



Built On What Matters

Town of Frederick PROST Commission Agenda

Bella Rosa Golf Course
5830 Bella Rosa Parkway
Frederick, CO 80504
Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:30 PM

Call to Order – Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

This portion of the agenda is provided to allow members of the audience to provide comments to the PROST Commission. Please sign in and you will be called. If your comments or concerns require an action, that item(s) will need to be placed on a later Agenda. Please limit the time of your comments to three (3) minutes.

Action Agenda

- A. April 2026 Minutes -
Colby Johnson, Parks and Open Space Director
- B. Parks and Open Space Use Regulations Update -
Colby Johnson, Parks and Open Space Director

Discussion Items

- C. Parks, Open Space and Trails Design Standards Discussion -
Sara Barnard, Parks Planning and Development Coordinator
- D. Open Space Management Plan -
Jordan Davison
- E. Parks Water Management Plan -
Mike Harris
- F. Staff Report -
Colby Johnson, Parks and Open Space Director

Commissioner Reports

Adjournment



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TOWN OF FREDERICK

Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Commission Staff Report

Matt Hickman, Chairperson

Erin Fosdick, Vice Chairperson
Alan Gill, Commissioner
Kristen Davis, Commissioner

Luke Bolinger,
Commissioner
Susan Pilon, Commissioner

April 2026 Minutes

Agenda Date: May 13, 2026 PROST Commission

Attachments: 1. PROST Minutes 04082026

Reviewed By:

Action Type

2) Administrative: Actions of routine nature that implement policies/directions or effectuate the functioning of government; such as contract approvals/granting of licenses and permits/etc.

Strategic Plan Alignment:



Strategic Priority 1: Transparent & Strategic Governance

Frederick will lead with transparency, accountability, and strategic decision-making to ensure municipal services exceed community expectations and exemplify that Frederick is Built on What Matters.

Summary Statement:

Consideration of approval of the PROST Commission's April 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Detail of Issue/Request:

The Commission will consider approval of the Minutes from the April 8th, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Legal Comments:

N/A

Alternatives/Options

The Commission may consider approval as-is, approval with minor modifications or denial.

Financial Considerations

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the April 2026 PROST Commission Minutes as presented.

Community Impact



Town of Frederick PROST Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026

Call to Order – Roll Call: Vice Chair Fosdick and Commissioner Gill were absent and excused.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved 4-0 without changes.

Public Comment: There were no members of the community present for public comment.

Action Agenda:

March 2026 Minutes: The March 2026 Minutes were approved 4-0 with no changes.

Resolution of Support for the Adoption of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Frederick and CVPRD: The Resolution of Support for the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Frederick and the Carbon Valley Parks and Recreation District was approved.

Discussion Items:

Golf Course Management Plan Preview: Tim Schwartz, Golf Course General Manager, presented the first update on the updated Golf Course Management Plan. This Plan is being updated under the broader umbrella of Go Outdoors Frederick and in alignment with those goals and objectives. The previous and current Golf Course Management Plan's have reduced the operational subsidy by over \$650,000 or over 80% to a 2025 operational cost recover of 87% and resulted in record rounds play, record revenue and the lowest operational expenses in five years. Updates include additional approaches to continue increasing that operational cost recovery by making targeted capital investments, identifying and implementing efficiencies and clarifying programming goals to ensure alignment with the community's goals for this space. Golf Staff are also working to incorporate maintenance outcomes into this update, aligning those outcomes to operational expenses and revenues.

Parks, Open Space and Trails Design Guidelines Discussion: Sara Barnard, Parks Planning and Development Coordinator, presented the second update on the Parks, Open Space and Trails Design Standards. This document is intended to guide development of new public spaces under the goals and objectives of Go Outdoors Frederick, the Town's Comprehensive Plan as well as the recently updated Frederick Land Use Code. The presentation included detailed information on park amenities, trail connectivity, open space conservation and ecological standards and highlighted challenges staff noted during the development of these Standards that are being addressed with other Departments as associated plans and standards are developed in the future. Commissioners asked questions regarding community outreach and staff have worked behind the scenes to highlight that process at the May update on this document.

Staff Reports:

April 2026 Staff Report:

Commissioner Reports: Commissioners congratulated Matt Hickman on his election to the Board of Trustees. The Commission was updated on the recruitment process for the vacancies recently created on the Commission and expect new members to be seated at the June Regular Meeting.

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.



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Parks and Open Space Use Regulations Update

Agenda Date: May 13, 2026 PROST Commission

Attachments:

1. Resolution - FMC POST Update 05132026
2. Parks and Open Space Regs Update 2026 04202026

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Strategic Priority 3: Safe & Resilient Community

– Frederick will ensure a safe, prepared, and resilient community through strong public safety partnerships, proactive planning, and programs that support community well-being.

Summary Statement:

Town Staff are asking the PROST Commission to consider the adoption of a Resolution of Support for updates to the Frederick Municipal Code governing the public use of parks and open spaces.

Detail of Issue/Request:

Town Staff have prepared updates to the Frederick Municipal Code governing the public use of parks and open spaces, generally, and are asking for the Commission to approve a Resolution of Support to accompany the updates when they are presented to

the Board of Trustees for their consideration of adoption, scheduled for June 17th.

The regulations act in three primary ways.

First, they clarify existing policy into Code that are already ongoing administratively. Regulations for this include updates to definitions, to special event permits and to park shelter reservations.

Second, they prescribe new or updated regulations for the use of parks that generally allow staff to proactively communicate undesirable actions and behaviors to the community, before they become a persistent problem. This includes regulations on camping, littering and open fires.

Third, they proactively loosen existing restrictions on public use of Town lands. This includes the expansion of usable hours from the current sunrise to sunset, updated to 5am to 10pm.

Legal Comments:

These regulations have been draft by the Town Attorney's Office. They are subject to finalization based off comments received from PROST, Staff and ultimately, the Board of Trustees.

Alternatives/Options

The Commission may chose to approve the Resolution of Support and accompanying Code as-is.

The Commission may request alterations to either or both the Resolution or Code.

The Commission may choose to take a formal position against the updated Codes, although Staff would prefer to actively communicate those concerns and potentially provide for alterations for future consideration.

Financial Considerations

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution of Support as presented, but is open to input and suggestions on both the Resolution and Code.

Community Impact

**TOWN OF FREDERICK, COLORADO
PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS (P.R.O.S.T.) COMMISSION
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FREDERICK, COLORADO P.R.O.S.T.
COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF UPDATES TO THE FREDERICK
MUNCIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE USE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Commission, the Commission shall advise the Board of Trustees and Town Staff on all areas pertaining to the Town's outdoor recreation and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees are the governing body of the Town of Frederick, Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, the P.R.O.S.T. Commission supports periodic updates to the Use Regulations of Parks and Open Spaces, to protect the health and safety of visitors and to properly steward recreational and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the P.R.O.S.T. Commission encourages Parks and Open Space Department staff to seek community engagement where feasible and these updates reflect the voices heard from the community and additionally clarifies existing administrative procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF FREDERICK, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The P.R.O.S.T. Commission offers this Resolution of Support to the Mayor and Board of Trustees and recommends adoption of the proposed updates to the Town of Frederick, Colorado Municipal Code, specifically sections 10-74; 10-184; 12-1 through 12-6.

2. The P.R.O.S.T. Commission further recommends that Town Staff, the Commission, the Mayor and Board of Trustees and the community partner on appropriate updates to the Town of Frederick, Colorado Municipal Code governing the use of E-Bikes and similar recreational equipment in the near future, specifically by prioritizing the safety of users of parks, open spaces, trails and the other limited multi-modal transportation opportunities.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

TOWN OF FREDERICK

By: _____
Erin Fosdick, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
Colby Johnson, Parks and Open Space Director

Draft Parks and Open Space Code Updates

Section 10-74, Littering of public and private property, and Section 10-246, Bottles, littering prohibited, are repealed and replaced as follows:

Sec. 10-74. Disposal of litter.

(a) No person shall throw or deposit, or cause or permit to be thrown or deposited, any litter on any public or private property within the Town.

(b) Any person utilizing the facilities of any park, open space, or other public area in the Town shall place in disposal receptacles, where provided, all litter in the possession of such person before leaving the facility. If no disposal receptacle is available, then such person shall carry away the litter in their possession from the area, to be disposed of in a proper and legal manner elsewhere.

(c) Whenever litter is thrown, deposited, dropped or dumped from any motor vehicle in violation of this Section, the operator of said motor vehicle is presumed to have caused or permitted the litter to be so thrown, deposited, dropped or dumped therefrom.

(c) "Litter" means all rubbish, waste material, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, or other foreign substances, solid or liquid, of every form, size, kind, and description.

(d) The phrase "public or private property" as used in this section includes, but is not limited to, the right-of-way of any road or highway, any body of water or watercourse, including frozen areas or the shores or beaches thereof, any park, open space, playground or building, any refuge, conservation, or recreation area, and any residential, farm, or ranch properties or timberlands.

Section 10-184. Camping prohibited.

(a) No person shall camp on any property within the Town without first having obtained:

(1) Permission of the authorized agent or owner of any public property; or

(2) Permission of the authorized agent or owner of private property.

(b) Testimony by a property owner or agent of the persons specified in Subsection (b) of this section that such owner or agent is the person who grants permission to camp upon

such property, or that in the course of such owner or agent's duties such owner or agent would be aware of permission and that no such permission was given, is prima facie evidence of that fact.

(c) Refer to Town Land Use Code for further regulation regarding where camping may occur within the Town and applicable standards.

(d) For purposes of this section, "camp" means to reside or dwell temporarily in a place, and conduct activities of daily living, such as eating or sleeping, in such place. The term does not include napping during the day or picnicking. "Camp" does not include temporary residence associated with the performance of a governmental service by emergency responders or relief workers during a disaster emergency, as acknowledged by the Town.

(e) For purposes of this section the phrase "during the day" means from one hour after sunrise until sunset.

(f) For purposes of this section, "public property" means, by way of illustration, but is not limited to, all land, structures, buildings, or areas, or any other public property owned, leased, controlled, or maintained by the Town; a highway, highway median, any street, street median, road, road median, alley, sidewalk, strips of land between streets and sidewalks, lanes, catch basins, pedestrian or transit mall, bike path, greenway, public parking lot, or any other structure or area encompassed within the public right-of-way; any park, parkway, open space, recreation area, natural area, trail, beach, playground, or other publicly owned recreation facility; a municipal watercourse, bodies of water, watercourses, stormwater infrastructure such as, but not limited to, bridges, pipes, inlets, and culverts; or any other grounds, buildings, or other facilities owned, leased, controlled, or maintained by the Town or by any other public entity, regardless of whether such public property is vacant or occupied and actively used for any public purpose.

Chapter 12

Parks and Open Space

Article I

Definitions

Sec. 12-1. Definitions.

(a) "Parks and Open space" means any land or water area that is open to the general public with its surface open to the sky that serves specific uses of providing park and recreation, educational, and scenic opportunities, conserving natural areas, wildlife habitat, agricultural areas, and environmental resources, structuring urban development form, and protecting areas of agricultural, archeological, or historical significance, and includes trailheads and shelters.

Article II

Use of Parks and Open Space

~~Sec. 10-245.~~ Sec. 12-2. Curfew and public access – Town parks and open space.

(a) Parks and open space of the Town of Frederick are open for public use between ~~sunrise and sunset~~ 5 a.m. and 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. ~~except as follows:~~

~~(1) Crist Park shall be open for public use between sunrise and 10:00 p.m.~~

~~(2) The skate park at Frederick Recreation Area shall be open for public use between sunrise and 10:00 p.m.~~

(b) No person shall remain present at a Town park or open space during hours not designated for public use. This Section is designated noncriminal.

(c) At the discretion of the Town Manager, or designee, a person may remain at a Town park or open space after the curfew hours designated in this Section if granted a permit for such use. The permit ~~issued by the Town Manager, or designee,~~ shall designate the period of use of the park or open space.

Sec. 12-3. Special event permits.

(a) Due to impacts to Town roads and traffic, Town lands, emergency services, and sanitation, unless there is a separate agreement in place with the Town, such as an intergovernmental agreement that addresses special events, a special event permit is required for events within the Town on Town-owned or managed parks and open spaces where the general public is invited or if fifty (50) or more people attend an invitation only event. Please refer to the Land Use Code for requirements and limitations for events held on private property.

(b) A special event permit application shall be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the event's date. Late application fees, as set by the Town, shall apply to all applications

submitted fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the event. All special event permit applications submitted within fourteen (14) days or fewer of the event's date shall be denied.

(c) The special event permit application fee, as set by the Town, is due at the time of the application. If the special event occurs at any Town-managed or Town-owned property, there will be an additional damage deposit, as set by the Town.

(d) A special event permit application shall include the following:

(1) Site plan map. The site plan map is required for all special event applications and should be at least 8.5"x11" and drawn to scale;

(2) Traffic plan. A traffic plan is only required for any proposed road closure or traffic detour. Town staff will follow up after the special event permit application to determine how many cones and barricades are necessary to meet the standards set in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD"). Additional cone and barricade rental deposit fees may be issued following the review of the traffic plan;

(3) Trash and sanitation plan;

(4) Special event alcohol permit, if applicable;

(5) Security plan; and

(6) Bounce house form, if applicable.

(e) Special event permit applications may be referred to the Frederick Firestone Fire Protection District for review and comment at the reviewer's discretion.

(f) The Frederick Firestone Fire Protection District shall be contacted for review and comment if the special event includes:

(1) Tents larger than 100 square feet;

(2) Mobile food vehicle permit; or

(3) Inflatable structures/bounce house permit.

(g) Town-owned parks available for Special Event Permits shall be generally limited to Frederick Recreation Area, Centennial Park, and Crist Park.

Sec. 12-4. Shelter reservations.

(a) Shelters located at Town-owned or managed parks or open space are open to the public on a first-come first-served basis, unless the facility has been reserved. A reservation gives a patron exclusive use of a specific facility for a specified timeframe. Shelters available for rent are limited to those at Crist Park and Frederick Recreation Area.

(b) Damage deposit and shelter permit fees, as set by the Town, are due at time of reservation. Permit fees are non-refundable. Damage deposits are refundable in whole or part contingent upon the condition of the shelter after the event. No refunds will be given for inclement weather conditions.

(c) If the person by whom the shelter is reserved wishes to allow for consumption of alcohol by those present by invitation at the shelter during the time of the shelter reservation, that person shall complete an alcohol permit application, available on the Town website, and comply with all restrictions of such permit along with all State and local laws.

Sec. 12-6. Fires and heat sources in Town parks and open space.

(a) Building, lighting, or maintaining an open fire within Town parks and open space is prohibited. Grilling is allowed within parks and open space at park shelters only, and only if such heat source is an electric grill or propane grill or stove and the heat source is kept within the grill or stove with a barrier to protect the ground from grease.

(b) Any person utilizing the facilities of any park, open space, or other public area in the Town shall completely extinguish fires for which that person is responsible before leaving such facility.



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Parks, Open Space and Trails Design Standards Discussion

Agenda Date: May 13, 2026 PROST Commission

Attachments: None

Reviewed By:

Action Type

4) Information: Items that require no specific action and are provided for informational purposes only.

Strategic Plan Alignment:



Strategic Priority 1: Transparent & Strategic Governance

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Strategic Priority 2: Exceptional Resident Experience & Engagement

- Frederick will deliver modern and accessible services while creating welcoming engagement opportunities that connect residents of all ages and abilities to their local government.



Strategic Priority 3: Safe & Resilient Community

– Frederick will ensure a safe, prepared, and resilient community through strong public safety partnerships, proactive planning, and programs that support community well-being.



Strategic Priority 4: Responsible Growth and Community Vitality

– Frederick will guide responsible growth through thoughtful planning and balanced development that strengthens economic vitality, while preserving the community character that residents value.



Strategic Priority 5: Reliable & Sustainable Infrastructure

– Frederick will invest in and maintain reliable infrastructure that supports a growing community, protects public resources, and ensures high-quality service for residents today and in the future.

Summary Statement:

Town Staff will presenting the third update to the Commission on the new Parks, Open Space and Trails Design Standards.

Detail of Issue/Request:

This is the third in a series of presentations to the PROST Commission for their input and recommendations as staff continue to prepare to implement this new set of standards for future parks, open spaces and trails built in new residential subdivisions. This presentation will focus primarily on the process to take these standards through final staff review, engagement with the development community and through the adoption by the Board of Trustees. Staff will also highlight additions since the second presentation in April.

The Town's Parks, Open Space, and Trails (POST) Design Standards are the Town of Frederick's set of rules that guide the planning, design, and construction of parks, open space, and trails. The POST Design Standards help ensure development of parks, open space, and trails are consistent, predictable and aligned to the broader goals of the Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Code and the updated Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan (Go Outdoors Frederick).

The POST Design Standards go hand-in-hand with the recently updated Land Use Code. While the Land Use Code establishes land dedication requirements for parks and open space, the POST Design Standards establish the minimum requirements for vegetation, amenities, and trail development within these spaces.

The POST Design Standards are intended to provide clear standards for parks, open spaces, and trails that improve predictability for developers and ensure quality public spaces for future residents.

- Advance outdated standards and amenities
- Support purposeful and diverse experiences
- Promote intergenerational opportunities and Universal Design
- Prioritize functionality and maintainability

Legal Comments:

N/A

Alternatives/Options

N/A

Financial Considerations

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Staff is seeking the Commission's input and recommendations on both the content of these Standards and the process for their adoption.

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Open Space Management Plan

Agenda Date: May 13, 2026 PROST Commission

Attachments: 1. Town of Frederick OSMP_2025 - V6

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Summary Statement:

This is the third presentation on the Department's Open Space Management Plan, a maintenance program identified under Go Outdoors Frederick. Our goal is to seek the Commission's input at this time to finalize the document before it's brought for adoption by the Commission as a part of the broader Go Outdoors Frederick adoption in late 2026 or early 2027. Our intent is to finalize this document and then "table" it until such time that all operations, maintenance and capital programs are finalized, so far as a final graphical document is concerned, but to utilize the contents for resource allocation purposes both within the larger strategic planning of the Department, but more specifically the 2027 budget process.

Detail of Issue/Request:

The overall purpose of the Town of Frederick Open Space Management Plan (OSMP) is to establish guidelines for the sustainable stewardship of open space land managed by the Town of Frederick. Furthermore, it may serve as general recommendations for open spaces managed by other entities, such as a Homeowner's Association. As an appendix to Go Outdoors Frederick 2050, the OSMP translates broader community goals into practical management actions and site-level strategies.

Frederick's identity is closely tied to its rural setting, mountain views, and the transitions between neighborhoods, farmland, and natural landscapes. As pressure continues along the Front Range, protecting and maintaining undeveloped land has become increasingly important, not only as ecological assets, but also as a defining feature of the community. Open spaces play an important role in supporting public health by providing recreational opportunities and access to nature, as well as strengthening biodiversity and wildlife habitat, preserving agricultural lands, and protecting scenic view corridors, helping maintain the character that residents value.

This OSMP outlines how the Town will steward these lands through clear management policies and site-specific recommendations. The plan includes Town-wide guidance for open space maintenance as well as existing conditions of each area. Opportunities for improvement have been identified and prioritized, assisting with guiding resources and implementation over time.

Ultimately, the OSMP connects community priorities with on-the-ground actions, ensuring that Frederick's open spaces continue to provide long-term community and ecological benefits, while supporting resilient landscapes.

Legal Comments:

N/A

Alternatives/Options

N/A

Financial Considerations

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Staff are seeking the Commission's input and recommendations on this preliminary draft.

Community Impact

Town of Frederick Open Space Management Plan

Introduction:

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Objectives

- Promote native vegetation and ecological health
- Provide accessible and functional recreational opportunities
- Protect scenic quality and community character
- Reduce noxious weeds and protect natural resources
- Conserve water and support sustainable conditions

Challenges

- Degraded soils from past disturbance and land use
- Limited desirable vegetation and increased weed pressure
- Reliance on natural precipitation with limited moisture availability
- High costs associated with restoration and renovation
- Balancing ecological goals with recreational use

Community Priorities

What the Community Said

Through community surveys and outreach conducted over the past several years, Frederick residents have consistently identified the protection, improvement, and expansion of open space as a high priority for the community. Residents value access to outdoor recreation, the preservation of natural landscapes, and the protection of the rural character that has long defined Frederick. Community feedback also highlighted the importance of supporting biodiversity, protecting wildlife habitat and viewing opportunities, preserving agricultural lands, and maintaining scenic areas and mountain views.

This feedback reflects a clear expectation that open space should not only be preserved but actively managed to a high standard. Residents expect these lands to remain accessible, functional, and ecologically healthy while continuing to reflect Frederick's identity. This direction aligns with Go Outdoors Frederick 2050, where preservation is a central theme of open space, and this document translates those priorities into on-the-ground management and stewardship actions.

What the Town Will Do

The OSMP responds directly to these community priorities. The plan outlines how the Town will steward existing open space lands and identifies opportunities for improvements. Through clear management strategies, maintenance standards, and implementation priorities, the OSMP ensures that Frederick's open spaces continue to reflect community values while supporting recreation, ecological health, and the character that residents want to preserve.

The Town will implement consistent management practices across its open space system to ensure that these lands are maintained in a sustainable and responsible manner per those directives from the community. This includes managing vegetation and invasive species, protecting and restoring native habitats, maintaining agricultural leases where appropriate, and improving conditions for wildlife habitat and biodiversity. While these practices provide a consistent foundation across the system, their application will vary based on site conditions and the role each open space plays within the broader network. The Town will also evaluate opportunities for compatible public access, while balancing sensitive ecological area protection.

In addition, the OSMP establishes a process for evaluating individual open space properties and identifying site-specific projects. This includes assessing recreational improvements, maintenance requirements, restoration opportunities, and long-term stewardship needs for each property. By prioritizing projects and improvements, the Town can allocate resources strategically and implement enhancements in a coordinated and efficient manner over time.

What the Community Will See

As these strategies are implemented, residents will see well-maintained and thoughtfully managed open spaces throughout the community. Recreation areas will be improved where appropriate, natural areas will be protected and restored, and agricultural lands will continue to contribute to Frederick's rural landscape. Wildlife habitat and biodiversity will be supported through responsible land management, while scenic views and open landscapes will remain defining features of the community. Together, these outcomes will ensure that Frederick's open spaces continue to provide ecological benefits, recreational opportunities, and a strong sense of place for current and future residents.

What is Open Space?

Open spaces are lands that are conserved in their natural state to provide habitat for wildlife, conserve wetland and riparian areas, or retain quality agriculture while balancing recreational use. Open space areas generally provide passive recreation, such as walking, hiking, biking, and birdwatching.

Because open space areas serve different functions and have varying conditions, they require approaches tailored to their specific needs. To better guide stewardship and decision making, the Town has categorized open space into three distinct typologies: natural areas, trail corridors, and pocket open space. This framework helps ensure that each area is managed in a way that reflects its role within the system. It allows the Town to

apply consistent strategies, prioritize improvements, and allocate resources where they have the greatest impact.

Natural Areas: These are areas of significant ecological value – large, scenic sites that are managed to preserve native plant communities and support wildlife habitat, while also providing recreational opportunities. These areas are the highest priority because they provide the foremost opportunity for open space objectives.

Trail Corridors: Trail corridors are linear open spaces that primarily function to support recreational trails and connectivity throughout the community. Often following natural features, drainageways, or undeveloped buffers, they provide routes for recreation and important connectivity throughout the community.

Pocket Open Space: Pocket open spaces are smaller parcels, often resulting from development patterns, roadway alignments, or former energy extraction. Soils are frequently disturbed or compacted, and restoration potential varies. While generally limited in ecological value compared to larger sites, they provide neighborhood access, maintain visual openness, and create breaks within development.

Inventory			
	Acres	Trail Access	Use
Natural Area			
Bulrush Wetlands Park	85	Yes	Low
Eagle Valley Open Space	38	Yes	High
Fox Run Open Space	11	Yes	Moderate
Frederick Recreation Area	200	Yes	High
No Name Open Space	18	No	Low
Frederick Regional Park and Open Space	183	No	Low
	535		
Trail Corridor			
Angel View Corridor	1.5	Yes	Low
Centennial Corridor	19.5	Yes	High
Johnson Farm Corridor	6	Yes	Low
Legacy Trail Corridor	20.5	Yes	High
Moore Farms Corridor	1.5	Yes	Moderate
Savannah Canal Corridor	10.5	Yes	Low
Savannah Center Corridor	2.5	Yes	Low
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Pocket Open Space			
Countryside	1	No	Moderate
Eagle Valley North	3.25	No	Low

Eagle Valley South	3.5	No	Low
Eagle Valley West	2	No	Low
Fox Run South	5.5	No	Low
Rinn Valley OS	5.25	Yes	Low
Savannah OS	3	No	Low
	23.5		
Total	620.5		

Vegetation Management:

This section defines general management practices that may be utilized across all open spaces to provide sustainable stewardship of these lands. Many parcels share several common challenges. This OSMP addresses these challenges through a rounded approach to establishment, mowing, and weed control. These practices collectively support the development of durable ecological conditions that are better able to adapt to environmental stressors over the course of implementation.

Establishment of Native Plant Communities

Quality of native plant communities varies from site to site within Town of Frederick. In some areas, establishment of native vegetation is the first step in improving the site. Other open space areas may only need enhancement to what is already present or currently contain healthy native plant communities.

Soil health is critical to establishing and sustaining healthy vegetation. Soil health refers to how well soil functions as a living ecosystem to support plants and animal life. Healthy soil is rich in organic matter, supports microbial life, and is able to hold water and nutrients while allowing excess water to drain naturally. Good soil improves plant growth and increases resilience to drought and disease. It is essential to the overall health of vegetation.

On numerous open space sites throughout Frederick, primarily on pocket open space, original development practices and ongoing energy extraction and utility maintenance have degraded soil conditions. Compaction, disturbance, and in some cases, the replacement of topsoil have reduced the soil's ability to support healthy vegetation. Limited vegetation cover causes further soil degradation and weed pressure. Over time, these conditions reduce soil stability, nutrient availability, and the capability of the native vegetation to re-establish.

Restoring these areas focuses on improving soil structure and creating conditions that support long-term plant establishment. Common approaches include incorporating

organic materials to rebuild soil health, applying mulch to retain moisture and regulate temperature, and improving infiltration where compaction is present. In more heavily disturbed areas, additional treatments such as tilling or adding topsoil may be needed to restore a functional growing environment. Managing existing vegetation is also important, as reducing invasive species and competition allows native plants to establish more successfully. Together, these practices create a foundation that supports successful seeding and planting, helping open space areas develop resilient vegetation and long-term ecological value. These improvements also contribute to more resilient soil and vegetation systems that are better able to withstand drought, wildfire, and varying disturbance.

Seeding is the primary method used to restore open space areas, helping to re-establish native plant communities and stabilize soils. Restoration typically begins with preparing the soil to support germination, which may include loosening compacted ground and improving overall growing conditions. Native seed mixes are selected based on species well-suited to local conditions, often combining grasses and wildflowers to support both vegetation diversity and pollinator species. Depending on site conditions, a variety of seeding methods may be used to ensure effective establishment. Seeding is generally conducted during cooler seasons when conditions are more favorable for growth. Following installation, measures such as mulch or other protective coverings may be used to retain moisture, reduce erosion, and support early plant development. Overall, successful seeding focuses on creating favorable conditions for growth and allowing native vegetation to establish and persist over time.

These approaches collectively support the gradual transition toward more stable, self-sustaining landscapes that require less intensive maintenance as implementation progresses while continuing to provide ecological and community benefits.

Strategic Mowing

Mowing is an important management tool and is used selectively to support native plant communities and control undesirable vegetation. When timed appropriately, mowing helps manage weeds and prevents establishment of undesirable woody species while allowing native grasses to propagate naturally. Depending on weather, the health of the native vegetation, and site use, frequency of mowing can vary from zero mows per year up to 5 times per year. Town staff will monitor open space areas and evaluate the necessity of mowing on a site-by-site basis. At vegetatively healthy sites, mowing will be conducted between October and February to avoid peak growing and nesting season.

At many locations, particularly where native vegetation is not well established, mowing has historically been used more frequently. Town of Frederick is committed to transitioning into a reduced mow schedule for native areas. Benefits of reduced mowing include:

- Allowing native grasses to mature and propagate naturally
- Increasing competitiveness of native vegetation and reducing weed pressure
- Reduced reliance on herbicides
- Providing cover and forage for wildlife
- Supporting soil stability and reducing erosion
- Reducing maintenance demands, equipment wear, and staff time

Targeted mowing will continue to be used where necessary to maintain access and limit vegetation encroachment. Along trails, a maintained mow strip of 2 to 3 feet on each side will help define edges, improve visibility, and ensure safe passage. Where open space borders residential or commercial properties, a mow strip of approximately 15 feet will be maintained to allow for maintenance access and prevent encroachment. In some locations, these perimeters may be transitioned to a crusher fines border to support access, fire protection, and long-term maintenance.

Integrated Pest Management

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a comprehensive approach to pest management that combines biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical controls to improve effectiveness. Weed control, and specifically noxious weed control, is a priority on open space lands. Noxious weeds are aggressive, non-native plants that outcompete native vegetation and contribute to soil erosion, increase fire risk, reduce recreational use, and displace wildlife habitat. Town of Frederick has instituted the following IPM Plan on Town owned open space areas:

Monitoring and Assessment – Staff will systematically monitor open space areas for pest activity at a frequency appropriate to site conditions, seasonal growth, and known problem pests. Identification of pest species will be documented, with an emphasis applied to noxious weeds as defined by the Colorado Department of Agriculture. Monitoring data will be used to inform pest management decisions, by identifying when pest populations meet action thresholds.

Action Thresholds – Action thresholds define the point at which pest populations have reached a level that warrants control measures. Once an action threshold has been met, one or a combination of the following control methods will be deployed.

Cultural Control – Focuses on promoting native plant communities so they can naturally outcompete invasive species. This includes practices such as seeding, planting site appropriate species, improving soil, grazing, and limiting disturbance. Cultural control methods are foundational and are incorporated into almost every long-term vegetation management plan.

Biological Control – intentional use of living organisms, such as insects or pathogens, to reduce the population of a pest. Biological control will be utilized when infestations are widespread and long-term suppression is the goal instead of immediate eradication. State-approved control methods will be utilized coordinating with Colorado Department of Agriculture and county weed programs.

Mechanical Control – a physical method of removing weeds by tilling, hand-pulling, cutting, mowing, or sawing. This method is often utilized to prevent seed production primarily on small or emerging infestations. Mechanical control methods can be highly selective, minimizing off target impacts on other vegetation. Typically, this practice is best utilized on biennial or annual weeds.

Chemical Control – the reduction or eradication of weeds through the application of herbicides. Chemical control is highly efficient, and usually the most cost-effective method for controlling weed infestations. Any chemical control method will always use best practices, following herbicide labels and state laws and regulations. Town of Frederick retains multiple licensed pesticide applicators on staff.

Evaluation - Following any control measures, treated areas will be evaluated to assess effectiveness and site response. Vegetation management will be adapted over time, with outcomes documented to inform future decision-making, and monitoring will continue.

Open space management practices described in this plan are intended to support resilient landscape conditions through thoughtful vegetation management and ecological stewardship. By promoting healthy native plant communities, reducing invasive species, and managing vegetation density, these efforts help maintain balanced ecosystems that are better adapted to environmental stressors such as drought and disturbance. Targeted maintenance practices, including strategic mowing and integrated pest management, also help reduce excessive fuel buildup while maintaining the natural character of open space areas. Together, these approaches contribute to landscapes that are more stable, self-sustaining, and capable of adapting over time, while continuing to support habitat, recreation, and community value.

Agricultural Leases

Agricultural leases can be an effective management tool for the Town of Frederick to maintain and steward open space lands while preserving their agricultural heritage. By leasing portions of open space to local farmers or ranchers, Frederick can keep land in active production, which helps prevent the establishment of invasive weeds, reduces fuel loads, and maintains soil health through regular land management practices. These leases can also provide modest revenue while reducing the need for municipal management of large tracts of land.

Amenity Improvements

Amenity improvements play an important role in supporting both recreation and stewardship within open space areas. Access enhancements allow visitors to experience these spaces while helping direct use away from sensitive areas. In locations where people naturally gather, features such as shade structures and seating areas improve comfort and encourage use. Educational and interpretive signage provides opportunities to highlight natural systems, cultural history, and restoration efforts while promoting responsible use of open space. Additional features such as pollinator plantings, habitat structures, angler access, or nature play elements may be incorporated where appropriate to support ecological function and community engagement. These improvements serve as tools to enhance usability and experience while maintaining a balance between recreation and conservation.

Existing Conditions:

Natural Areas

Bulrush Wetlands Park

Bulrush Wetlands Park is a chartered wetland mitigation bank, located west of the intersection of Old Highway 52 and State Highway 52 in the Boulder Creek watershed, approximately 2 miles west of Interstate 25 on HW52. The objective of this property was to create 53 acres of wetlands on the 85-acre property, providing a habitat haven for wildlife, especially migratory avifauna. The site's primary chartered purpose is to provide habitat for wildlife, including nesting and foraging grounds for a variety of birds, mammals, and aquatic species. Bulrush is a unique plant and bird sanctuary that offers a great

educational opportunity, as well as a haven for wildlife enthusiasts. Currently, access to the site is by appointment only, and reservations can be made at the Town website.

Eagle Valley Open Space

This 39-acre open space is situated between Raspberry Hill and Eagle Valley subdivisions and is predominantly vegetated with smooth brome. Past oil and gas operations in the southeastern portion of the property have resulted in areas of soil compaction and disturbance, where desirable vegetation is limited and weed pressure remains elevated. The Sullivan Ditch traverses the western edge of the property, providing a consistent moisture source that supports comparatively more productive vegetation along this drainage corridor. Eagle Valley Park is located near the east-central portion of the site, contributing recreational amenities and increasing overall visitation. Due to the property's proximity to Legacy Elementary School, trail use is substantial, with frequent pedestrian traffic further influencing site conditions.

Fox Run Open Space

Fox Run Open Space is located within the Fox Run subdivision and provides a direct connection to the Frederick Recreation Area (FRA), extending trail access for the surrounding community. Fox Run Park sits adjacent to the open space and offers additional recreational amenities for nearby residents. The central portion of the property was historically used for oil and gas operations, and some areas still exhibit degraded soil conditions resulting from that activity. The property is also bisected by an access road associated with the Lower Boulder Ditch, and several ditch structures are present within the open space.

Frederick Recreation Area

Frederick Recreation Area (FRA) serves as the flagship facility within the Town of Frederick's parks and open space system and represents one of the community's most prominent recreational destinations. FRA exemplifies the seamless transition between developed park and natural open space, where the distinction between the two becomes intentionally blurred. The approximately 300-acre property features the 65-acre Milavec Lake, which is encircled by a 1.26-mile, 10-foot-wide soft surface trail that is heavily used by walkers, runners, and cyclists. Additional amenities include mature shade trees, athletic courts, a dog park, restrooms, outdoor fitness stations, reservable pavilions, Bella Rosa Golf Course, and numerous connecting trails that link the area to surrounding neighborhoods. Milavec Lake and the surrounding trail are particularly popular with outdoor enthusiasts, including anglers, bicyclists, and runners, and serve as a central gathering space for the community. Of the total acreage, approximately 200 acres

function as open space (including the lake), while the western portion of the property has historically been used for agricultural production and still reflects elements of that landscape.

Frederick Regional Park and Open Space

Located at the northwest corner of Aggregate Boulevard and Tipple Parkway, the Frederick Regional Park and Open Space (FRPOS) is the Town's most recent open space acquisition. The property has historically been used for agricultural production and is currently leased to a local resident for dryland farming. Maintaining the site as an active agricultural operation helps reduce maintenance costs for the Town while keeping the land productive. As development continues in the surrounding area, including the construction of a new high school just northeast of the property, FRPOS represents an important opportunity to support the Town's growing recreation and open space system. At present, the property does not provide public access and is not connected to the Town's existing trail network.

No Name Open Space

Located at the northern boundary of Town of Frederick, in the No Name subdivision, No Name Open Space is approximately 18 acres, with No Name Creek on its western boundary. Vegetation in this open space is dominated by native grasses. The property's southeastern edge historically contained an oil and gas well, which has disturbed soil and causes a fair amount of weed pressure localized to this corner. Currently, the overall high quality of this native area is a valuable habitat for local wildlife. However, public access is extremely limited and users are infrequent, primarily because no user trails currently exist on site.

Trail Corridors

Angel View Greenway

Located in the center of the Angel View subdivision, Angel View Greenway runs north to south through the community. The corridor is vegetated with native grasses and a variety of trees, creating a natural setting within the neighborhood. The presence of mature trees provides shade and enhances the overall character of the greenway, making it a pleasant space for walking and passive use. Currently, the trail primarily serves residents within the subdivision, as surrounding areas remain undeveloped and connections to a broader trail network have not yet been established.

Centennial Greenway

This greenway loops around Centennial Park, traversing both native landscape areas and maintained turf within the park. Workout stations are located along the route, providing opportunities for fitness and active use. Trash receptacles and dog waste stations are also available, supporting convenient and responsible use of the trail. The trail passes by an irrigation pond, which offers scenic views and opportunities for wildlife observation. It also provides a connection east from Colorado Boulevard and links to the Legacy Trail via a nearby trailhead located just to the west, enhancing its role within the broader trail network.

Legacy Trail Corridor

The Legacy Trail is a key component of the regional trail system, with segments located within the Town of Frederick, the Towns of Firestone and Dacono, and unincorporated Weld County. The trail provides a major north–south connection through the area, generally following Colorado Boulevard. Within Frederick, the Legacy Trail offers access to several important destinations, including historic downtown Frederick along 5th Street, as well as three of the Town’s primary parks: Frederick Recreation Area, Crist Park, and Centennial Park. It also connects users to new commercial areas, including newly developed Silverstone Marketplace, providing convenient access to shopping and services. Additionally, the trail strengthens regional connectivity by linking Frederick to neighboring communities.

Moore Farms Corridor

This trail corridor provides an important north–south connection for the community, linking the northwestern portion of Town to the Frederick Recreation Area. It runs through the Moore Farms subdivision and serves as a key route for both recreation and neighborhood connectivity. The corridor also presents important opportunities for future trail connections, further strengthening its role within the broader open space and trail system.

Savannah Canal Corridor

Located along the southeastern edge of Frederick, this corridor offers expansive rural views to the east, contributing to the community’s sense of openness and connection to the surrounding landscape. It primarily functions as an access road for the Stanley Ditch, however, the Savannah Canal Corridor also serves the local community as a soft-surface walking path. While it does not currently provide strong connectivity within the broader trail system, it presents significant opportunities for future connections as surrounding areas develop.

Savannah Center Trail

This corridor provides a north–south recreational route for the surrounding neighborhood and contributes to broader connectivity within the open space system. It also serves as a linkage to the Ridgeway Blvd trail, supporting extended north–south travel through the community.

Pocket Open Space

Due to their relatively small size and consistent characteristics, pocket open space areas are addressed through broad recommendations rather than detailed site-specific prescriptions. These spaces typically serve similar functions across the community, such as providing neighborhood-level access to open space, creating visual relief within residential areas, and maintaining separation between homes. Because of these shared roles, their management needs and opportunities for improvement are generally consistent.

Currently, many of these areas are maintained through regular mowing. While this approach supports basic maintenance, it also presents opportunities for enhancement in the coming years. Potential improvements may include introducing native plantings, increasing vegetation diversity, incorporating small-scale habitat features that help create valuable micro-habitats. Additional enhancements may include minimal amenities such as informal seating or short walking paths where appropriate.

This approach allows the Town to improve the overall quality and function of pocket open space while maintaining flexibility in how each site is managed. It supports efficient use of resources and allows maintenance practices to adapt over time without committing to a single long-term treatment for all sites.

Recommendations

The recommended improvements identified in this plan are guided by a clear hierarchy of priorities established through community input and reinforced by site conditions across Frederick’s open space system. Each opportunity was evaluated based on its ability to deliver the greatest overall benefit to the community while supporting long-term stewardship and resilient ecosystems.

The hierarchy of priorities is as follows:

- **Increase Biodiversity:** Opportunities to restore native vegetation, improve plant diversity, and rehabilitate previously disturbed areas were given the highest priority for their long-term ecological value. These improvements strengthen the health and resilience of Frederick’s open spaces while creating aesthetically pleasing sites for users and functioning habitat for wildlife.

- **Expand Access to Recreation:** Improvements that enhance recreation and access to nature were prioritized as they provide a meaningful impact to the community. These efforts focus on making open space more accessible, comfortable, and functional for users to experience and engage with these lands.
- **Preserve Open Landscapes:** Projects that enhance areas that provide visual openness, separation between developments, and enhance the natural character of Frederick were considered important for preserving the community's rural feel.

While this hierarchy guided prioritization, additional factors such as site visibility, existing use levels, cost, and connectivity within the broader community were also considered. As a result, the recommended projects reflect a balanced approach that prioritizes high-impact improvements while supporting long-term sustainability.

The following table outlines each opportunity, associated cost estimate, and priority ranking based on this framework.

\$ = <\$25k

\$\$ = \$25k - \$100k

\$\$\$ = \$100k - \$300k

\$\$\$\$ = \$300k - \$1M

\$\$\$\$\$ = \$1M+

Site	Description	Cost	Priority	Justification
Eagle Valley Open Space	Native vegetation improvements	\$\$	>2 years	Improves ecological function and aesthetics while enhancing overall site quality in valuable recreational area.
Frederick Recreation Area	Bat habitat enhancements 	\$	>2 years	Enhances habitat diversity by providing roosting opportunities for bats, supporting natural insect control while contributing to natural ecological function.
Fox Run Open Space	Native vegetation improvement	\$\$	>2 years	Enhances biodiversity and improves ecological quality in a neighborhood open space.

Frederick Recreation Area	Aquatic habitat installation	\$	>2 years	Supports fish habitat and ecological function while enhancing the recreational fishing experience within a highly used community asset.
Frederick Recreation Area	Milavec Loop Trail Improvements • Resurface trail • Add rip-rap • Seed dam face	\$\$\$	2-5 years	Enhances the Town's most used recreational asset by improving trail conditions, safety, and user experience around Milavec Reservoir while protecting the integrity of the dam and reinforcing FRA as a central community asset.
Centennial Corridor	Fish stocking program	\$	2-5 years	Supports recreational fishing opportunities while contributing to a functional and balanced aquatic system within the pond.
Fox Run Open Space	Soft-surface trail installation	\$\$	2-5 years	Expands recreation access and strengthens connectivity to Frederick Recreation Area, improving usability for surrounding neighborhoods.
Centennial Corridor	Re-establish soft-surface trail	\$	2-5 years	Enhances recreational experience alongside existing hard surface trail.
Legacy Trail Corridor	Additional amenities installation • trash receptacles • seating areas • dog-waste stations	\$\$	2-5 years	Improves comfort and usability along a high-use corridor, enhancing the overall recreational experience.
Natural Areas and Trail Corridors	Naturalist Program • Fishing for fun • Nature Walks • Wildlife viewing	\$	5-10 years	Increase public awareness and engagement in the stewardship of open space by providing actively programmed and educational opportunities.

Natural Areas	Prescribed grazing program	\$\$	5-10 years	Supports vegetation management by reducing weed pressure and promoting native plant communities, while maintaining soil health and contributing to overall ecological function.
Pocket Open Space	Native vegetation improvements	\$\$	5-10 years	Improves these micro-habitats and reduces long-term maintenance inputs.
Bulrush Wetlands Park	Public Access Plan	\$	5-10 years	Balances habitat protection with controlled public access, expanding community benefit of unique asset.
Angel View Corridor	Drip irrigation replacement	\$\$	5-10 years	Maintains the health of existing vegetation but does not expand functionality.
Fox Run Open Space	Shelter installation	\$\$	5-10 years	Adds a modest amenity but not essential to core function of the site.
Bulrush Wetlands Park	Educational signage installation	\$\$	5-10 years	Supports interpretation and user understanding of the site but has limited impact on use.
Pocket Open Space	Pollinator plot installation	\$\$	5-10 years	Increase biodiversity, supports pollinator species to support the environment.
Eagle Valley Open Space	Oil & Gas site restoration	\$\$\$	5-10 years	Restores previously disturbed land, improving habitat quality and visual conditions within the open space.
No Name Open Space	Oil & Gas site restoration	\$\$	5-10 years	Addresses localized disturbance within an otherwise high-quality native area.
Eagle Valley Open Space	Single track installation	\$\$	5-10 years	Expands recreation diversity while maintaining the natural character of the site.

Pocket Open Space	Amenity installation - informal seating - short walking paths where appropriate	\$\$\$	5-10 years	Incremental improvements with localized benefit.
Pocket Open Space	Nature Play Installation	\$\$	5-10 years	Increases site use and recreational opportunity.
Frederick Recreation Area	Site Plan Phase 3	\$\$\$\$\$	5-10 years	Enhances access at a primary recreation destination by improving accessibility to the lake, expanding fishing opportunities, and providing inclusive amenities that serve a wide range of users while reinforcing FRA as a central community asset.
Frederick Recreation Area	Site Plan Phase 6	\$\$\$\$\$	8+ years	Expands the trail network and improves ecological function through native grass conversion, enhancing recreation opportunities while increasing biodiversity, supporting wildlife habitat, and reinforcing the natural character of a highly visible and heavily used community asset.
Frederick Recreation Area	Site Plan Phase 10	\$\$\$\$\$	10+ years	Provides significant long-term benefits through expanded trail access, nature viewing opportunities, and native landscape restoration; however, due to higher implementation costs, the availability of earlier-phase improvements that establish foundational site conditions, and the need to prioritize short-term, high-

				impact projects elsewhere in the system, this phase is identified as a future investment.
Frederick Regional Park and Open Space	Native seeding per site plan	\$\$\$\$\$	10+ years	Establishes foundational ecological function for a large, highly visible site by converting agricultural land to native vegetation, supporting biodiversity and wildlife habitat while preserving open landscapes and setting the stage for future recreation and community use.

The highest ranked items tend to be opportunities that provide a strong ecological return while also improving how people experience the site. Strategic vegetation improvements rank well because they support biodiversity and habitat while also improving the quality and experience of the open space.

The next tier includes projects that improve recreational opportunities where people are already using the system heavily. These projects provide immediate impact to the community, improving the nature experience and supporting public health.

Lower-ranked items are generally those that are more supplemental, long-term, dependent on partnership opportunities that may offset costs, or limited in direct community impact. Improvements like signage, oil and gas renovation, and pocket open space enhancements still add value, but they do not typically move the needle as much as major recreation and restoration projects. Likewise, some projects at Frederick Recreation Area and Frederick Regional Park and Open Space remain lower on the list because they are more future oriented and already have separate site plans in place.

In addition, lower priority projects may advance in timing when unique implementation opportunities arise, allowing improvements to be completed more efficiently, cost effectively, or in coordination with adjacent work. Furthermore, the Town recognizes that this project list represents a comprehensive, long-range vision for the open space system. While not all projects will occur immediately, projects will be completed based on available resources and opportunities for efficient execution.

What's Next?

This plan is intended to serve as a living framework that will evolve alongside the Town's open space system. As conditions change, new opportunities emerge, and additional resources become available, management strategies and priorities may be refined to better respond to community needs and environmental factors. Future efforts may include expanded habitat enhancements, major riparian enhancements, increased use of pollinator plantings, and the introduction of more advanced restoration practices such as controlled burns where appropriate and feasible. Additional opportunities may also include installation of habitat structures, expansion of native seed diversity, and continued refinement of vegetation management techniques. Through adaptive management and ongoing evaluation, the Town will continue to build a more balanced and functional system that supports ecological health, recreation, and long-term sustainability.

Conclusion

Frederick's open spaces are more than undeveloped land. They are places where residents recreate, where wildlife and native landscapes persist, and where the community's rural heritage remains visible within a rapidly growing region. Through community input and ongoing engagement, residents have made it clear that these qualities are essential to Frederick's identity and future. As Frederick continues to evolve, the stewardship of these lands will play an important role in shaping the community's future and maintaining the qualities that residents value most.

This Open Space Management Plan provides a practical approach for caring for these lands in a consistent and intentional way. By outlining management strategies, maintenance practices, and site-level priorities, the plan translates community values into clear actions. The goal is to manage these areas in a way that supports biodiversity, enhances recreation, and preserves landscapes while continuing to respect and retain our natural environment.

As the Town implements this plan, Frederick's open spaces will continue to serve as places where people can experience the outdoors, where natural systems remain resilient, and where the character of the community remains visible in the landscape. Through ongoing stewardship and thoughtful management, these lands will remain an enduring resource that supports both the community and the environment for years to come.



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Parks Water Management Plan

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Attachments: None

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Strategic Plan Alignment:



Strategic Priority 1: Transparent & Strategic Governance

Frederick will lead with transparency, accountability, and strategic decision-making to ensure municipal services exceed community expectations and exemplify that Frederick is Built on What Matters.



Strategic Priority 3: Safe & Resilient Community

– Frederick will ensure a safe, prepared, and resilient community through strong public safety partnerships, proactive planning, and programs that support community well-being.



Strategic Priority 4: Responsible Growth and Community Vitality

– Frederick will guide responsible growth through thoughtful planning and balanced development that strengthens economic vitality, while preserving the community character that residents value.



Strategic Priority 5: Reliable & Sustainable Infrastructure

– Frederick will invest in and maintain reliable infrastructure that supports a growing community, protects public resources, and ensures high-quality service for residents today and in the future.

Summary Statement:

This is the first presentation for the Parks Water Management Plan, a maintenance program under Go Outdoors Frederick. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an outline of the components of the plan for initial input from the Commission.

Detail of Issue/Request:

The Town of Frederick Parks and Open Space Department maintains approximately 40 acres of irrigated turf within the parks and open space system. These irrigated areas

include athletic fields, community parks, and landscaped public spaces that require consistent watering to remain safe, functional, and visually appealing. To meet irrigation demands efficiently, the Town utilizes both potable (treated water) and non-potable (raw) water sources.

The purpose of the Parks Water Management Plan is to provide a strategic framework for the efficient, sustainable and responsible use of water resources across the Parks Department's system and to establish guidelines and priorities for infrastructure upgrades, water conservation measures and landscape transformations that reduce overall water demand without compromising recreational value or ecological health.

Legal Comments:

N/A

Alternatives/Options

N/A

Financial Considerations

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Staff are seeking input and recommendations from the Commission as this plan progresses in development.

Community Impact



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Summary Statement:

This is the May 2026 Parks and Open Space Department Staff Report.

Detail of Issue/Request:

The 2026 external Tree Program has closed and approximately 320 vouchers were issued to Town Residents. They have until July 15th to redeem them. Our goal is 270 redeemed. The internal Tree Program had two wins in April and May - First, the Board of Trustees approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between Weld County Youth Conservation Corps and the Town of Frederick for the Department to utilize the YCC program to plant trees for the next six years. Second, Town Staff have are in the process of planting approximately 30 trees throughout the system this spring.

The Golf Division completed their 2025 financials and we're proud to report the Operational Cost Recover for 2025 hit 87%, up from under 50% just five years ago and the Operational Subsidy was down to \$150,000, down from over \$800,000 five years ago. 2025 also saw record numbers for rounds played and program participants and saw the lowest operational expenses in five years and highest revenue ever. The Golf Division's strategic planning continues to yield positive results and trend towards financial self-sufficiency in the very near future.

Golf held their first major programming event in 2025 - the Spring Scramble on May 2nd and hosted a full field of 72 golfers. The event's registration filled up in two weeks, without any external advertising efforts, due to increasingly high demand for play at Bella Rosa Golf Course.

The June PROST Commission Meeting will formally welcome, pending appointment by the Mayor and Board of Trustees, three new members to the Commission. For that meeting, we'll elect Officers for the 2026-2027 Commission year and will then hold a work session dedicated to recapping strategic planning and project efforts from the past

few years as well as a preview of what's on the horizon for the next year or two to help onboard the three new Commissioners. Town Staff will be working with the three new Commissioners to tour the Parks and Open Space system this summer.

Legal Comments:

N/A

Alternatives/Options

N/A

Financial Considerations

N/A

Staff Recommendation

N/A

Community Impact