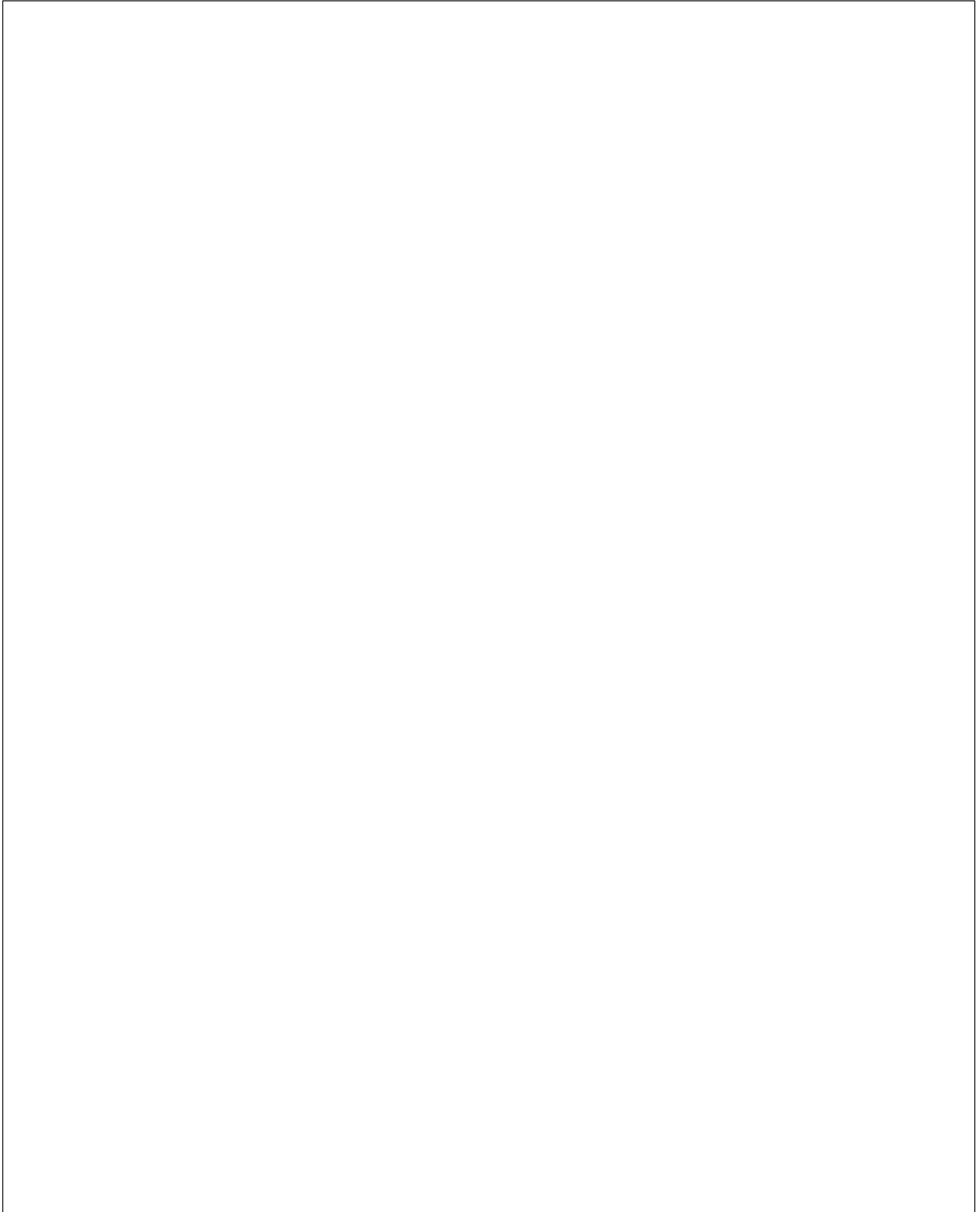
5. Design and Construction (10 points)

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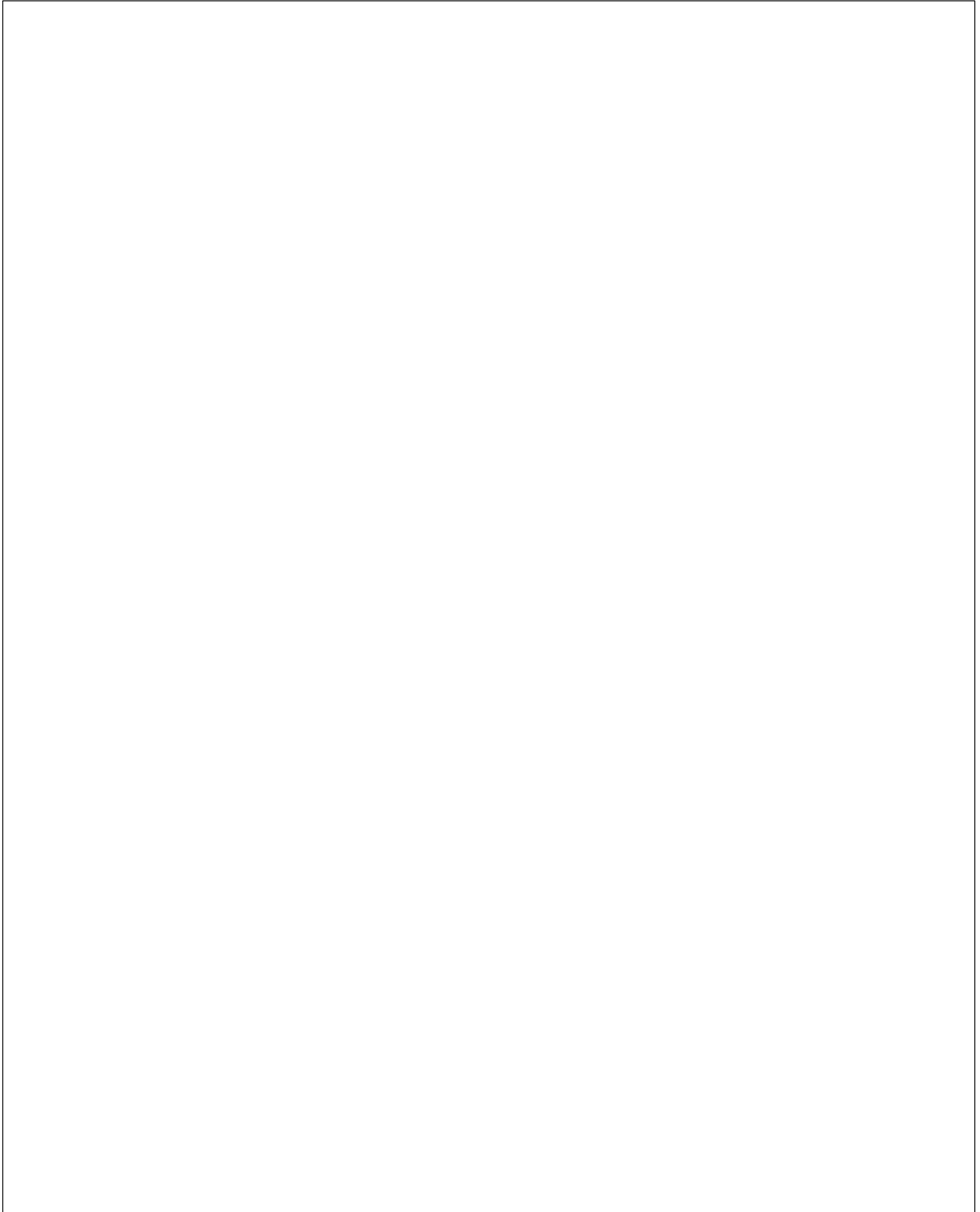
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7. Wildlife and Natural Resources (15 points)

8. Public Engagement (10 points)



9. Matching Funds and Partnerships (10 points)



10. Ability/Contingency (5 points)

Non-Federal Environmental Form

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST (for projects outside of NEPA requirements)
(Construction and Maintenance Grants Only)

Applicants are responsible to complete this form with county/local government staff or an environmental consultant to address the following environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and is still viable, include the citation including any planned mitigation for each applicable resource, and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column.

All applicants will be evaluated for wildlife and aquatic impacts in a separate evaluation process by CPW wildlife staff.

Project Name: US 40 West Trail Connection (Ph.1) **Project Sponsor:**

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLIGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plants species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Wetlands/floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Environmental disturbances during construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other important environmental resources to address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use a separate sheet if necessary for the following questions.

Please briefly clarify how each resource could be adversely impacted; any direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur; and any additional data that still needs to be determined. Also explain any planned mitigation already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

*Wildlife Report available upon request

MITIGATION: Please describe how impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated; some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete to encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

The trail will connect existing and planned residential areas, and avoid the large blocks of less disturbed sensitive environmental resources. The trail building contractor will be required to comply with agency “Best Management Practices” and specific trail design criteria. Compliance to these criteria will ensure a more sustainable trail. The City commits to using conservation minded development practices that will minimize disturbance to wildlife, and improve habitat whenever possible. Impacted wetlands will be approved by ACOE via 404 Permit and will require the City pay into the Finger Rock Preserve Wetland Bank. The project includes re-vegetation of the project area with appropriate plantings and materials.

BENEFIT: Please describe any positive impacts of the project on sensitive species; some considerations below:

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs

The City of Steamboat Springs will obtain all necessary environmental permits and intends to design a trail to be located in areas of already exiting development (adjacent to the highway), or areas that are slated for development in the future. This trail project is planned to have a positive impact on wildlife through the education of users with environmental programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and wildlife/habitat impact monitoring.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act. **All required permits must be acquired prior to submitting a non-motorized trails grant application.**

Gary Suiter, City Manager

Printed name of applicant

Gary Suiter

Digitally signed by Gary Suiter
Date: 2022.10.23 22:34:31 -06'00'

Signature of applicant

Date

Emrick Soltis, P.E.

Printed name, title of authority:

County/local government natural resource specialist or hired consultant that completed this checklist must sign here.
The applicant and title of authority must be different.

Emrick Soltis

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DN: C=US, E=esoltis@steamboatsprings.net, O=City of Steamboat Springs, OU=PW - Engineering Div., CN=Emrick Soltis
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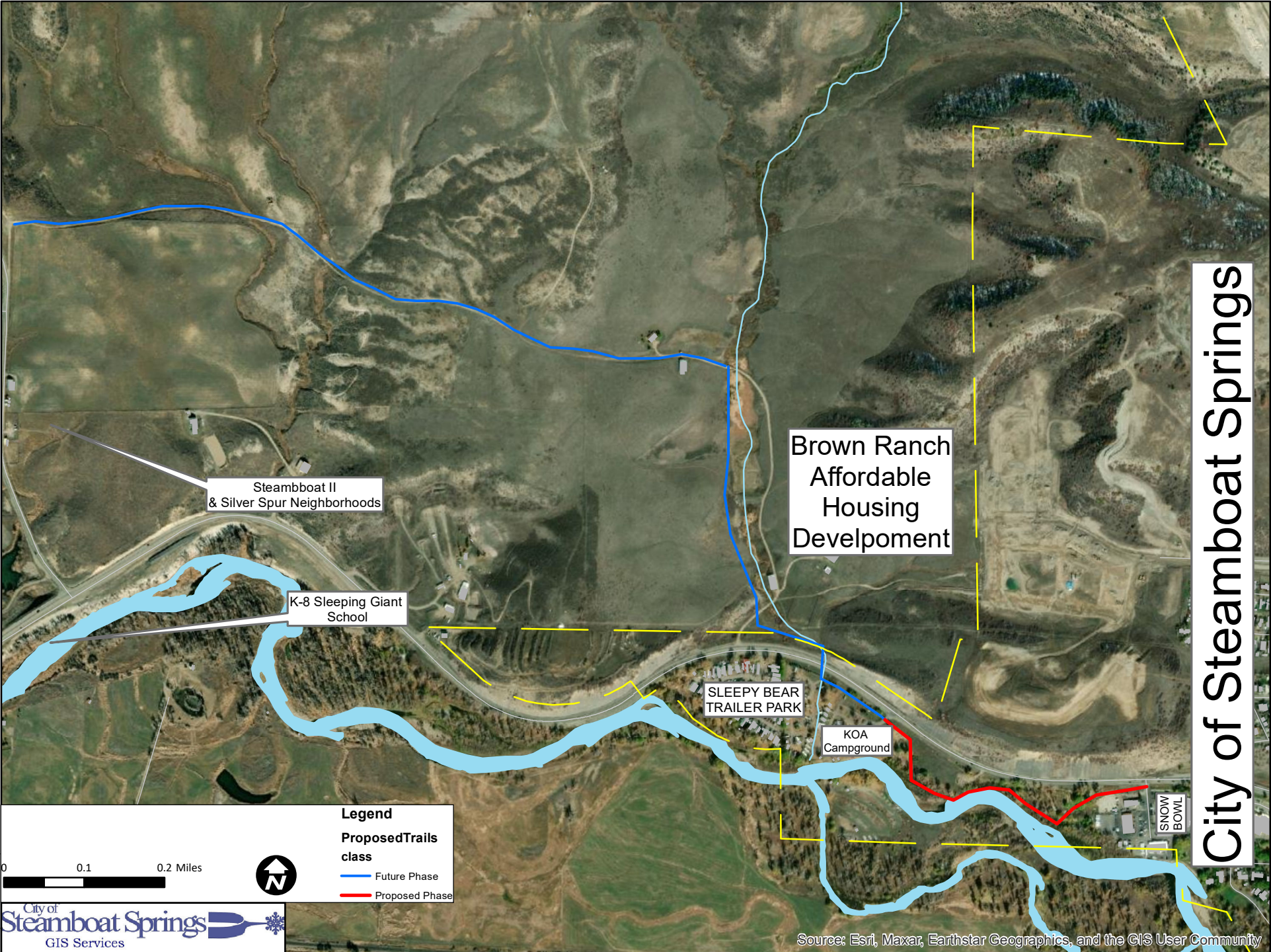
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Signature of authority

Date

Section 3 - Project Budget

Project Name: West Steamboat Trail Construction - Phase I					Office Use:			
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
CPW - NM Trail Grant					\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	
City of Steamboat Springs						\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	
Routt County						\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
IN-KIND								
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.								
General Costs (mobilization, construction surveying)	1	EA	\$ 202,500.00	\$ 202,500.00		\$ 202,500.00	\$ 202,500.00	0
Site Work (removal of asphalt mats, trees, fences, pull box, and clearing and grubbing)	1	EA	\$ 43,547.00	\$ 43,547.00		\$ 43,547.00	\$ 43,547.00	0
Earthwork (muck excavation, hydraulic excavator, dump truck, top soil, erosion log, sediment removal, sweepings, erosion control mgmt)	1	EA	\$ 59,388.00	\$ 59,388.00		\$ 59,388.00	\$ 59,388.00	0
Agregate Base Course	397	ea	\$ 55.00	\$ 21,835.00	\$ 9,950.00	\$ 11,885.00	\$ 21,835.00	0
Asphalt	24	ea	\$ 175.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	0
Concrete Sidewalk (special)	1771	ea	\$ 110.00	\$ 194,810.00	\$ 194,810.00	\$ -	\$ 194,810.00	0
Concrete Sidwalk (6 inch)	381	ea	\$ 80.00	\$ 30,480.00	\$ 30,480.00	\$ -	\$ 30,480.00	0
Concrete Class B	1	ea	\$ 10,560.00	\$ 10,560.00	\$ 10,560.00	\$ -	\$ 10,560.00	0
Trail Constrution (pipes, steel ends, railings, arches, reset services and warning)	1	EA	\$ 169,515.00	\$ 169,515.00		\$ 169,515.00	\$ 169,515.00	0
Landscaping & Revegetation (weed barrier, native seeding, riprap, soil retention)	1	EA	\$ 13,165.00	\$ 13,165.00		\$ 13,165.00	\$ 13,165.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	
*ESTIMATE NUMBER OF CREW HOURS [GRANT AND MATCH] CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE							*REQUIRED INPUT	
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]
				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 62,500.00		



City of Steamboat Springs

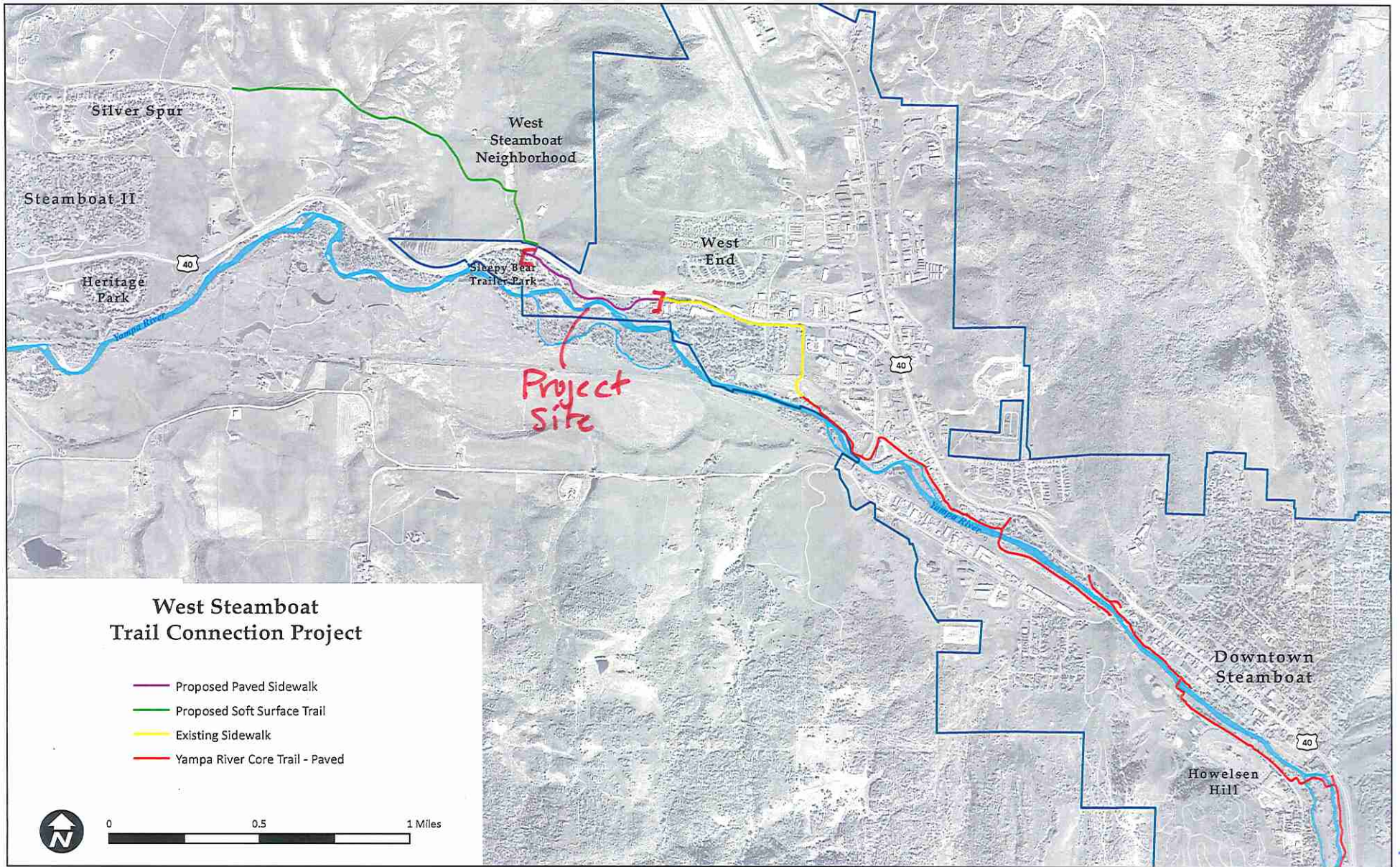
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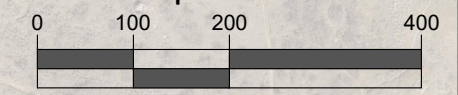
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- Proposed Phase

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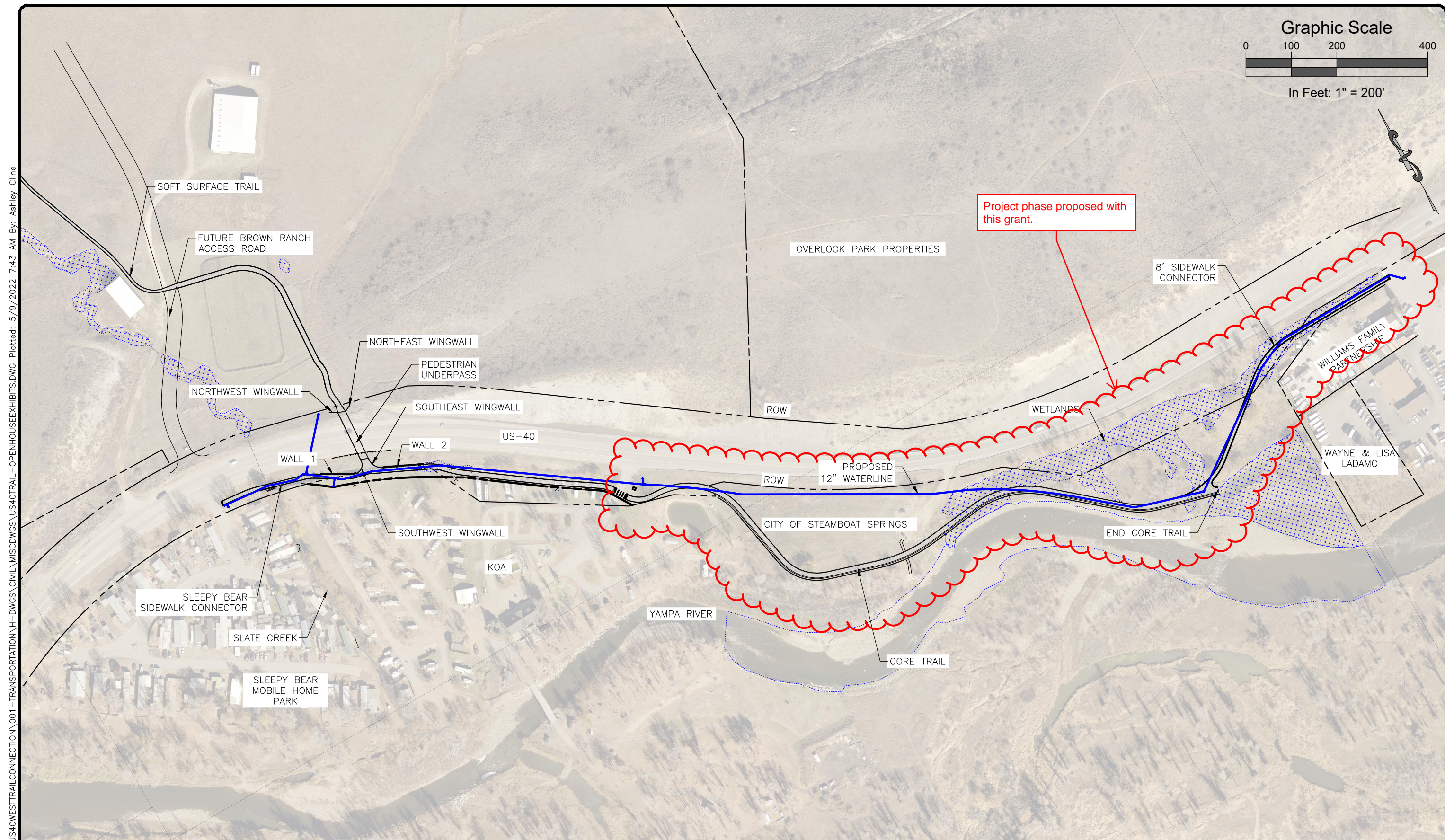




Graphic Scale



In Feet: 1" = 200'



Project phase proposed with this grant.

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US-40 WEST TRAIL CONNECTION EXHIBIT (1)			
Engineer:	AMC	Structure Numbers	
Drawn By:	MWM	Subset Sheets:	1 of 3

Project No./Code
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Sheet Number 1

PHOTOGRAPHS



Above Photo shows the current terminus to the Yampa River Core Trail / Sidewalk at the Bowling Alley.

Photo below is where the project is anticipated to start.





Views from the Fournier Property towards the KOA Campground – Summer and Winter.



Long term residents at the KOA campground



View of project area along the Yampa Valley Open Space (Fournier) Property. Heavy traffic and minimal shoulders.

View from the Bowling Alley and Bus stop towards the City owned Yampa Valley Open Space (Fournier) Property. Narrow shoulder and guardrail provides no separation between traffic and pedestrians.

October 4, 2022

Fletcher Jacobs
State Trails Program
13787 S. Hwy. 85
Littleton, CO 80125

RE: Support for City of Steamboat Springs US40 West Pedestrian Connection

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

The Commissioners of Routt County would like to express our support and participation as a partner with the City of Steamboat Springs' grant application. The City's Core Trail runs through the city primarily along the Yampa River, and this project will extend the trail into the unincorporated area of Routt County. As currently proposed, this phase of the project will extend the Core Trail to the west providing pedestrian and bicycle connectivity along a stretch of US 40 to the KOA campground.

Routt County recently adopted the 2022 Routt County Master Plan, which noted a desire by the public to extend the core trail for both transportation and recreation. This phase of the project and trail segment is extremely important in the broader project to reach our constituents that live in the outer lying neighborhoods of Sleepy Bear, Steamboat II, and Silver Spur, as well as the Brown Ranch property, which is a 556-acre property currently planning for affordable housing for our residents. West Steamboat Springs is the area dedicated to accommodating growth, and the trail will only become more important and necessary over time as this area is developed.

We are pleased to join the City of Steamboat Springs in providing matching funds to make this phase of the project a reality. Routt County believes the City has put together a project that meets all funding requirements and goals and we are excited to partner in a plan that will bring connectivity to unincorporated areas of the county. Thank you for your consideration in supporting this project.

Sincerely,



M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair
Routt County Board of County Commissioners



September 29, 2022

Fletcher Jacobs, Program Manager
State Trails Program
13787 S. Hwy. 85
Littleton, CO 80125

RE: Yampa Core Trail on the Fournier Property

Dear Fletcher,

The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) through the Yampa Valley Conservation Partnership holds nine conservation easements on about 975 acres of property owned by The City of Steamboat Springs—most of which are managed by the City for low impact public recreation. I am writing to express CCALT's support for the expansion of the Yampa River Core Trail, as it will serve a demonstrated community need.

This project will extend the Yampa River Core Trail through the Fournier property to the KOA campground which is home to many short- and long-term Steamboat Springs residents. Future phases will connect to existing and future development providing housing for low- to mid-income families and the community's workforce. A Core Trail extension to the west of Steamboat through the Fournier Property will serve these residents in a number of ways as well as the many visitors who utilize the Core Trail to travel to various City public open space properties along its route.

Providing an alternative mode of transportation for resident commuters (present and future) is important. Steamboat, as you know, is an outdoor and recreation-oriented community. The benefits of this trail extension would be realized immediately through reducing parking issues in town, traffic congestion on US Highway 40 and will help improve air quality. Additionally, the Core Trail is unique in that it primarily runs along the Yampa River. Its proximity to the river reminds people that it is the lifeblood of the community and reinforces their connection to the River and the natural environment.

The conservation easement on the Fournier Property allows for the Core Trail to be constructed in a location to be approved by CCALT. The City has worked with us on their plans, and have a final alignment and location planned. The utility portion of this design is outside of what is currently allowed under the conservation easement, but we are supportive of the change as it will ultimately affect less area of wetlands. We are currently working through an amendment to the conservation easement to allow for this proposed alignment, which should be complete before construction is anticipated to begin.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of further assistance in your evaluation of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan Knott".

Megan Knott
Director of Stewardship

CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

MANDATORY:

Signed letter of resolution from the Governing Body (Board of Directors or Commissioners, City or Town Government, etc.) that states the resources and support committed to the project.

Formal authorization from land manager (federal lands only)

Timeline form has been filled out

Budget uploaded as an unprotected Excel document

Maps/Photos/Graphics uploaded as PDF document(s)

Letters of Support (maximum of five) uploaded. No letters from clubs, groups or individuals who are specifically working on the project. No letters from CPW staff.

Project should be completed within 2.5 years from receiving grant

Required MATCH funding is secured, including CASH match funds. If not secured at time of application, add a note in the comments sections at the bottom of this form.

Scope of work and project location map emailed to CPW Area Manager by September 6, 2022.

Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area to be open to public outdoor recreation for at least 25 years.

Formal Environmental Assessment (EA) or NEPA (Must be completed prior to applicant presentations in January 2023. Include web link to EA).

Construction projects have been evaluated for required permits. If required, permits have been acquired (404 permit, etc.)

ADDITIONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Youth Corps or youth organization will be used on the project (name of organization)

Volunteers will be utilized on the project (name of organization)

Comments