



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
April Meeting Packet
April 5, 2022**

**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
9:00 AM
Eagle Town Hall
200 Broadway
Eagle, CO 81631**

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*The public is invited to comment at the end of each agenda item**

MEETING ACCESS PUBLIC WIFI - TOEG – townofeagle2019

This was an in-person meeting; participants could join via zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83472864496>

Meeting ID: 834 7286 4496

9:00am CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order at: 9:02am

Absent: Owens

9:05am APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Motion to approve the FEBRUARY OSRAC meeting minutes by Kirkman second by Bailey. Motion passes unanimously.

9:10am DISCUSSION

Open space and trails master plan presentation – first draft

- SE Group presented the first draft of the Open Space and Trails Master plan to the Committee.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- None.

Motion to ADJOURN at 11:00am by Wescoatt second by Bailey. Motion passes unanimously.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS FOR APRIL 5

Trailhead Kiosks

The Town has contracted with CW&H Graphics for design work on our new trailhead kiosks. Staff met with CW&H Graphics on March 21 to look at existing conditions and discuss project goals. A summary of the discussion and findings is included below as Attachment A. At the meeting, the Committee will discuss kiosk design and content.

Haymeadow Conservation Project

Eagle County sent a letter to Town Council summarizing the County's interest in moving forward with the Haymeadow conservation project in partnership with the Conservation Fund. The letter also details requests and requirements from the Town of Eagle for the County to move forward on this project. The letter from the County is included below as Attachment B. In addition, a general description of the project is included as Attachment B2 and B3.

Open Space and Trails Master Plan engagement update

The public comment deadline for the Open Space and Trails Master Plan has been extended to Friday, April 8. The draft plan can be viewed at eagleostplan.org, the project website. Comments on the plan can also be submitted on the project website or emailed to openspace@townofeagle.org. The Town hosted a public open house on March 15 to present the plan to the community and collect feedback. An outreach flyer for public comment is included below as Attachment C.

Seasonal trail closure partner coordination update

Staff is coordinating with the BLM, County Road and Bridge, and CPW to evaluate snow, weather, and trail conditions. Coordination will continue through at least April 15 to determine the need for any extended trail closures.

Attachment A

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 29, 2022

TO: Brian Lieberman, Manager

OF: Town of Eagle Open Space and Trails

FROM: Carlie Barnhart

RE: **Town of Eagle Trailhead Kiosk Design**
Site Tour, Information Gathering and Project Kickoff Summary

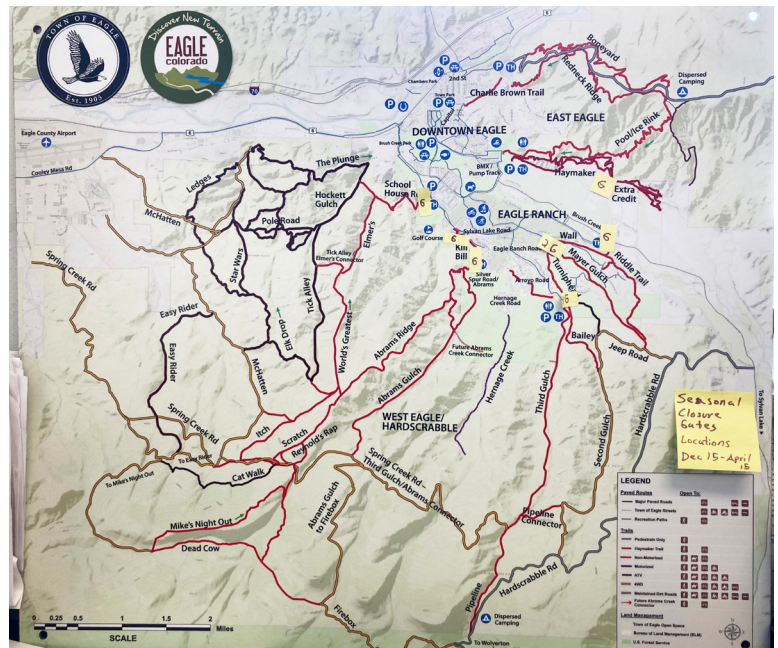
This memo is to summarize the 3-hour meeting and site tour hosted last Monday, 3/21/22, and to itemize our key points of discussion that can be shared with the Advisory Committee. Based on the scope of work as defined in the 1/27/22 proposal, a ready-to-fabricate trailhead kiosk design is the primary deliverable, however, looking at your current mapping, use of materials and seasonal and temporary posting requirements might be improved are just some of the important considerations. In bulleted lists, here are the key areas that we will be considering in the design:

Identity

- Create a trailhead structure (in shape, materials, colors) that is unique to Eagle, complementary to new County kiosks, and thoughtful in its potential to expand into a larger system of trail signs
- Allow for a possible updated town logo by dedicating a circle area for current or future logos

Trail Mapping

- Enhance the visual impact of the natural mountainous terrain in the base topography and color
- Highlight Hiking/Biking/Equestrian trails with contrasting colors, while graphically de-emphasizing secondary trails
- Keep the same map for all system kiosks, but consider implementing the “heads up” orientation at each location
- Consider adding mileage markers between trail intersections
- A key map for larger regional context is not necessary



CURRENT TRAIL MAP WITH TOWN AND TOWN OPEN SPACE LOGOS



Kiosk Information Content Requirements

- Trailhead name
- Town of Eagle Identity/website/For information/Emergency contact #
- Large trail map
- Trail rule icons
 - Dogs on leash
 - No fires, camping, etc (please provide list of all applicable)
 - Etiquette
 - Rule of Thumb for wildlife viewing
- Funders/partners
- Changeable, temporary, and seasonal postings:
 - Wildlife warnings (CPW- 11" x 17" or larger? Maximum number?)
 - Trail closures (trail conditions, shed season, etc.)
 - Community meetings, surveys, etc.

Kiosk Information Content Add-ons

- ADA Accessible trail icon (when applicable)
- Adopt-A-Trail and changeable name (may need separate freestanding sign)
- Bikers trail directional arrows

Functionality

- Should seasonal closures and changing information be better with a flip system(alternating front and back of a single sign panel), or complete sign change-outs as needed?
- All attachment systems should be vandal-proof
- Materials should require minimal maintenance
- Panel replacement cost should be a consideration





Other Current & Related Open Space/Trail Installations

- Directional trail signage posts
- Gate entrance signage
- Trailhead restroom facilities
- Iconic architecture of Brush Creek Ranch open space

Tying the System Together

What aesthetic qualities should identify Eagle Open Space and Trail facilities? Should it be "Mountain Modern"? Historic/Ranch Rustic? Should kiosk structures, gates and sign posts, or any architectural characteristics (construction style, materials, colors) of Open Space and Trail facilities have visual continuity?



Attachment B



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March 24, 2022

Town of Eagle Board of Trustees,

The Conservation Fund ("TCF") has approached Eagle County about the opportunity to participate in acquiring an additional 200 acres in the Brush Creek Valley as part of the Haymeadow Conservation project. A map of the proposed area to be conserved is attached ("Proposed Haymeadow Open Space"). As you know, Eagle County, TCF, and the Town of Eagle worked collaboratively to preserve over 1,600 acres in the Brush Creek Valley for open space, recreational and ranching purposes. We have enjoyed our partnership with TCF and the Town in these endeavors. However, as the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space is part of the Haymeadow PUD and currently annexed into the Town, there are some additional hurdles that must be overcome for Eagle County to financially participate in this project. Please allow this letter to serve as a summary of conversations to date, to answer questions that have arisen during conversations between the Town and County, and to clarify some prerequisites to the County's participation in this acquisition project.

Housing

The County was initially approached to participate in the preservation of approximately 400 acres in the Haymeadow PUD. The County was concerned with the appearance of open space competing with previously approved and needed housing density. Accordingly, we worked with TCF to appropriately size the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space to eliminate larger home lots while preserving critical wildlife habitat. Smaller work-force housing was preserved and the County's Housing Department is already in discussions with the developer about bringing increased affordability to the project.

Agricultural Uses and Livestock Management Practices

As stated in the Haymeadow PUD Open Space Management Plan, "The project site has an agricultural use history. For more than 100 years, it has been flood irrigated and used for hay production and livestock grazing." If acquired, Eagle County intends to define the potential uses for the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space after a robust management planning process with a focus on uses compatible with the aforementioned agricultural use history.

Although Eagle County leases roughly 900 acres on the adjacent Brush Creek Valley Ranch and Open Space for a small cow-calf and haying operation, adding livestock to the project area is not currently being contemplated. However, while acknowledging the advancements being made in regenerative agriculture and holistic land management, Eagle County cannot agree to any condition that would amount to the outright preclusion of livestock grazing on the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space. Still, Eagle County is willing to consider buffer zones, additional fencing, or other strategies for managing livestock to mitigate potential conflict between animals and Haymeadow residents, should the need

occur. TCF understands that the current owner, Abrika Properties, would be amenable to such livestock management practices.

Water

It is critical for the success of this conservation project that adequate water be allotted in perpetuity to maintain the historic uses and ecology of the project area. Eagle County respectfully requires the water rights set forth in the attached to be deeded to Eagle County along with the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space. These water rights would be tied to the land in perpetuity via a conservation easement.

The attached was prepared by the developer's water engineer and is currently being reviewed by the County's water engineer, but we feel it is a good starting place. The analysis starts with the total water rights transferred from the developer to the Town. It then takes the pro-rata share of each priority based on the percentage of total historically irrigated area in each ditch that is on the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space. We feel this is a good approximation of what would be needed to irrigate a working ranch on the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space. Moreover, this amount of water would presumably not have been dedicated to the Town if these 200 acres were originally excluded from the annexation, and therefore it makes sense to keep this water tied to this land.

Since Eagle County would not be purchasing the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space for development purposes, Eagle County cannot agree to assume the developer's obligations set forth in a Raw Water Irrigation System approved in connection with the annexation agreement. Nor can Eagle County agree to be subjected to the restrictions on irrigated acreage set forth in the annexation agreement. Likewise, since the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space would be acquired to further open space values, the County cannot agree to be perpetually subject to the water lease agreement between the Town and the developer, which gives the Town the authority to substitute water rights or reduce rights if it determines the irrigation needs are diminished. The County proposes that since it will be purchasing the property using public open space dollars, (including the water rights), the County should eventually de-annex the Proposed Haymeadow Open Space from the Town. However, the County would certainly consider a direct lease of the specified water rights until such time as the annexation occurs and the rights are deeded.

Eagle County intends to continue to collaboratively work with the Town on the Brush Creek Management Plan and respects the plans intent to: 1) maintain sufficient streamflow in Brush Creek to support the Stream's aquatic environment; 2) protect and improve the quality of Brush Creek and its tributaries; and 3) establish and promote land and water management practices that conserve and protect the natural resources of the watershed.

Recreation

Eagle County intends, through the management planning process, to promote the continued historic use of the Haymaker and Extra Credit trails. Eagle County commits to coordinating with the Town to allow the Town to continue to manage these trails, including but not limited to signage, wildlife closure, enforcement, and maintenance.

Eagle County will also consider an additional .75 miles of trail to be determined and located at a future date through the management planning process. This additional mileage may be used for the contemplated connection from Eagle Ranch as depicted on the Haymeadow PUD Guide.

Eagle County is also committed to allowing for the extension of the conceptual paved path (TOE to Sylvan) adjacent to Brush Creek Rd.

Access

Roads and impervious surfaces are generally at odds with conservation priorities of the project. As such, Eagle County respectfully requires the Town and developer to relocate the Trail Gulch parking area, as contemplated in the A&D agreement section 9.2, on the developer's adjacent property.

The existing ranch road from Brush Creek Rd north to the Cabin Parcel will remain as an emergency access route, but will be neither improved nor generally open to the public.

Funding

In addition to the above, Eagle County respectfully requests \$185,000.00 towards the purchase and conservation of the Haymeadow property from the Town. This amount reflects roughly 5% of the total project cost and is equivalent to the amount verbally committed by the Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee. Eagle County expects to contribute approximately \$3.7 million towards the purchase through its open space program.

Thank you for considering our requests and requirements herein. If possible, we would like a response from the Town by April 20th as that is the time when TCF's due diligence on the purchase agreement ends. We feel the above is necessary for county taxpayer investment into this potential acquisition. It is important to note that if the Town determines that they would prefer the additional housing and water rights associated with the approved PUD, Eagle County officials and staff will understand, and remain proud of the accomplishments we have all already made in the Brush Creek Valley.

Sincerely,



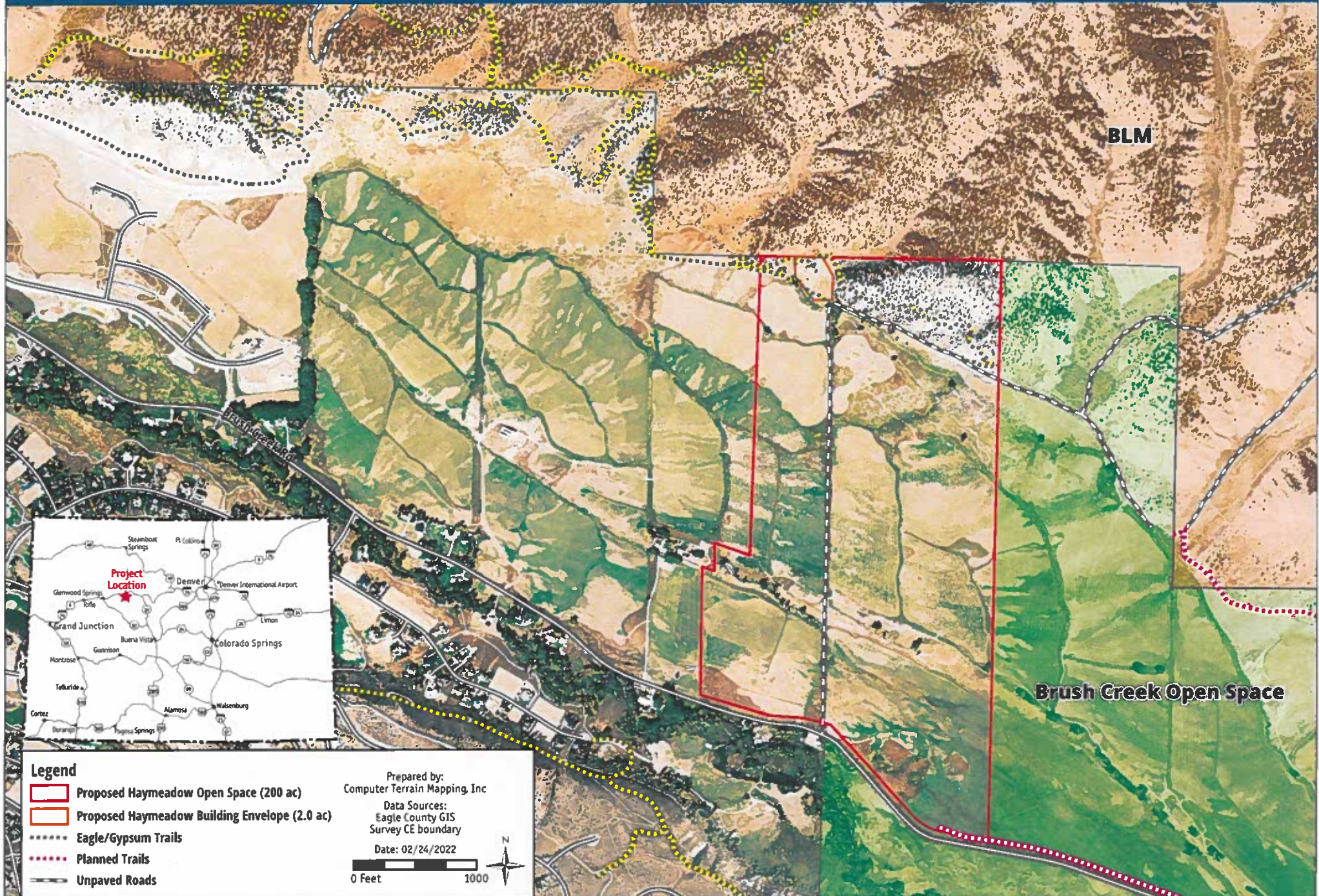
Bryan Treu, County Attorney

cc: Jim White, Interim Town Manager

Haymeadow Open Space (Proposed)

Eagle County, Colorado

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CONSERVATION FUND



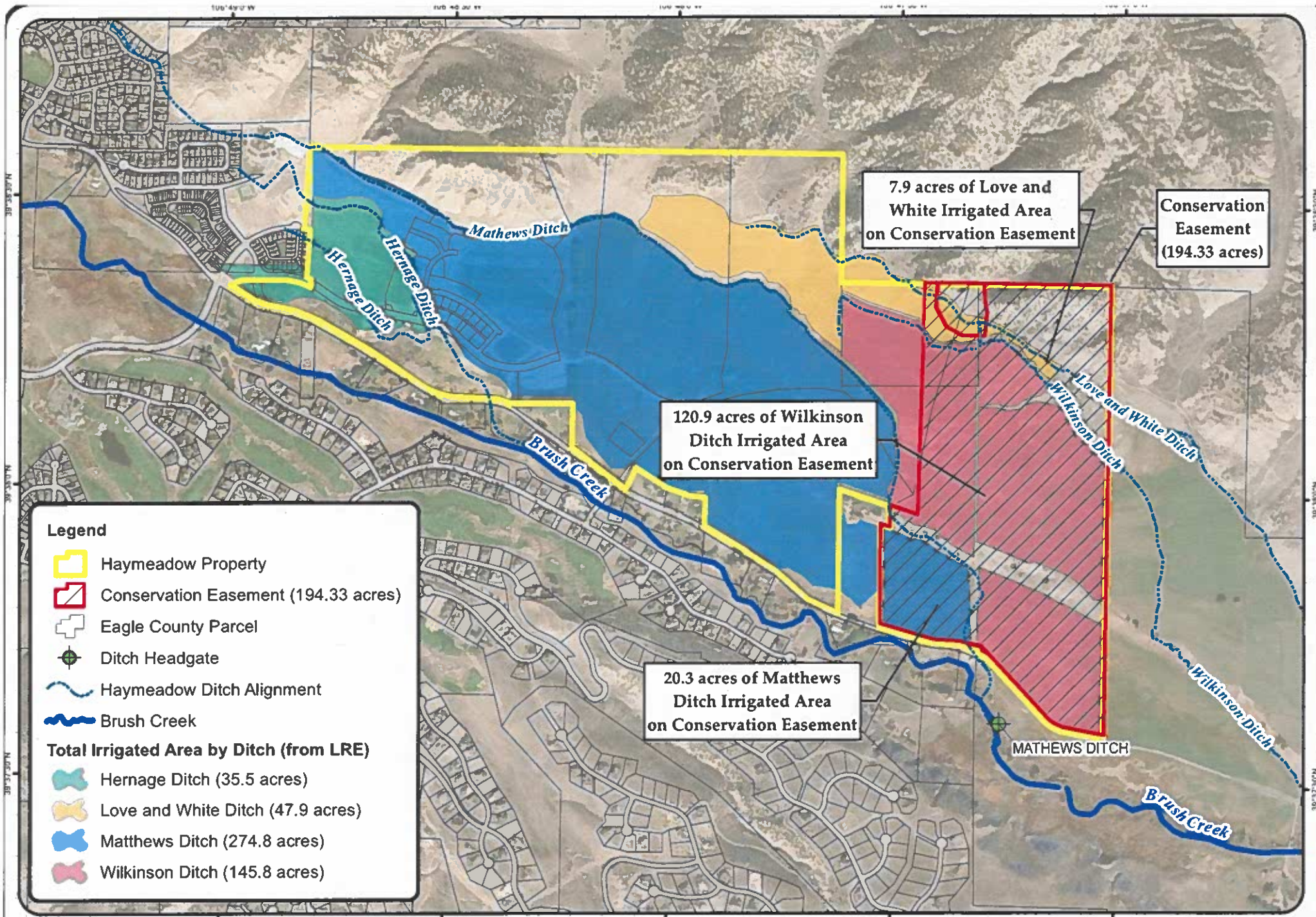
Water Rights Associated with Conservation Easement

Priority No.	Case Number	Adjudication Date	Appropriation Date	Total Amount Decreed (cfs)	Total Amount to be Changed in Town Application (cfs) *	Amount Associated with Conservation Easement (cfs) **
HERNAGE DITCH WATER RIGHTS					35.5 acres	0.0 acres 0%
5	CA 294	12/17/1889	05/01/1882	2.4	1.634	0.000
50	CA 294	12/17/1889	03/30/1887	1.2	0.217	0.000
88	CA 294	12/17/1889	08/21/1889	0.28	0.186	0.000
Total				3.88	2.037	0.000
MATHEWS DITCH WATER RIGHTS					274.8 acres	20.3 acres 7.4%
13	CA 294	12/17/1889	6/1/1883	1.8	1.8	0.133
60	CA 294	12/17/1889	2/8/1888	1.8	1.8	0.133
82	CA 294	12/17/1889	7/30/1889	1.4	1.182	0.087
171	CA 385	3/5/1901	4/10/1896	0.6	0.6	0.044
Total				5.6	5.382	0.397
WILKINSON DITCH WATER RIGHTS					145.8 acres	120.9 acres 82.9%
132	CA 385	3/5/1901	4/30/1882	4.8	2.818	2.336
187	CA 385	3/5/1901	4/30/1899	1	0.587	0.487
Total				5.8	3.405	2.823
LOVE AND WHITE DITCH WATER RIGHTS					47.9 acres	7.9 acres 16.5%
83	CA 294	12/17/1889	7/31/1889	2.2	0.866	0.143
134	CA 385	3/5/1901	2/1/1883	2.6	1.023	0.169
176	CA 385	3/5/1901	6/10/1897	5.7	1.85	0.305
298	CA 565	11/13/1911	7/29/1911	0.2	0.079	0.013
Total				10.7	3.818	0.630

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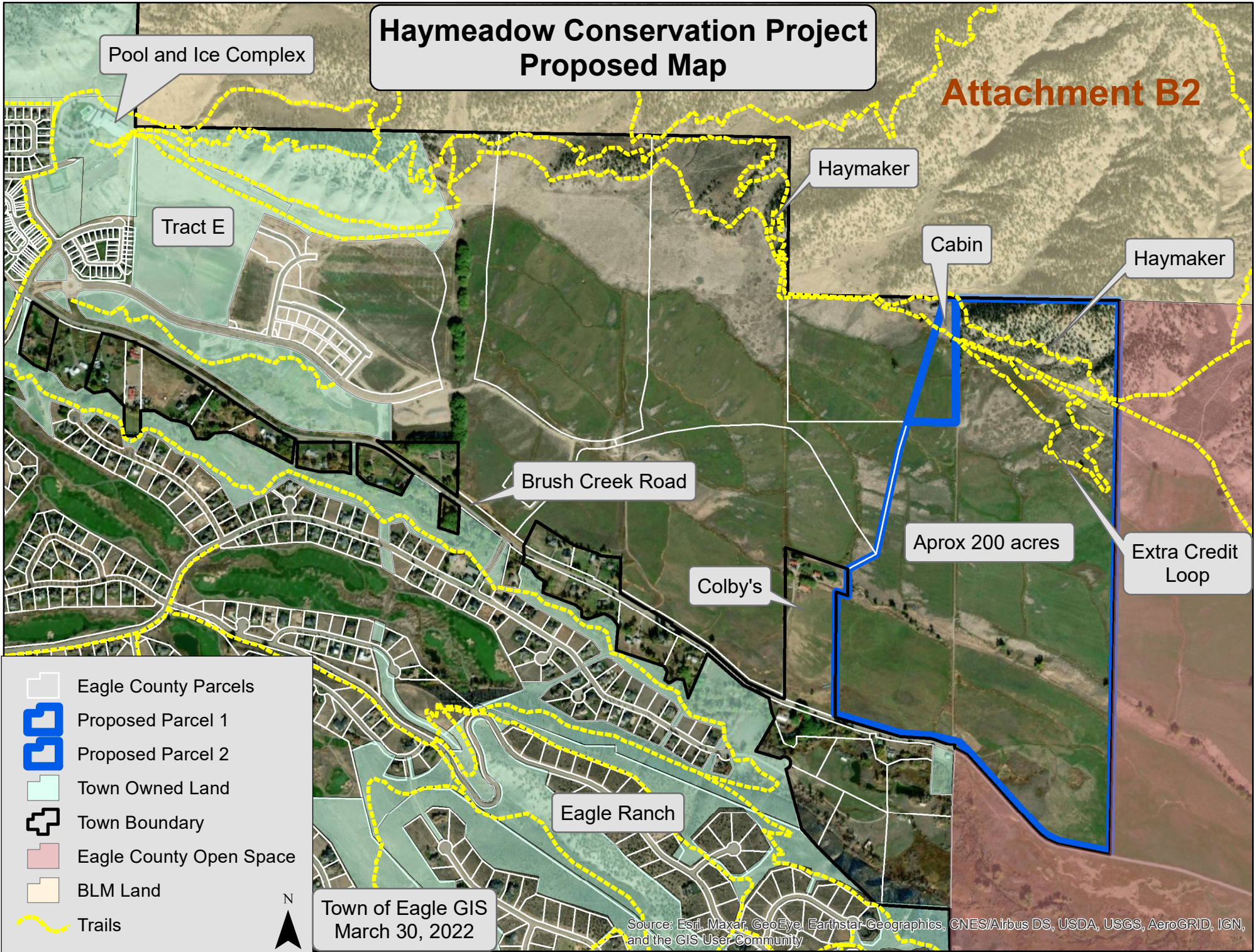
* Total water rights included in the Town of Eagle's 2022 Application for Change of Use, and associated historically irrigated area under each ditch documented in application.

** Uses pro-rata portion of ditch's historically irrigated area which is located within conservation easement, based on LRE Water's delineated irrigated acreage from the 2022 Town of Eagle Water Rights Application Exhibit C (Historically Irrigated Area Map Application for Storage Rights, Approval of Change of Water Rights, and Plan for Augmentation, dated 10/17/2020).

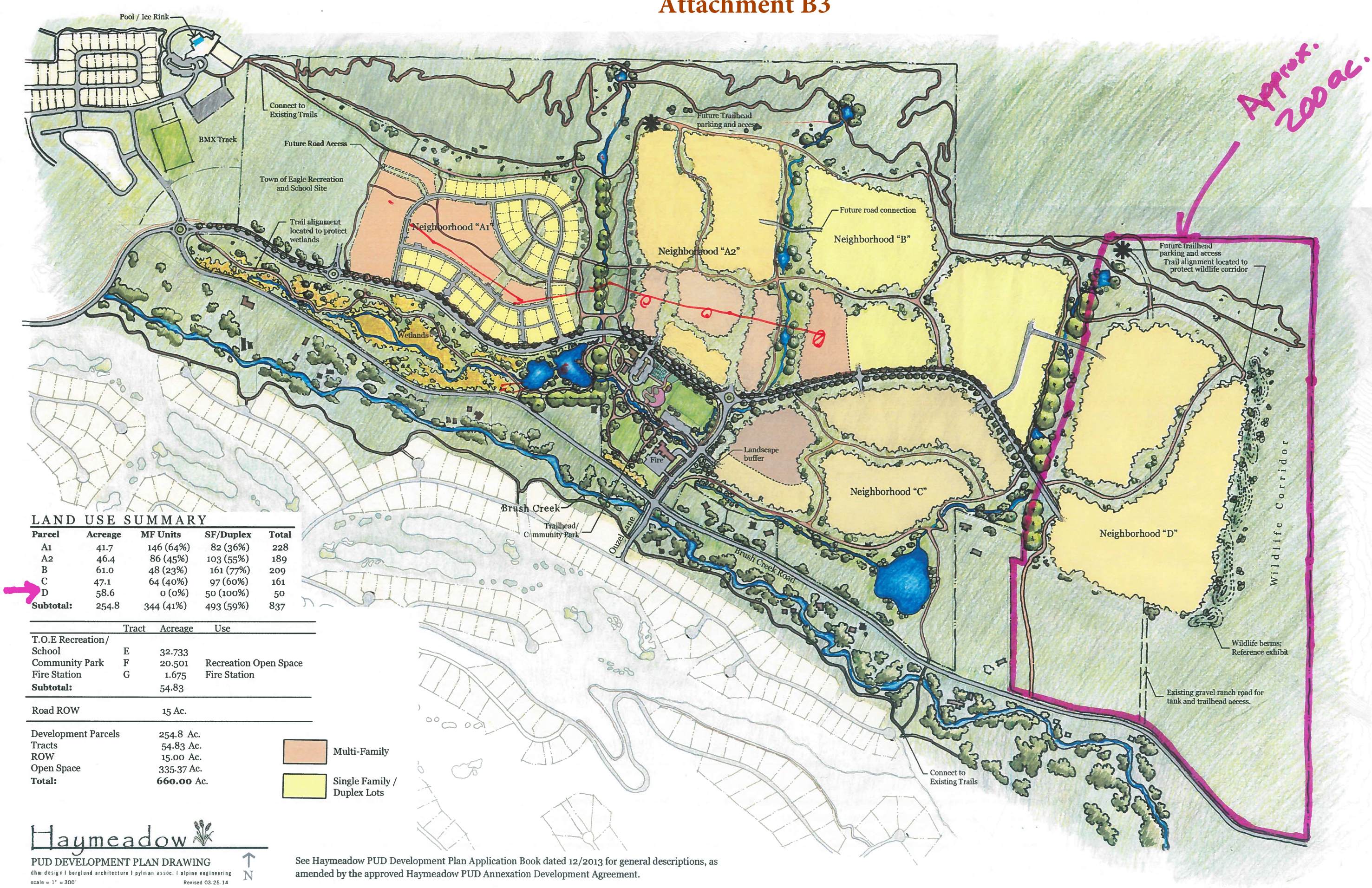


Haymeadow Conservation Project Proposed Map

Attachment B2



Attachment B3



LAND USE SUMMARY

Parcel	Acreage	MF Units	SF/Duplex	Total
A1	41.7	146 (64%)	82 (36%)	228
A2	46.4	86 (45%)	103 (55%)	189
B	61.0	48 (23%)	161 (77%)	209
C	47.1	64 (40%)	97 (60%)	161
D	58.6	0 (0%)	50 (100%)	50
Subtotal:	254.8	344 (41%)	493 (59%)	837

	Tract	Acreage	Use
T.O.E Recreation/School	E	32.733	
Community Park	F	20.501	Recreation Open Space
Fire Station	G	1.675	Fire Station
Subtotal:		54.83	

Road ROW 15 Ac.

Development Parcels	254.8 Ac.
Tracts	54.83 Ac.
ROW	15.00 Ac.
Open Space	335.37 Ac.
Total:	660.00 Ac.

- Multi-Family
- Single Family / Duplex Lots



PROVIDE YOUR INPUT ON THE DRAFT 2022 OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS PLAN



Scan the QR code or follow the link below to view the draft Plan and provide your input. The public comment period has been extended until April 8, 2022.

EagleOSTPlan.org

*You may also send written comments to
openspace@townofeagle.org*

