

## LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD

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

**Date:** November 14, 2019

**Time:** 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

**Contact:** Please contact Sidney at [smichl@larimer.org](mailto:smichl@larimer.org) or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

## AGENDA

Scheduled times are subject to change.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
  - b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Open Lands Advisory Board' box.
  - c. In partnership with the non-profit group Historicorps, the Department completed the Capital Project to stabilize the Herrington/Soderberg ranch buildings at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space.
  - d. Big Thompson Canyon parcel exchange with the City of Loveland – Charlie

6. UPDATES

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Electric motorized bike review and discussion – Daylan
- b. Agricultural Lands Strategy Overview – Daylan/Meegan
- c. Restoration Strategy Overview – Daylan/Meegan

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: December 19, 2019 at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

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

12. ADJOURN

*Included in PDF:*

- Agenda
- Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report
- Agricultural Lands Strategy presentation

*Attached Separately:*

- Minutes of last meeting
- News article
- Electric motorized bike memo draft

This meeting will be recorded and archived according to law. Votes require a quorum.

Public can view agenda and minutes at:

[http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/openlands\\_advisory\\_board.cfm](http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/openlands_advisory_board.cfm)



**OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY**  
**August 2019 Distribution**

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	1,414,703.95
MV USE TAX	\$	113,444.60
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	104,517.43
INTEREST	\$	3,131.31
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	1,635,797.29

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	4,396.38	\$	32,262.69
			\$	32,262.69
NET REVENUE:	\$	1,631,400.91		

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

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION**

2018 State of Colorado Statistics

	2017 <u>POPULATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	164,810	59.86	\$ 488,265.45
LOVELAND	76,797	27.89	\$ 227,518.49
ESTES PARK	6,276	2.28	\$ 18,593.25
BERTHOUD	6,762	2.46	\$ 20,033.07
WELLINGTON	9,501	3.45	\$ 28,147.62
WINDSOR	7,042	2.56	\$ 20,862.60
JOHNSTOWN	833	0.30	\$ 2,467.84
TIMNATH	3,312	1.20	\$ 9,812.12
TOTAL INCORP.	275,333	100.00	\$ 815,700.46

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION**

2018 Larimer County Statistics

	2017 <u>GENERATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 15,871,780	55.45	\$ 452,340.14
LOVELAND	\$ 8,741,862	30.54	\$ 249,139.99
ESTES PARK	\$ 1,657,605	5.79	\$ 47,241.16
BERTHOUD	\$ 284,353	0.99	\$ 8,103.96
WELLINGTON	\$ 241,630	0.84	\$ 6,886.37
WINDSOR	\$ 342,229	1.20	\$ 9,753.41
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 627,655	2.19	\$ 17,887.95
TIMNATH	\$ 854,308	2.98	\$ 24,347.48
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 28,621,422	100.00	\$ 815,700.46

**DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:**

FORT COLLINS	\$ 488,265.45	54.50
LOVELAND	\$ 249,139.99	27.81
ESTES PARK	\$ 47,241.16	5.27
BERTHOUD	\$ 20,033.07	2.24
WELLINGTON	\$ 28,147.62	3.14
WINDSOR	\$ 20,862.60	2.33
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 17,887.95	2.00
TIMNATH	\$ 24,347.48	2.72
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 895,925.33	100.00

**NEW DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:**

		<b><u>YEAR TO DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PAID TO DATE</u></b>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 444,544.14	\$ 3,013,121.19	\$ 83,208,313.58
LOVELAND	\$ 226,830.96	\$ 1,537,460.74	\$ 38,672,710.68
ESTES PARK	\$ 43,010.99	\$ 291,528.57	\$ 6,381,690.09
BERTHOUD	\$ 18,239.23	\$ 123,625.53	\$ 3,040,259.23
WELLINGTON	\$ 25,627.17	\$ 173,701.01	\$ 2,851,695.29
WINDSOR	\$ 18,994.48	\$ 128,744.61	\$ 1,592,323.79
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 16,286.19	\$ 110,387.81	\$ 1,034,969.39
TIMNATH	\$ 22,167.30	\$ 150,250.04	\$ 1,232,910.91
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 815,700.46</u>	<u>\$ 5,528,819.50</u>	<u>\$ 138,014,872.96</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 815,700.45</u>	<u>\$ 5,528,819.42</u>	<u>\$ 100,458,565.71</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,631,400.91</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,057,638.92</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 238,473,438.67</u></u>
	\$ 0.00		

# AGRICULTURAL LANDS STRATEGY





## Background

### Current Portfolio

- 63% of conserved lands in agriculture (31,000 acres)
- Conservation easements and fee-simple

### Goal: Develop an agricultural lands strategy

- Conservation outcomes: Acquisitions & Management



# Conservation Outcomes - Acquisitions

Croplands vs. Rangelands

Sustainability: Contiguity & Ownership

Water Rights







# Conservation Outcomes: Soil & Water





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DRYLAND FARMER

see all these earthworm and old root channels."

"We had a lot of near 100 degree days with no measurable rain here in almost three weeks and this soil is completely wet and cool."

**CORN**  
It's planted directly in crop residue, which provides nutrients while keeping soil exposure to a minimum.

**WATER INFILTRATION**  
Crop residues buffer against the impact of raindrops and increase the total amount of water stored within a plant's root zone.

**TOP SOIL**  
It's protected under a blanket of crop residue, which is important because it can take hundreds of years to create a single inch of top soil.

**CROP RESIDUE**  
It's left on the ground to protect the soil from the erosive forces of wind and rain, and to shade it from the sun.

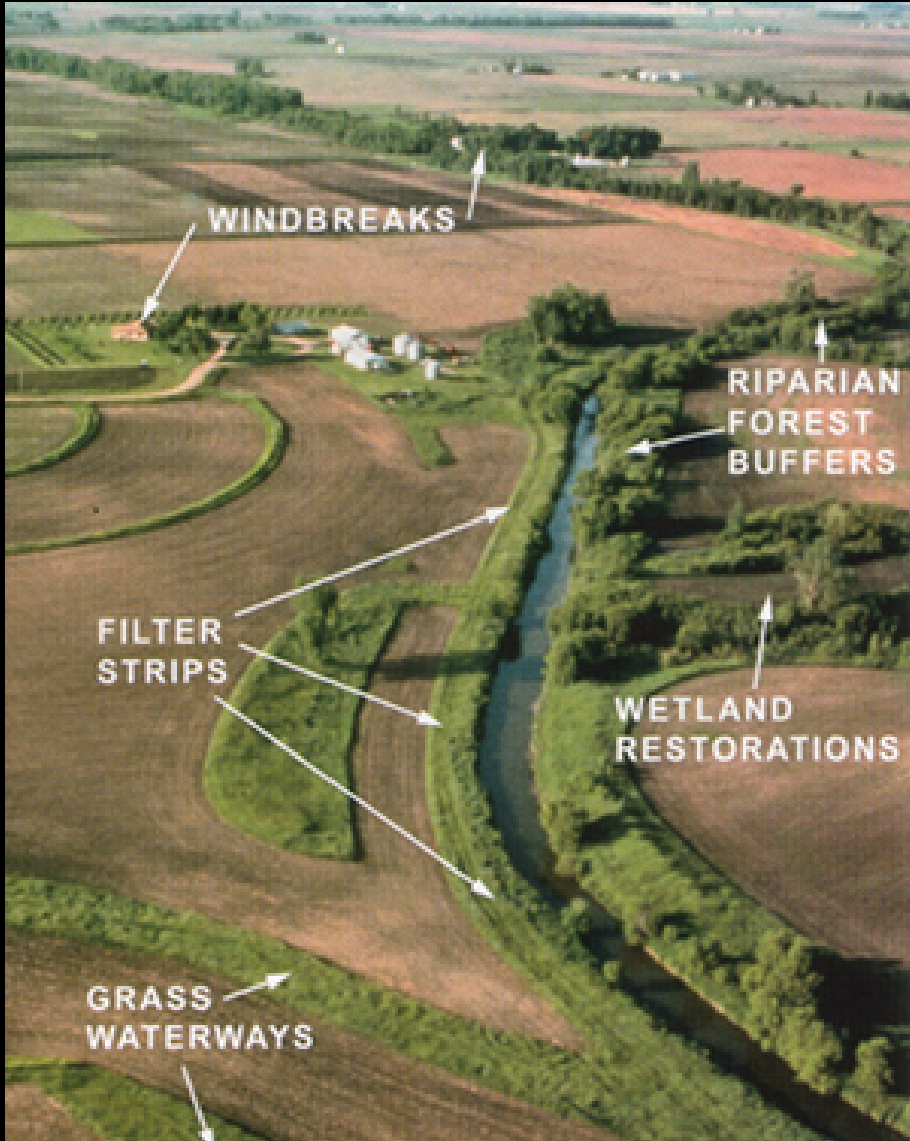
## NO-TILL

Growing crops without disturbing the soil through tillage





# Conservation Outcomes: Habitat



## Process

Nov: Share concept with Department Boards  
Staff team develop draft plan

Jan/Feb: Review Draft Plan  
Stakeholders (ie: NRCS staff, AAB, ESAB)  
Department Boards  
County Commissioners

