

# OSTAB Status Report

Town of Erie Open Space and Trails Advisory Board  
(OSTAB)

**Presented by: Ken Martin, Chair**

Revised: Tuesday, February 23, 2021



# What is our mission and responsibilities?

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- ▶ Advise the Board of Trustees on matters related to planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management of open space and trails
- ▶ Evaluate open space and trails in the development approval process and submit formal responses
- ▶ Coordinate with Boulder and Weld Counties and neighboring jurisdictions in the identification and acquisition of open space and trails
- ▶ Assess open space and trail provisions of Town plans and ordinances and recommend amendments, if necessary

# Who are we?

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- ▶ Phil Brink: BS in Animal Science, MS in Environmental Science. Self employed consultant since 2002 assisting governments and private companies with compliance and water related challenges;
- ▶ Christine Felz: Degree in Environmental Studies/International Affairs and Geography. Land and Environment Manager for local aggregate, asphalt and concrete company for the last ten years.
- ▶ Joe Swanson: BS in Natural/Park Resource Management. Resource specialist with Boulder County Parks and Open Space Noxious Weed Department for the last 8 years;
- ▶ Dave Tazik: BS Biology, MS Biology/Environmental Focus, PhD Regional/Environmental Planning. Retired; previously a Research Ecologist with U.S. Corps of Engineers for close to 30 years, and a project scientist with National Ecological Observatory Network for 6 years.
- ▶ Bob Braudes, Ken Martin, and Tim Payne. All have bachelor degrees, none in directly related areas. All have been involved in conservation and outdoor recreation activities for multiple years.

# What have we done?

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- ▶ 2020 residential development applications: 25-50% of our time, 11 responses for 8 developments.
- ▶ Native/low irrigation landscaping initiative;
- ▶ Trail etiquette brochure/signage;
- ▶ Town median policy;
- ▶ Social trails;
- ▶ RTD ROW regional trail between Boulder and Erie;
- ▶ Disc golf course;
- ▶ Coal Creek restoration;
- ▶ UDC update;
- ▶ Open space management plans;
- ▶ Future open space acquisitions;
- ▶ Brownfields.

# Acknowledgements

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- ▶ We wish to thank the Board of Trustees, particularly our liaison Mayor Pro Tem Adam Haid, and Town Staff, particularly Patrick Hammer, Mike McGill and Matt Spinner of Parks and Rec, and Chris LaRue of Planning and Development, for their support.