

LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD

The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

Date: February 25, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Webinar. Public registration:

https://larimer-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hTWUNW1RTaOY3cRjJaW7CA

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

AGENDA

Scheduled times are subject to change.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Natural Resources events for this month: larimer.org/naturalresources.
 - b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board updates, go to apps.larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm, enter your email, click “Subscribe,” and check the “Open Lands Advisory Board” box.
 - c. Instream flow dedications on N. Fork Little Thompson River and Redstone Creek in process with Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), dedication expected this year.
6. UPDATES & REPORTS

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Grant Funding and Partnerships Update – Zac and Jenn
- b. Volunteer Update – Angela and Julie
- c. Visitation and Visitor Management Update – Steve

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Dixon Station Final Review

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: March 25, 2021 via Zoom Webinar

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.

12. ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report
- 2018-2020 Grant Funding and Partnerships
- Dixon Station Final Review

Attached Separately:

- Minutes of last meeting
- News article

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Public can view agenda and minutes at:
www.larimer.org/boards/open-lands-advisory-board/minutes



OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY
November 2020 Distribution

REVENUES:

| | | |
|------------------|----|---------------------|
| SALES TAX | \$ | 1,296,716.79 |
| MV USE TAX | \$ | 109,750.48 |
| BUILDING USE TAX | \$ | 92,409.06 |
| INTEREST | \$ | 176.95 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ | <u>1,499,053.28</u> |

EXPENDITURES:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------------|----|------------------|
| PERSONNEL & OPERATING | \$ | <u>4,815.11</u> | \$ | 56,469.49 |
| | | | \$ | <u>56,469.49</u> |
| NET REVENUE: | \$ | <u><u>1,494,238.17</u></u> | | |

% SALES TAX DISTRIBUTED TO INCORP. AREAS (USED AS A BASIS) 50%

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION

2019 State of Colorado Statistics

| | 2018 <u>POPULATION</u> | % OF INCORP <u>AREA</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| FORT COLLINS | 167,347 | 59.36 | \$ 443,465.98 |
| LOVELAND | 77,226 | 27.39 | \$ 204,647.25 |
| ESTES PARK | 6,301 | 2.23 | \$ 16,697.52 |
| BERTHOUD | 7,632 | 2.71 | \$ 20,224.64 |
| WELLINGTON | 9,894 | 3.51 | \$ 26,218.89 |
| WINDSOR | 7,329 | 2.60 | \$ 19,421.69 |
| JOHNSTOWN | 2,235 | 0.79 | \$ 5,922.70 |
| TIMNATH | 3,970 | 1.41 | \$ 10,520.42 |
| TOTAL INCORP. | <u>281,934</u> | <u>100.00</u> | <u>\$ 747,119.09</u> |

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION

2019 Larimer County Statistics

| | 2018 <u>GENERATION</u> | % OF INCORP <u>AREA SALES TAX</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| FORT COLLINS | \$ 13,743,866 | 53.93 | \$ 402,954.44 |
| LOVELAND | \$ 7,720,582 | 30.29 | \$ 226,316.67 |
| ESTES PARK | \$ 1,539,645 | 6.04 | \$ 45,132.27 |
| BERTHOUD | \$ 263,974 | 1.04 | \$ 7,737.97 |
| WELLINGTON | \$ 232,991 | 0.91 | \$ 6,829.77 |
| WINDSOR | \$ 298,484 | 1.17 | \$ 8,749.60 |
| JOHNSTOWN | \$ 851,021 | 3.34 | \$ 24,946.33 |
| TIMNATH | \$ 836,707 | 3.28 | \$ 24,526.75 |
| TOTAL INCORP | <u>\$ 25,487,271</u> | <u>100.00</u> | <u>\$ 747,193.80</u> |

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:

| | | |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| FORT COLLINS | \$ 443,465.98 | 53.41 |
| LOVELAND | \$ 226,316.67 | 27.26 |
| ESTES PARK | \$ 45,132.27 | 5.44 |
| BERTHOUD | \$ 20,224.64 | 2.44 |
| WELLINGTON | \$ 26,218.89 | 3.16 |
| WINDSOR | \$ 19,421.69 | 2.34 |
| JOHNSTOWN | \$ 24,946.33 | 3.00 |
| TIMNATH | \$ 24,526.75 | 2.95 |
| TOTAL INCORP | <u>\$ 830,253.22</u> | <u>100.00</u> |

DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

| | | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> | <u>PAID TO DATE</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FORT COLLINS | \$ 399,061.26 | \$ 4,324,585.25 | \$ 89,283,899.79 |
| LOVELAND | \$ 203,655.34 | \$ 2,206,991.70 | \$ 41,773,159.75 |
| ESTES PARK | \$ 40,613.13 | \$ 440,120.21 | \$ 6,991,224.93 |
| BERTHOUD | \$ 18,199.52 | \$ 197,226.33 | \$ 3,309,327.48 |
| WELLINGTON | \$ 23,593.56 | \$ 255,680.98 | \$ 3,208,318.32 |
| WINDSOR | \$ 17,476.98 | \$ 189,396.20 | \$ 1,856,536.75 |
| JOHNSTOWN | \$ 22,448.43 | \$ 243,271.29 | \$ 1,342,389.83 |
| TIMNATH | \$ 22,070.87 | \$ 239,179.63 | \$ 1,559,404.64 |
| TOTAL INCORP | \$ 747,119.09 | \$ 8,096,451.59 | \$ 149,324,261.49 |
| TOTAL UNINCORP | \$ 747,119.08 | \$ 8,096,451.58 | \$ 111,767,954.25 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,494,238.17 | \$ 16,192,903.17 | \$ 261,092,215.74 |
| | \$ 0.00 | | |

OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY

December 2020 Distribution

FINAL

REVENUES:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| SALES TAX | \$ 1,473,756.06 |
| MV USE TAX | \$ 85,097.05 |
| BUILDING USE TAX | \$ 258,335.20 |
| INTEREST | \$ - |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 1,817,188.31 |

EXPENDITURES:

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| PERSONNEL & OPERATING | \$ 7,304.33 | \$ 63,773.82 |
| | | \$ 63,773.82 |
| NET REVENUE: | \$ 1,809,883.98 | |

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| FORT COLLINS | 167,347 | 59.36 | \$ 537,144.61 |
| LOVELAND | 77,226 | 27.39 | \$ 247,877.34 |
| ESTES PARK | 6,301 | 2.23 | \$ 20,224.73 |
| BERTHOUD | 7,632 | 2.71 | \$ 24,496.93 |
| WELLINGTON | 9,894 | 3.51 | \$ 31,757.42 |
| WINDSOR | 7,329 | 2.60 | \$ 23,524.37 |
| JOHNSTOWN | 2,235 | 0.79 | \$ 7,173.83 |
| TIMNATH | 3,970 | 1.41 | \$ 12,742.77 |
| TOTAL INCORP. | 281,934 | 100.00 | \$ 904,941.99 |

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| LOVELAND | \$ 7,720,582 | 30.29 | \$ 274,124.25 |
| ESTES PARK | \$ 1,539,645 | 6.04 | \$ 54,666.10 |
| BERTHOUD | \$ 263,974 | 1.04 | \$ 9,372.55 |
| WELLINGTON | \$ 232,991 | 0.91 | \$ 8,272.50 |
| WINDSOR | \$ 298,484 | 1.17 | \$ 10,597.88 |
| JOHNSTOWN | \$ 851,021 | 3.34 | \$ 30,216.04 |
| TIMNATH | \$ 836,707 | 3.28 | \$ 29,707.83 |
| TOTAL INCORP | \$ 25,487,271 | 100.00 | \$ 905,032.48 |

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| WINDSOR | \$ 23,524.37 | 2.34 |
| JOHNSTOWN | \$ 30,216.04 | 3.00 |
| TIMNATH | \$ 29,707.83 | 2.95 |
| TOTAL INCORP | \$ 1,005,637.55 | 100.00 |

DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

| | | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> | <u>PAID TO DATE</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FORT COLLINS | \$ 483,359.75 | \$ 4,807,945.00 | \$ 89,767,259.54 |
| LOVELAND | \$ 246,675.90 | \$ 2,453,667.60 | \$ 42,019,835.65 |
| ESTES PARK | \$ 49,192.32 | \$ 489,312.53 | \$ 7,040,417.25 |
| BERTHOUD | \$ 22,044.03 | \$ 219,270.36 | \$ 3,331,371.51 |
| WELLINGTON | \$ 28,577.51 | \$ 284,258.49 | \$ 3,236,895.83 |
| WINDSOR | \$ 21,168.85 | \$ 210,565.05 | \$ 1,877,705.60 |
| JOHNSTOWN | \$ 27,190.48 | \$ 270,461.77 | \$ 1,369,580.31 |
| TIMNATH | \$ 26,733.15 | \$ 265,912.78 | \$ 1,586,137.79 |
| TOTAL INCORP | \$ 904,941.99 | \$ 9,001,393.58 | \$ 150,229,203.48 |
| TOTAL UNINCORP | \$ 904,941.99 | \$ 9,001,393.57 | \$ 112,672,896.24 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,809,883.98 | \$ 18,002,787.15 | \$ 262,902,099.72 |
| | \$ - | | |



2018-2020 Grant Funding & Partnerships

Open Lands Advisory Board

February 25, 2021



2018-2020 Funding Categories

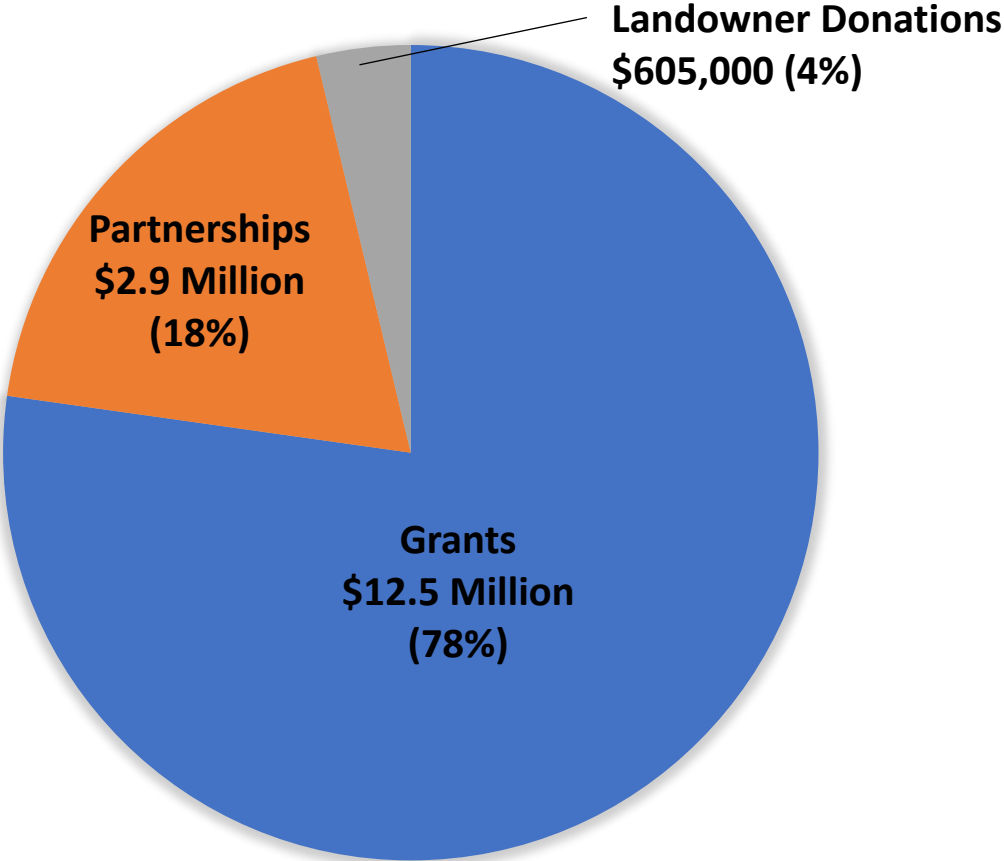
Landowner Donations

Partnerships

Grants

Between 2018 to 2020, \$16.1 million was brought into the department through grants, landowner donations, and partnerships.

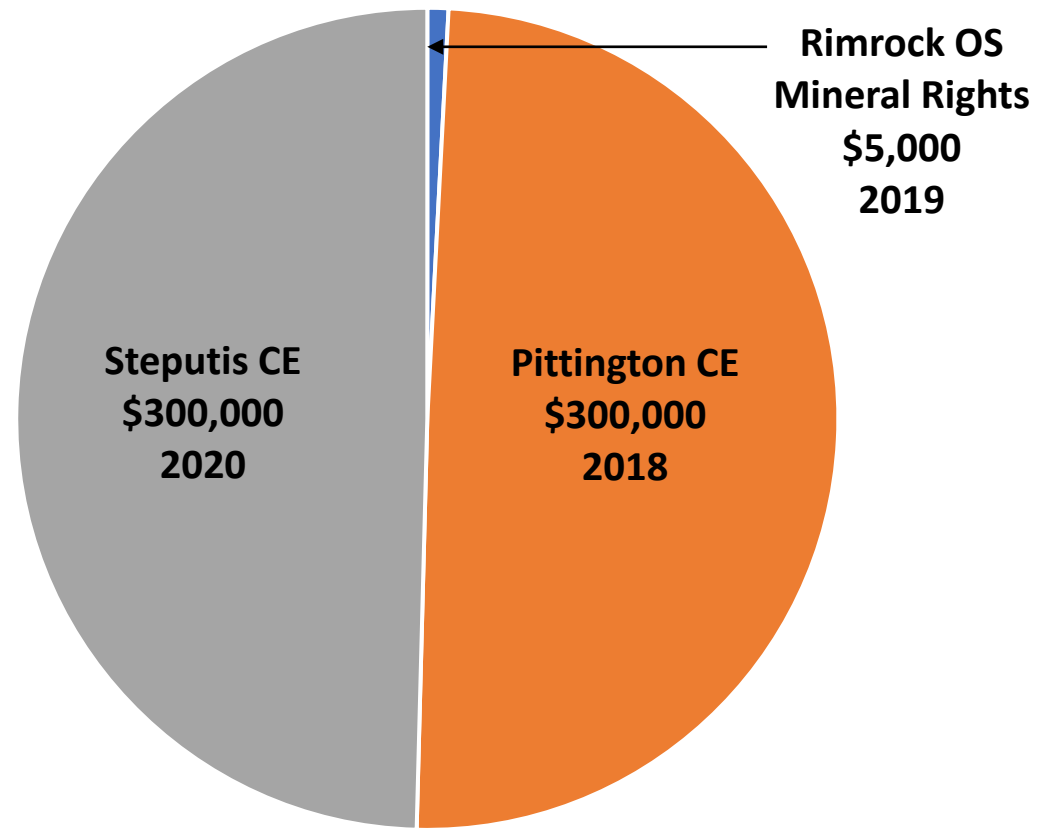
2018-2020 GRANT FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS
TOTAL: \$16.1 MILLION





2018-2020 LANDOWNER DONATIONS

TOTAL: \$605k (4%)



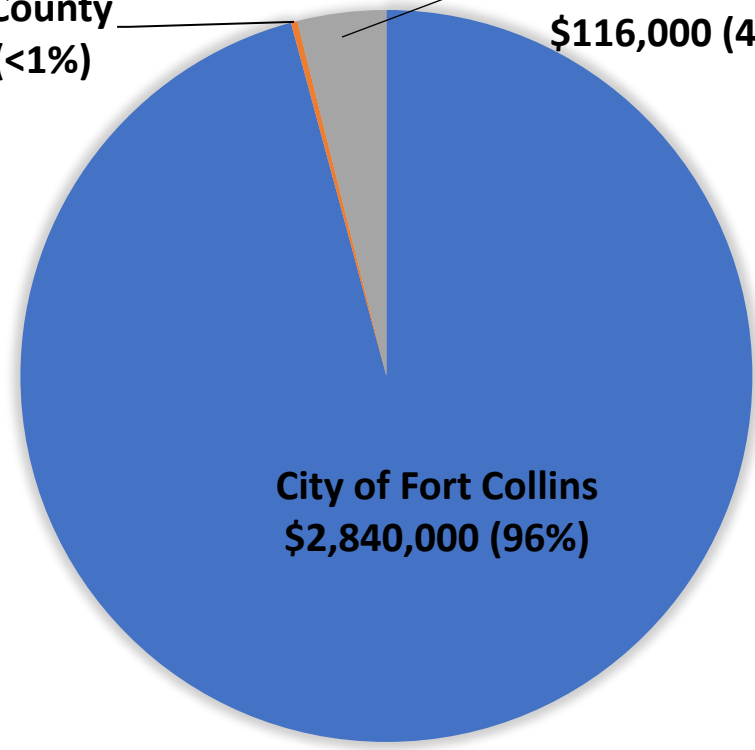


2018-2020 PARTNERSHIPS

TOTAL: \$2.9 MILLION (19%)

Friends of Larimer County
\$8,500 (<1%)

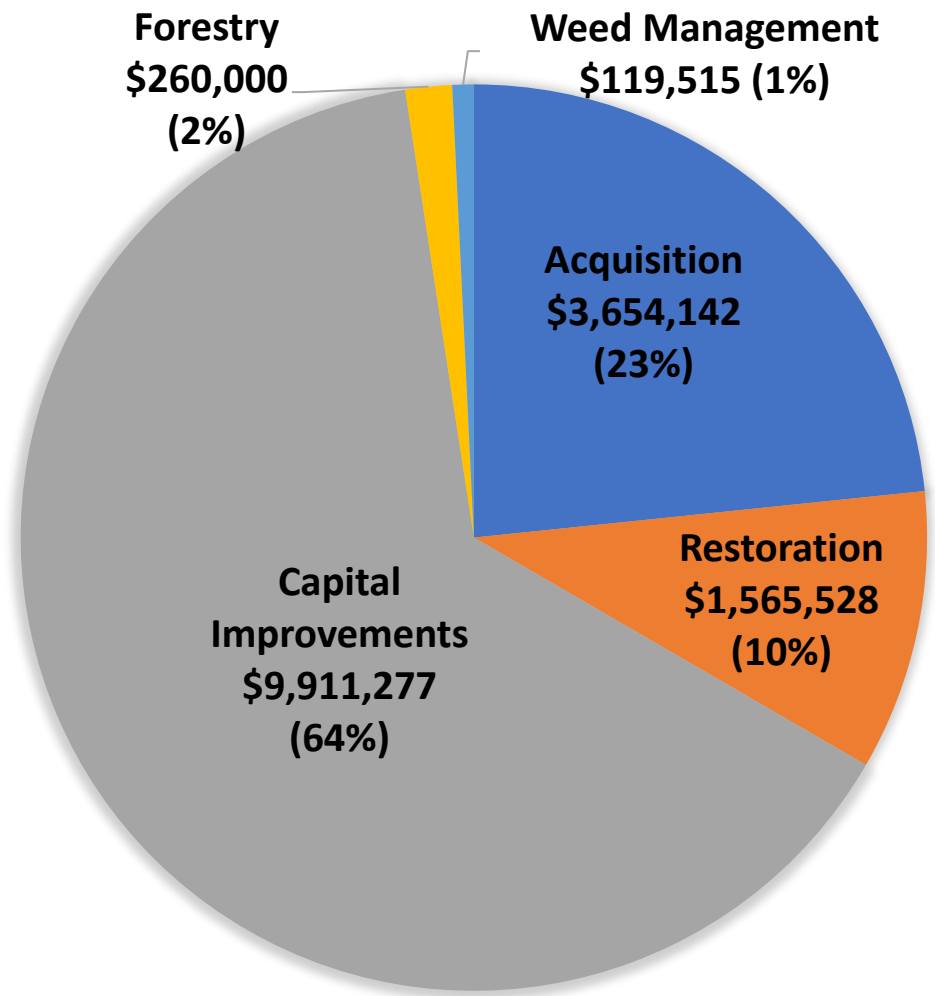
NORTHERN WATER
\$116,000 (4%)



City of Fort Collins
\$2,840,000 (96%)



2018-2020 GRANT FUNDING
TOTAL: \$12.5 MILLION (77%)



2018-2020 WEED MANAGEMENT & FORESTRY GRANTS/PARTNERSHIPS (3%)

| Larimer County Early Detection Rapid Response Crew | Amount | % Total |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Colorado Department of Agriculture | \$120,000 | 53% |
| Larimer County Natural Resources | \$106,686 | 47% |
| TOTAL | \$226,686 | 100% |



| Forest Management | Amount | % Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Colorado State Forest Service | \$144,000 | 44% |
| Northern Water Conservation District | \$116,000 | 36% |
| Larimer County Natural Resources | \$66,500 | 20% |
| TOTAL | \$326,500 | 100% |

2018-2020 ACQUISITION GRANTS/PARTNERSHIPS – 23%

| Red Mountain Open Space Inholding Acquisitions (Gallegos) | Amount | % Total |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| City of Fort Collins | \$1,125,000 | 50% |
| Larimer County Natural Resources | \$1,125,000 | 50% |
| TOTAL | \$2,250,000 | 100% |



| Laramie Foothills Mountains to Plains 2020 Expansion Project | Amount | % Total |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| City of Fort Collins | \$1,713,167 | 30% |
| Great Outdoors Colorado | \$812,475 | 14% |
| Friends of Larimer County | \$3,500 | <1% |
| Larimer County Natural Resources | \$3,216,993 | 56% |
| TOTAL | \$5,746,135 | 100% |

2018-2020 RESTORATION GRANTS/PARTNERSHIPS – 10%

| Poudre River Restoration & Resiliency Project at River Bluffs Open Space | Amount | % Total |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| Colorado Department of Local Affairs | \$974,028 | 78% |
| Great Outdoors Colorado | \$100,000 | 8% |
| Colorado Parks & Wildlife | \$153,370 | 12% |
| Larimer County Natural Resources | \$29,049 | 2% |
| TOTAL | \$1,256,448 | 100% |



2018-2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS/PARTNERSHIPS – 64%

| Horsetooth and Carter Lake Reservoir Infrastructure Project | Amount | % Total |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| Central Federal Lands Highway Administration | \$8,600,000 | 74% |
| Larimer County Natural Resources | \$3,000,000 | 26% |
| TOTAL | \$11,600,000 | 100% |



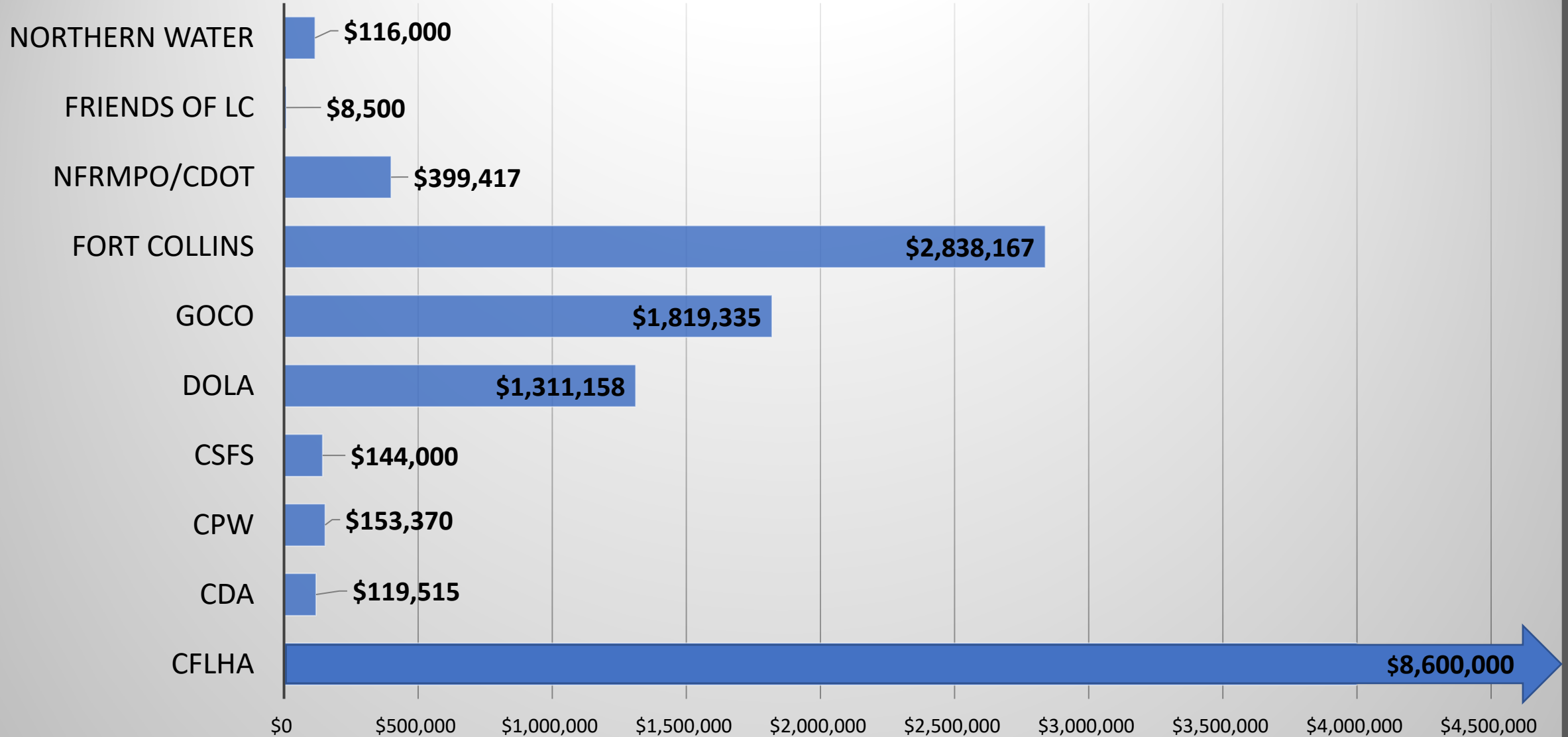
| Sky View Campground at Carter Lake Reservoir | Amount | % Total |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Great Outdoors Colorado | \$475,000 | 25% |
| Friends of Larimer County | \$2,000 | <1% |
| Larimer County Natural Resources | \$1,447,188 | 75% |
| TOTAL | \$1,924,188 | 100% |

2018-2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS/PARTNERSHIPS – 64%

| Poudre River Regional Trail Initiative | Amount | % Total |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Great Outdoors Colorado | \$431,500 | 20% |
| Colorado Department of Transportation | \$399,417 | 19% |
| Larimer County Natural Resources | \$1,302,652 | 61% |
| Friends of Larimer County | \$3,000 | <1% |
| <i>Colorado Parks & Wildlife - Pending</i> | <i>\$250,000</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| TOTAL | \$2,136,569 | 100% |

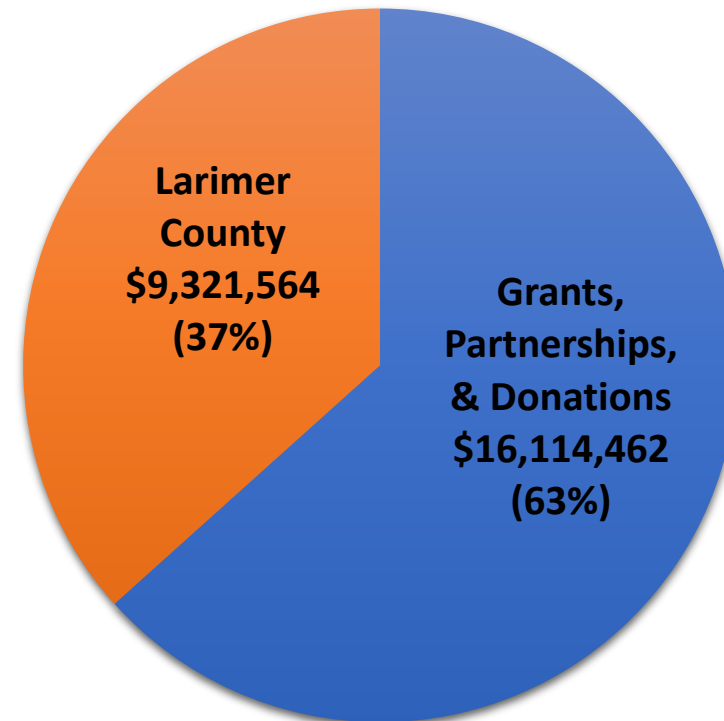


2018-2020 GRANT/PARTNERSHIP FUNDING TOTALS



Collectively, between these eight projects, 63 cents out of every \$1 was leveraged through grants, partnerships, and donations.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS - \$25,436,026



Fiscal Partnerships

The Department is positioned to assist partners across the entire county with projects that advance conservation and recreation



| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| GOCO Grant Fiscal Sponsorships | \$814,380 |
| Forest Stewards Guild | \$751,680 |
| Poudre River Watershed Coalition | \$62,700 |



Questions?





Final Review

Dixon Station CE

February 25, 2021

Staff Flenniken

Values (shown in bold):

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Scenic | Significant Plants/Natural | Agricultural |
| Buffer | Communities | Wildlife |
| Geological/Paleontologic | Outdoor Recreational | Educational |
| Wetlands | Historic/Archaeological | Other (see below) |

Project Description:

This 73-acre agricultural property is located north of Wellington and adjacent and west of I-25. The property was purchased by the Poudre Valley Community Farms (PVCF) and Colorado Open Lands is seeking to place a conservation easement on the farm and asking Larimer County to be a financial partner.

Poudre Valley Community Farms, a Land Cooperative, was born from the challenges faced by young farmers in northern front range in finding affordable farmland. PVCF is an incorporated Colorado cooperative entity which offers shares of farmland ownership to its prospective members. Under PVCF's model, members cooperatively own farmland, thereby allowing them to offer secure, long-term leases to producers. This conservation project will help further this innovative model whereby community-owned farmland can provide secure tenure for the next generation of willing and capable farmers who wouldn't otherwise have access to land. In this case, PVCF is leasing the property to Jodar Farms which raises meat chickens, laying hens and hogs for sale to local restaurants, area farmers markets, and through the farm's own CSA and farm store.

Dixon Station Farm includes prime soil and reliable water delivery systems and being adjacent to I-25 protects the visual and scenic rural character of this area. All residential development rights will be extinguished. PVCF plans to include a 2-acre Agricultural Building Envelope to house future agriculture related infrastructure such as a barn, packing house or other similar structures. One NPIC share and two wells will be encumbered by the conservation easement and enable PVCF to lease additional NPIC water as needed.

This partnership consisting of Colorado Open Lands, Larimer County Natural Resources, and Poudre Valley Community Farms is precedence setting in terms of a unique partnership for the conservation of irrigated agricultural lands and promotion of local food for the community.

Priority Area: Agricultural
Acreage: 73 acres
Current Zoning: O-Open

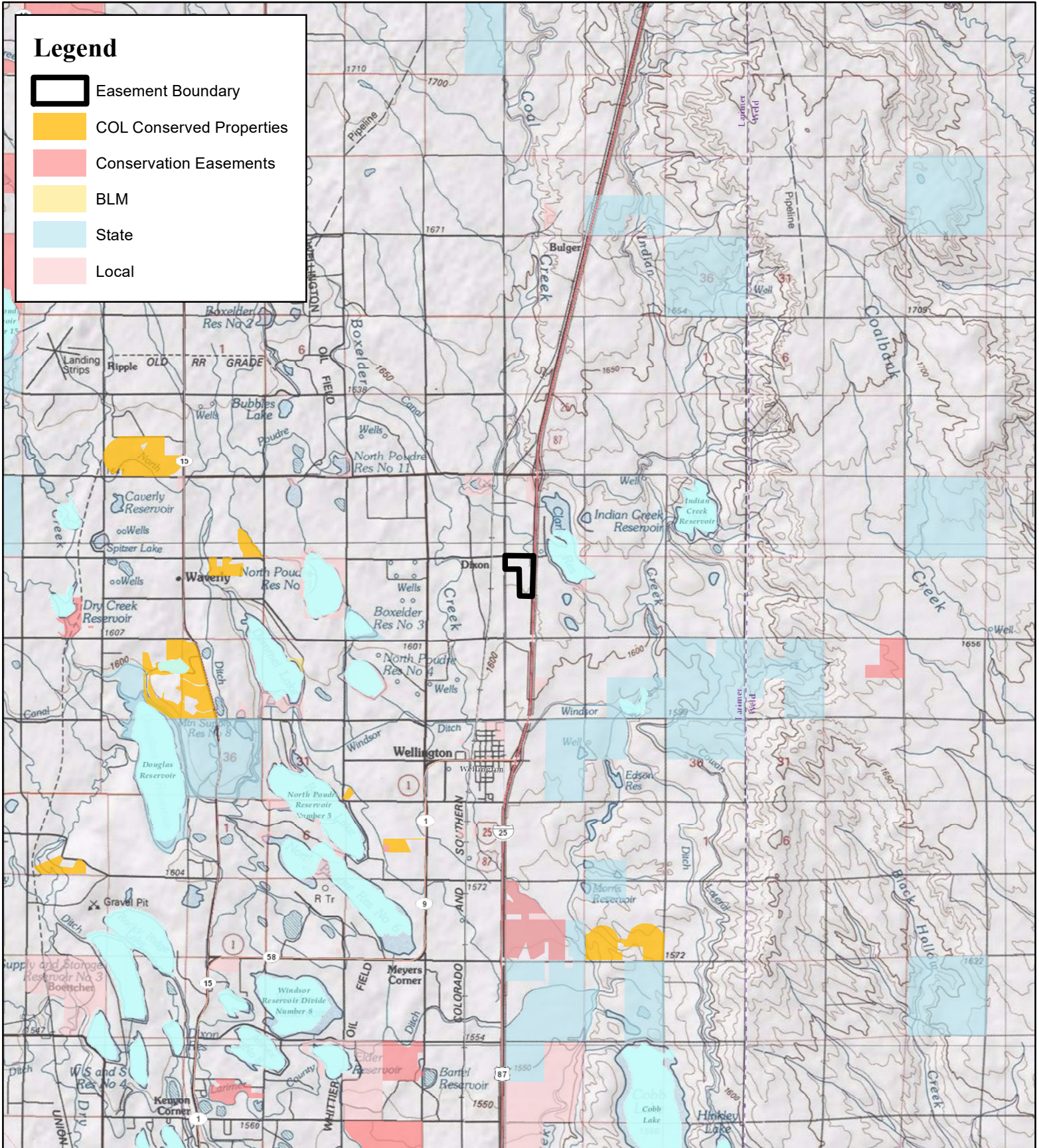


Adjacent Zoning: O-Open
Water Rights: 1 share NPIC water and two wells tied to the CE
Mineral Rights: Severed
Value Estimate: \$620,000 for the conservation easement

| Potential Funding Amount | Description |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PVCF Donation | \$470,000 (Land) |
| Larimer County | \$150,000 (Land) |
| PVCF | \$57,200 (due diligence costs) |
| Grant Family Foundation | \$10,000 (appraisal) |

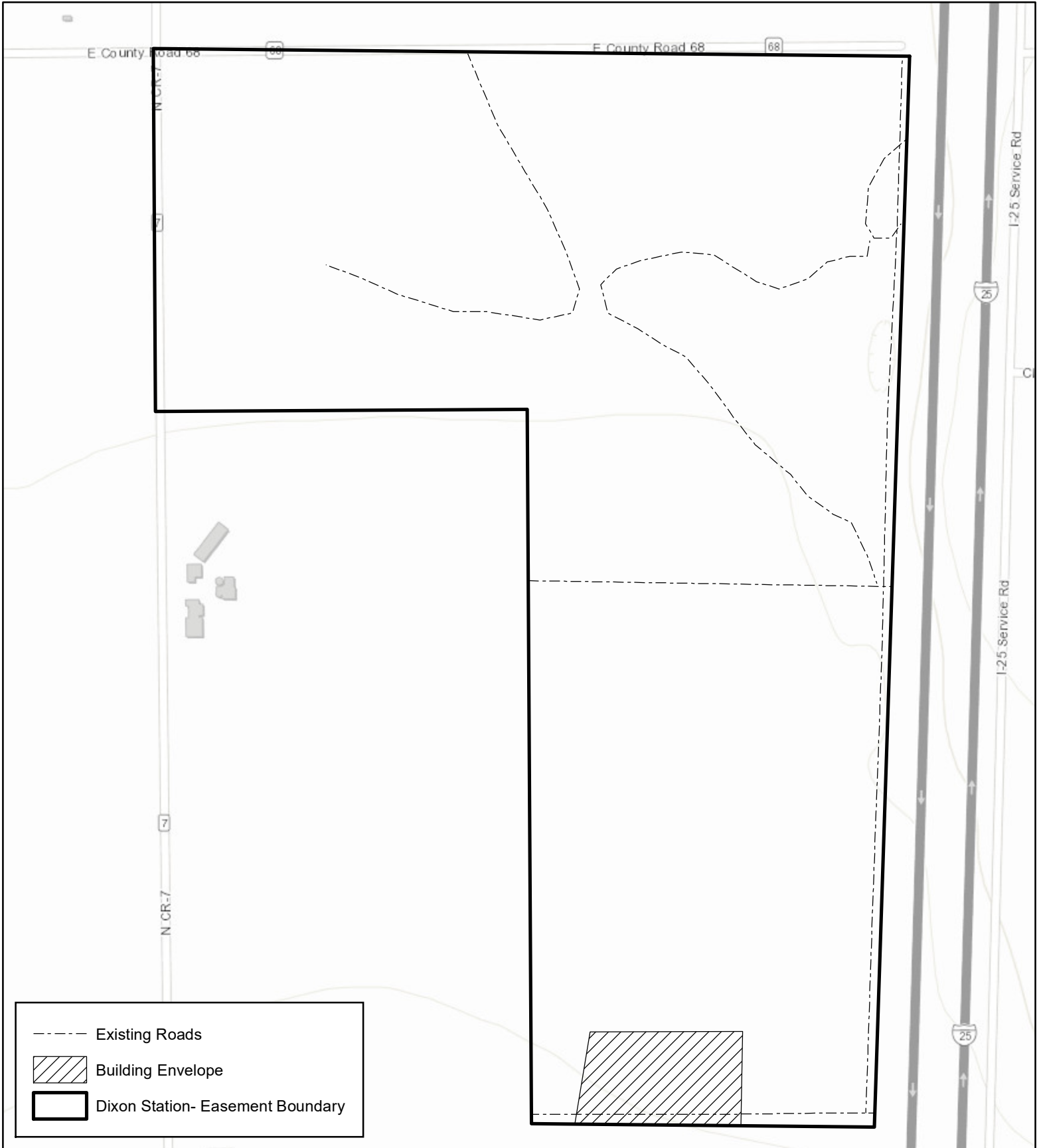
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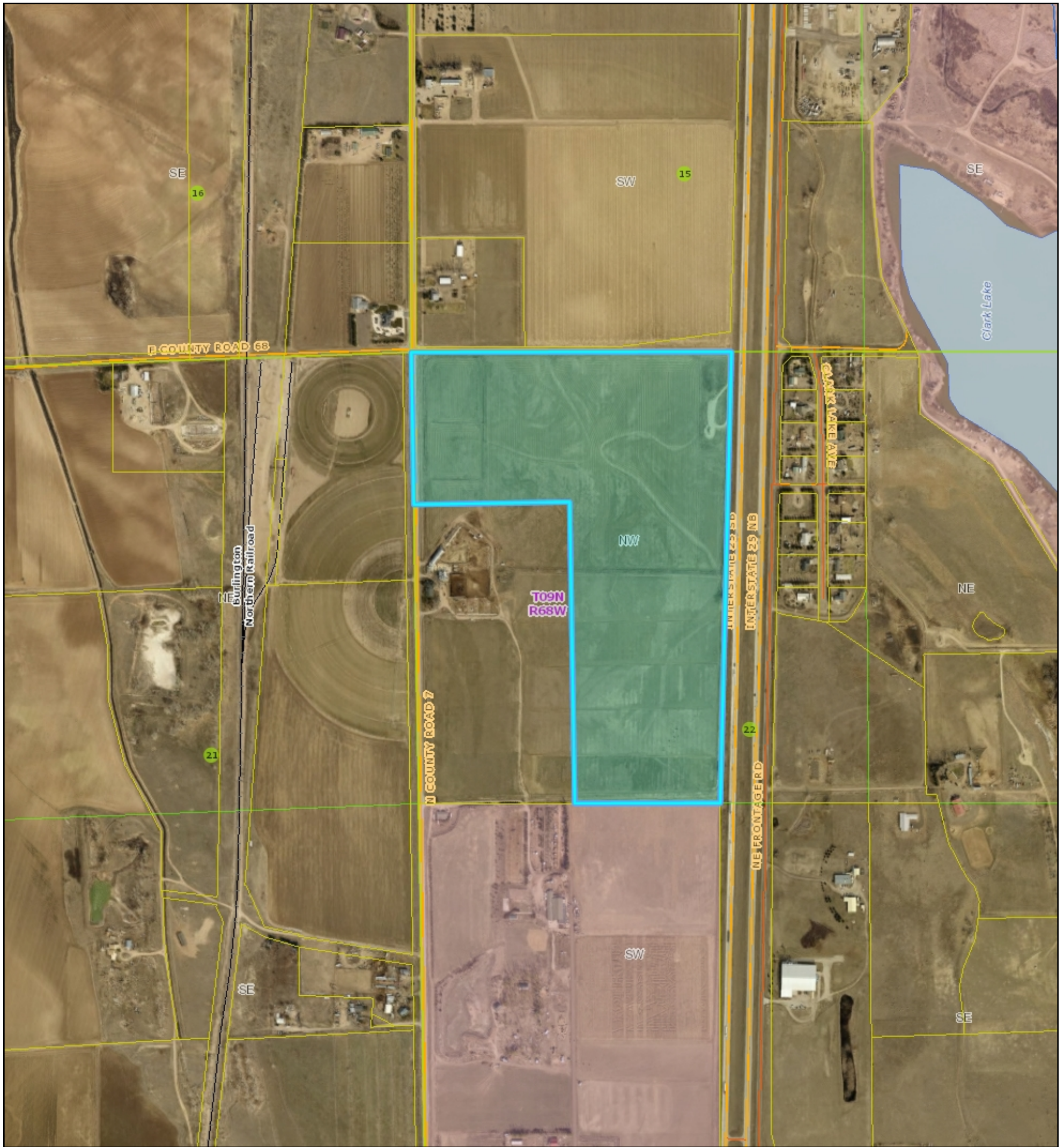
| Values | Staff |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Environmental/Ecological | N/A |
| Scenic/Aesthetic/Sense of Place | High |
| Outdoor Recreation | N/A |
| Historical/Archaeological | N/A |
| Agricultural | High |
| Geological/Paleontological | N/A |
| Information/Education | N/A |
| Context | Med |
| Political Factors | Med |
| Price | Med |



DIXON STATION CONSERVATION EASEMENT

LARIMER COUNTY






| Legend | |
|--------|--------------------------|
| | Tax Parcels |
| | PLSS Township and Range |
| | PLSS Sections |
| | PLSS Quarter Sections |
| | Railroads |
| | Major Road System |
| | Road System |
| | Lakes and Ponds |
| | Major Rivers and Streams |
| | Rivers and Streams |
| | County Boundary |
| | State |
| | Federal |
| | Other |

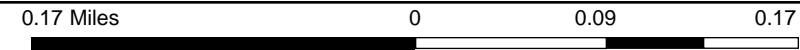
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