

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

Austin Bluffs Open Space CPW Grant Application

WHEREAS, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Trails Program (“CPW Non-motorized Trails”) is soliciting grant applications for non-motorized trail projects;

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs (“City”) is requesting funding from CPW to construct two new trailheads, install wayfinding signage, and create 1.5 miles of new trail at Austin Bluffs Open Space;

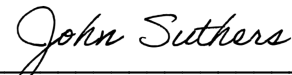
WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the grant application includes matching funds which the City shall be responsible to provide if a grant is awarded;

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the grant application requires that the property will be under the control of the City for a minimum of 25 years, as provided by the terms of the grant award; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the terms of the grant award and legal obligations will be further outlined in a grant agreement that will be executed by the Office of the Mayor.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN SUTHERS, Mayor of the City of Colorado Springs, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim support for the City of Colorado Springs’ Austin Bluffs Open Space application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-motorized Trails Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 4th day of October 2022.



John W. Suthers, Mayor
City of Colorado Springs

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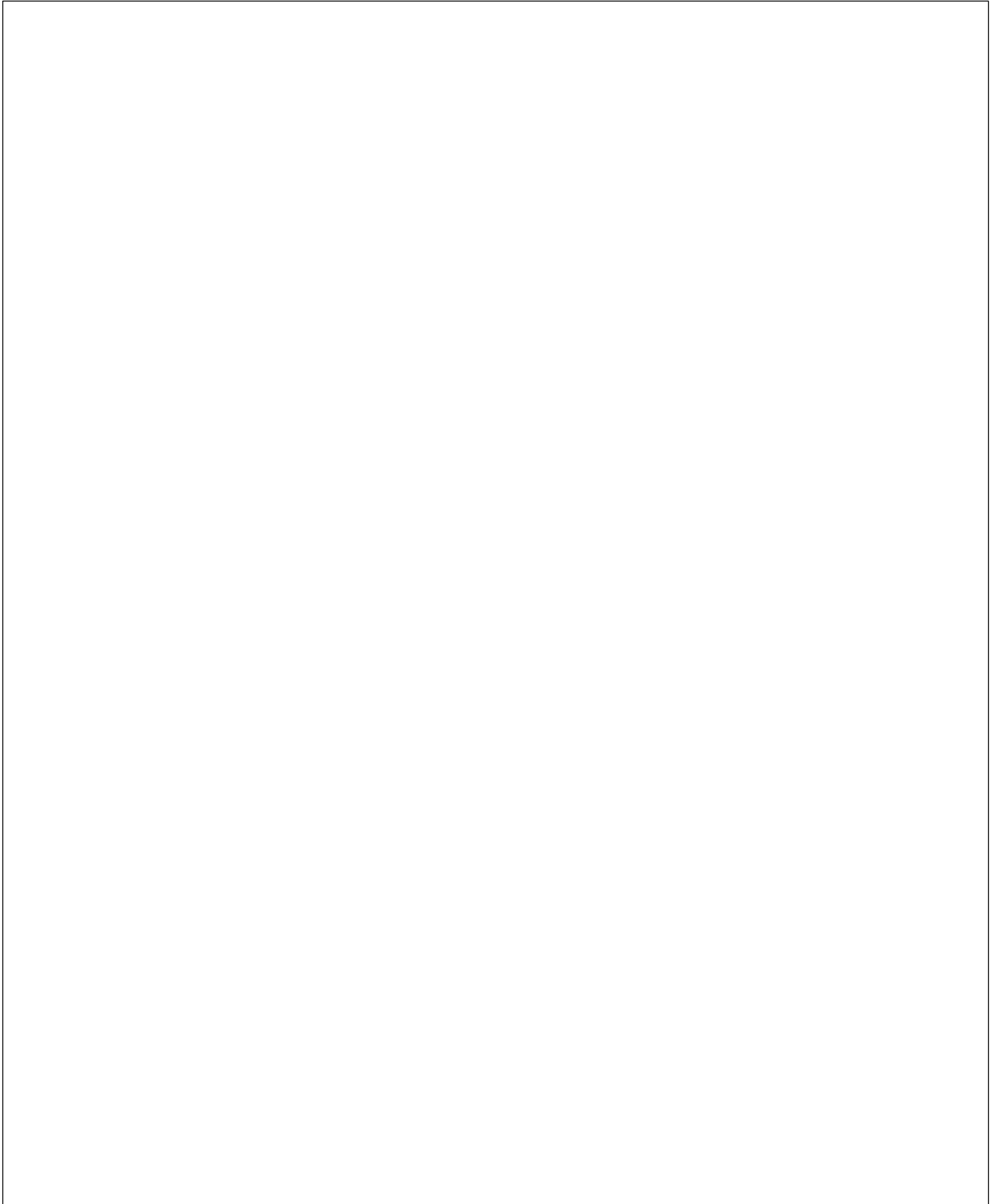
LAND OWNERSHIP			
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:			
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking, Walking, Running	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding, In-Line Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports (non-motorized)	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible (trailhead #2)	
<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 (existing trails)	
<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:			
County(ies):			
Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees):			
State Congressional District (https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members):			
<i>Please fill out all applicable categories for your project:</i>			
Acreage of new trailhead		Miles of trail being planned	
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: _____

Applicant Signature: John Suthers Date: _____

1. Scope of Work (10 points)

2. Access/Trail Connections (5 points)



3. Need (15 points)

4. Planning and Prioritization Process (10 points)

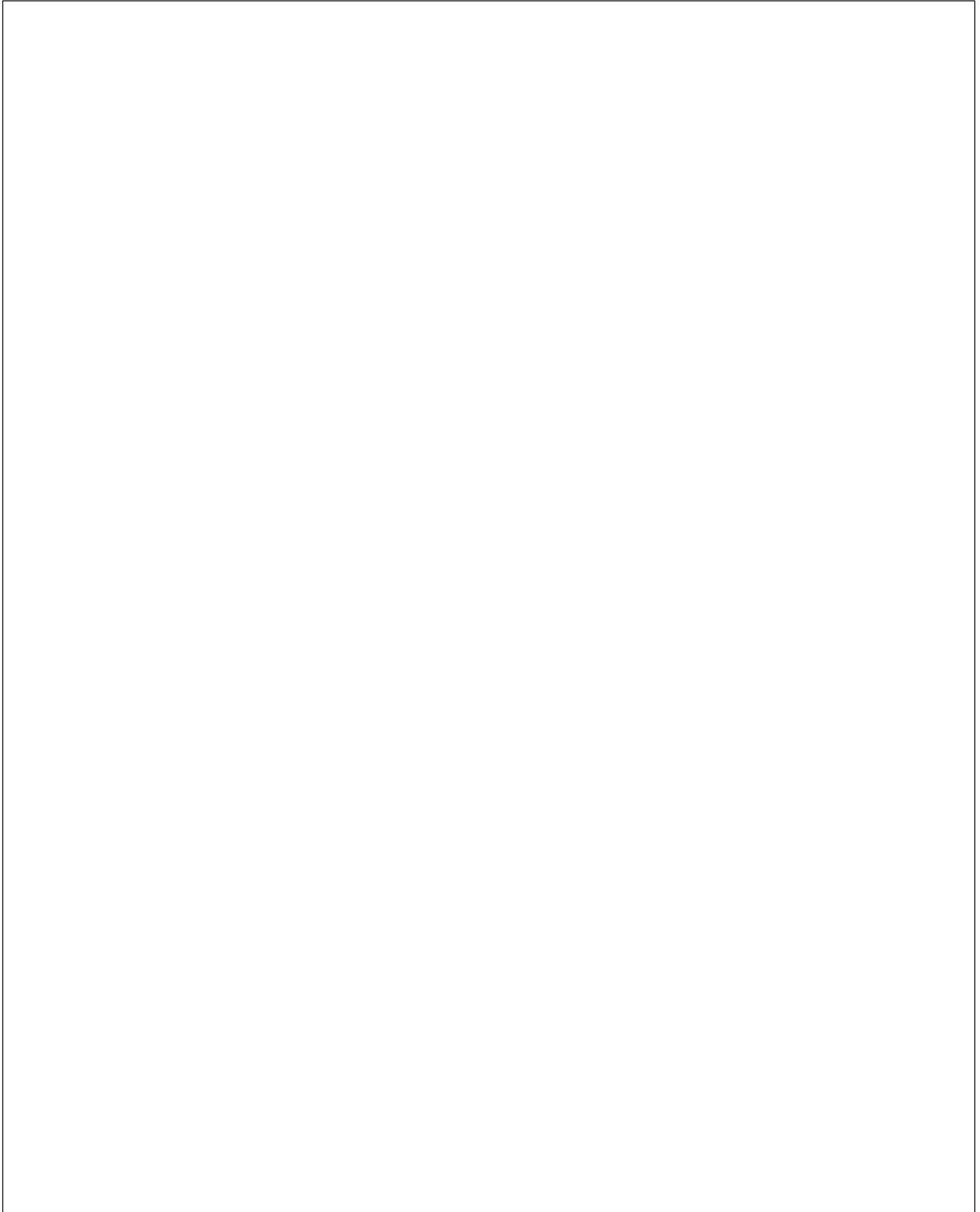
5. Design and Construction (10 points)

6. Maintenance and Sustainability (10 points)

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: Austin Bluffs Open Space Improvements **Project Sponsor:** City of Colorado Springs

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLEGIBLE 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other important environmental resources to address	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.

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

Please see attached letter

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

Please see attached letter

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.***

City of Colorado Springs

Printed name of applicant

David Deitemeyer, Senior Landscape Architect

Printed name and title of environmental authority



Signature of authority

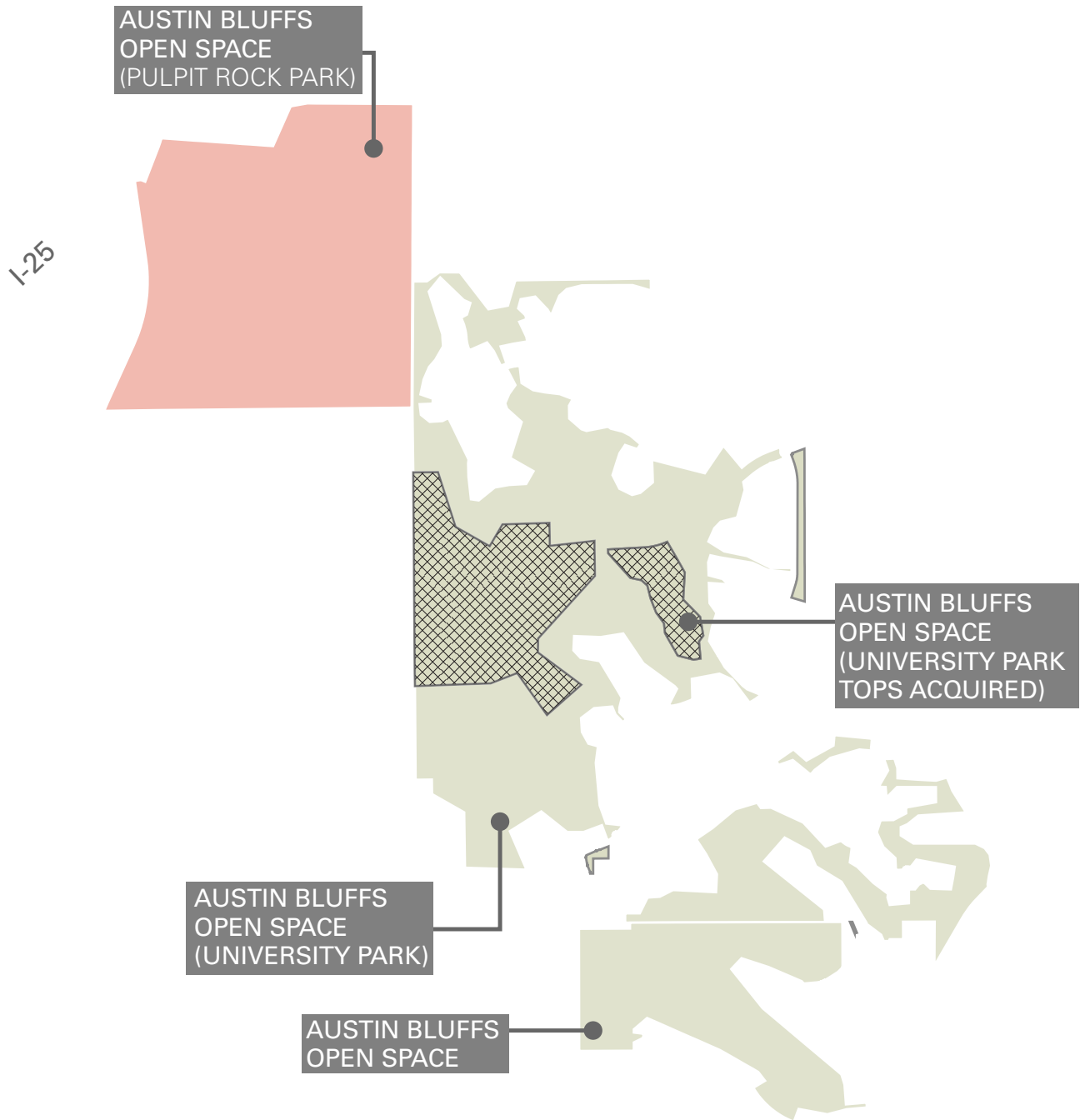
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Date

The Governmental authority, natural resource specialist or hired consultant who completed this checklist must sign here. The applicant and authority must be different.

Section 3 - Project Budget

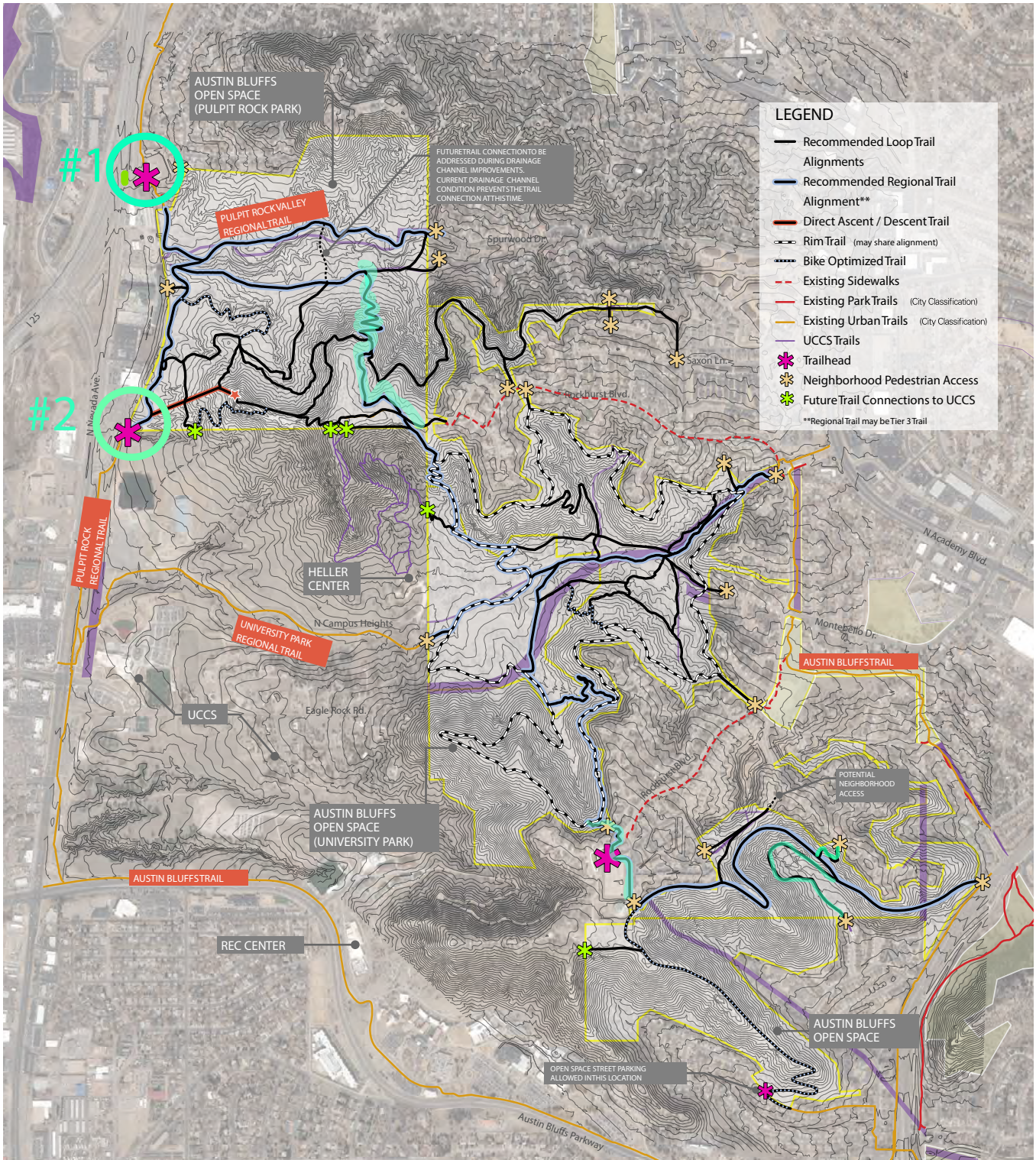
Project Name: Austin Bluffs Open Space Trail and Trailhead Improvements		Office Use:						
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]	
CASH								
CPW State Trails Grant	TBD				\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	
TOPS Wayfinding	1/1/2022					\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
TOPS Stewardship (VOC Trail Project)	1/1/2022					\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	
IN-KIND								
City of Colorado Springs Parks Staff	9/20/2022					\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	
Community Volunteers	TBD					\$ 24,360.00	\$ 24,360.00	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 96,360.00	\$ 346,360.00	
[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.								
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado	2	Day	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,000.00		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	0
Natural Surface Trail Construction								
Contractor Mobilization	1	EA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	0
Singletrack Trail Construction	7900	LF	\$ 9.00	\$ 71,100.00	\$ 71,100.00		\$ 71,100.00	0
Wayfinding Installation				\$ -				
Contractor Mobilization	1	EA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0
Wayfinding Post - Materials and Install	72	EA	\$ 550.00	\$ 39,600.00	\$ 27,100.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 39,600.00	0
Wayfinding Carsonite Post - Materials and Installation	125	EA	\$ 150.00	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 18,750.00	0
Secondary Entrance Map/Rules Sign	12	EA	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	0
Trailhead Kiosk	2	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	0
South Trailhead - Contractor Services								
Asphalt Driveway demo and replace	3200	SF	\$ 4.63	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 14,800.00		\$ 14,800.00	0
Stormwater Permit (both parking lots)	1	EA	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00	0
CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies Identify as: Signs, crusher fines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.								
Regional Trail								
Road base for Regional Trails	250	TN	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	0
North and South Trailheads								
Parking Lot Road base	3,749	TN	\$ 20.00	\$ 74,986.00	\$ 74,986.00		\$ 74,986.00	0
Fencing	700	LF	\$ 7.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00		\$ 4,900.00	0
Vehicular Gate Materials	5	EA	\$ 737.00	\$ 3,685.00	\$ 3,685.00		\$ 3,685.00	0
Parking Lot Boulders	30	EA	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	0
Parking Lot Signage	20	EA	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	0
Trash Receptacle	2	EA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	0
Stormwater, Drainage	2	EA	\$ 1,239.50	\$ 2,479.00	\$ 2,479.00		\$ 2,479.00	0
Timber parking blocks/Wheel Stops/delineation	40	EA	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	0
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 294,000.00	
*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]
Category 1 - Contracted Services								
Volunteers time for trail improvements, site restoration and closure	840	HR	\$ 29.00	\$ 24,360.00		\$ 24,360.00	\$ 24,360.00	0
Category 2 - Salary/Wages								
Regional Trail								
Regional Trail Prep and grading	200	HR	\$ 50.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0
Regional Trail material placement	120	HR	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	0
North and South Trailhead								
Parking Lot Grading with heavy equipment - South Lot (Parks Staff)	80	HR	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	0
Parking lot preparation and construction	100	HR	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0
Parking Lot Fence Gate	40	HR	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0
Parking Lot Trailhead Plaza preparation	20	HR	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
IN-KIND SUBTOTAL						\$ 52,360.00	\$ 52,360.00	
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 96,360.00	\$ 346,360.00	
25% REQUIRED MATCH						\$ 62,500.00		



LEGEND

- Regional Park
- Open Space
- TOPS acquired parcels

Designation Map



ABOS Access Point Map



View from ABOS looking northwest, showing existing Trailhead #1 (upper left, dirt lot) and surrounding neighborhoods.



View from ABOS - Pulpit Rock looking west towards Nevada Ave.



View from ABOS - University Open Space existing singletrack trail looking west.



Dear CO Parks and Wildlife,

I am absolutely *thrilled* to be writing this letter of support for the City of Colorado Springs in obtaining the much needed funding for our beloved Austin Bluffs Open Space!

True story.

My wife and I just celebrated our 16th wedding anniversary on Sept. 23rd and we wanted to do a short hike after lunch, but before we picked up our boys from school. With all the new trails at ABOS/Pulpit Rock/etc going in (and it being one of my favorite places for mountain biking) I thought I'd show her the new trails.

The first parking option you pass by going northbound is a very small, seemingly very unofficial-almost looking like it's illegal place to park possibly, and in massively rough condition was full of the few cars that were able to wiggle into some space to park. The other option further up the road was 90% full which meant roughly 10 cars (at 2PM on a weekday) and my wife, having never been there, really thought we were somewhere we were not allowed to park. It was comical, but also not surprising until you can show the worn out park sign stating you're somewhere official to begin enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

I personally mountain bike the trails mentioned in this funding request roughly 8-12 times per month every month for the past 10+ years and the parking situations, signage, etc. is significantly overdue.

Professionally speaking- the organization I lead, Kids on Bikes, operates over 50 summer bike camps for kids every summer and we also offer clinics and rides throughout the year as well. ABOS is quickly becoming a highly desired location for us and those we serve and as a long-standing partner with the City of COS Parks n Recreation Department, the improvement for drop-off, pick-up, wayfinding, etc is absolutely critical. \$250,000.00 would absolutely be wisely spent, appropriately allocated, and otherwise perfectly placed to maximize every penny for the sake of Kids on Bikes and people like me who thrive on the great outdoors we have here in Colorado Springs, CO.

Please make sure our colleagues and partners get every possible penny for what is most certainly a well-deserving project.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Byrd", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Byrd - Executive Director/CEO
Kids on Bikes



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Suite 120
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
719.900.8145

September 25, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is David Bundrick. In addition to being a resident of Colorado Springs, I also hold a couple of leadership roles in our community as a local church pastor and the founder of a mountain bike group that holds weekly rides on our local trails.

Our mountain bike group is open to all riders and we enjoy riding different local trail systems each week. Currently, we do not offer a ride in Austin Bluffs Open Space (ABOS) due to inadequate parking facilities and poor connectivity between trails. Our group, and many others, would enjoy being able to utilize the ABOS trail system & possibly linking those to Ute Valley and/or Palmer Park for bigger rides. As it is, the trails in this open space are difficult to navigate due to poor signage. This poor signage also leads to a lot of "off trail" traffic which has contributed to significant erosion issues in the area.

Due to its location and surrounding entities (residential communities, UCCS and retail), ABOS sees quite a bit of use. This particular open space is in desperate need of wayfinding signage, trail connections & parking facilities. I am pleased with the ABOS trail construction plan that is being presented. It will provide better trail access and facilitate increased usage while preserving the natural environments in a sustainable manner.

This project aligns perfectly with the Non Motorized Trail Grants desire to improve outdoor recreation opportunities and is worthy of this grant.

Dave Bundrick

Dave Bundrick
Executive Pastor of Operations
Trace Christian Church

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