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AGENDA ITEM: 1
MEETING DATE: 7/22/2014
TO: City Council
FROM: Capt. Tim Brown, Loveland Police Department
PRESENTERS: Capt. Tim Brown, Loveland Police Department
 Tree Ablao, City Attorney's Office
 Judge Bill Starks, Municipal Court Judge
 Susanne Durkin-Schindler, Larimer County Restorative Justice
 Community Council

TITLE:
 Restorative Justice and Teen Court

SUMMARY:

Council has asked for information regarding youth offender programs, specifically Restorative Justice and Teen Court, to assist youth in the community who have, or are alleged to have, committed state law or ordinance violations. This presentation will provide Council with information regarding available programs in the community, as well as information regarding the opportunity to partner with the School District and the Restorative Justice Community Council.

BACKGROUND:

Restorative justice programs seek to divert youth, in appropriate cases, from the criminal justice system, reduce offender recidivism, and provide an opportunity for an offender to repair the harm done to the victim and community as a result of the offense committed. The Loveland Police Department previously operated an in-house restorative justice program that was discontinued in 2005, because the number of cases eligible for the program did not justify the cost to provide the program and the effectiveness of the program in reducing recidivism, as analyzed by CSU researchers asked to study the program, was minimal.

In its stead, other resources have been utilized effectively for youth offenders in cases previously appropriate for restorative justice, such as referrals to the Thompson School District restorative practices program, referrals to the District Attorney's Office Diversion Program, and entering into deferred judgments (which allow a case to be dismissed if conditions are successfully met).

The Restorative Justice Community Council (the "RJCC") can provide a restorative justice program as an additional diversion program for youth offenders from the Loveland Municipal Court System. The program contemplates a 3-way partnership among the RJCC, the City and

the School District. The RJCC is a non-profit that is affiliated with restorative justice programs in Estes Park and the Thompson School District. The proposal to operate a new restorative justice program in Loveland involves the hiring of a part-time staff person by the RJCC who would be housed and provided administrative support by the School District. The requested participation by the City is \$20k per year in funding to support the part-time staff person and partnering in the application and administering of additional grant funding to support the program.

Teen court programs generally involve sentencing recommendations by peers in appropriate cases. A teen court program is a youth program that may be useful as an additional option for youth offenders in the future. Information regarding the use of a teen court program will also be provided to Council at this session.

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:



LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

1. Executive Summary
2. PowerPoint Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND TEEN COURT STUDY SESSION PRESENTATION

1. Introductions

- a. Staff:
- b. Restorative Justice Community Council representatives:
- c. Thompson Valley School District Representatives:

2. Purpose:

a. Respond to Council's request for information regarding youth offender programs available in Loveland, including an explanation of what "restorative justice program" and "teen court" are and what purpose they serve

b. Provide opportunity for Restorative Justice Community Council to make a proposal to implement a restorative justice program in Loveland

c. Seek Council direction regarding further consideration of RJCC's proposal – does Council want staff to pursue agreement and budget for necessary funds

3. Background:

a. Provide council with background regarding the City's previous experience with Restorative Justice Program operated by the LPD. Why discontinued:

- not cost effective given number of cases per year and cost to administer the program
- did not appear to affect either recidivism or deterrence
- School district program existed for appropriate cases at the school level

b. Inform Council what is currently available in the Loveland Community to serve our youth population who violate laws, rules and ordinances and who administers/provides them:

- DA's diversion program
- Deferred judgment and sentence with conditions for appropriate cases in filed in court
- The Center for Family Outreach Diversion Program
- TSD restorative practices program
- RESTORE program
- Drug Court
- Family Court

c. Inform Council that youth who have cases in Municipal Court have the opportunity to seal record 3 years after conviction or immediately after dismissal (whether acquitted, successful completion of diversion, successful completion of deferred prosecution)

4. Presentation from RJCC:

- a. Description of program offered;
- b. Request for partnering (through funding) with the City and TSD to provide program in Loveland.

5. Information regarding Teen Court programs

6. Present staff perspective:

a. Given alternatives currently available in community, not necessary or cost-effective to provide program in-house.

b. From prosecution and court standpoint, having another “tool in the toolbox” to assist offenders under the age of 18 in appropriate cases may be beneficial.

7. Wrap up:

Questions/comments

Direction from Council?

Restorative Justice – Loveland history

- Previous Restorative Justice Program
 - Ran in-house by LPD
 - Surcharge to pay for program (now used to fund traffic safety needs)
 - Discontinued in 2006
 - Not cost effective given number of eligible cases
 - Program analysis conducted by CSU showed minimal effect on recidivism and deterrence

Current resources for youth offenders

- Referral of cases to DA's Office Diversion Program
- Referral of cases to TSD restorative practices program by prosecutors, SROs
- Informal diversion, Deferred Prosecution, Deferred Judgment with conditions-includes opportunity to seal/expunge case if successfully completed
- Sentencing alternatives such as public service hours, completion of appropriate educational programs, restitution, etc.




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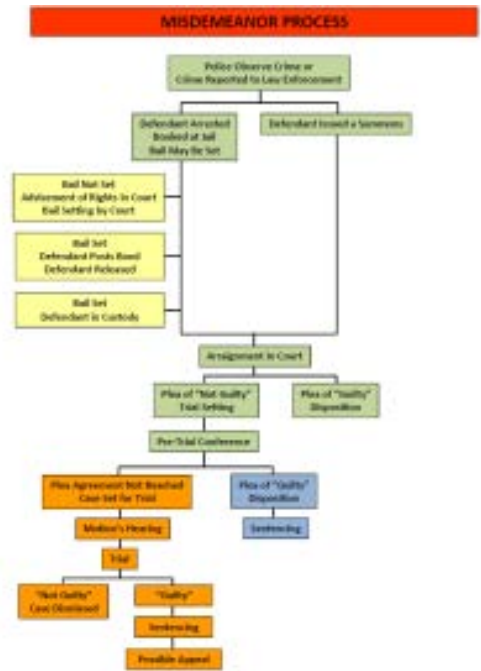
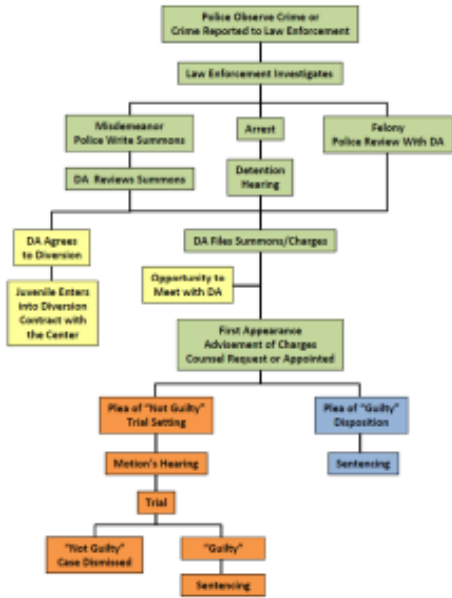


The Center for Family Outreach

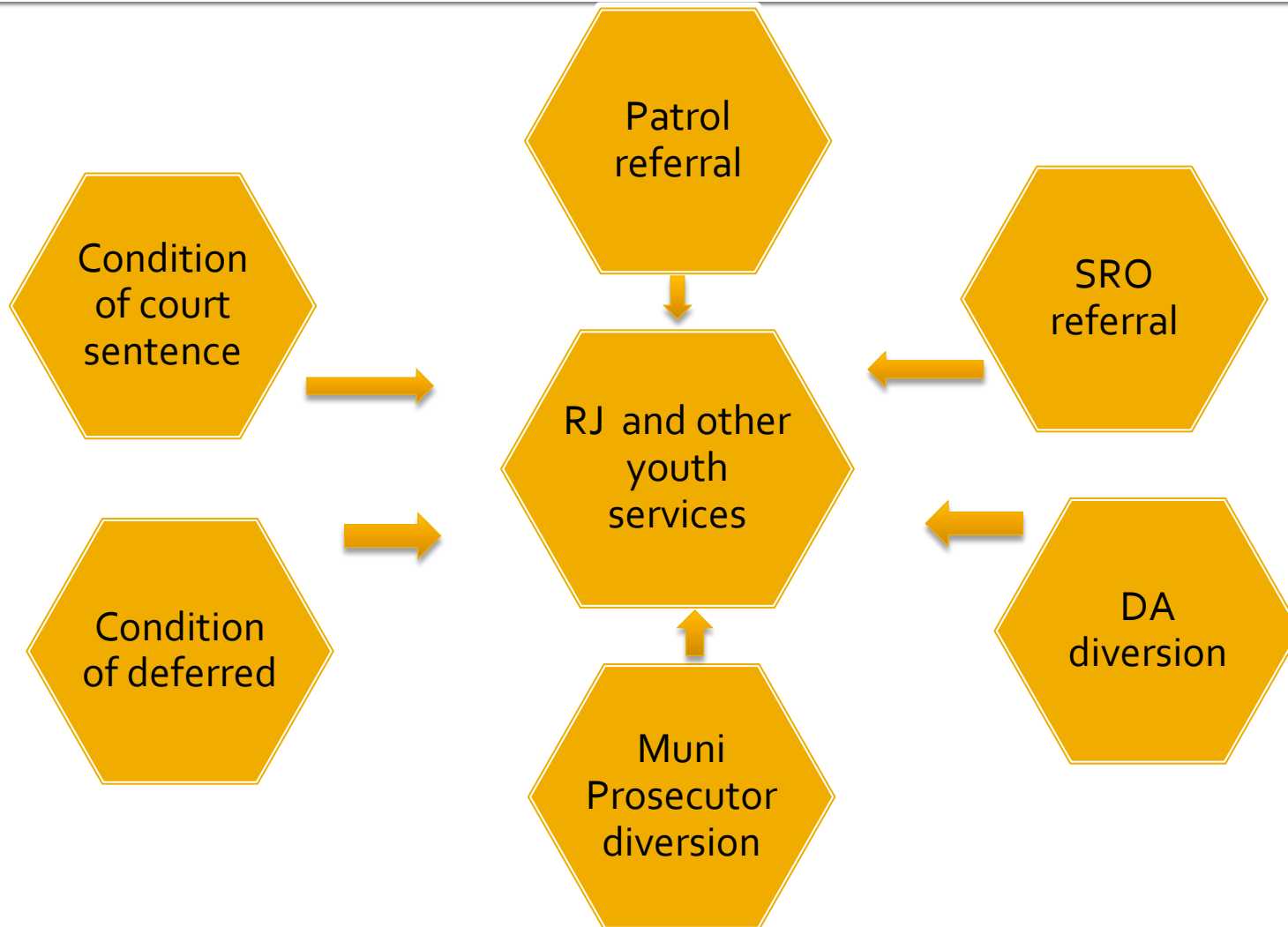
RESTORE

A Restorative Justice Program for Merchants, Community and Young Shoplifters

District Attorney: The Juvenile District Court Division handles the prosecution of offenders who are under the age of 18 who have been charged with committing a misdemeanor or felony offense. The juvenile division also oversees a juvenile diversion program that works with many first time juvenile offenders. The diversion program utilizes education, community and family services to divert the juvenile offenders from the criminal justice system.



Accessing RJ and other services



Long-term impact of juvenile records:

- Records pertaining to a juvenile generally cannot be disclosed to the general public. C.R.S. 19-1-304
- A person (regardless of age) may file a petition to seal municipal court and related police records
 - Immediately upon dismissal or acquittal
 - 3 years after conviction and completion of sentence

C.R.S. 24-72-308 and 308.9

BRINGING TOGETHER VICTIMS, OFFENDERS AND COMMUNITY TO HEAL
THE HARM CAUSED BY CRIME.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

VISION

- To provide an array of restorative models for those most directly affected by crime.
- To strengthen public safety through community building.
- To maximize interagency cooperation and coordination in promoting restorative practices.
- To provide a community-wide process for achieving justice through restorative practices.

Program Specifics

- Juvenile and Young Adult first time misdemeanor offenders up to age 21.
- Program strength from specifically trained volunteer pool.
- Offenders must take responsibility for their actions and work sincerely to repair the harm.

Accepted Misdemeanor Offenses

- Theft
- Harassment/Bullying
- Graffiti
- Criminal Tampering
- Trespass
- Criminal Mischief
- Explosives
- Shoplifting
- Arson

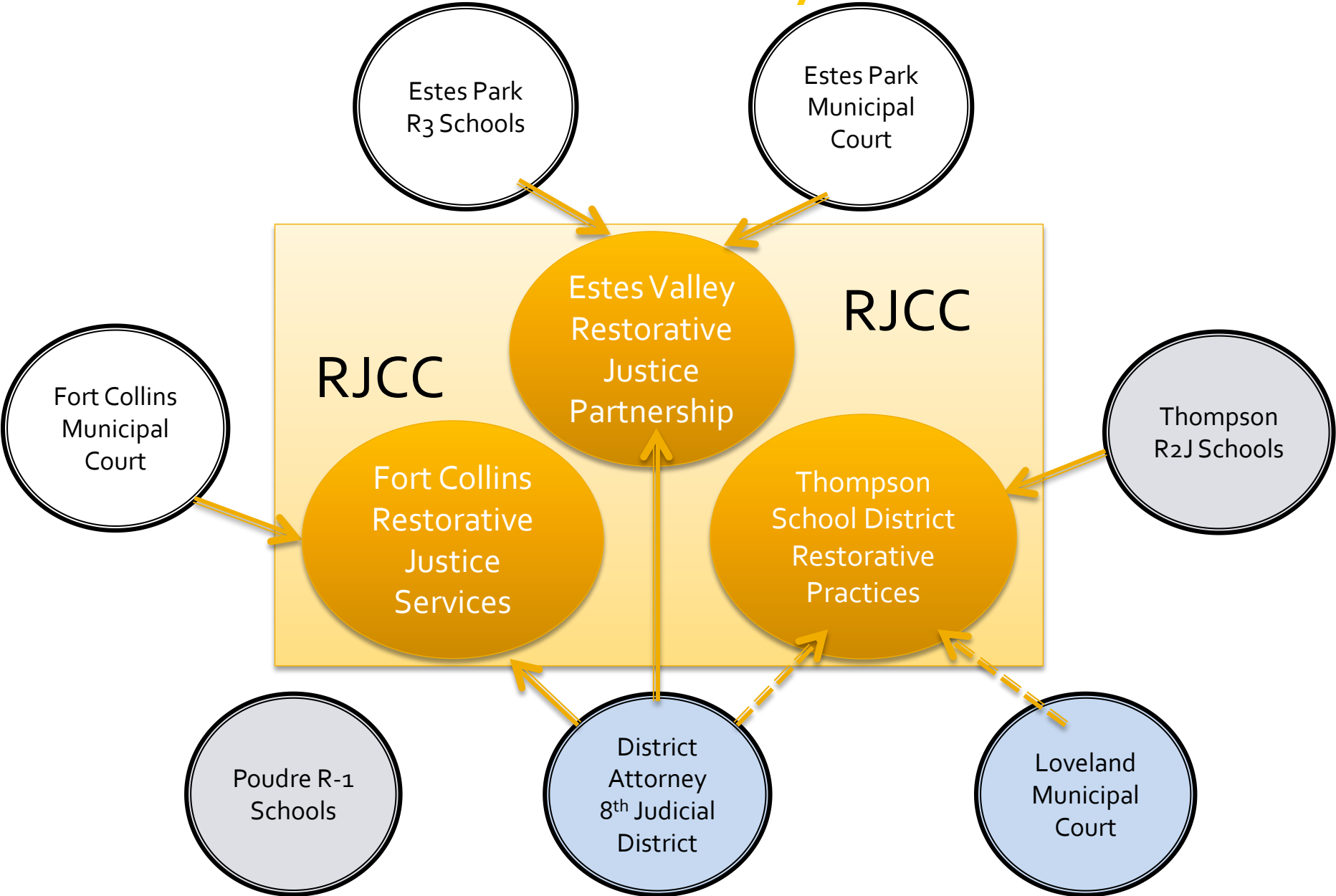
Not Accepted Offenses

- Traffic
- Curfew violation
- Alcohol
- Smoking
- Drugs
- Sexual offenses
- Felonies

Program Providers

- Thompson R2J Restorative Practices – Proactive restorative practice skills training through Peace Keeping Circles, Love and Logic, and peer conflict resolution.
- Restorative Justice Community Council – Focus on diversion from court through restorative justice conference circles.

Current Larimer County RJ Services



Potential Case Load for RJCC/Thompson R2J

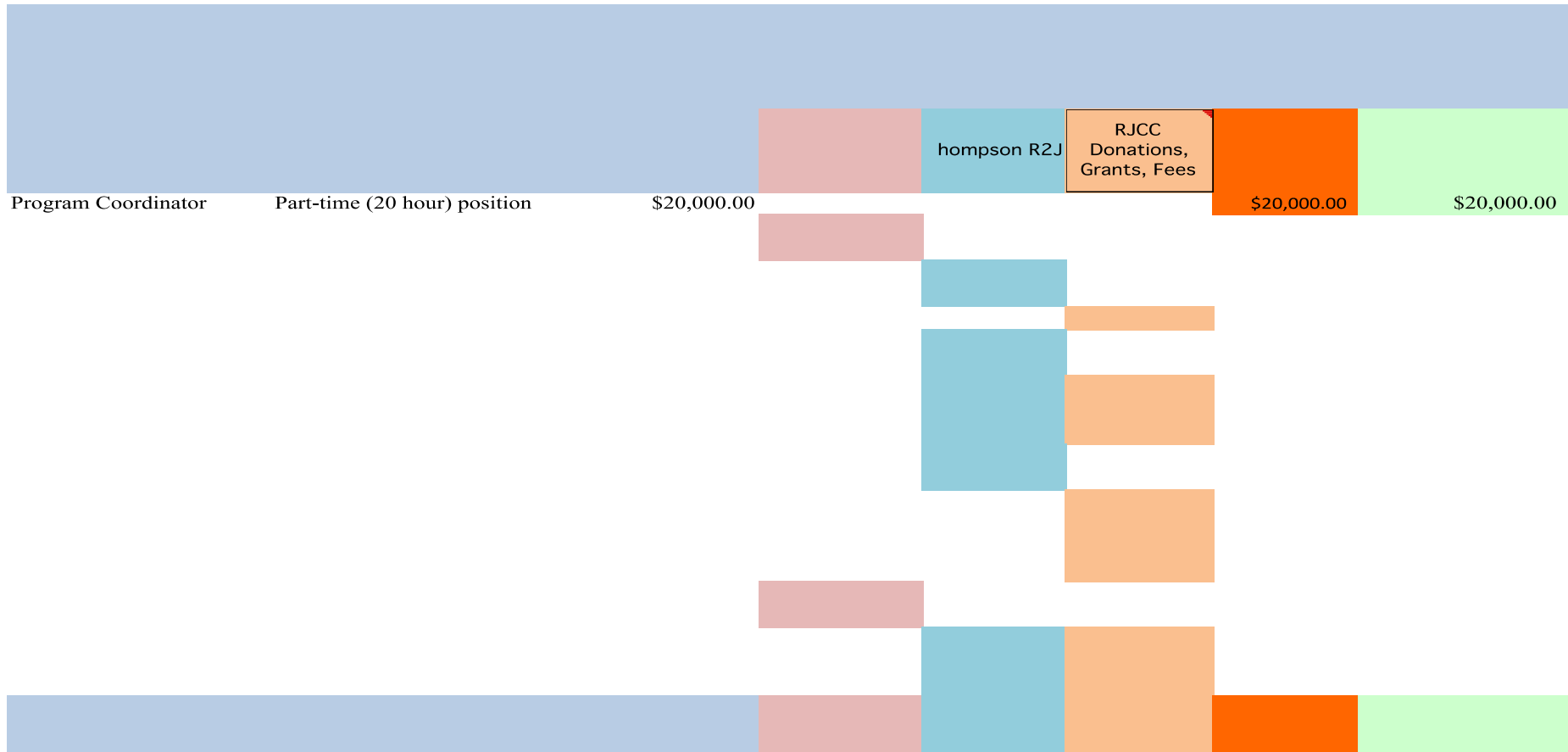
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Shoplifting			114
All Other			<u>226</u>
Total			340

Loveland P.D.	2013	2014 thru April	Total
Under 18	361	132	493
18 - 21	<u>251</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>308</u>
All	612	189	801

Benefits

- Eliminates need for in-house program.
- Reduces court time spent by prosecutors and arresting officers.
- Creates partnerships that allow pooling of resources.
- Expands opportunities for grant funding.

Program Budget



Request to Loveland

- Funding of \$20,000
- Partnership for grant applications that require governmental agency as partner
- Expanded referral from prosecutor and arresting officers

What is Teen Court?

A program in which youth are sentenced by their peers

Respondents/defendants
11-17 years old

Youth Volunteers
13-18 years old



Teen Court Provides the Loveland Community

- An early intervention/prevention program
- Provides juvenile offender accountability
- Educates youth on the legal and judicial system/builds competencies
- Forum to practice and enhance leadership skills
- Teens can use volunteer time for graduation community service hours

Teen Court Provides the Loveland Community

- Promotes a healthy attitude toward authority
- Capitalizes on peer influence
- An avenue for building ties between youth and their community

If youth do not see themselves as being bonded to the social contract that the adult society adheres to, they will see no reason to follow it.

Calhoun, J.A. (1988). Violence, Youth and a Way Out. Washington, DC: National Crime Prevention

Most Teen Courts...



- Function as diversion programs
- Accept first-time offenders
- Accept misdemeanor, non-violent cases
- Require youth to admit to the charge and voluntarily participate in the program
- Require parental consent for the youth to participate

Teen Court Programs In Colorado

City of Arvada Muni Court	Aurora Muni Court	Brighton Muni Court
Burlington High School	Chaffe County High School	Colo. Springs Muni Court
Commerce City Muni Court	Durango Teen Court High School	Fort Lupton High School
Fremont County D.A.'s Office	Huerfano County	Ignacio Teen Court Southern Ute Community Action Programs
Lakewood Teen Court Muni Court Probation	Montrose Area Muni Court and School	Parker Muni Court
Pueblo Muni Court	Pueblo High School	Woodland Park Teen Court -Police Dept.

Questions?



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AGENDA ITEM: 2
MEETING DATE: 7/22/2014
TO: City Council
FROM: Betsy Hale, Economic Development Director
PRESENTERS: Betsy Hale, Economic Development Director
 Representatives from: Water Valley, McWhinney, Sylvan Dale

TITLE:
 Go NoCo Regional Tourism Authority Application

SUMMARY:

This is a presentation from the Economic Development Department and three private landowners and developers related to a Northern Colorado Regional Tourism Act application (RTA). This is a discussion item, but staff will be making a request for financial support for the development of the RTA application to the State of Colorado Economic Development Commission. The State of Colorado RTA Fact Sheet is included as an attachment to this report. Staff is recommending Council consider a request for \$50,000 of Lodging Tax Reserves and \$125,000 of Economic Development Incentive Funds, at a future meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Tourism Act (RTA) is legislation with a subsequent program developed by the State of Colorado Economic Development Commission to provide financial support for the development of regional tourism attractions and associated amenities. The purpose is to increase the attraction of out-of-state visitors and increase visitor spending. The RTA provides for the establishment of an authority which will use the State of Colorado sales tax increment collected in a designated RTA zone for the purpose of financing eligible projects.

Larimer County, the City of Loveland and the Town of Windsor will be considering support for a joint RTA application. The application effort will be led by the private non-profit; Go NoCo. The project concept areas are located at:

- The Larimer County Ranch and Fairgrounds
- Water Valley property in Loveland and Windsor
- Centerra
- Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch

Details of the projects are included in the presentation attached to this report. Total project construction costs are estimated over \$190 million.

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

William A. Cavill

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation
2. RTA Fact Sheet
3. RTA Timeline

Go NoCo

Regional Tourism Act Application

A Private /Public Partnership



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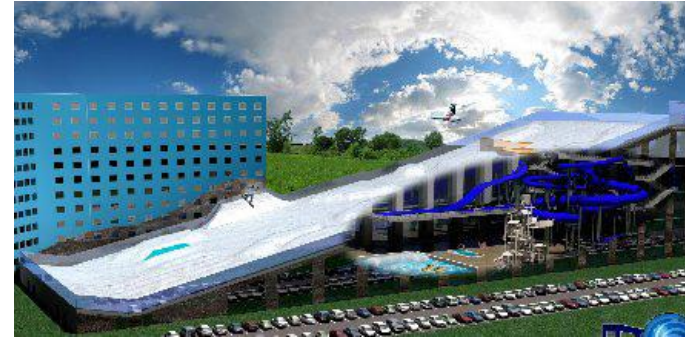
What is the RTA Program?



- Program of the Colorado Economic Development Commission
- **State Sales Tax** increment financing tool for the development of large scale, regional tourism projects
- These projects can include tourism and entertainment facilities and the associated hotels and infrastructure **however:**
- **Must draw a significant number of new regional, national and international patrons**

Projects

- Extraordinary and unique in nature
- Result in a substantial increase in out of state tourism
- Generate new state sales tax from residents outside the zone
- Local governments must provide reliable economic data demonstrating that in the absence of the state sales tax increment revenue the project is not reasonably anticipated in the foreseeable future.....
“But for the State assistance”



Why Now, Why NoCo?

- Only two more RTA applications will be awarded by the State, 3 have been awarded.
- Northern Colorado has not received an award
- Three public partners: Larimer County, Loveland and Windsor and 3 unique private partners with project areas already in design phases and financial evaluation
- There is a strong International and National “Destination Economy” growing in NoCo

National/International Marketing

- Attendance at Pow Wow and Go West International Trade Show(s)
- Developed Relationships with Tour Bus Receptors
- Familiarization (FAM) Tours and Ads with Colorado Tourism and Brand USA: Germany, Ireland, England, France, Portugal, Canada, Japan, Mexico, China
- US Pro Cycling Challenge a No Co effort



We are on the Map!
Literally...



No Co is the Center!

16,194,000 is the population within 500 miles



“#7 must do event in the United States for 4th of July, 2014”
Peter Greenberg, CBS News Travel Editor



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- La Calle que Sirvió de Inspiración para la Calle Principal de Disneylandia
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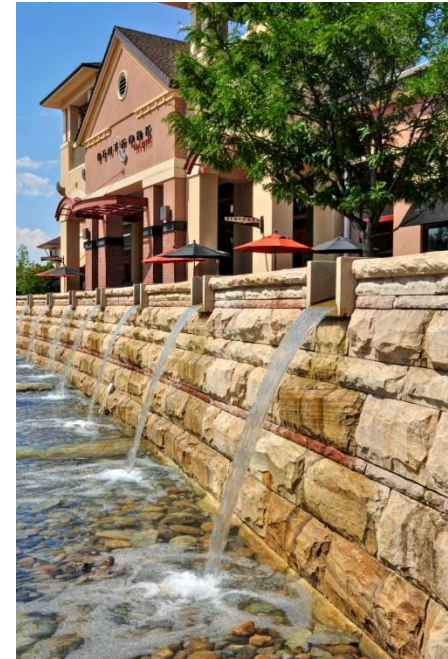
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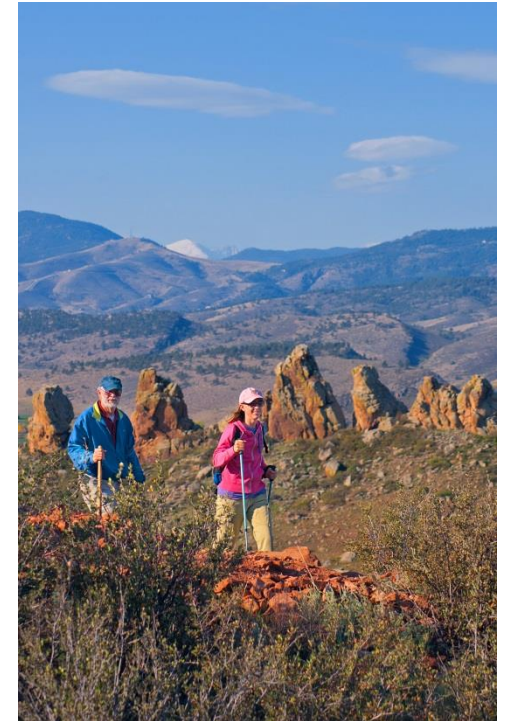
And more.....

Loveland and especially the Ranch/Fairgrounds area is the home of some of the most valuable tourism assets.

Don't forget the airport!



But we need more projects.....



RTA Private Partners



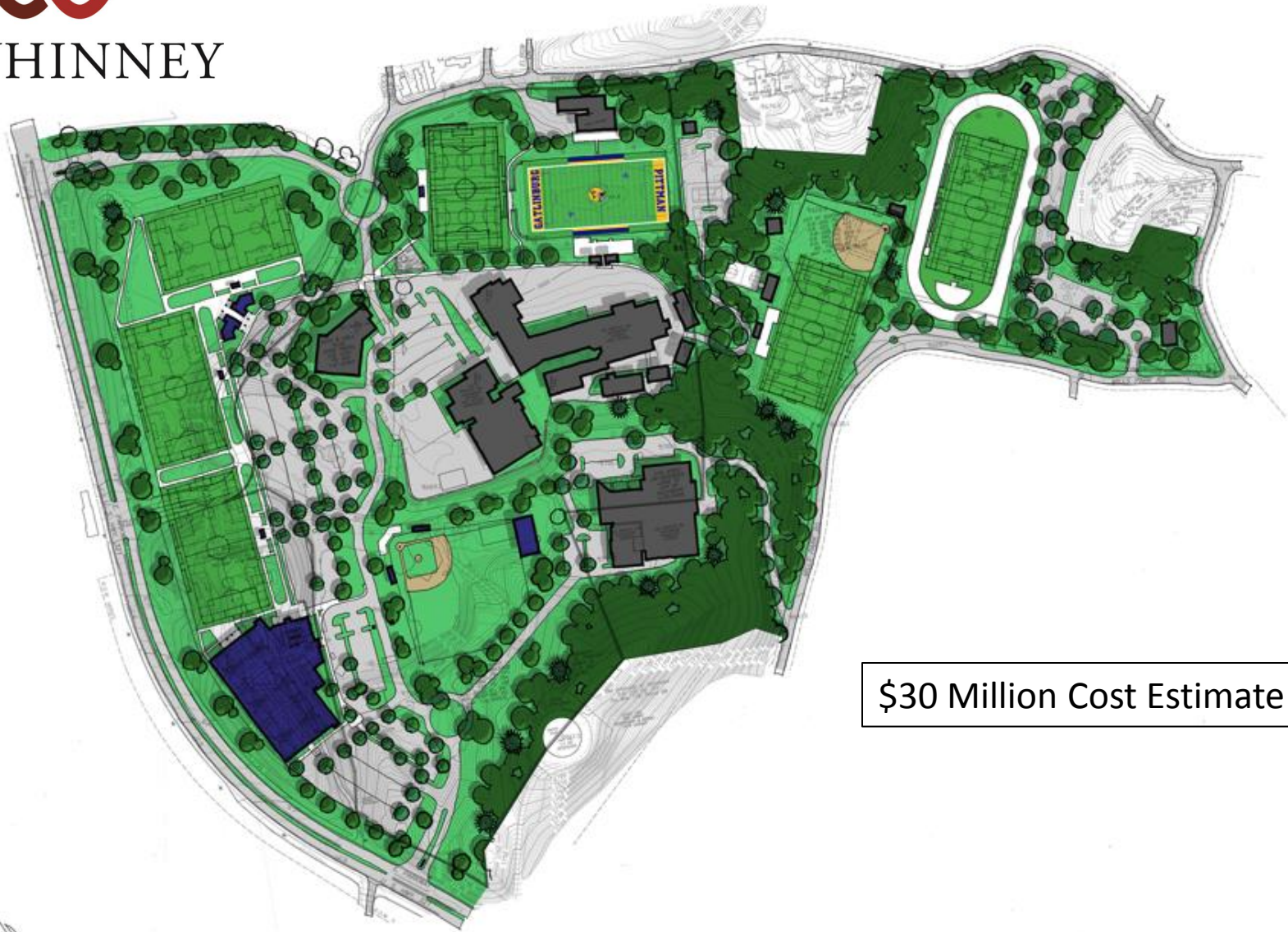
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And many, many more.....



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\$30 Million Cost Estimate



Site Plan: Final Schematic Design
YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX
City of Gatlinburg and the Gatlinburg-Sevier County Joint Venture

28 January 2013



"Joy"
 by Dominic
 Benhura,
 property of
 Centerra
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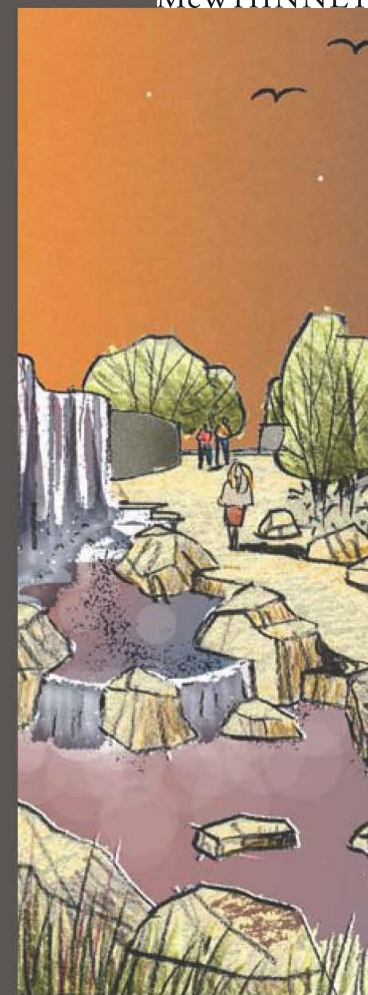
Over the past 40 years, a group of very special artists from Zimbabwe have exhibited their work in many of the world's most beautiful parks and gardens. Now, this amazing collection is finding a permanent home in Loveland, Colorado, considered by many to be the sculpture capital of North America. A unique partnership between the Chapungu Sculpture Park of Harare, Zimbabwe, McWhinney Enterprises, developer of Centerra, and the community of Loveland, Colorado, provides an amazing gift by establishing the Chapungu Sculpture Park at Centerra. The 26 acre park will contain a permanent, rotating exhibition of some of the world's most renowned stone sculptors. These remarkable works of art are inspired by the religion, mythology, nature, and culture of Zimbabwe.



Cultural Centre site plan

The centerpiece of the park will be the Chapungu Cultural Arts Centre. The Centre's mission will support, encourage and promote the visual and performing artists of Africa, with emphasis on the stone sculp-

tors, painters, performing artists, writers, poets, and cultural performers of Zimbabwe. This is the story of the Chapungu Cultural Arts Centre and the Chapungu Sculpture Park at Centerra.



African sculpture



Perspective view from the Great Lawn

\$2-3 Million Cost Estimate

in a Colorado landscape...

Natural History/ Sportsmen's Museum



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Cost Estimate \$4 million

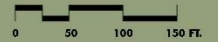
\$20 Million Cost Estimate



Centerra - Parcel 504: Conceptual Landscape Plan

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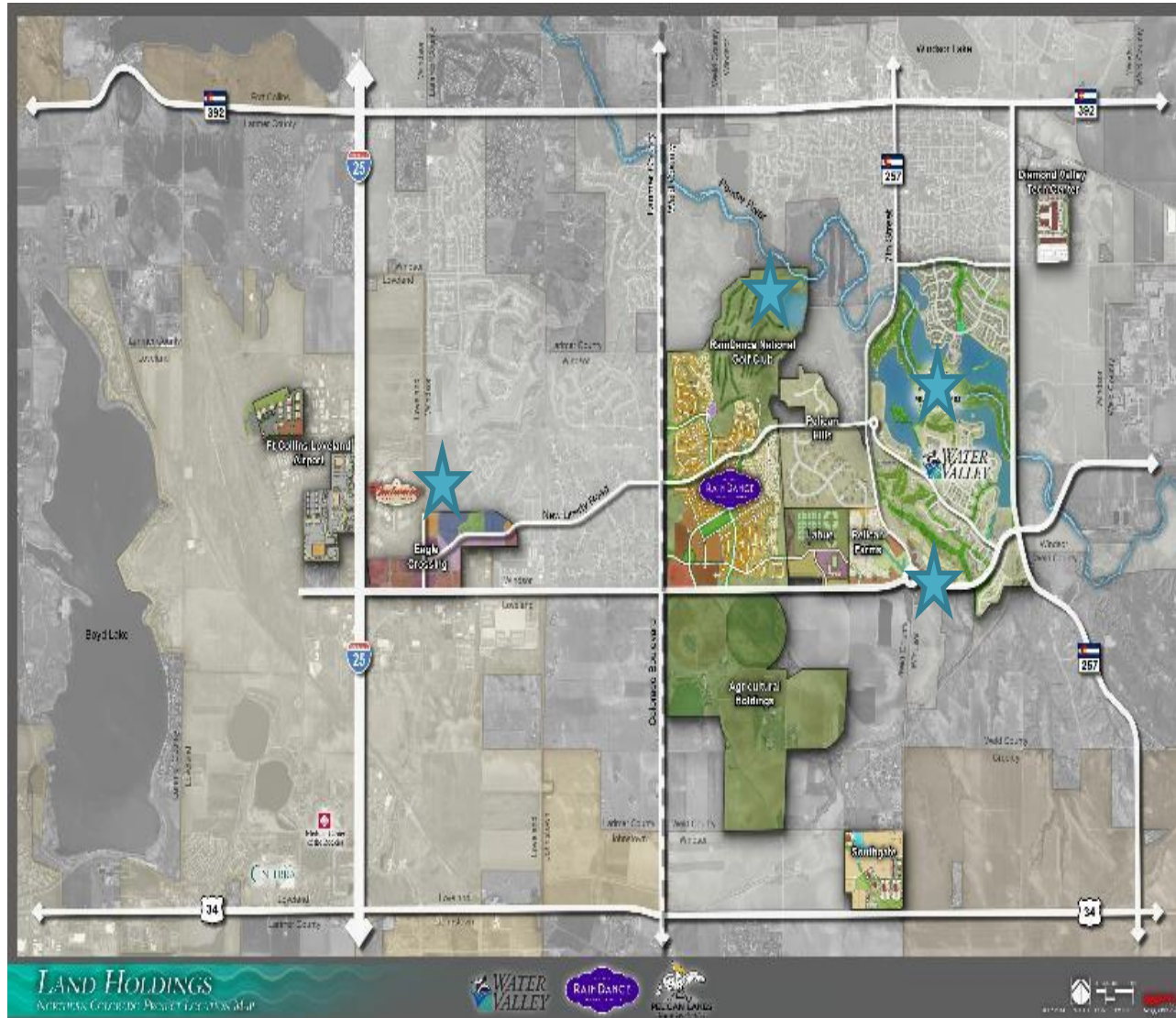
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RTA Potential Projects

Projects Map



Regional Ice Sheets

Project Facts

Project Location:

City: Loveland, CO

County: *Larimer County*

Major Intersection: *NEC Fairgrounds Ave. and Crossroads Blvd.*

Land Use:

Estimated Land Acreage: +/- 9.18 Acres

Building Square Footage: +/- 100,000 SF

Estimated Construction Costs: +/- \$25,000,000

Summary:

This facility would consist of a minimum 4 sheets of ice with the intent of drawing national youth and adult hockey tournaments to the region.





Raindance National Golf Club

Project Facts

Project Location:

City: *Windsor, CO*

County: *Weld*

Major Intersection: *1.5 Miles North of the Crossroads Blvd. and County Rd. 13*

Land Use:

Estimated Land Acreage: 370 Acres

Estimated Course Construction Costs:
\$20,000,000

RTA Enhancement Costs: \$5,000,000

Summary:

This golf course is designed for the ability to host Champions Tour and Senior PGA Tour Events. RTA Funding would be used to entice national tournament play to the Region.



Peligrande Resort and Convention Center



Project Facts

Project Location:

City: *Windsor, CO*

County: *Weld*

Major Intersection: *New Liberty Rd. and Marina Drive*

Land Use:

Estimated Land Acreage: 40 Acres

Convention Center SF: 50,000

Marina SF: 20,000

Estimated Construction Costs Convention - :

\$10,000,000

Estimated Construction Costs Marina -

\$10,000,000

Amenity Enhancement – Hotel / Timeshare -

\$50,000,000



RV Park

Project Facts

Project Location:

City: *Windsor, CO*

County: *Weld*

Major Intersection: *¼ Mile South of Crossroads Blvd and 7th Street*

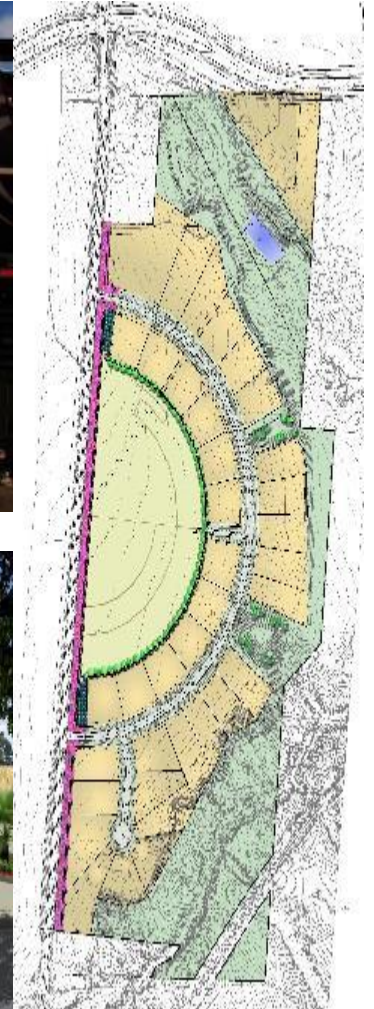
Land Use:

Estimated Land Acreage: 93 Acres

Estimated Construction Costs: \$5,000,000

Summary:

High-End RV Park



An RTA Project with Heart





May 2013



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Mit FUI nach Kenia. Bei einer Flugfeier im Flughafen von Nairobi wurden die Expis im Tzavo West Nationalpark die afrikanische Tierwelt von oben. Begleitet wurden ebenfalls Hotels in Mombasa.

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Mit Gebeck nach China. Zu den schönsten Sehenswürdigkeiten der Welt reisten die Expis. Die Skyline der Mega-City.

Expis on Tour

... diesmal im Airport, im Busch und auf dem Dach. Was die Kollegen bei Info-Reisen von Köln bis Shanghai alles erlebt haben, zeigen diese Schnappschüsse!

Shake It, Baby! Genaue Details der Nacht in der weißen Nacht sind im Artikel zu finden. Das Thema präsentiert sich bei den Party-Bildern unten an.

Kuba-Fair im Rheinland. Die Expis im Airport. Anlässlich der rasanten Entwicklung nach Venedig.

Rock On! Das ist die Party im Airport. Die Weltspitze der Party. Die Weltspitze der Party. Die Weltspitze der Party.





















What will we do???



**\$4-\$10 million
Cost Estimate**

So What's Next for this effort

- Formation of the Go NoCo Private Non-Profit
- Contributions from Public and Private Sector
- Public Sector funds requested= \$225,000
- Private Sector = \$300,000 in assistance
- Completion of Market and Financial Analysis
- Recruitment of Tenant/Operators
- Determination of RTA Area due in October 14'
- RTA Applications are due February 2015
- Announcement of Awards October 2015

What's Next for City Council

- Request for financial assistance of \$175,000 to Go NoCo
 - \$50,000 of Lodging Tax Reserves for marketing
 - \$125,000 of Economic Development Reserves for financial and legal assistance
- Questions and Discussion
- Additional Presentations and requests to other Public Partners.

Regional Tourism Act (RTA)

Purpose

The Regional Tourism Act creates a mechanism for a local government to undertake a regional tourism project to attract out-of-state visitors, to create a regional tourism zone in which the project will be built, and to create a regional tourism authority (or to designate other financing entities) with the power to receive and utilize the increment of revenues derived from the state sales tax collected in the zone, that is above a designated base amount, to be used to finance eligible improvements to the project.

The State's Role

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) provides administrative support for the Colorado Economic Development Commission (EDC). The EDC has oversight authority for this program. A local community should work with OEDIT to determine application requirements and deadlines to submit completed applications for review by OEDIT. The Business Funding and Incentives Staff will facilitate the application review process, application presentation with structuring recommendations to the EDC, resolution drafting and project monitoring.

Requirements

- The EDC shall not approve any project that would likely create an annual state sales tax revenue dedication of more than \$50 million to all regional tourism projects.
- The EDC cannot initially approve more than two projects. Once the EDC approves two initial projects, the EDC may approve two additional projects during the next calendar year. Once the EDC approves two additional projects, the EDC may approve two additional projects during the following calendar year.
- The EDC will:
 - Review applications forwarded with OEDIT recommendations and may approve or reject the project based on a demonstration that the following criteria are materially met:
 - The project is of an extraordinary/unique nature and is reasonably anticipated to contribute significantly to economic development and tourism in the state and communities where the project is located.
 - The project is reasonably anticipated to result in a substantial increase in out-of-state tourism.
 - A significant portion of sales tax revenue generated by the project is reasonably anticipated to be attributable to transactions with nonresidents of the zone.
 - The local government has provided reliable economic data demonstrating that in the absence of state sales tax increment revenue, the project is not reasonably anticipated to be developed within the foreseeable future.
 - Adopt a resolution for approved applications specifying the following:
 - The local government approved to undertake a regional tourism project.
 - The area of the regional tourism zone.
 - Requested by the local government, authorize the creation of an authority to receive and spend state sales tax increment revenue.
 - The percentage of the state sales tax increment revenue that will be dedicated to the project.
 - Authorize the collection and use of the state sales tax increment revenue for a designated number of years.
 - Authorize the utilization of the state sales tax increment revenue by the financing entity pursuant to the RTA and conditions of approval determined by the EDC.
 - Appoint board members to the approved authority when applicable.

- Have the ability to revoke or modify its approval of a project if substantial work on the project does not commence within five years of approval by the EDC.
- Other terms and conditions required by the EDC.

Process

A local government will need to submit a regional tourism project application to OEDIT within the application cycle deadline. OEDIT will review the application for general completeness and to make an initial determination regarding whether the application has met the general criteria for a regional tourism project. An economic review and report on the application will be completed by an independent Third Party Analyst hired by the Office of State Planning and Budgeting. Applications will be forwarded to any county or counties and adjacent municipalities where the project will be implemented for an opportunity to review the application and submit comments to the EDC within 30 days prior to the scheduled EDC meeting. The EDC will make final approval or denial determinations.



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2014/15 Timeline for Final Cycle of RTA Application Submission, Review and Approval*

New Dates	Item
Early July, 2014	OSPB Issue Third Party Analyst RFP
September 1, 2014	TPA Announced by OSPB
September 15, 2014 to February 17, 2015	Release of Application Instructions & Call for Applications
September 25, 2014	Applicant Conference in Denver
October 1, 2014	Applicant Conference in Denver
October 13, 2014	Pre Application w Zone Map and Fee due to OSPB
November 14, 2014	OSPB Release Baseline Growth Projections to Applicants
February 17, 2015	Applications & Fees Due to OEDIT
February 18-24, 2015	OEDIT/OSPB Review of Applications for Completeness
March 4, 2015	OEDIT Notifies Applicants of Missing/Incomplete Items
March 11, 2015	Applicant Submits Missing/Incomplete Items
March 11, to March 25, 2015	Application review by OEDIT/OSPB
April 3, 2015	Initial Determination by OEDIT if Applications Meet Criteria for Regional Tourism Project and Feedback to Applicants
April 8, 2015	Applicant Requests that OEDIT Submit Applications and Payment to TPA
April 9, to July 31, 2015	Review and Analysis of Applications by TPA
April 15, 2015	OEDIT Forwards Application to Local Communities for Comment
Weeks of April 27, 2015 & May 25, 2015	Meetings between TPA and Applicants Discussing Models and Inputs
May 15, 2015	Final Community Comments Due to OEDIT
August 3, to August 14, 2015	Applicant Reviews of TPA Report; Revision Requests & Payments Due
August 17, to Sept 18, 2015	TPA Completes Revisions of Analysis
September 22, 23, 24, 2015	Applicant, TPA Presentation to EDC and Public Hearings
September 29, 2015	Deep Dive Workshop with EDC & TPA
October 2, 2015	TPA Follow Up With EDC
October 6, 2015	OEDIT Executive Director Recommendation to EDC on Project Approvals
October 8, 2015	Scheduled EDC Meeting - EDC Decides Which Applications are Approved (Max 2)
October 12, to 16, 2015	Meeting with EDC, TPA, applicant to discuss terms and conditions for Approved Applications
October 19, to 21, 2015	Follow Up Meeting if needed to Discuss Terms, and Conditions for Approved Applications
October 23, 2016	OEDIT Executive Director Recommendation to EDC on Terms and Conditions
October 26, 2015	EDC Decision Meeting on Terms and Conditions for Approved Applications

**Dates subject to change as necessary. The timing of the application review by the Third Party analyst may be extended, dependent on the quantity of applications received by OEDIT.*

Acronym Legend

Name	Abbreviation
Economic Development Commission	EDC
Office of Economic Development & International Trade	OEDIT
Office of State Planning and Budgeting	OSPB
Third Party Analyst	TPA
Regional Tourism Act	RTA
Request For Proposal	RFP

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