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5:30 PM

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Work Session Roll Call

- [1.](#) Roll Call

Unfinished Business

- [2.](#) Western Slope Consulting – Paonia In Motion Parks Recreation and Trails Master Plan Review

Adjournment

- [3.](#) Adjournment

AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

	<u>Roll Call</u>
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Summary:

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Motion by: _____ 2nd: _____ vote: _____

Vote:	Mayor Bachran	Trustee Budinger	Trustee Johnson
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PAONIA IN MOTION

PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS MASTER PLAN

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Certification

The Town of Paonia Board of Trustees hereby certifies that the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan, was adopted by Resolution No. <Insert Resolution Number> on <Insert Adoption Date>, 2022.

Mary Bachran, Mayor

As witness therein: _____
Corinne Ferguson, Town Clerk



Imagining an overlook and “Astro Park” atop P-Hill.

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Introduction

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Creating How We Recreate

2. WHY PLAN FOR PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS IN PAONIA?

Planning for parks, recreation, and trails in Paonia may seem unimportant or a low priority given other challenges that the community is facing (e.g., the condition of town streets, the town's water system, cost of living, the local economy, etc.). While those issues certainly warrant attention, parks, recreation, and trails offer a number of benefits that support Paonia's success and therefore, should not be overlooked. Included on the following pages are select findings from a variety of studies that highlight the value and positive impacts that parks, recreation, and trails can have on a community.

“Would prefer to see the town focusing on improving existing infrastructure (i.e., roads, water, and sewer).”

- comment from 2021 Community Survey



Quality of Life Impacts

“Quality of life” is one those terms that doesn't necessarily have a clear definition and that can have a different meaning for different people. For the purposes of this Plan, you are encouraged to think of quality of life as the characteristics that make a community a great place to live and that support the health and happiness of its residents.

In recent years, quality of life has garnered greater attention as an increasingly important factor in the decisions that people make about where to live and where to have a business...

- A 2015 study prepared by Community Builders, titled “Place Value: How Communities Attract, Grow, and Keep Jobs and Talent in the Rocky Mountain West,” found that...

Community Quality is Top Priority.

In selecting a location to live, the most highly considered factor for business owners and community members was overall quality of the community.

People are Looking for Great Places.

When asked, “What's more important: a job OR the community?”...

39% said community.

44% said job and community.

17% said job.

People will Sacrifice Salary for Location.

83% would rather live in an ideal community for a lesser salary.

17% would rather live in a less than ideal community for a higher salary.

Jobs Follow People.

70% of business owners moved to a community, then started a business at a later time.

Location Helps Attract Employees.

68% of business owners said that the ability to attract or retain talented employees was an important factor in choosing their business location.

The findings of this study were based on a survey of nearly 1,000 employers and community members in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

- A 2016 study prepared by the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT) titled, “Rural Economic Resiliency in Colorado: Study of Factors Impacting Resiliency,” found that community leaders from ten rural Colorado counties consider “Quality of Life” as one of five factors that are key to economic resiliency. The study states that “The ‘quality of life’ offered in smaller rural communities was a factor that drives people to stay and continue to work event when they could leave for opportunities to earn a higher salary.”

The other factors, identified as being important to economic resiliency, are: “Industry Diversity,” “Community Leadership,” “Education and Health Care,” and “Transportation Access.”

Across the U.S., the economies of rural places, small cities, and large metros that depend on outdoor recreation outperform their peers, on average. After the 2008 Great Recession most rural counties with recreation amenities gained population, while most rural counties without recreation amenities lost population.¹⁰ This difference is particularly significant as population loss threatens the future of many rural places.

So what? How do the findings of these studies pertain to Paonia? Recently, as part of the on-going process for the update to Paonia’s Comprehensive Plan, the town conducted a survey to gather the community’s input on a variety of topics pertaining to the update of that Plan. One of the questions that survey participants were asked to respond to was aimed at better understanding local opinions regarding the relationship between parks, recreation, and trails and the overall quality of life in Paonia. Of the 203 survey responses, roughly 80% indicated that parks, recreation, and trails were “Very Important” to the overall quality of life in Paonia, and roughly 13% indicated that they were “Important.”

How important are parks, recreation, and trails to the overall quality of life in Paonia?

Very Important	... 79.8% of respondents
Important	... 12.81% of respondents
Somewhat Important	... 4.43% of respondents
Not Important	... 0.49% of respondents
No Opinion	... 2.46% of respondents

Based on the findings of the town’s survey, it appears that parks, recreation, and trails play an important role in making Paonia a great place to live. Moreover, by associating the survey findings with the findings of the two studies described on the previous page, it could be inferred that Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails are key to the town’s ability to retain and attract residents, as well as businesses.



Physical & Mental Health Impacts

Sunlight, fresh air, exercise, and access to green spaces all have positive effects on our physical and mental well-being. Numerous studies have been conducted over the past few decades, the findings of which underscore the positive impacts that parks and natural areas have. According to “Creating Parks and Public Spaces for People of All Ages,” published by AARP, access to parks and natural areas offers the following benefits:

- Help raise the physical activity levels of those who live within a short distance of parks;
- Reduce obesity rates;
- Increase vitamin D levels;
- Improve blood pressure, bone density, and cardiorespiratory fitness;
- Reduce stress, anger and aggression;
- Improve coping abilities;
- Lessen social isolation;
- Enhance relationship skills; and,
- Improve cognitive function.



Social Impacts

While harder to quantify, public spaces, such as parks and recreation facilities, play an important role in the social health of a community by providing places for people to gather and interact. They serve as venues for a variety of activities and events that help to strengthen social bonds - from small events, such as birthday parties, that bring family and friends together, to large events, such as Cherry Days, that bring together an entire community. Further, great public spaces can help to foster community pride and a sense of belonging as these are places that are collectively owned by the public.



Environmental Health Impacts

Parks and greenery within a community offer significant environmental benefits. These benefits include improved water and air quality, reduced temperatures and ultraviolet (UV) radiation, and the protection and support of local biodiversity and ecological integrity. Park vegetation, specifically trees, plays a critical role in this by continuously removing pollutants from the air; sequestering carbon (CO₂); actively lowering temperatures within, and adjacent, to parks; absorbing UV radiation; and, reducing and removing pollutants from stormwater runoff.

- **Air Quality Impacts.** A study published by the National Recreation & Park Association, “Air Quality Effects of Urban Trees and Parks,” estimated that urban park trees, in the United States, remove 75,000 tons of pollution and 2.4 million tons of carbon dioxide every year.
- **Water Quality Impacts.** Parks offer large areas of pervious surfaces (i.e., a surface that allows the percolation of water into the underlying soil) that can be used to absorb and reduce stormwater runoff. Further, the vegetation within parks provides a natural filter that helps to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff. A 2017 study, prepared by the Center for Watershed Protection, found that “...the cumulative effect of tree canopy is to temporarily detain rainfall and gradually release it, regulating the flow (volume and peak) of stormwater runoff downstream and thereby preventing pollutants in rainfall and on urban surfaces from being transported to local waterways.”
- **Temperature Impacts.** Communities with large areas of pavement, buildings, and other materials that absorb and retain solar radiation typically have warmer temperatures than surrounding agricultural or natural areas. This phenomenon is referred to as the “Urban Heat Island Effect.” This effect can result in increased energy costs (e.g., for air conditioning), air pollution levels, and heat-related illness and mortality. If climatic changes result in periods of high temperatures becoming more prevalent and severe, the impacts of the Urban Heat Island Effect may worsen.

Parks, with a large portion of their area in vegetation, especially trees, help to combat the adverse impacts of the Urban Heat Island Effect. A 2010 study, prepared by the National Recreation & Parks Association, found that the maximum difference in temperature between the coolest point in a park and the areas surrounding the park can be about 13°F (7°C). Recently, The Trust for Public Lands assembled high-resolution data for the entire United States and found that areas within a 10-minute walk of a park can be as much as 6 degrees cooler than areas beyond that range. The effects that parks have on air temperature can help to moderate levels of air pollution, reduce energy costs for neighboring buildings, and improve human comfort and health.

- **UV Radiation Impacts.** Park trees provide protection from UV radiation, as trees absorb about 95% of UV radiation. This is especially important in parks at higher elevations where UV exposure is greater. This reduction of UV radiation is beneficial to park users as excess exposure to UV is the cause of, or a contributing factor to, three (3) types of skin cancer. UV radiation is also attributed to cataracts of the eye.
- **Ecological Impacts.** Parks and green spaces in communities support not only the people who live there but also local animal, insect, tree, and plant species. Environments that are ecologically healthy are also healthy for people. Parks designed to protect and support biodiversity help to enhance local ecosystems and enable users to better connect with nature.

Conservationtools.org offers a list of, and key findings from, a number of economic impact studies that have been conducted to identify the economic benefits generated by park, recreation, and open space systems. Key benefits, identified in these studies, include:

- **Increased Property Values and Property Tax Revenues.** Most homebuyers prefer homes that are close to parks and open space areas. The desirability of homes in proximity to parks and open space areas increases property value, thereby increasing property tax revenue. A study prepared by The Trust for Public Land found that there is an estimated 5% increase in property values for houses within 500-feet of a park. Another study prepared by The Trust for Public Land found that for every foot one moved away from a greenbelt in Boulder, Colorado there was a \$4.20 decrease in the price of residential property.
- **Increased Sales Tax Revenues from Visitor Spending.** Parks, trails, and recreation facilities can draw visitors from near and far, generating business for local restaurants, hotels, and shops that in turn results in greater sales tax revenues. Parks, trails, and recreation facilities can be used to host festivals, concerts, and athletic events, that result in additional boosts to the local economy.
- **Decreased Healthcare Costs.** Access to the outdoors and recreation opportunities has been found to improve the overall health of a community, which results in reduced healthcare costs. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that inadequate levels of physical activity in the United States are associated with \$177 billion in annual healthcare costs and contribute to 1 in 10 premature deaths.
- **Decreased Stormwater Treatment Costs.** Stormwater flows off of impervious surfaces like roads, parking lots, and buildings, picking up contaminants and carrying them either directly into a waterway or to a water treatment plant. Pervious surfaces, such as vegetation often found in parks, absorb precipitation, which can help to recharge ground water supplies, slow the release of storm runoff, and filter out contaminants. Reduced stormwater flows can enable a community to decrease the size of its stormwater management system and can result in significant savings in stormwater treatment costs.

Further, a 2021 report, “Inspiring the Future Outdoor Recreation Economy,” prepared by Headwaters Economics and the State Outdoor Business Alliance Network found...

- **Recreation Attracts New Residents.** “Across the U.S., the economies of rural places, small cities, and large metros that depend on outdoor recreation outperform their peers, on average. After the 2008 Great Recession most rural counties with recreation amenities gained population, while most rural counties without recreation amenities lost population.¹⁰ This difference is particularly significant as population loss threatens the future of many rural places.”
- **Outdoor Recreation Attracts New Businesses.** “Access to outdoor recreation is leveraged by many areas to attract new businesses and employees, even in sectors unrelated to the outdoors. A survey of the 50 fastest growing businesses in Utah revealed ‘Utah’s outdoor lifestyle and access to a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities were among the most frequently considered factors when deciding to locate their business in Utah or to expand.’¹⁹

Other areas use their access to outdoor recreation to attract outdoor gear manufacturers, highlighting their natural amenities as a way to recruit skilled employees and test products in companies’ backyard. Places with a history of manufacturing, and the skilled labor force and infrastructure to accompany it, build on that capacity to capitalize on outdoor recreation.²⁰

2. HOW TO USE THE PLAN

Paonia's Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan ("the Plan") serves as a roadmap to the future of the parks, recreation amenities, recreation programs, and trails in, and around Paonia. The ultimate goal of this Plan is to result in positive change in Paonia. Regular use of the Plan will keep citizens engaged and conversant with the future of parks, recreation, and trails in, and around, Paonia. The Plan is intended to be used to:

- Guide community decisions regarding the operation and maintenance of, and improvements to, the town's parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails.
- Inform the development of local policies that work to advance the community's aspirations for Paonia.
- Help prioritize and direct the allocation of town resources (e.g., funds, staff time, etc.).
- Support and inform collaborative efforts with area agencies (e.g., Delta County, North Fork Pool, Park & Recreation District, Bureau of Land Management, Delta County School District, etc.).
- Identify and pursue federal, state, and/or private financial assistance/grant programs.

This Plan is a tool to be used by Paonia's elected and appointed officials and town staff to inform and guide decision-making processes, policy discussions, and community improvements. The Plan is also intended to serve as a key resource for residents, property and business owners, developers, and other stakeholders interested in understanding the community's aspirations for the future of Paonia's parks, recreation amenities, recreation programs, and trails.

The Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan is an advisory document. It is not mandatory that the Plan be strictly adhered to. However, the community dedicated significant time and effort into developing the Plan and to ignore it, without legitimate reason, is not advised.

This Plan is organized into four (4) parts. A general description of the contents for, and intent of, each part is offered below. While each part has a distinct purpose, they are intended to work together.

Part 1 Introduction	Part 1 offers: (1) an explanation of the value and benefits of planning for parks, recreation, and trails in Paonia; (2) a guide for how to use the Plan; (3) information for how to amend, and update, the Plan; (4) the role of the Plan relative to other planning efforts; and, (5) an overview of the Paonia In Motion planning process.
Part 2 What Is Happening In Paonia Today?	Part 2 provides: (1) an overview of relevant trends and planning projects; (2) an inventory and assessment of Paonia's park, recreation, and trail assets; and, (3) the key issues and needs that this Plan works to address.
Part 3 The Future of Parks, Recreation, and Trails in Paonia	Part 3 sets forth general strategies, as well as area specific concepts and recommendations for addressing the key issues and needs identified in Part 2.
Part 4 Making Things Happen	Part 4 outlines specific actions that the town may take, either alone, or in collaboration with others, to work towards achieving the community's aspirations for Paonia.
Appendices (Available as a separate document)	The Appendices to this Plan include: (1) detailed information for potential funding sources; (2) policy, regulatory, and design examples; (3) existing conditions maps; and, (4) a summary of community input from the Paonia In Motion planning process and other related planning efforts. The Appendices are available as a separate document.

PLAN AMENDMENTS AND UPDATES

As Paonia moves into the future and continues to evolve, this Plan must also adapt. It is important that the Plan be a “living document” that the town reviews regularly (i.e., at least annually). In reviewing the Plan, it is recommended that the town: (1) evaluate progress made; and, (2) determine whether updates are needed to maintain a plan that is relevant to community priorities, as well as current conditions and trends.

This Plan is intended to serve both as a stand alone document, as well as a component of the Town of Paonia’s Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, amendments and updates to this Plan will need to comply with the amendment and update procedures set forth in the town’s Comprehensive Plan. Prior to making any changes, it will be necessary to identify and allocate the resources necessary (e.g., funding, outside support/expertise, etc.) to ensure the successful completion of an amendment or update. In some instances, this may entail a private citizen(s) being asked to contribute resources.

THE PAONIA IN MOTION (PIM) PLANNING PROCESS

This Plan is the product of “Paonia In Motion (PIM).” PIM, an initiative of the Town of Paonia, was, and remains, a community-driven effort focused on engaging all facets of the community in shaping the future of the town’s parks, recreation amenities, and trails. The PIM community engagement process worked to understand:

- Key issues and needs.
- The community’s aspirations for parks, recreation, and trails in Paonia.
- The community’s ideas for achieving their aspirations.

The PIM process comprised three (3) phases. Each phase had a specific purpose and offered community members a variety of opportunities to have their voice heard. Over the course of the PIM planning process, hundreds of people provided input. The community’s involvement was essential to the success of the planning process and their input provided the foundation for the Plan’s goals, policies, and actions. The PIM process is described in greater detail below:

- **The Paonia In Motion (PIM) Community Action Team.** Community involvement was, and will continue to be, essential to the success of PIM. To ensure that the PIM planning process was fun, interactive, and representative of Paonia’s community, the town and its consultant team partnered with a group of local leaders. This group, known as the “Community Action Team,” was tasked with guiding the community engagement and outreach efforts for the project. The members of the Community Action Team are recognized on page 1 for their invaluable contribution to this effort.
- **Phase I.** The purpose of Phase I was to:
 - Gather information regarding historic and current conditions in Paonia and trends that could affect the town over the coming years.
 - Identify key issues, needs, opportunities, and challenges.
 - Begin exploring ideas for how to achieve the community’s aspirations for Paonia.

A number of engagement activities were incorporated into Phase I, which enabled the public to share their input. Those included:

- Meetings with the Community Action Team.
- Focus group sessions.
- A community survey.
- Online engagement via the project website (www.paoniainmotion.com).

2. Phase II. Phase II of PIM worked to build on the results of Phase I by:

- Continuing to identify and explore ideas for how to achieve the community's aspirations.
- Developing design concepts to illustrate the community's ideas for key areas in Paonia.

Similar to Phase I, a variety of engagement activities were incorporated into Phase II and provided numerous opportunities to share input. Those included:

- Meetings with the Community Action Team.
- Community workshops.
- Online engagement via the project website.

Phase III. The PIM planning process culminated in Phase III. This phase brought together the outcomes of Phase I and II by:

- Developing a detailed action plan/implementation matrix for getting things done.
- Preparing the Parks, Recreation & Trails Master Plan.
- Working with Paonia's Town Board to adopt the Plan as an official guiding document of the town.
- Beginning implementation of the Plan.

The community, again, had several opportunities to be involved in Phase III, including:

- Meetings with the Community Action Team and stakeholders.
- Online engagement via the project website.
- A public hearing in front of the Town Board.

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Phase I | Jan. - May 2021

- Where is Paonia at today?
- What are our aspirations for Paonia's Parks, Recreation, and Trails?

- MMF Committee Meetings (Aug. 2020 & Jan. 2021)
- Focus Group Sessions (Jan. 2021)
- Community Survey (April - July 2021)
- Online Engagement (Jan. - May 2021)

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Phase II | May - Oct. 2021

- How do we get there?

- Design Workshop (May 2021)
- Action Planning Sessions (Oct. 2021)
- Online Engagement (May- Oct. 2021)

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Phase III | Nov. 2021 - March 2022

- Taking action!

- Focus Group Sessions (Dec. 2021- March 2022)
- Online Engagement (Nov. 2021- March 2022)
- Town Board Meeting (March 2022)



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What is Happening in Paonia Today?

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- + Planning Context
- + Inventory of Current Conditions
- + Assessment of Paonia's Parks & Recreation Amenities
- + Key Issues & Needs

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2. **PLANNING CONTEXT**



Population Projections Estimate Limited Growth

	Estimates		Projections			Average Annual % Change (2010-2020)	Average Annual % Change (2021-2035)
	2010	2020	2025	2030	2035		
Town of Paonia	1,451	1,447	1,464	1,560	1,646	- 0.02%	+ 0.9%
Delta County	30,952	31,196	31,680	33,060	34,222	+ 0.1%	+ 0.6%
Planning Region 10 ⁴	100,031	104,657	109,102	115,280	120,976	+ 0.5%	+ 1.0%

⁴Planning Region 10 includes: Delta County, Gunnison County, Hinsdale County, Montrose County, Ouray County, and San Miguel County.
Data Source(s): 2010 & 2020 US Census; and, Colorado State Demography Office

The State Demography Office (SDO) projects that Paonia may experience limited population change over the next 10-15 years. Projections estimate an increase of 199 people between 2020 and 2035 (i.e., a growth rate of 0.86%). This would account for roughly 4.7% of the total population increase projected for all of Delta County over that same period. By contrast, total population in Planning Region 10 is anticipated to increase by 16,319 people, between 2020 and 2035. Paonia’s projected growth would account for 1.2% of the region’s population change.



Generational Shifts

	% of Delta County’s Estimated & Projected Total Population (2010-2035)	Percent Change (2010-2020)	Percent Change (2020-2035)	Total Change (2010-2035)
GENERATION Z Born after 1997	16.6% (2010) 25.2% (2020) 37.2% (2035)	+ 8.6%	+ 12.0%	+ 20.7%
MILLENNIALS Born between 1981-1996	17.4% (2010) 16.0% (2020) 19.4% (2035)	- 1.4%	+ 3.4%	+ 2.0%
GENERATION X Born between 1965-1980	16.7% (2010) 18.5% (2020) 20.2% (2035)	+ 1.8%	+ 1.7%	+ 3.5%
BABY BOOMERS Born between 1946-1965	29.2% (2010) 27.6% (2020) 20.8% (2035)	- 1.6%	- 6.8%	- 8.4%
SILENT GENERATION Born between 1928-1945	16.6% (2010) 11.9% (2020) 2.4% (2035)	- 4.7%	- 9.5%	- 14.2%

Data Source(s): Colorado State Demography Office; and, Pew Research Center

Paonia, like many other places in the United States, can expect to see shifts in the generational composition of the community over the coming years. This is important to recognize and understand as different generations have different wants and needs. **Table #** offers some of the characteristics that generally define the different generations and are important to consider in working to ensure that Paonia’s facilities and programs continue to respond to the changing needs of the community.

DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS

GENERATION Z
Born after 1997

- “Generation Z” is typically associated with those born after 1997. Events that have shaped the characteristics of this generation include: (1) smartphones; (2) social media; and, (3) growing up during times of economic hardship (i.e., the “Great Recession” (2007-2009)).
- Research conducted by Les Mills¹ found Generation Z to be the most active membership group globally in 2018, setting them up to take the lead in trends for future health and fitness industries.
- Generation Z, similar to the Millennial Generation, has proven to be very health conscious and despite being known for being frugal, this age group seems to be willing to pay a premium for wellness apps, supplements, and healthy foods.
- Generation Z is an age group that has grown in the era of the smartphone and live their lives online, sharing both the intimate and mundane details of life. This is an important consideration when thinking about the future of WiFi in parks, recreation facilities, and along trails.
- As a result of the pandemic, many members of Generation Z have shifted their fitness routines to more of a focus on apps, YouTube videos, and outdoor recreation. According to an online article posted to CampusRec², this shift present an opportunity to “...invest time and money to create a versatile online fitness program that requires minimal equipment, boosts energy, and focuses on... holistic health...”

MILLENNIALS
Born between 1981-1996

- “Millennials” are generally considered those born between about 1981 and 1996. Events that have contributed to the characteristics of this generation include: (1) major technological advances, including the evolution of the internet and the emergence of social media; (2) 9/11 and the Great Recession (2007-2009); and, (3) graduating college with significant amounts of student debt.
- In 2016, the Pew Research Center reported that Millennials had surpassed Baby Boomers as the nation’s most populous age group and in turn, became the largest group of consumers.
- Millennials tend to be perceived as a tech-savvy, health and socially conscious, achievement-driven generation with more flexible ideas about balancing work and play. Therefore, it stands to reason that their expectations for park and recreation experiences might be different from previous generations.
- A 2015, post to the National Parks and Recreation Association’s (NRPA) blog², offered the following suggestions for making parks Millennial friendly:
 - Park and recreation areas that offer a chance for group activities are more likely to be appealing.
 - Wi-Fi access is a must – Millennials are used to having access to the internet and enjoy sharing their experiences in real-time.
 - Millennials seek out a broad range of activities (i.e., “bucket list” adventures). Places with a variety of experiences, especially unique ones, are likely to be a draw.
 - Millennials seek out convenience and fun with a little luxury thrown in (e.g., glamping).
 - Millennials enjoy winning, recognition, and earning rewards. Don’t underestimate the power of gamification (i.e., incorporating an online component to an recreation activity).
 - Millennials like to stay active. They enjoy both individual activities (e.g., running trails) and group activities (e.g., open fields for team sports). In addition to traditional opportunities for exercise, Millennials are also attracted to “extreme” activities (e.g., rock climbing, skateboarding, etc.).
 - Many Millennials own dogs and want places with amenities and areas where they can spend time outdoors with them.

GENERATION X
Born between 1965-1980

- “Generation X” is the generational group comprised of individuals born between 1965 and 1980. Events that have helped to shape the characteristics of this generation include: (1) the end of the Cold War; (2) the rise of personal computing; and, (3) feeling lost between two huge generations- Baby Boomers and Millennials.
- Many people in Generation X are in the peak of their careers, raising families, and growing their connections within the community they live in.
- A 2017 Participation Report from the Physical Activity Council suggests that members of Generation X were “all or nothing” in terms of their levels of physical activity; with 37% reported as “highly active” and 27% reported as “completely inactive.”
- As further noted in the 2017 Report, over 50% of Generation X was likely to have participated in fitness and outdoor sports activities and an additional 37% participated in individual sports.

Table #: Defining Characteristics for Generation Z, Millennials, Generation X, and Baby Boomers

DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS

BABY BOOMERS
Born between 1946-1965

- “Baby Boomers” are often considered to be those born between about 1946 and 1965. Key events that helped shape the characteristics of this generation include: (1) the post-World War II era; (2) the Cold War; (3) the Vietnam War; and, (4) the hippie movement.
- With many Baby Boomers entering retirement, opportunities in fitness, sports, outdoors, arts and cultural events, and other activities that suit their lifestyles are becoming increasingly important. With their varied life experiences, values, and expectations, Baby Boomers are redefining the meaning of recreation and leisure programming for mature adults.
- Baby Boomers look for parks and recreation amenities/facilities to provide opportunities to enjoy many life-long hobbies and sports. When programming for this age group, it is important to offer a customized experience the caters to the need for self-fulfillment, healthy pleasure, nostalgic youthfulness, and individual escapes. Further, as this generation ages, it will be important to offer facilities, amenities, and programs that allow for “aging in place.”

Footnotes:

¹insider.fitt.co/gen-z-wellness/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CCompared%20to%20any%20generation%20%5BGen,are%20less%20trusting%20of%20brands%E2%80%A6&text=But%20despite%20being%20conservative%20with,%2C%20and%20mental%20well%2Dbeing

²campusrecmag.com/generation-z-needs-outdoor-recreation/

³www.nrpa.org/blog/7-ways-to-make-your-parks-millennial-friendly/



Factors Influencing Decisions on Where To Live

- **Safe Parks and Access to Trails, Paths, and Better Recreation Opportunities.** In 2021, AARP conducted a national poll of nearly 3,000 people in the U.S., ages 18 and over, to better understand current trends in home and community preferences. The results of this poll indicate that people consider safe parks and access to safe trails and paths to walk, run, and bike to be important elements of their community. Further, the poll found that access to better recreational activities (including arts, culture, and fitness) is a factor that many people will consider when deciding where to move to.

Question 14: How important is it for you personally to have the following in your community right now?

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
1. Convenient, high-quality health care services.	39% (Total)	34% (Total)	20% (Total)	4% (Total)	3% (Total)
2. Conveniently located grocery stores with affordable healthy food.	37% (Total)	38% (Total)	20% (Total)	2% (Total)	2% (Total)
3. Safe parks that are well-lit and free of crime.	38% (Total)	35% (Total)	19% (Total)	4% (Total)	4% (Total)
4. Access to safe trails and paths to walk, run, and bike.	31% (Total)	31% (Total)	24% (Total)	7% (Total)	6% (Total)
5. Public buildings and spaces that are safe and accessible to people of different physical abilities.	26% (Total)	31% (Total)	26% (Total)	9% (Total)	7% (Total)
6. Convenient, affordable public parking that includes parking for people with disabilities.	24% (Total)	30% (Total)	30% (Total)	9% (Total)	7% (Total)
7. Walkable main street downtown area that is made up of local businesses.	21% (Total)	29% (Total)	33% (Total)	11% (Total)	6% (Total)
8. Ample seating in public areas, such as parks, along sidewalks, and around public buildings.	21% (Total)	27% (Total)	34% (Total)	11% (Total)	7% (Total)
9. Farmers’ markets.	18% (Total)	28% (Total)	35% (Total)	13% (Total)	6% (Total)

Data Source(s): 2021 Home and Community Preference Survey (AARP)

Question 12: Some people find they need or want to move out of their community as they get older. If you were to consider moving out of your current community, how much of a factor would the following be in your decision to move?

	A Major Factor	A Minor Factor	Not a Factor
1. Wanting to move to an area that feels safer and more secure and has little or no crime.	55% (Total)	25% (Total)	19% (Total)
2. Wanting to live in an area that has a lower cost of living.	49% (Total)	36% (Total)	14% (Total)
3. Wanting to be closer to family.	49% (Total)	29% (Total)	21% (Total)
4. Wanting to live in an area with more affordable housing options.	48% (Total)	32% (Total)	20% (Total)
5. Wanting to live in an area that has better housing choices.	45% (Total)	36% (Total)	19% (Total)
6. Wanting to move to an area that has better health care facilities.	38% (Total)	38% (Total)	23% (Total)
7. Wanting to live in an area with better recreational activities including arts, culture, and fitness.	32% (Total)	42% (Total)	27% (Total)
8. Wanting to live in a different climate.	28% (Total)	40% (Total)	32% (Total)
9. Wanting to live in an area with better opportunities for social interaction.	27% (Total)	46% (Total)	27% (Total)
10. Wanting to live in an area that has better job opportunities.	25% (Total)	33% (Total)	41% (Total)
11. Wanting to live in an area that has more alternatives to driving, such as buses, trains, taxis or ride share companies, bicycling, or walking.	24% (Total)	41% (Total)	34% (Total)
12. Wanting to live in an area that has a culturally, ethnically and racially diverse population.	24% (Total)	38% (Total)	38% (Total)

Data Source(s): 2021 Home and Community Preference Survey (AARP)

▪ **Amenities for Pets.** According to a 2020 report by the National Association of Realtors, “Animal House: Pets in the Home Buying and Selling Process,” 68% of REALTOR® members say that pet-friendly policies influenced their client’s decision to rent or buy in a particular community. The report also found that 43% of households would be willing to move or change their living situation to accommodate their pet. One way to interpret these trends is that amenities for pets is an increasingly important factor and can influence perceptions on quality of life.

 **Local Participation Trends**

Recently, The Nature Connection completed a survey of Paonia’s youth, ages 4-18. Findings from this work offer a number of interesting insights that should be taken into consideration in the development of Paonia’s system of parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails. One of the survey questions asked respondents to identify their most favorite activities. The Top 10 activities identified are listed below.

Question 9. Please choose your three (3) most favorite activities from the following:
(No. of Responses: 277)

 1. Fishing	...31% of respondents	 5. Horseback Riding or Horse Packing	...20% of respondents	 9. Hiking or Trail Running	...14% of respondents
 2. Car/RV Camping	...29% of respondents	 6. Boating	...20% of respondents	 10. OHV or 4x4 Driving	...13% of respondents
 3. Hunting	...25% of respondents	 7. Archery	...19% of respondents		
 4. Downhill Skiing or Snowboarding	...22% of respondents	 8. Road Biking or Mountain Biking	...15% of respondents		

Data Source(s): The Nature Connection Survey

2. Question 10 and 11 of The Nature Connection’s survey asked local youth to identify new activities that they, personally, would like to try and new activities that they would like to try with their family. The Top 5 activities identified are listed below.

Question 10.

Which new activity would you personally most like to try?

(No. of Responses: 276)



Question 11.

Which new activity would you like to try with your family?

(No. of Responses: 275)

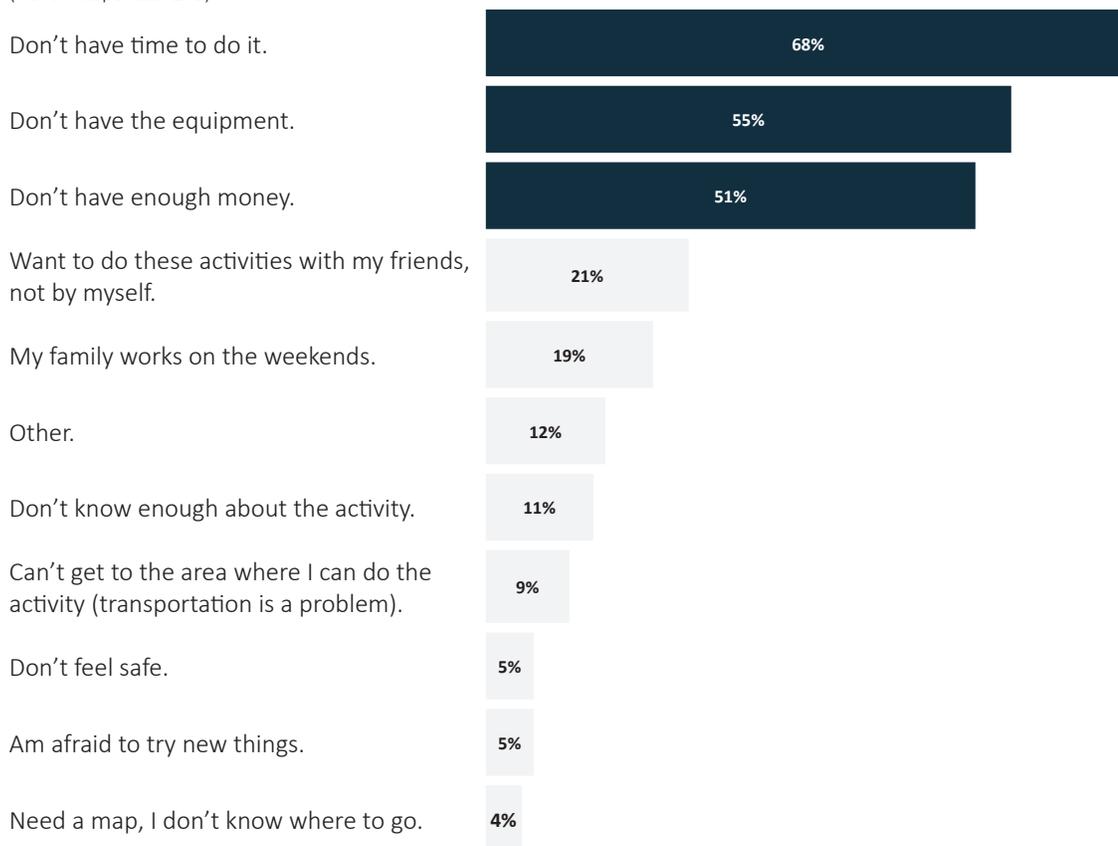


Data Source(s): The Nature Connection Survey

Question 12 asked survey participants to identify the Top 3 obstacles that prevented them, and their family, from trying new outdoor activities. As illustrated by the following diagram, lack of time, equipment, and money emerged as the primary barriers that Paonia’s youth, and their families, face when trying to participate in new types of outdoor activities. These findings indicate that Paonia’s youth could benefit from more local amenities for certain types of activities and greater access to sporting equipment.

Question 12. What obstacles keep you (and your family) from trying new outdoor activities? (Please choose your Top 3)

(No. of Responses: 273)



Data Source(s): The Nature Connection Survey

The Town of Paonia is committed to thoughtful, inclusive planning for its future, and it strives to follow through on the aspirations of community's previous planning efforts. There are a number of existing plans that are used to help inform and guide the town's actions. It is essential to understand the planning context within which the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan fits so that it can be aligned with, and support the implementation of, the aspirations set forth in the existing plans.

1. Town of Paonia Comprehensive Plan Update

Paonia's Comprehensive Plan is the "umbrella" document for the town and articulates the community's long-term vision and establishes an overall policy framework for working toward that vision. It is comprehensive in scope and works to address a wide range of important topics, including: (1) Land Use and Development; (2) Infrastructure; (3) Housing; (4) Community Facilities and Services; and, (5) Economic Development.

The Parks, Recreation Master Plan is intended to serve both as a stand alone document, as well as a component of Paonia's Comprehensive Plan. It sets forth community's aspirations for the future of parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails in, and around, Paonia and offers recommendations and a detailed action plan for achieving those aspirations.

2. Jumbo Mountain Comprehensive Travel & Transportation Management Plan

The BLM is currently working on a comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (TTMP) for the Jumbo Mountain Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). The TTMP entails a wide-ranging analysis of the Jumbo Mountain SRMA that will consider the access needs of all public land users, evaluated in conjunction with the BLM's legal mandate to protect natural and cultural resources on public lands. Individual route evaluations and designations, included in the TTMP, will be analyzed in an environmental assessment. Based on this analysis; every route in the Jumbo Mountain SRMA will receive one of the following designations:

- **Open:** Route is open for public use.
- **Limited:** Travel on this route is limited to the public in some form (e.g., seasonal restriction, administrative access, vehicle width restriction, non-motorized use, etc.).
- **Closed:** Route is closed.

Jumbo Mountain is outside of the town's jurisdiction and therefore, was not a focus of this Plan. Rather, this Plan focuses on improvements that can be made within Paonia that work to enhance the function and usability of the Jumbo Mountain Trail System. Further, community input gathered via the Paonia In Motion planning process was provided to the BLM to help inform and support the TTMP for the Jumbo Mountain SRMA.

3. Revitalizing Main Street Report

In 2020, the Town of Paonia was awarded grant funds and technical assistance as part of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) "Revitalizing Main Streets Program." The goal of CDOT's program was to offer "...small-scale grants for low-cost, immediate actions to help safely improve the economy and enhance healthy activities in cities and towns across Colorado."

The Revitalizing Main Street effort in Paonia resulted in the installation of several temporary "pop-up demonstrations." These demonstrations included: (1) the reconfiguration of on-street parking along Grand Avenue to accommodate an on-street bike lane; (2) the installation of pop-up parks; and, (3) the painting colorful crosswalks. Input was gathered to understand the community's sentiments regarding the pop-up demonstrations. Some of the pop-up demonstrations ended up being a bit contentious (e.g., reconfiguration of on-street parking), while others were perceived as favorable (e.g., additional street trees and parklets).

The outcomes of the Revitalizing Main Street effort were captured in the "Town of Paonia | CDOT Revitalizing Main Street Interim Report" and were used to inform and guide the planning process for this Plan. Input gathered via the Revitalizing Main Street effort is included in the summary of community input provided in the Appendices.

4. Paonia Creative District Signage & Wayfinding Plan

2. a continuation of efforts to support Paonia as a Creative District and a primary travel destination with a distinctive shopping, dining, and entertainment area, a variety of public recreation amenities, and services for residents and visitors alike, the Paonia Creative District spearheaded an effort to develop a signage and wayfinding plan for the Town of Paonia. The primary focuses of this effort included, (1) increasing visitor and resident traffic to the major destinations in Paonia; (2) enhancing and reinforcing local place-making; (3) developing a plan that identified the style, quantity, and type of signage needed; and, (4) an implementation plan that outlines the costs and resources needed to implement the new signage and wayfinding designs.

Ultimately, this effort resulted in the Paonia Creative District Signage & Wayfinding Plan that offers design schematics for a range of sign types, from vehicular directional signs to pedestrian-oriented information kiosks, a map of proposed locations for the various sign types, and an Implementation Plan that provides a list of action steps and cost estimates for the proposed signs. A map of the proposed sign types and location can be found in the Appendices.

The Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan works to build upon the Paonia Creative District Signage & Wayfinding Plan by identifying additional locations for wayfinding signage in Paonia, primarily to improve the functionality and usability of the trail systems within, and near, the town.

5. Delta County Recreation and Trails Master Plan

The Delta County Recreation and Trails Master Plan, adopted in 2018, sets forth guiding principles and proposed improvements (including prioritization and cost estimates) for recreation and trails throughout the county.

The impetus for the development of the county's Recreation and Trails Master Plan included: (1) the lack of comprehensive and easily obtainable information about the existence, location, and access to existing trail infrastructure; (2) the lack of comprehensive guidance for staff and land managers in evaluating proposed projects; and, (3) the lack of community trails infrastructure connecting public amenities and trail assets.

Delta County's Recreation and Trails Master Plan provides important context for Paonia's Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan as it presents information and proposed improvements for recreation areas and trail systems for the areas surrounding Paonia. Improvements proposed for the Paonia area, in the county's Master Plan, include:

- A trail connection from the Paonia River Park, across Grand Avenue, through the Paonia K-8 campus (Priority 1).
- Formalization of the user-created trail system on Jumbo Mountain and wayfinding, signage, trailhead, and access improvements for Jumbo Mountain Trail System (Priority 1).
- A pedestrian bridge, over the North Fork of the Gunnison River, that connects the trail through the Paonia K-8 campus with the Paonia Public Library (Priority 3).
- Parking, signage, wayfinding, and restroom upgrades at Apple Valley Park (Priority 3).
- Pedestrian improvements between Apple Valley Park and the trailhead for the Jumbo Mountain Trail System (Priority 3).
- A regional connection (primarily road cycling, over existing rights-of-way) between Paonia and Hotchkiss and points west via Back River Road.
- Planning for, and development of, trails on the public lands that comprise the Elephant Hill/Lone Cabin Area.

The improvements proposed in Delta County's Recreation and Trails Master Plan have been incorporated with this Plan, where appropriate. Further, the relevant public comments presented in the county's Master Plan have been included in the community input summary offered in the Appendices.

6. Delta County Master Plan

Similar to Paonia's Comprehensive Plan, Delta County's Master Plan (2018) serves as the "umbrella" document for the unincorporated areas of the county (i.e., areas outside of the towns/cities in Delta County) and address a wide range of issues important to the county. A key aspect of the county's Master Plan, which relates directly to Paonia's Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan, is recognition of the value of the outdoor recreation assets throughout the county and the opportunity that those assets present in diversifying and strengthening the county's economy.

2. INVENTORY OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

Funding

1. Town of Paonia General Fund

The Town of Paonia’s “General Fund” is the town’s primary operating fund and is the main source of funding available for operating and maintaining Paonia’s park, recreation, and trail assets. The town’s General Fund is primarily funded by local sales and property tax revenues. In addition to funding town’s parks, recreation, and trail assets, the General Fund must also fund the many services provided by the town (e.g., law enforcement, street maintenance, etc.) and capital projects in the community.

Over the past 10 years, the town has, on average, allocated roughly 10% of its annual General Fund expenditures on parks and recreation. This equates to an average of \$91,414 per year or roughly \$63 per year per capita. [Table #](#) presents a summary of the town’s expenditures on parks and recreation from 2012 to 2022.

Table #: Summary of General Fund Expenditures on Parks & Recreation (2012-2022)

	2012 (Actual)	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Actual)	2016 (Actual)	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Actual)	2019 (Actual)	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Est. Actual)	2022 (Budgeted)
Salaries & Wages	-	\$3,672	\$1,706	\$550	-	\$1,132	\$3,012	\$26,718	\$38,996	\$46,783	\$67,283
Employee Benefits	-	\$849	\$1,033	\$339	\$252	\$1,642	\$680	\$9,122	\$12,283	\$14,252	\$25,289
Supplies	\$10,622	\$6,008	\$6,100	\$5,070	\$4,423	\$4,968	\$4,338	\$4,070	\$4,235	\$6,305	\$7,053
Council	-	-	-	\$1,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,678	\$4,547	\$19,478	\$7,320	\$8,467	\$7,547	\$6,838	\$12,506	\$3,699	\$15,471	\$17,048
Legal Fees	-	\$45	\$465	\$1,035	\$240	-	\$1,125	-	-	-	-
Telephone	\$521	\$456	\$441	\$143	\$26	\$106	\$106	\$389	\$481	\$701	\$709
Travel & Meetings	-	\$67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance & Bonds	-	\$3,619	\$4,985	\$3,220	\$3,564	\$4,180	\$3,473	\$3,929	\$4,079	\$3,813	\$4,300
Utilities	\$5,696	\$6,683	\$7,861	\$6,645	\$6,735	\$7,304	\$7,128	\$7,574	\$7,177	\$7,377	\$7,895
Park Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$19,665	-	-	-	-
Contract Services	\$38,581	\$38,318	\$38,575	\$38,575	\$41,900	\$43,928	\$2,000	\$2,148	\$8,061	\$2,110	\$3,000
Vehicle Expense	\$620	\$866	\$1,045	\$80	\$15	\$43	\$408	\$1,069	\$1,284	\$5,470	\$4,475
Capital Outlay	\$14,827	-	-	-	-	-	\$8,800	\$81,437	\$20,858	\$26,298	\$13,500
Miscellaneous	-	\$1,045	\$685	\$378	-	\$824	\$3,802	\$3,084	\$8,549	\$36,492	\$34,040
TOTALS	\$75,545	\$66,175	\$82,374	\$64,555	\$65,622	\$71,674	\$61,375	\$152,046	\$109,702	\$165,072	\$184,592
% OF TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	10%	7%	12%	10%	10%	11%	8%	15%	10%	12%	9%

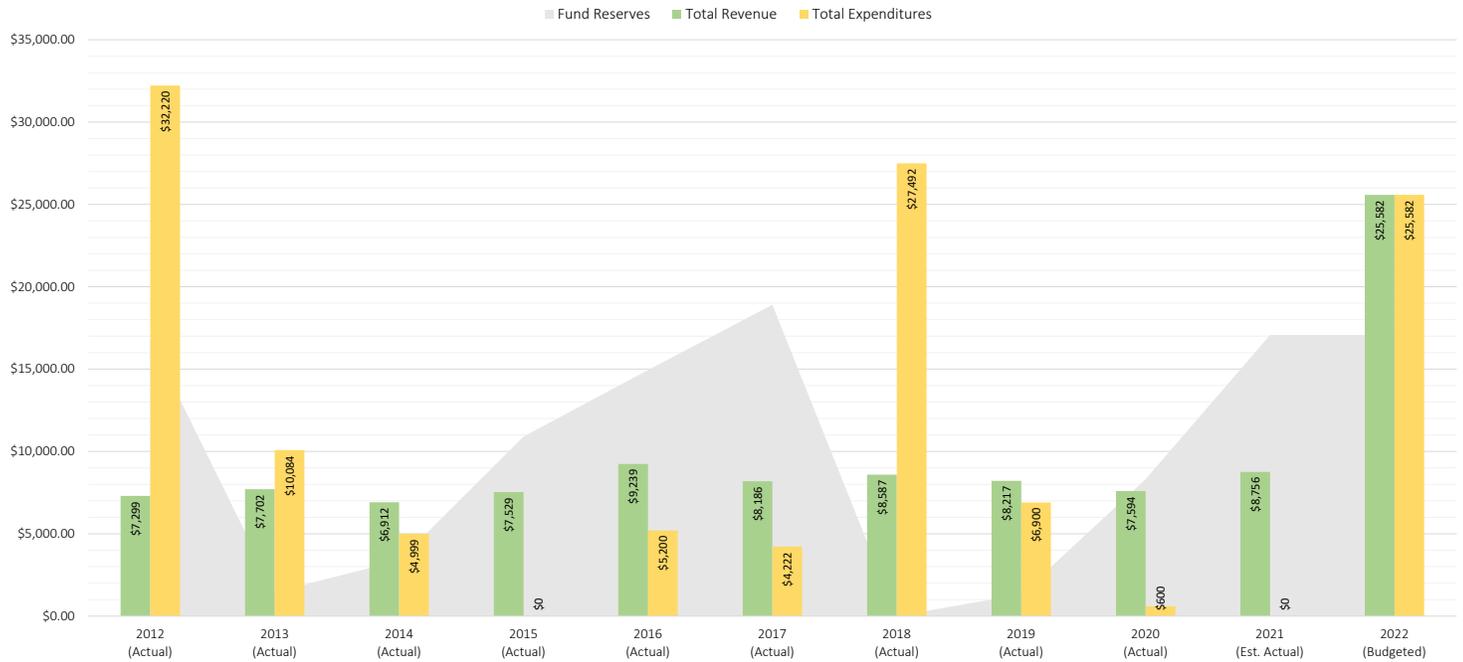
Data Source(s): 2012-2020 Town of Paonia Audited Financial Statements; and 2021-2022 Town of Paonia Budgets

2. Conservation Trust Fund

The Conservation Trust Fund is a special revenue fund established for Lottery Funds that the Town of Paonia receives from the State of Colorado. The funds that the town receives are based on population estimates for Paonia and can only be used for specific purposes including the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites and/or for capital improvements for recreational purposes on any public site (refer to the Appendixes for a detailed list of eligible expenditures).

Diagram # provides an overview of the total revenue, expenditures, and reserves of the town's Conservation Trust Fund between 2012 and 2022.

Diagram #: Conservation Trust Revenues & Expenditures (2012-2022)



Data Source(s): 2012-2020 Town of Paonia Audited Financial Statements; and 2021-2022 Town of Paonia Budgets

Between 2012-2021, the town's Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) generated an average of \$8,002 per year. These funds have primarily been used for the inspection and maintenance of Paonia's public trees, repairs and upgrades to facilities in the town's parks, and minor park improvements. Table # provides a summary of the projects that the town has used the Conservation Trust Fund to finance between 2014 and 2022.

Table #: Conservation Trust Fund Project History (2014-2022)

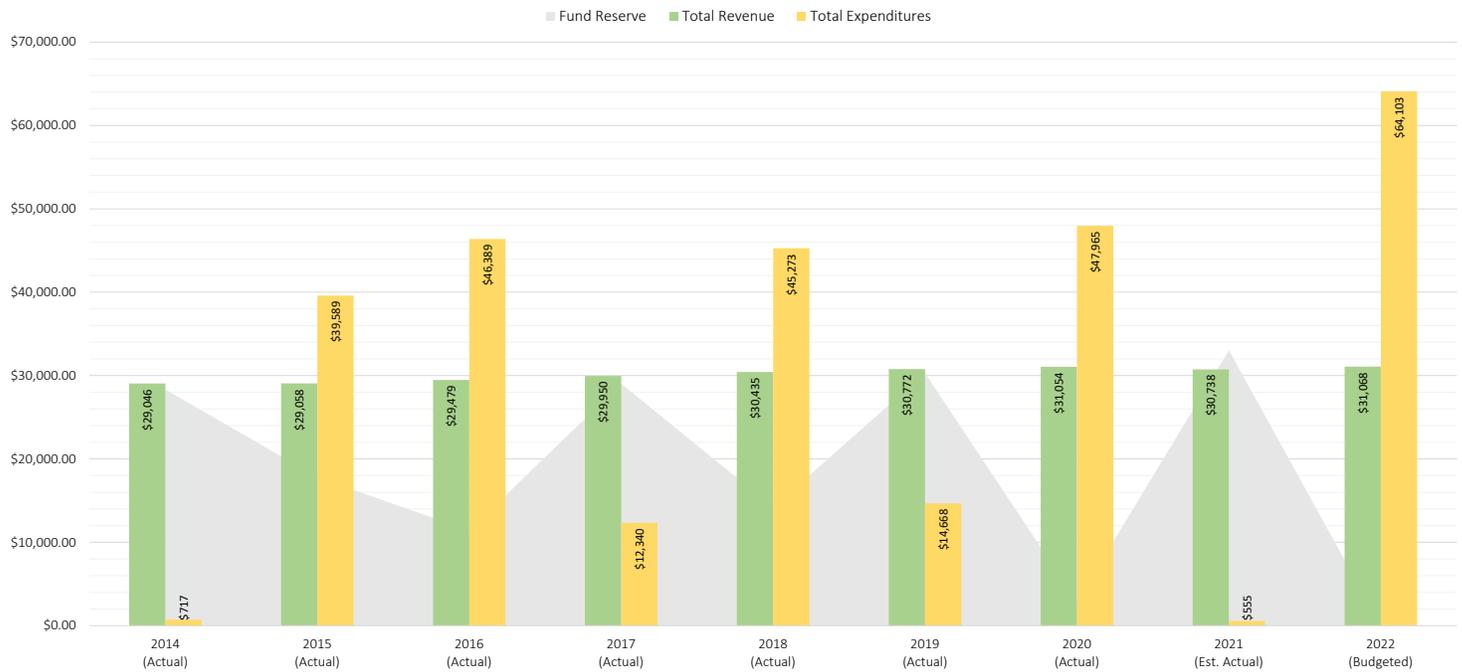
PROJECT	AMOUNT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
2022 (Budgeted)	Tree Trimming	Western Slope Tree Service	\$500
	Town Park Playground Shelter Pad	Misty Mountain Inc.	\$2,897.50
	Town Park Playground Surface Upgrade	Colorado State Forest Service	\$824
2022 TOTAL (BUDGETED)		2017 TOTAL	\$4,221.50
2021	Poulos Park Upgrade	2016	Tree Trimming
	Bike Racks for Town Park		2016 TOTAL
2021 TOTAL		\$7,495	
2020	Town Park Playground Improvements (Delta Brick & Climate Control Company)	2015	Aspen Tree
	2020 TOTAL		\$600
2019	Tree Trimming (Paonia Tree Service)		New Tree for Apple Valley Park
	Ellen Hansen Smith Center Roof (Clissett LLC)	Level 2 Tree Inspection	\$2,000
2019 TOTAL		2015 TOTAL	\$10,000
2018	IRA Houseweart Metalworker	2014	Aspen Tree
	TLC Tree Services		2014 TOTAL
	C&N Construction	2018 TOTAL	\$27,491.96

Data Source(s): 2022 Town of Paonia Budget

3 Sidewalk Fund

Revenue for the Town of Paonia’s Sidewalk Fund is generated by a \$3.00 per month fee, approved in 2013, that is paid by in-town residents. The town’s Sidewalk Fund is designated for the repair and replacement of existing sidewalks within Paonia. The \$3.00 per month fee is set to expire (i.e., sunset) in December 2024, unless voters approve a renewal/extension of the fee. Diagram # offers an overview of the total revenues, expenditures, and reserves of the Sidewalk Fund between 2014 and 2022.

Diagram #: Sidewalk Fund Revenues & Expenditures (2014-2022)



Data Source(s): 2014-2020 Town of Paonia Audited Financial Statements; and 2021-2022 Town of Paonia Budgets

Between 2014 and 2021, Paonia’s monthly sidewalk fee has generated an average of \$30,067 per year. Table # provides a summary of the projects that the town has used the Sidewalk Fund to finance between 2014 and 2022.

Table #: Brief Description of Sidewalk Fund Expenditures (2014-2022)

YEAR	PROJECT
2022 (Budgeted)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and issue an Request for Proposals (RFP) for sidewalk improvements. Prune and remove trees impacting the functionality of the town’s sidewalks. Continue to upgrade sidewalks and accesses to meet ADA Standards.
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To replenish the Sidewalk Fund for 2022, no sidewalk projects were completed in 2021.
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sidewalk along the south side of 3rd Street and 4th Street, near Onarga Avenue, was completed. The sidewalk for the entire 300 block of Box Elder Avenue was completed. Trees impacting the functionality of the town’s sidewalks were pruned and removed. Additional sidewalk and access upgrades were completed to meet ADA Standards.
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To replenish the Sidewalk Fund for 2020, expenditures were limited to “emergency repairs.” Such repairs were made to three (3) sections of sidewalk in 2019.
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2018, the town implemented a policy to conduct sidewalk projects every other year to allow for the Sidewalk Fund to be replenished, which in turn allows for more substantial projects to be completed.
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the depletion of the Sidewalk Fund, expenditures were limited to “emergency repairs” in 2017.
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2016, a total of \$46,389 was expended on sidewalk repairs in Paonia.
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2015, a total of \$39,589 was expended on sidewalk repairs in Paonia.
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2014 was the first year that the \$3.00 per month fee was implemented and as a result, there were insufficient funds available for sidewalk projects in Paonia. A total of \$29,046.39 was accrued by the Sidewalk Fund in 2014.

Data Source(s): 2014-2020 Town of Paonia Audited Financial Statements; and 2021-2022 Town of Paonia Budgets

Inventory of Parks

Parks are designed primarily to support outdoor recreation activities (both active and passive) and community gatherings in Paonia. Some, like Town Park, are multiple acres and can accommodate a variety of activities. Others, like Poulos Park, are 0.1 acre but provide space for people in downtown Paonia to gather and spend time outside.

Parks At A Glance

- Count: 5 parks in Paonia
- Total Acreage: 34.3 acres
- Parkland per 1,000 Residents: 23.7 acres (Town of Paonia)
- Parkland per 1,000 Residents: 5.2 (lower quartile)- 17.6 acres (upper quartile); 9.9 acres (median) (Typical Park & Recreation Agency)

Data Source(s): Delta County Assessor; and, 2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review

Summary of Parks

Park Name	Ownership	Size	Brief Description
Town Park (700 4 th Street)	Town of Paonia	3 acres	Paonia’s Town Park is one of the community’s highlights. Towering trees, pink peonies, and emerald green grass invite users to relax and enjoy the park. The Town Park serves as a venue for many of the Paonia’s major community events including Cherry Days, Pickin’ in the Park, and the annual BMW Rally.
Apple Valley Park (45 Pan American Ave)	Town of Paonia	6.62 acres	A large park located along Minnesota Creek that offers a number of amenities including playground equipment, seasonal restrooms, tennis/pickleball courts with lights, a walking path with outdoor exercise stations, disc/frisbee golf holes, and a picnic shelter. The parking lot for Apple Valley Park serves park users, as well as users of the Jumbo Mountain trail system.
Poulos Park (221 Grand Ave)	Town of Paonia	0.1 acres	A small park that serves as a great spot to stop for a rest while enjoying the shops, restaurants, and galleries of downtown Paonia. Recently, Poulos Park has served as a venue for local concerts hosted by Pickin’ in the Park.
Lees Park (No Street Address)	Floyd Lee	0.08 acres	A small, privately-owned park that is maintained by the town. Lees Park is intended to be a town-owned park but the property has yet to be conveyed to the Town of Paonia. The park offers a limited number of amenities, including a swing set, merry-go-round, picnic tables, and shade trees.
Paonia River Park (700/759 Shady Lane)	Western Slope Conservation Center & Town of Paonia	24.487 acres	A large park along the North Fork of the Gunnison River that comprises properties owned by the Western Slope Conservation Center (WSSC) and the Town of Paonia. The park offers public access to, and along, the North Fork of the Gunnison River, as well as a walking path, river overlooks, a shaded seating area, and informational signage.

Data Source(s): Town of Paonia and Delta County Assessor

Management Responsibilities

Entity	Responsibilities
Public Works Department (Town of Paonia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintenance of town-owned parks and Lees Park.
Administrative Department (Town of Paonia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquisition, development, programming, and scheduling of town-owned parks.
Western Slope Conservation Center (WSSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-operation and co-management of the Paonia River Park with the town.

2. Inventory of Recreation Facilities

Recreation facilities in Paonia provide spaces for indoor and specialized recreation activities. They include spaces for fitness and exercise, athletic fields, courts, and more. Recreation facilities include outdoor sport complexes (e.g., Volunteer Park Sports Complex), court/field clusters, and special use facilities (e.g., the Ellen Hansen Smith Center). Recreation facilities associated with local schools are listed under the inventory of school facilities.

At A Glance

Count: 5 facilities in, and near, Paonia

Overview of Facilities

Facility Name/Type	Ownership	Brief Description
Ellen Hansen Smith Center (Paonia Town Park)	Town of Paonia	The Ellen Hansen Smith Center (i.e., “Smith Center”) is a facility located in Paonia’s Town Park. Within the Smith Center there are restroom and shower facilities, a commercial kitchen, and a large open space. The Smith Center hosts a variety of activities including an indoor archery program and concessions for sporting events. A renovation of the Smith Center was recently completed and included the installation of a new floor in the kitchen; the replacement and/or relocation of sinks; the replacement and/or repair of cabinetry; and, the addition of an interior wall to provide a secondary access to the building.
Athletic Field (Paonia Town Park)	Town of Paonia	Historically, the athletic field in Town Park has primarily served as a venue for host high school football games and community events (e.g., Cherry Days). With the relocation of Paonia’s high school to Hotchkiss, it is unlikely that the athletic field will continue to be used for football games and could therefore serve as a venue for other, local sporting events.
Tennis/Pickleball Courts (Apple Valley Park)	Town of Paonia	There is a cluster of four (4) tennis courts, with a pickleball overlay, located in Apple Valley Park. One of the tennis courts has a practice wall. The cluster of courts have lighting.
Outdoor Fitness Course (Apple Valley Park)	Town of Paonia	The Apple Valley Park fitness course comprises a roughly 0.3-mile looped walking path and five (5) outdoor exercise stations. Portions of the walking path, located along the north side of Apple Valley Park, are in need of repair due to erosion of the adjacent hillside. The walking path provides a connection between the parking lot for Apple Valley Park and Vista Drive (to the east).
Frisbee/Disc Golf Course (Apple Valley Park)	Town of Paonia	There are a limited number of frisbee/disc golf features in Apple Valley Park that do not appear to be formally organized. The existing frisbee/disc golf features present an opportunity to establish a more formal frisbee/disc golf course within Apple Valley Park, if there is community interest.
Volunteer Park Sports Complex (39996/39970 Hayden Road)	Delta County	Volunteer Park Sports Complex is located roughly 0.9 miles to the west of Paonia. Volunteer Park offers a number of athletic fields including four (4) diamond fields (for baseball and softball) and a large rectangular field that appears to be used for team sports, such as soccer. There is no designated walking/biking path between Paonia and Volunteer Park and based on input from the community people who chose to walk or bike to Volunteer Park must do so using the minimal shoulder that exists along Mathews Lane.

Data Source(s): Town of Paonia; Delta County Assessor; and, Google Earth

Management Responsibilities

Entity	Responsibilities
Public Works Department (Town of Paonia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of town-owned facilities.
Administrative Department (Town of Paonia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition, development, programming, and scheduling of town-owned facilities.
Smith Center Volunteer Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, programming, and scheduling of the Ellen Hansen Smith Center.

2. Inventory of School Facilities

School facilities in Paonia offer recreational amenities, including playgrounds, athletic fields, and tracks that supplement the amenities that can be found in town-owned parks. Though these facilities are not always open to, and available for use by, the public, a partnership with the Delta County School District could allow for this. Such a partnership could help to increase the town’s ability to address gaps in the availability of certain types of recreational amenities in Paonia.

At A Glance

Count: 3 facilities on 2 campuses in Paonia
 Total Acreage: 61.7 acres

Overview of Facilities

Facility Name	Ownership	Campus Size	Brief Description
Paonia K-8 (846 Grand Ave)	Delta County School District	53.36 acres	Formerly the Paonia Junior High/High School, the Paonia K-8 is located on the northside of Paonia, adjacent to intersection of SH-133 and Grand Avenue.
North Fork School of Integrated Studies (430 Box Elder Ave)	Delta County School District	8.364 acres	The North Fork School of Integrated Studies (NFSIS) opened in 2015, within the building for the Paonia Elementary School. With the relocation of the Paonia Elementary School in 2021 (to the Paonia K-8), the NFSIS became the only school within the building. The NFSIS offers full day pre-school and classes for Kindergarten through 6 th grade. The NFSIS shares a campus with the Vocational Technical Center.
Vocational Technical Center (218 4th Street)			The Vocational Technical Center (i.e., Energy Tech) is a building located on the same campus as the North Fork School of Integrated Studies. The building has 13 classrooms and has housed a variety of activities over the past years including, West Elk Mine trainings, GED courses, the Democratic caucus, and events hosted by Solar Energy International. The future of the Vocational Technical Center is an issue currently being explored by the school district’s board and may include the sale of the facility or re-purposing it for teacher housing.

Data Source(s): Delta County Assessor, North Fork School of Integrated Studies, and Delta County Independent

Management Responsibilities

Entity	Key Responsibilities
Delta County School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, operation, maintenance, and programming of the district-owned properties in Paonia. Acquisition of property and/or easements for school purposes.



2. Inventory of Arts & Cultural Facilities

Arts and cultural facilities are an important part of Paonia’s network of public spaces because many, such as the Blue Sage Center for the Arts and the Paradise Theatre, offer space and activities that bring the community together.

At A Glance

Count: 6 facilities in Paonia

Overview of Facilities

Facility Name	Ownership	Brief Description
Blue Sage Center for the Arts (226 Grand Ave)	Blue Sage Center for the Arts	The Blue Sage Center for the Arts is located in the historic Curtis Hardware and First National Bank buildings in downtown Paonia. The center offers space for artists, classes, events (e.g., live music, live performances, lectures, etc.), and gallery exhibits. The center is owned, operated, and managed by the Blue Sage Center for the Arts, a non-profit organization.
Paradise Theatre (215 Grand Ave)	Friends of the Paradise Theatre	The Paradise Theatre, built in 1928, is a performing arts venue located in downtown Paonia. The theatre hosts a variety of arts and cultural activities including, films, educational events, live music, and live performances. The theatre is owned by the Friends of the Paradise Theatre (FOPT), a non-profit organization.
North Fork Valley Creative Coalition (130 Grand Ave)	N/A	The North Fork Valley Creative Coalition (NFVCC) is a nonprofit 501(C)3 organization that manages the Paonia Creative District and whose mission is to foster the development of a vibrant community and diverse creative economy in the North Fork Valley of Western Colorado (i.e., in Paonia, Hotchkiss, and Crawford).
Paonia Creative District	N/A	A state-certified Creative District that encompasses downtown Paonia.
Paonia Public Library (80 Samuel Wade Road)	Delta County Public Library District	The Paonia Public Library is part of the broader system of public libraries in Delta County. The library offers free public computer and internet access, a variety literary resources, and programming for all ages.
Paonia Historic Park (700 Shady Lane)	Town of Paonia	The Paonia Historic Park is home to two museums: the Bowie Schoolhouse Museum and the Paonia Museum. Each museum has unique features that offer visitors with the opportunity to learn about the history of Paonia, the North Fork Valley, Bowie, and Somerset.

Data Source(s): Town of Paonia and Delta County Assessor

Management Responsibilities

Entity	Key Responsibilities
Blue Sage Center for the Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, operation, maintenance, programming, and scheduling of the Blue Sage Center for the Arts.
Friends of the Paradise Theater (FOPT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, operation, maintenance, programming, and scheduling of the Paradise Theater.
North Fork Valley Creative Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of the Paonia Creative District.
Delta County Public Library District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, operation, maintenance, programming, and scheduling of the Paonia Public Library.
North Fork Historical Society (NFHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation, maintenance, programming, and scheduling of the museums located in Paonia’s Historic Park.



2. Inventory of Trail Systems

There are two types of trail/path systems in, and around, Paonia:

- **Soft-Surface Trails.** Soft-surface trails offer a more natural, outdoor experience and provide a low impact way for residents to access natural areas.
- **Paved Sidewalks.** Paved sidewalks support non-motorized mobility within Paonia. They are used for walking, running, access for people with disabilities, and for other uses by people of all ages and skill levels.

The Town of Paonia does not currently have any on-street bicycle infrastructure (e.g., bike lanes).

At A Glance

Total Length of Soft-Surface Trails along River Corridor: 1.1 miles

Total Length of Jumbo Mountain Soft-Surface Trails: 29.3 miles

Total Length of In-Town Sidewalks: 40 miles

Data Source(s): ESRI ArcGIS; MTB Project; and, 2022 Town of Paonia Budget

Overview of Trail Systems

Facility	Ownership	Description
Jumbo Mountain Trail System (east of Paonia)	Bureau of Land Management	The Jumbo Mountain Trail System comprises roughly 29-miles of user-created trails on the BLM lands immediately to the east of Paonia. The BLM is currently working on a comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management Plan (TTMP) for Jumbo Mountain. For additional information regarding the TTMP refer to page ## .
North Fork River Trail System (along the North Fork of the Gunnison River)	Western Slope Conservation Center, Town of Paonia, and Delta County School District	The North Fork River Trail System is a network of soft-surface trails along the North Fork of the Gunnison River in Paonia. Roughly 0.5-miles of the river trail is located in the Paonia River Park and another, roughly 0.6-miles of the river trail (recently constructed in 2021) is located near the Paonia K-8. An additional 0.2-miles (approximately) of the river trail is in the works and will connect the trail near the Paonia K-8 with the Paonia Public Library.
In-Town Sidewalks	Town of Paonia	There are approximately 40-miles of sidewalks in Paonia, although many areas in town do not have sidewalks. The town's Sidewalk Fund generates revenue for approximately 1/2-block of sidewalk each year. Given the available funding and the high percentage of town streets with damaged or missing sidewalks, completing the sidewalk network will be a gradual process.
Irrigation Ditch Corridors (Paonia Ditch, Stewart Ditch, Minnesota Creek, Lone Cabin Ditch, and Fire Mountain Canal)	Private Property Owners and Local Ditch Companies	Several irrigation ditch corridors, exist in, and near, Paonia that the public uses for walking, biking, etc. These corridors are primarily located on private property and within easements that allow for specific activities related to ditch operation and maintenance, but not for use by the public. The feasibility of utilizing these ditch corridors for a system of public trails was explored as part of the Paonia In Motion planning process. It was determined that due to the restrictive nature of the ditch easements and the ditch companies' concerns (regarding public access to these corridors), it is highly unlikely that the ditch corridors can be used for public trails.

2. Management Responsibilities

Entity	Key Responsibilities
Public Works Department (Town of Paonia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of town-owned sidewalks.
Administrative Department (Town of Paonia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight of the development and use of town-owned trails. Acquisition of property and/or easements for town-owned sidewalks and trails.
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight of the development, maintenance, and use of the Jumbo Mountain Trail System.
North Fork Trails Advocacy Group (NFTAG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy for, and collaboration with the BLM on, the development, maintenance, and use of the Jumbo Mountain Trail System.
Local Ditch Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation and maintenance of local ditches. Each ditch company is responsible for a specific ditch.

Inventory of Natural Areas

Natural areas in, and around, Paonia exist primarily to preserve land, natural features, and habitat for wildlife. Low-impact, passive recreation is allowed in most natural areas, with opportunities to enjoy nature on soft-surface trails. The largest, contiguous natural area, Jumbo Mountain, is located just to the east of town and is owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

At A Glance

Count: 6 natural areas within, or near, Paonia
 Total Acreage: 12,013.7 acres (not including the river corridor)

Overview of Natural Areas

Name of Area	Ownership	Size	Brief Description
North Fork of the Gunnison River Corridor	Private and Public Land Owners	-	The North Fork of the Gunnison River (“North Fork”) is located in the northwest portion of the Town of Paonia and flows in a northeast to southwest direction. The North Fork is the primary waterway in this part of Delta County and is critical to the health of the local riparian ecosystem. Seasonal streamflow data from the US Geological Survey indicates that the North Fork’s average annual flows fluctuate between 30 CFS (in August) and 1,950 CFS (in May). Refer to Appendices for additional streamflow data.
Jumbo Mountain (east of Paonia)	Bureau of Land Management	5,649 acres	Jumbo Mountain is a large, contiguous area of public lands located immediately to the east of the Town of Paonia. The Bureau of Land Management has designated Jumbo Mountain as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) and is in the process of developing a Travel Management Plan (TMP) for Jumbo Mountain. Two key objectives of the TMP include formal recognition of, and establishment of a plan for maintaining and improving, the existing, user-created trail system.
P-Hill (south of Paonia)	Town of Paonia	24.52 acres	The Town of Paonia owns land atop “P-Hill,” the hill located at the south end of Grand Avenue that displays a “P.” Much of this property is preserved in a natural state with the exception of the “P,” telecommunication infrastructure at the top of the hill, and a 4-wheel drive access road. Data from Colorado Parks & Wildlife identifies P-Hill as a “Winter Concentration Area” for Mule Deer.

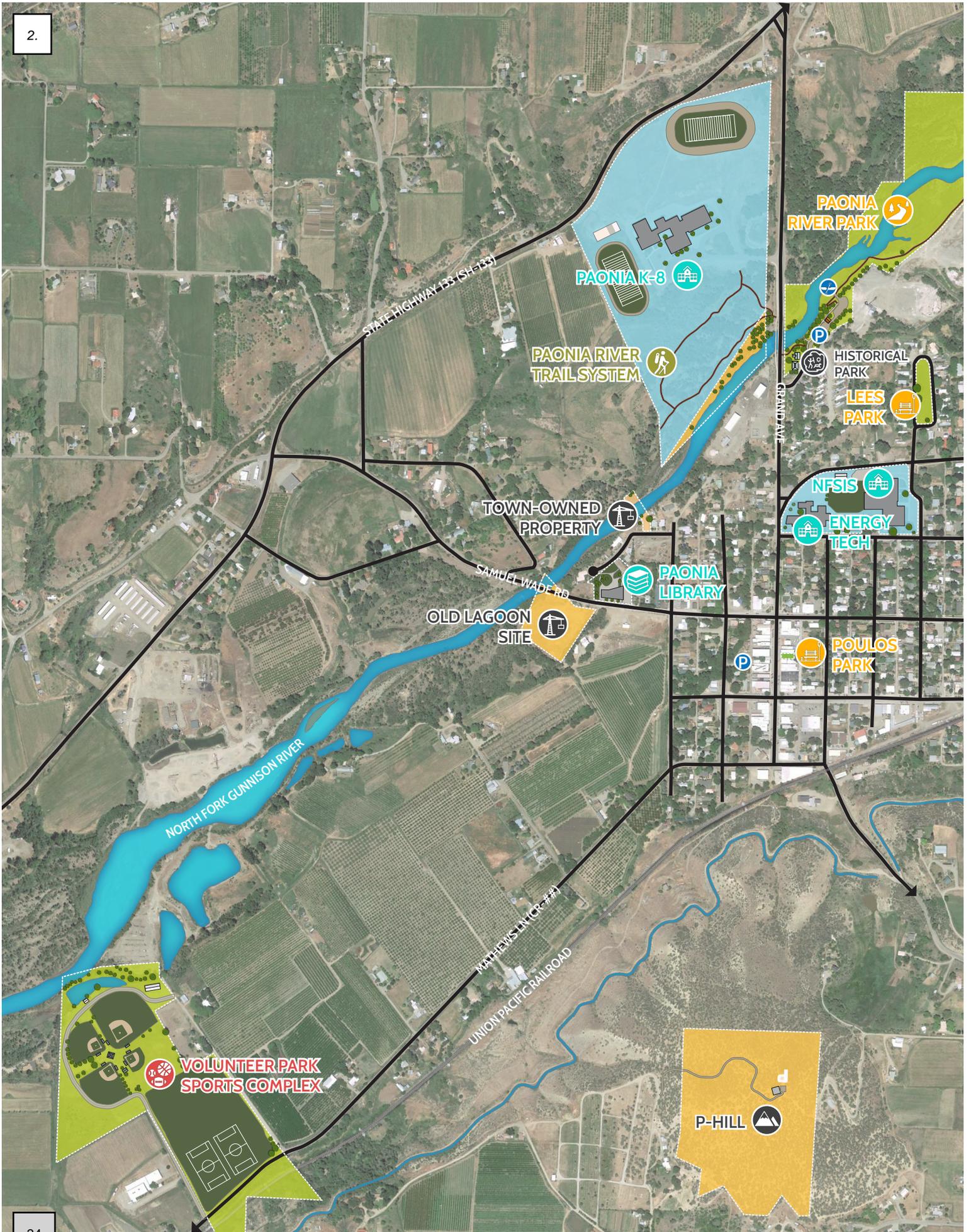
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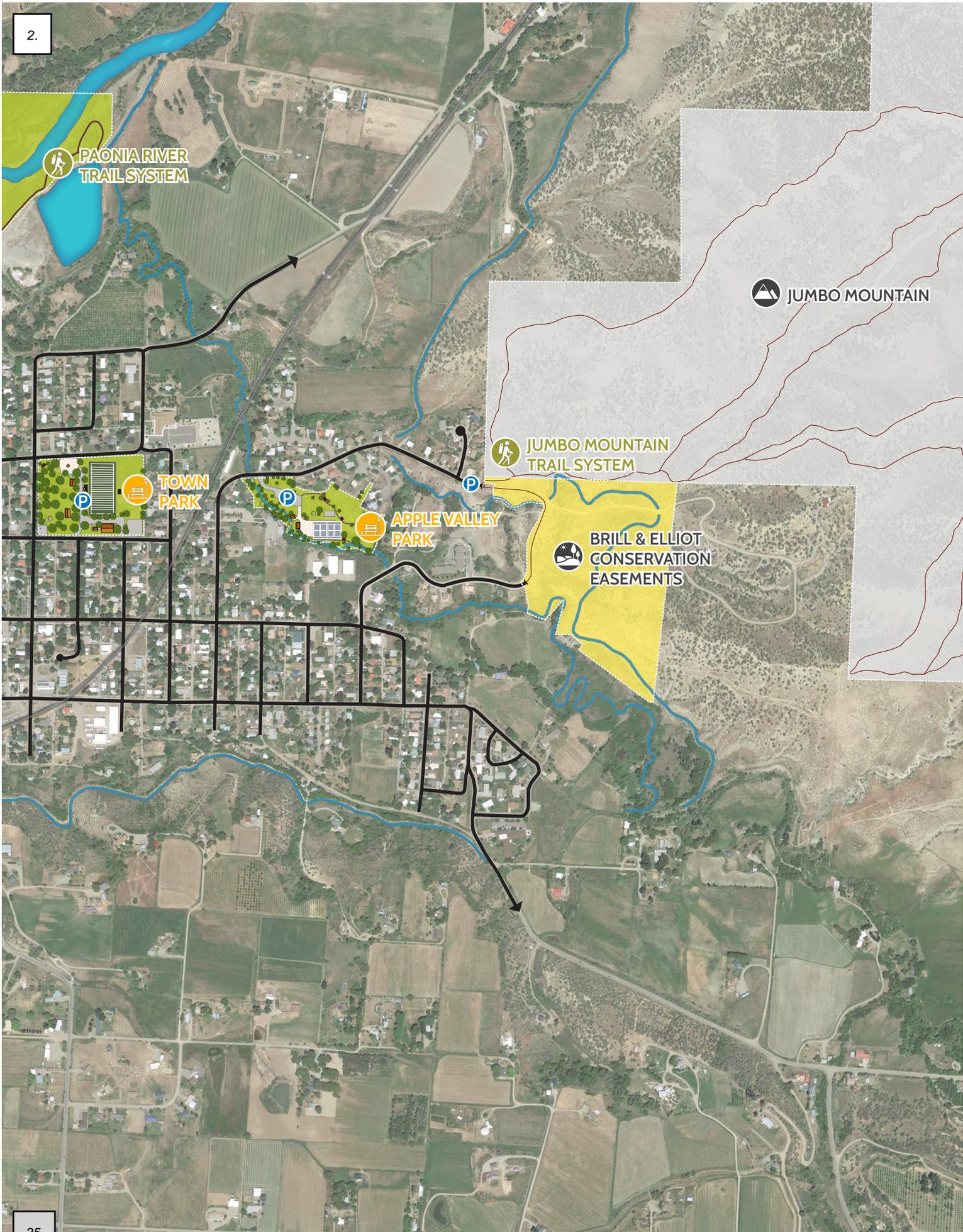
Name of Area	Ownership	Size	Brief Description
Brill and Elliot Conservation Easements (east of Creek Vista Crossing)	Hawks Haven Homeowners Association	26.184 acres	The western portion of the Hawks Haven Subdivision has been dedicated as a Conservation Easement, which restricts the types of activities allowed. The Colorado West Land Trust is the grantee of the Conservation Easement.
Elephant Hill/Lone Cabin Area (southeast of Paonia)	Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service	3,400 acres	<p>The Elephant Hill/Lone Cabin Area is an area of contiguous public lands (managed by the BLM and US Forest Service) located southeast of Paonia and south of Jumbo Mountain.</p> <p>The 2018 Delta County Recreation & Trails Master Plan notes that the Elephant Hill/Lone Cabin Area "...carries favorable attributes to trail development, including proximity to Paonia, potential through-access to other public lands south/southeast, and scenic value." The plan notes that any trail development will need to consider the significant wildlife habitat in this area, as well as balancing the needs of various user groups (e.g., hunting/horse packing, grazing permits, cattle drive trails, etc.).</p> <p>Since the Elephant Hill/Lone Cabin Area is specifically addressed in Delta County's Recreation & Trails Master Plan and is not adjacent to Paonia, like Jumbo Mountain, this Plan defers to the Delta County Master Plan for the future of these public lands.</p>
Roeber State Wildlife Area (south of Paonia)	Colorado Parks & Wildlife	1,057 acres	<p>State Wildlife Areas in Colorado are managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife for recreation purposes (e.g., hunting, fishing, and hiking) and the observation, management, and preservation of wildlife.</p> <p>The Roeber State Wildlife Area is one of 350 State Wildlife Areas in Colorado. It offers hunting for deer, elk, and rabbit, as well as fishing in Coldwater Lake. Public access to the Roeber State Wildlife Area is prohibited, except for hunting and fishing. Other prohibited activities include camping, dogs, fires, and bowfishing.</p>
Paonia State Park (northeast of Paonia)	State of Colorado, Bureau of Land Management, and US Forest Service	1,857 acres	Paonia State Park is a Colorado State Park located 17-miles northeast of the Town of Paonia, in Gunnison County, and along the West Elk Loop of the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Program. Established as a state park in 1964, the park is near the base of the Ragged Mountains and encompasses the Paonia Reservoir on the North Fork of the Gunnison River. Activities at the park include camping, fishing, boating, wakeboarding, water skiing, and sightseeing.

Data Source(s): Delta County Assessor; 2018 Delta County Recreation & Trails Master Plan; Gunnison County Assessor; and, Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Management Responsibilities

Entity	Key Responsibilities
Public Works Department (Town of Paonia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of public amenities on P-Hill (e.g., access road).
Administrative Department (Town of Paonia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight of the development (e.g., trails) and use of P-Hill. Acquisition of property and/or easements to facilitate improved public access to/from P-Hill.
Colorado West Land Trust (CWLT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight and management of the Elliot and Brill Conservation Easements.
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of Jumbo Mountain and the Elephant Hill/Lone Cabin area.
Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of the Roeber State Wildlife Area and Paonia State Park.
U.S. Forest Service (USFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of the Elephant Hill/Lone Cabin area.





2. ASSESSMENT OF PAONIA'S PARKS & RECREATION AMENITIES

In October 2020, an inventory and assessment of Paonia's parks and recreation amenities was completed by the consultant team. The results of this work are presented on the following pages. Visits to Paonia enabled the consultant team to collect the following information for the various components of Paonia's parks, recreation, and trails system:

- Types of components.
- Location of components.
- Condition of components.
- Site photos.
- General observations.
- Evaluation of comfort and convenience features.
- Evaluation of park design and ambiance.

The consultant team's evaluation included an assessment of how well each component met expectations for its intended function. The following rating system was used to evaluate each component:

- 0 = Not Applicable
- 1 = Below Expectations
- 2 = Meets Expectations
- 3 = Exceeds Expectations

Scores consider a component's condition, size, or capacity relative to the need at that location and its overall quality. Scores also consider two perspectives: first, the value of the component in serving the immediate neighborhood, and second, its value to the entire community. The setting for a component and the conditions around it affects how well it functions. In addition to scoring the components, each park site receives a rating for comfort, convenience, and ambient qualities. Comfort and convenience amenities include the availability of restrooms, drinking water, shade, scenery, etc.

Neighborhood and Community GRASP® Scores were calculated for Paonia's parks and recreation amenities using a cumulative algorithm based on the number of components, scores for each component, and the overall comfort and convenience features. These scores allow park comparisons within the system at a basic level of service value.

Definitions for the components of Paonia's parks, recreation, and trails system can be found on [pages 110-112](#).



2. **Town Park**

Total Neighborhood GRASP® Score **39**

Total Community GRASP® Score **39**

Table #: Evaluation of Town Park Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	3	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	2	Trail Connection	0	
BBQ Grills	2	Park Access	2	
Dog Pick-Up Station	2	Parking	2	
Security Lighting	2	Seasonal Plantings	2	
Bike Parking	2	Ornamental Plantings	2	
Restrooms	2	Picnic Tables	2	

Overall Park Design and Ambiance: 2

Table #: Town Park Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	Park Property (Parcel No. 324505212001)	1	-	2	2	
1	Large Shelter	1	Yes	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One large shelter divided into four (4) areas, each with a grill and electricity. Components, such as horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, or other games, could be added near the shelter to increase use.
2	Small Shelter	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter located adjacent to the playground that offers seating and shade for park users but does not directly address the play area.
3	Skateboard Park	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skateboard park is located on half of old tennis courts near the Ellen Hansen Smith Center. Surface of the skateboard park is in fair condition. There are approximately six (6) modular skate features. ADA access is limited.
4	Passive Node	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial plaza located in the southwest corner of Town Park has several elements, however there is no cohesive design. The walls in the plaza need repair.
5	Open Turf	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open turf area is limited due to the number of trees throughout the park.
6	Event Space	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage needs maintenance and to be reconstructed using decking boards (or similar) for improved longevity. Electricity available. Stage is oriented towards nice shaded lawn area.

2. Town Park Components with Score (continued)

Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
7 Playground, Destination	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This playground has many different features but lacks cohesion as a true destination playground. One (1) slide structure, small play structure, climber, spinner, swings, and larger play structure. Perimeter edging and proper EWF containment would help. ADA access is limited.
8 Large Rectangular Field	1	Yes	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This appears to be a historic field utilized by the high school for football games. Field needs leveling especially in the northwest corner. Overhead power lines on the south end of the field need to be moved. Overall the field is not in great shape.
9 Diamond Field	1	No	0	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This field has been removed. There is no backstop. Some light poles remain.

Diagram #: Map of Town Park Components



2. Apple Valley Park

Total Neighborhood
GRASP® Score **66**

Total Community
GRASP® Score **149**

Table #: Evaluation of Apple Valley Park Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	2	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	2	Trail Connection	2	
BBQ Grills	1	Park Access	2	
Dog Pick-Up Station	0	Parking	2	
Security Lighting	1	Seasonal Plantings	0	
Bike Parking	1	Ornamental Plantings	0	
Restrooms	2	Picnic Tables	2	

Overall Park Design and Ambiance: 2

Table #: Apple Valley Park Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	Park Property (Parcel No. 324505200022)	1	-	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nice park off of Pan American Ave. Limited ADA access in the park and to park components. Northern edge of the park is a steeper embankment up to a residential neighborhood. Southern edge of park borders U.S. Forest Service offices.
1	Large Shelter	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A unique shelter provides group gathering area near playground and adjacent to stream.
2	Pickleball Court	8	Yes	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball courts are down scored because they overlay tennis courts.
3	Tennis Court	4	Yes	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newer tennis courts with pickleball overlay.
4	Tennis Practice Wall	1	Yes	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice wall located on the north side of one of the tennis courts.
5	Disc Golf	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited course features. Consider expanding and organizing the course and adding tee boxes and baskets.
6	Water Access, General	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota Creek is open and accessible from the park.
7	Water, Open	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnesota Creek runs along the southern edge of the park and provides ambient sounds.
8	Trailhead	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides parking and staging with limited infrastructure for nearby Jumbo Mountain trail system.
9	Loop Walk	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Path in need of formalized structure to maintain. Consider edging or hard surface walk for improved function.
10	Fitness Course	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple fitness stations along loop walk.

2. Apple Valley Park Components with Score (continued)

Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments
11 Open Turf	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open field area tucked in the back of the park. Turf in poor condition.
12 Open Turf	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open area near parking lot. Turf conditions need improvement.
13 Playground, Local	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small play area with limited features: one (1) play structure; standalone swings; balance feature; and spin feature outside of main play area. Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) surfacing with curb wall.

Diagram #: Map of Apple Valley Park Components



3. Paonia River Park

Total Neighborhood GRASP® Score	75.6	Total Community GRASP® Score	75.6
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Table #: Evaluation of Paonia River Park Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

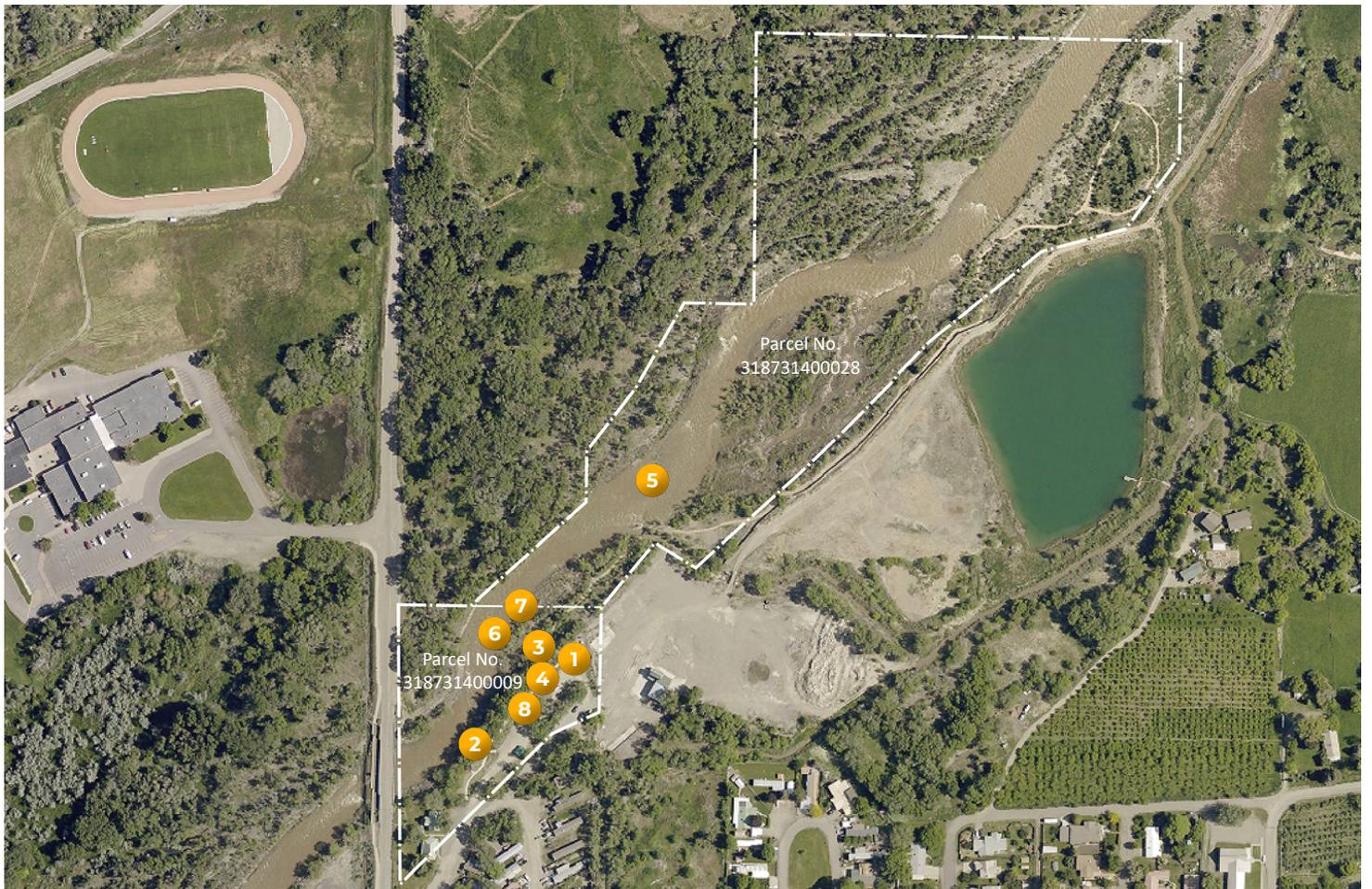
Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	2	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	2	Trail Connection	3	
BBQ Grills	0	Park Access	2	
Dog Pick-Up Station	2	Parking	2	
Security Lighting	0	Seasonal Plantings	0	
Bike Parking	2	Ornamental Plantings	2	
Restrooms	1	Picnic Tables	2	

40 Park Design and Ambiance: 3

Table #: Paonia River Park Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	Park Property (Parcel Nos. 318731400009 and 318731400028)	1	-	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great park with lots of fine details. It would be nice to have a trails map.
1	Trailhead	1	No	2	2	
2	Passive Node	1	No	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> River overlook.
3	Public Art	1	No	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several unique art pieces, railings, and accents.
4	Educational Experience	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretive signage throughout the park.
5	Water, Open	1	No	2	2	
6	Water Access, General	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public river access.
7	Water Access, Developed	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat ramp that serves as river put in and take out.
8	Large Shelter	1	No	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique shelter construction and details.

Diagram #: Map of Paonia River Park Components



2. Poulos Park

Total Neighborhood
GRASP® Score **10.8**

Total Community
GRASP® Score **10.8**

Table #: Evaluation of Poulos Park Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

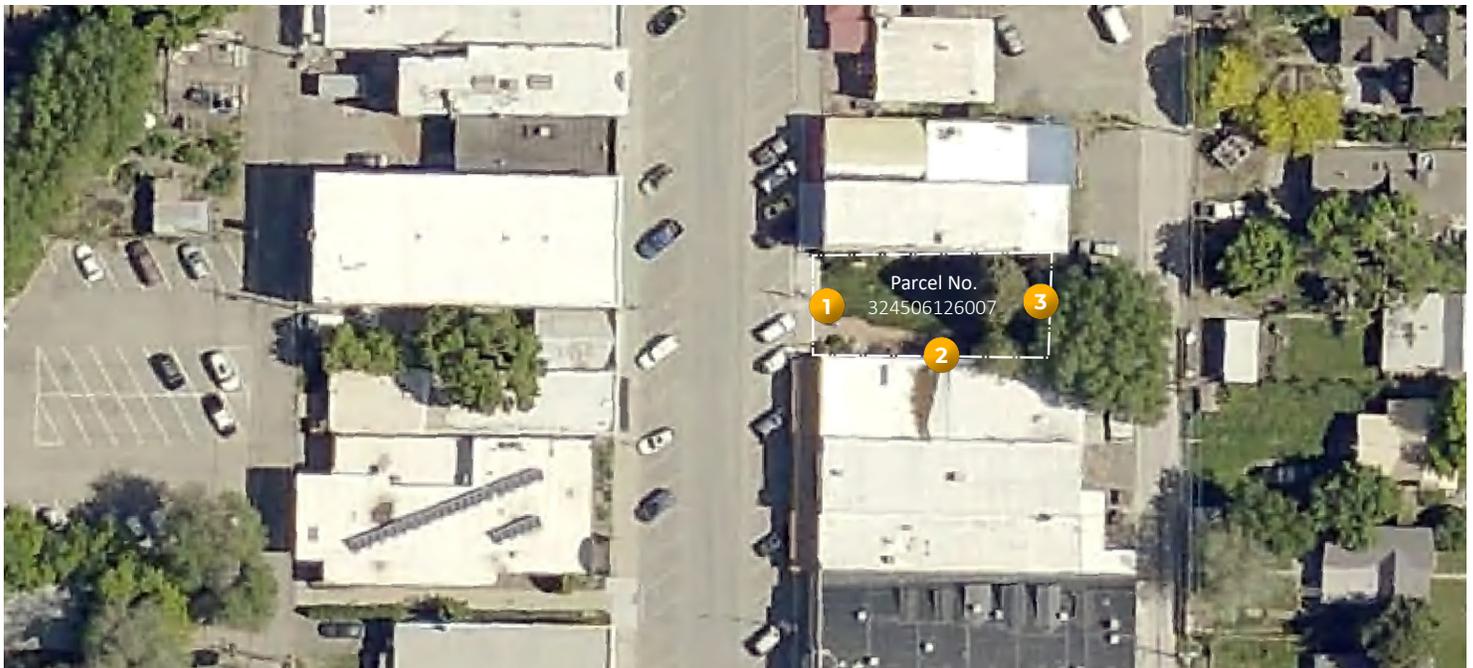
Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	2	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	2	Trail Connection	0	
BBQ Grills	0	Park Access	2	
Dog Pick-Up Station	0	Parking	2	
Security Lighting	1	Seasonal Plantings	2	
Bike Parking	0	Ornamental Plantings	2	
Restrooms	0	Picnic Tables	1	

Overall Park Design and Ambiance: 1

Table #: Poulos Park Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	Park Property (Parcel No. 324506126007)	1	-	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small urban plaza in the middle of downtown. Turf in poor condition. Seating area tucked in back of lot with minimal visible contact with Grand Avenue.
1	Educational Experience	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretive sign.
2	Public Art	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall mural.
3	Passive Node	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique bench and seating area in back of the park.

Diagram #: Map of Poulos Park Components



2. **Lees Park**

Total Neighborhood GRASP® Score	5.5	Total Community GRASP® Score	5.5
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Table #: Evaluation of Lees Park Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

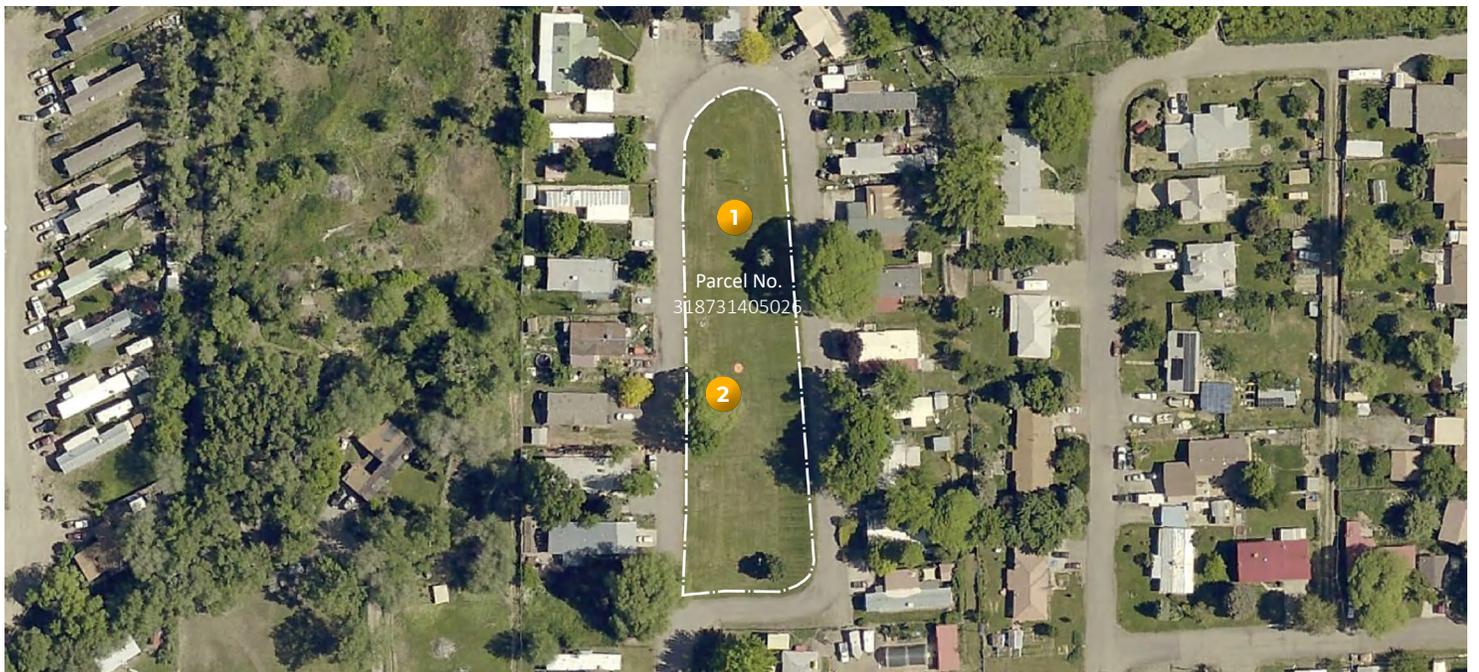
Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	1	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	1	Trail Connection	0	
BBQ Grills	0	Park Access	2	
Dog Pick-Up Station	0	Parking	1	
Security Lighting	0	Seasonal Plantings	0	
Bike Parking	0	Ornamental Plantings	0	
Restrooms	0	Picnic Tables	1	

Overall Park Design and Ambiance: 1

Table #: Lees Park Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	Park Property (Parcel No. 318731405026)	1	-	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Park could use additional components. ▪ Steep bank on the east side of park. ▪ Parking limited to perimeter street parking.
1	Open Turf	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Turf in decent condition.
2	Playground, Local	1	No	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Playground in poor condition. ▪ No surfacing. ▪ Minimal elements that include a four (4) bay swing set and a spinner.

Diagram #: Map of Lees Park Components



2. Energy Tech & North Fork School of Integrated Studies (NFSIS) Campus

Total Neighborhood
GRASP® Score **25.2**

Total Community
GRASP® Score **34.8**

Table #: Evaluation of Energy Tech & NFSIS Campus Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	2	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	2	Trail Connection	0	
BBQ Grills	0	Park Access	2	
Dog Pick-Up Station	0	Parking	2	
Security Lighting	2	Seasonal Plantings	0	
Bike Parking	2	Ornamental Plantings	0	
Restrooms	0	Picnic Tables	2	

Overall Campus Design and Ambiance: 2

Table #: Energy Tech & NFSIS Campus Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	Campus Property (Parcel Nos. 324506159001, 324506105001, and 324506105002)	1	-	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Campus grounds are in good condition and offer numerous components. ▪ Appears to be open to public outside of school hours.
1	Climbing, Designated	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climbing structure near playground.
2	Public Art	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wall mural.
3	Community Garden	2	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small garden plots near school.
4	Small Shelter	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shade sails near game court and multi-use pad
5	Basketball, Practice	4	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On side of full basketball court.
6	Playground, Local	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five (5) play features on pea gravel. ▪ Two (2) play structures, teeter totters, swings, and slide.
7	Multi-Use Pad	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Painted games.
8	Basketball Court	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full court plus four (4) other hoops.
9	Game Court	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gaga ball.
10	Open Turf	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Could be a small rectangle. ▪ Has small goals but mostly open play.

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7. Paonia K-8 Campus

Total Neighborhood GRASP® Score **15.4**

Total Community GRASP® Score **16.5**

Table #: Evaluation of Paonia K-8 Campus Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	0	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	0	Trail Connection	0	
BBQ Grills	0	Park Access	2	
Dog Pick-Up Station	0	Parking	2	
Security Lighting	0	Seasonal Plantings	0	
Bike Parking	2	Ornamental Plantings	0	
Restrooms	0	Picnic Tables	0	

Overall Campus Design and Ambiance: 2

Table #: Paonia K-8 Campus Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	Campus Property (Parcel Nos. 318731400005, 318731400006, and 318731400007)	1	-	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paonia K-8 Campus with plenty of room to add components and/or infrastructure. Field nicely located and could host games with proper amenities.
1	Athletic Track	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft-surface multi-lane track.
2	Fitness Course	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course on soft surfacing.
3	Volleyball Court	1	No	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court is poorly maintained.

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2. Paonia K-8 Campus Components with Score (continued)

Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
4 Basketball Court	1	No	1	1	▪ Court in poor condition and hoops are failing.
5 Multi-Use Pad	1	No	1	1	▪ Painted games on drive lane.
6 Basketball, Practice	2	No	1	1	▪ Hoops on parking lot. ▪ Nice field.
7 Rectangular Field, Large	1	No	2	2	▪ Could host games with more infrastructure such as parking, bleachers, concessions, and restrooms.
8 Athletic Track	1	No	1	1	▪ Soft-surface track. ▪ Minimal lanes and in poor condition.
9 Rectangular Field, Large	1	No	2	2	▪ Turf appears to be in good shape.

Diagram #: Map of Paonia K-8 Campus Components



2. **Volunteer Park Sports Complex**

Total Neighborhood GRASP® Score	39.6	Total Community GRASP® Score	44
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Table #: Evaluation of Volunteer Park Sports Complex Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	1	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	2	Trail Connection	0	
BBQ Grills	0	Park Access	1	
Dog Pick-Up Station	0	Parking	2	
Security Lighting	0	Seasonal Plantings	0	
Bike Parking	0	Ornamental Plantings	0	
Restrooms	2	Picnic Tables	2	

Overall Park Design and Ambiance: 2

Table #: Volunteer Park Sports Complex Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	Park Property (Parcel Nos. 324301400073 and 324301400064)	1	-	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limited access. ▪ Decent complex but needs maintenance and likely needs improved irrigation. ▪ Popular with dogs. ▪ Limited restrooms near rectangles.
1	Shelter, Large	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shelter close to playground with tables.
2	Playground, Local	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small playground close to fields.
3	Concessions	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Centrally located concession and restroom building.
4	Diamond Field, Practice	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A small practice field or t-ball field. ▪ Small backstop with wings and benches. ▪ Some extended fencing but no outfield other than park perimeter.
5	Diamond Field	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skinned infield diamond with full backstop and concrete block (i.e., CMU) dugouts.
6	Diamond Field	2	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two diamonds with grass infields, full backstop and concrete block (i.e., CMU) dugouts. ▪ Infields are in poor condition.
7	Diamond Field	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Larger baseball diamond with grass infield and extended outfield. ▪ This field has a batting cage, scoreboard, and a bullpen area that is in poor condition.

2. Volunteer Park Sports Complex Components with Score (continued)

Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
8 Rectangular Field, Multiple	1	No	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soccer goals present. Multiple fields in large area. Fields are fairly level and turf appears in decent condition. Fields are fenced but gates are down. Popular with dog owners.

Diagram #: Map of Volunteer Park Sports Complex Components



9. Jumbo Mountain

Total Neighborhood GRASP® Score	4.4	Total Community GRASP® Score	4.4
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Table #: Evaluation of Jumbo Mountain Comfort, Convenience, Design, and Ambiance

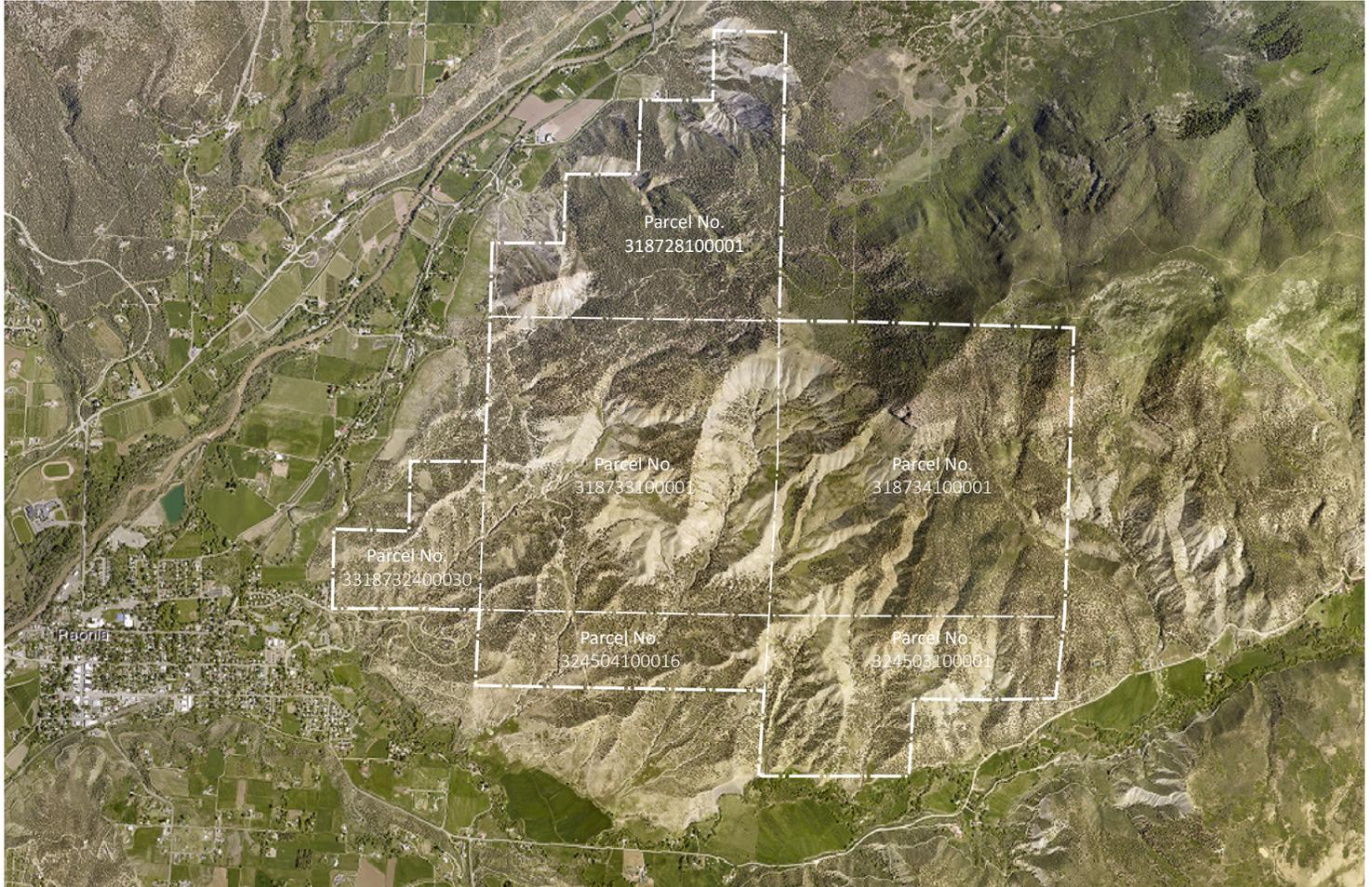
Drinking Fountains	0	Shade	2	<u>Rating System</u> 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Below Expectations 2 = Meets Expectations 3 = Exceeds Expectations
Seating	0	Trail Connection	3	
BBQ Grills	0	Park Access	1	
Dog Pick-Up Station	0	Parking	0	
Security Lighting	0	Seasonal Plantings	0	
Bike Parking	0	Ornamental Plantings	0	
Restrooms	0	Picnic Tables	0	

Overall Park Design and Ambiance: 2

Table #: Jumbo Mountain Components with Score

Map ID	Component	Quantity	Lights	Neighborhood Score	Community Score	Comments/Observations
-	BLM Property ¹ (Parcel Nos. 318732400030, 318733100001, 324504100016, 318734100001, 324503100001, and 318728100001)	1	-	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large open space area with a number of popular trails throughout. ▪ Access, from Paonia, is limited to a single gate. ▪ Parking and amenities available at nearby Apple Valley Park.

Diagram #: Map of Jumbo Mountain Components



NOTE:

¹The parcels shown on the map above do not represent all of the BLM lands that constitute Jumbo Mountain. The parcels shown represent the BLM lands that include the trails that comprise the Jumbo Mountain Trail System.

2. KEY ISSUES AND NEEDS

A number of key issues and needs were identified both through the assessment of Paonia’s parks and recreation amenities and discussions with town staff, stakeholders, and members of the community. Those issues and needs are described on the following pages and recommended strategies for addressing them needs can be found in Part 3 of this Plan.

> On-going operation and maintenance of Paonia’s existing park, recreation, and trail assets.

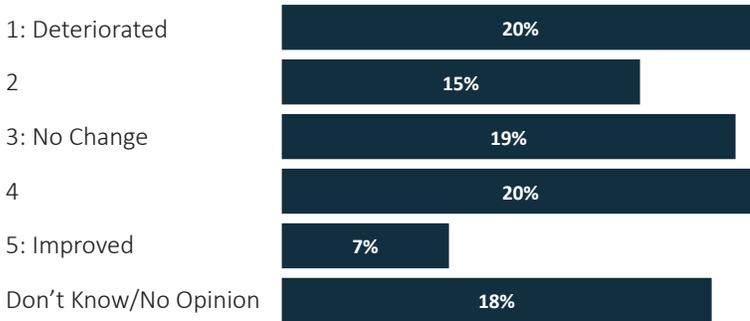
Adequate and on-going maintenance of Paonia’s existing park, recreation, and trail assets emerged as a top issue (and need). For some members of the community it was difficult to contemplate ideas for the future given existing maintenance needs. The following comment, taken from the 2021 Community Survey, sums up this issue well...

“Take care of what we have before trying to add more.”

The following excerpts from the 2021 Community Survey help to further explain the community’s sentiments around the current maintenance of Paonia’s park, recreation, and trail assets.

Question 3a. How have parks in Paonia changed, since you’ve lived here?

(No. of Responses: 270)



(Weighted Score: 2.75)

Sample Comments from Question 3b. In a few words, please explain why you say that:

(Total Responses: 98)

Sample Comments for “1: Deteriorated” (No. of Responses: 39)

- Town skips watering, reseeding, weeding overall care of parks except Poulos, Lees. Bad, bad, bad!
- They took the baseball fields out and haven’t done any improvement since. Doesn’t even get watered.
- The city park looks horrible in 30 years of living here it has never seen it look so bad.
- Park used to be lush and green. It’s brown and dead now
- Poor maintenance. Have a community day where community members come and do maintenance.

Sample Comments for “2” (No. of Responses: 27)

- Grass and trees used to be better taken care of.
- Less maintenance and upkeep, deteriorating walkways or paths.... restrooms closed.
- The town park looks terrible! At least add areas with drought tolerant plants for added beauty!
- The bathrooms aren’t available and the landscape needs to be xeriscaped for drought. Less grass more drought resistant plants, walkways and gathering areas.
- The grass hasn’t been maintained.

The operation and maintenance of existing assets is a challenge that many park and recreation agencies are challenged with. Strategies for helping to improve the town’s capacity to address on-going maintenance needs were explored via the Paonia In Motion planning process and are identified in Part 3 of this Plan.

> A system of parks, recreation, and trails that responds to the changing needs of the community.

The changing pace of today’s world necessitates the compilation and analysis of data to identify and understand recreation trends. Understanding the participation levels, needs, and wants of local residents provides critical insights that help in planning for, and investing in, the future of parks, recreation, and trails. While this can seem challenging task, the availability of “big data” offers an unprecedented opportunity to gain these insights.

2. Tailoring local investments to trends in outdoor recreation, sports, and cultural programs can play an important role in serving the community.

> Limited availability of water resources.

Data from the National Integrated Drought Information System (www.drought.gov) indicates that since October of 2019, Delta County has been in a drought that has ranged from moderate to exceptional. The U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook for March-May 2022, prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), predicts that the current drought conditions in Delta County will continue to persist. Additional information regarding drought conditions in Delta County between 2000-2022 can be found in the Appendices.

Given the existing, and potential for persistent, drought conditions in western Colorado there is a need for the town to be conscientious of the current and potential future water resources that are required for the upkeep of Paonia's parks.

> Preservation of Paonia's night sky.

In recent years, greater attention has been given to the impact that light pollution, from excessive or poor use of artificial outdoor light, can have on a community's quality of life. Further, communities that have preserved their night sky are benefitting from new economic opportunities that are emerging (e.g., astrotourism).

There is an on-going community effort to craft, adopt, and implement a dark-sky friendly lighting ordinance for Paonia. In addition, during the Paonia In Motion planning process, the community expressed interest in creating greater opportunity for nighttime recreational activities. Both the dark-sky lighting ordinance and interest in nighttime recreation indicate a need to preserve Paonia's night sky and incorporate specific types of improvement with the town's system of parks, recreation, and trails.

> Maintaining and protecting wildlife habitat.

P-Hill, Jumbo Mountain, and the North Fork of the Gunnison River provide important habitat for local plant, animal, and insect species. A map of important wildlife habitat areas can be found in the Appendices. Future development of the town's system of parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails, as well as future growth and development in Paonia and the neighboring areas of Delta County, has the potential to adversely impact the habitat for local plants, animals, and insects. Therefore, there is a need for the town to work to balance the recreation needs and desires of the community with the maintenance and preservation of local habitat areas. Fortunately, there are a number of resources available to the town (e.g., Colorado Parks & Wildlife and the Western Slope Conservation Center) that can help inform and guide these efforts.

> Tracking, coordinating, and pursuing grant funding.

Each year, a variety of federal, state, and private grants become available and present opportunities to obtain funding for projects associated with parks, recreation amenities/facilities, trails and/or open space/natural areas in, and around, Paonia (refer to the Appendices for additional information regarding these grant programs). However, most local entities (e.g., the town, Nature Connection, NFPPRD, WSCC, NFTAG, etc.) have limited to no capacity to track, research, and pursue these grants. Further, there seems to be a need for improved coordination and consensus, among these entities, regarding the prioritization of projects and the pursuit of grant funding. Consequently, grant opportunities are likely being missed and those grants that are being pursued may be for projects that certain entities view as a priority, while others perceive such projects as less of a priority.

> Safe, comfortable, and convenient connections to key destinations in, and around, Paonia.

There are a number of key destinations in, and around, Paonia (e.g., Volunteer Park, Jumbo Mountain, Big B's Delicious Orchards, Town of Hotchkiss, etc.) that are not currently accessible via safe, comfortable, and/or convenient connections- specifically paths or trails that allow for the community to access these destinations on foot, by bike, etc. In working to enhance Paonia's transportation system, developing non-motorized connections to destinations in, and around, the town would offer tremendous benefit to the community.

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3 The Future of Parks, Recreation & Trails in Paonia

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- + Strategies for Addressing Key Issues & Needs
- + Area Specific Concepts & Recommendations



Creating How We Recreate

STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING KEY ISSUES & NEEDS

> On-going operation and maintenance of Paonia’s existing park, recreation, and trail assets.

Strategy 1: Create and adopt an easy to use, structured asset evaluation protocol for effective and efficient assessment of the town’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails.

By creating an easy to use, structured park evaluation protocol, multiple users of the protocol should be able to come up with similar results. The protocol ought to be easy enough to understand yet detailed enough to encompass a thorough evaluation of park amenities. If these conditions are met, the protocol will address the need for improved park assessment efficiency and effectiveness.

Using this system, specific park assets and an overall park condition can be reviewed and tracked over time by recording each assets’ numerical rank at the time of evaluation. Also, overall park condition can be reviewed and tracked by recording the sum of the park’s asset rankings. Comparing park and park asset rankings can help determine the need for and the priority of asset maintenance. Using the rating scale, higher park and park asset condition scores identify a higher priority for maintenance or replacement.

Example Evaluation Form

Park Name: Town Park		Date: May 2021	Evaluator: John Doe	
ASSET TYPE	SCORE/RATING	MANUFACTURER	EVALUATION NOTES	
Gazebo/Stage	3	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs to be re-painted/re-stained. Stage decking could benefit from replacement with more durable material (e.g., Trex). 	
Playground Surfacing	3	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The surfacing of the playground could benefit from replacement with a more durable material (ex. engineered wood fiber). Border needs to be installed around playground area to improve containment of surfacing material. 	
Athletic Field	4	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Border needs to be installed around playground area to improve containment of surfacing material. 	

Rate each individual park asset on a scale of 1 to 5 using the condition rank criteria listed below:

Asset Rating System Criteria

SCORE	DESCRIPTION
1	New condition. No minor defects or any noticeable wear and tear. Proper design and immaculate appearance. No maintenance required.
2	Good condition. Minor defects, signs of minimal wear and tear, does not inhibit usability or impact safety, may need maintenance in the future. Good appearance. Lower priority maintenance.
3	Moderate condition. Some maintenance required to return to an acceptable appearance and usability level, some impacts to usability, but is safe to use for the time being. Somewhat acceptable appearance. Intermediate priority maintenance.
4	Poor condition. Significant impacts to usability, somewhat unsafe conditions. Poor appearance. High priority maintenance.
5	Extremely poor condition. Requires urgent attention, absolutely unusable and unsafe. Above the scope of general maintenance. Requires immediate closure and replacement. Horrendous appearance. Highest priority maintenance to return to usable condition.

Strategy 2: Use long-term data to prioritize maintenance equitably and proactively.

2. An organized Park Evaluation Protocol and the resulting long-term records will be useful for effective allocation of funds. By using an organized protocol and keeping long-term records, the Town of Paonia can use the data collected to equitably prioritize maintenance across its parks system.

Also, long-term data is necessary to proactively plan for park maintenance. It is crucial to prioritize the most critically damaged assets within each park, anything rated in the 4-5 range is an urgent priority. The urgent priorities should be noted in a comprehensive assessment plan.

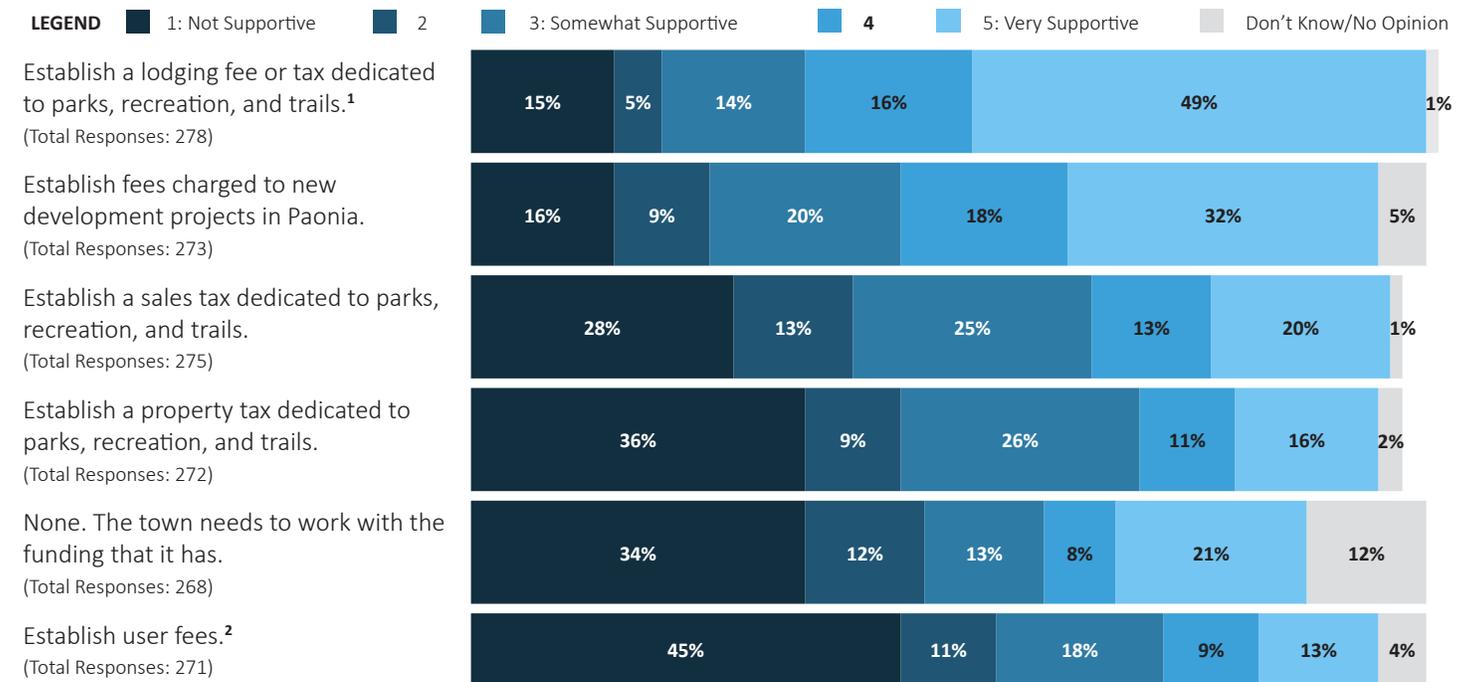
Once ample long-term data is collected, the town can determine the average lifespan of certain assets, which could be budgeted for a comprehensive asset management plan. It would be beneficial to know when assets will require maintenance and secure funding for upkeep. Allowing the long-term data to guide park maintenance and investment will make managing parks a much easier task. It is possible to get to a point where whole-scale park evaluation may not be necessary, as the long-term data has shown the average life cycle for each specific amenity, which could be adequately planned for in the capital replacement budgeting process.

Strategy 3: Explore options for a dedicated funding source for parks, recreation amenities, and trails.

Historically, the town has had limited funding available for the operation and maintenance of Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities, and trails. Given that adequate funding is essential for a community to successfully operate, maintain, and improve its parks, recreation amenities, and trails, respondents to the 2021 Community Survey were asked to offer input on potential options for sources of revenue. The option that received the greatest level of support, from survey respondents, was establishing a lodging fee or tax dedicated to parks, recreation, and trails in Paonia. Refer to **Diagram #** for the complete results to this survey question.

Diagram #: Results of Question 1 of the 2021 Community Survey

Question 1. Funding is an essential resource needed for operating, maintaining, and making improvements to Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails. With that in mind, please indicate your level of support for the following potential sources of funding.³



Data Source(s): 2021 Community Survey

Notes:

¹A Lodging fee or tax would be charged to/paid by guests staying at hotels, bed & breakfasts, Airbnbs, etc. in Paonia.

²User fees would be charged to/paid by those that use Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and/or trails to host recreation programs, events, etc.

³Grants are not listed as an option because they are not available for operation and/or maintenance activities.

2. To more adequately fund Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities, and trails, it is recommended that the town further investigate the feasibility of, and support for, a dedicated source of revenue, specifically a lodging fee or tax. If such a fee or tax is pursued, it needs to include short-term vacation rentals (e.g., AirBnbs, VRBOs, etc.), as well as more traditional lodging facilities (e.g., hotels, motels, etc.). It might be possible to garner greater support from the local lodging community if the fee or tax is structured in a way that allocates a certain percentage of revenue to marketing Paonia (in hopes of increasing overnight visits) and the remaining revenue to operating, maintaining, and improving the town’s parks, recreation amenities, and trails.

Strategy 4: Develop and adopt standards for the use of durable, low-maintenance building materials in the Paonia’s parks and natural areas.

The evolution of building materials presents opportunities to utilize products that require little to no maintenance. Use of these materials could help to reduce some of the need for on-going upkeep of the town’s park, recreation, and/or trail assets. It is recommended that the town develop, adopt, and implement standards for durable, low-maintenance building materials to be used in the town’s parks and natural area. A list of suggested building materials is offered in the Appendices.

> A system of parks, recreation, and trails that responds to the changing needs of the community.

Strategy 1: Collaborate with local partners to monitor the community’s recreation needs.

It is recommended that the town partner with the North Fork Pool, Park, and Recreation District, the Nature Connection, the School District, and other entities, as appropriate, to conduct periodic surveys (e.g., every three (3) years) to better understand the community’s recreation needs. The findings of these surveys should be used to inform and guide investment into the town’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, trails, and natural areas.

Strategy 2: Explore, and pursue, opportunities to repurpose or expand existing facilities in Paonia.

When possible, it is recommended that opportunities to repurpose and/or expand existing facilities be explored, and pursued, before investing in the construction of new and/or specialized facilities.

> Limited availability of water resources.

Strategy 1: Develop and adopt standards for the use of water-wise landscaping in Paonia’s parks.

It is recommended that the town develop, adopt, and implement horticultural standards for Paonia’s parks that emphasize the use of water-wise plant species. The Colorado State University Extension for the Tri-River Area (tra.extension.colostate.edu) may be able to assist the town in developing such standards. A list of water-wise plant species suitable for Paonia is provided in the Appendices.

Strategy 2: Prioritize the use of raw water and efficient irrigation systems that conserve water resources.

By conducting an analysis of existing systems used to irrigate the town’s parks the town could identify opportunities to enhance the efficacy and efficiency of those systems.

> Preservation of Paonia’s night sky.

Strategy 1: Inventory and develop a replacement plan for lighting in town parks that is not dark-sky friendly.

Replacement of outdated luminaires in Paonia’s parks could offer a number of benefits to the community, including, but not limited to: (1) improved safety by eliminating over-lighting and light glare; (2) enhanced visual appearance of park vegetation, amenities, and buildings by installing lights that use warmer colors; and, (3) reduced operation costs by replacing inefficient and obsolete lighting technology with low maintenance and low cost LED lighting.

Further, by ensuring that lighting in Paonia’s parks is dark-sky friendly, the town can support the health of the community by improving artificial nighttime lighting¹ and create greater opportunity for astrotourism.

It is recommended that the town work in collaboration with Dark Skies Paonia, and any other interested parties, 2. inventory existing lighting in the town's parks and develop a plan for replacing outdated lighting that does not conform to dark-sky lighting standards.

Footnotes:

¹www.darksky.org/light-pollution/human-health/

> **Maintaining and protecting local wildlife habitat.**

Strategy 1: Partner with local entities to maintain and protect habitat areas in Paonia.

It is recommended that the town collaborate with Colorado Parks & Wildlife, the Western Slope Conservation Center, and other local organizations, as appropriate, on projects that have the potential to adversely impact habitat areas within, and/or adjacent to, the Town of Paonia. In doing so, the goal is to maintain, protect, and where possible, enhance, the habitat for wildlife in the Paonia area. A map of important wildlife habitat areas in, and around, Paonia can be found in the Appendices.

> **Issue: Tracking, coordinating, and pursuing grant funding.**

Strategy 1: Collaborate with local partners on the prioritization of projects and grant opportunities.

It is recommended that the town work with the North Fork Pool, Park, and Recreation District, Western Slope Conservation Center, the Nature Connection, the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition, the North Fork Trails Advocacy Group, and other local organizations and advocacy groups to build consensus around the prioritization of projects and grants to be pursued to support implementation efforts.

The objective of this recommendation is to minimize competition for the grant resources that are available and to maximize the efficient use of resources in the pursuit of obtaining grant funding.

Strategy 2: Leverage the town's Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) to pursue grant funding.

Between 2012-2021, the town's Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) generated an average of \$8,002 per year. These funds have primarily been used for the inspection and maintenance of Paonia's public trees, repairs and upgrades to facilities in the town's parks, and minor park improvements. Given the limited funds generated by the CTF and the town's limited capacity to research, track, and apply for grant opportunities, it is recommended that the CTF be used to fund a temporary, contract position for a grant writer. The purpose of such a position would be to leverage funds from the CTF to obtain more substantial funding amounts that can be used to support the implementation of this Plan.

> **Issue: Safe, comfortable, and convenient connections to key destinations in, and around, Paonia.**

Strategy 1: Collaborate with area agencies, organizations, advocacy groups, and property owners to further enhance Paonia's system of soft-surface trails.

In most cases, connecting Paonia to destinations outside of the community will be a complex matter. It is recommended that the town work with area agencies (e.g., Delta County, the BLM), local organizations (e.g., The Nature Connection, WSCC), local advocacy groups (e.g., NFTAG), and property owners, as appropriate, to connect popular areas/destinations outside of Paonia with the existing system of soft-surface trails.

Strategy 2: Identify and pursue opportunities to enhance the in-town system of sidewalks in order to provide connections between key areas/destinations in Paonia.

If the walk to a park, the downtown, or other popular destination in Paonia is difficult or unsafe, people will be less apt to make the effort. That's why creating a strategically connected network of sidewalks that are maintained, properly lit, and lined with varied and interesting streetscapes is critical to enabling members of the community to travel to/from key areas/destinations by foot, on bike, etc. As the town works to further enhance the in-town system of sidewalks, it is recommended that routes between key areas/destinations within Paonia be prioritized.

2. AREA SPECIFIC CONCEPTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Specific concepts for key components of Paonia’s system of parks, recreation amenities,/facilities, and trails are presented on the following pages. These concepts are offered to: (1) further explain and illustrate the strategies and actions of this Plan; and, (2) guide and inform future investment and change in these locations.

These concepts are preliminary in nature. In many cases, additional work will be necessary to further detail specific designs and to refine potential costs. Additional outreach and engagement with the community will likely be necessary in order to provide opportunities for the public weigh in on detailed designs. Future outreach and engagement might serve as opportunities for the town to further explore potential partnerships with property owners, business owners, developers, area agencies, and/or other stakeholders.

Area specific concepts were prepared for the following locations in Paonia:

- 1 Town Park
- 2 Apple Valley Park and Jumbo Mountain
- 3 P-Hill
- 4 North Fork of the Gunnison River Corridor
- 5 Grand Avenue Corridor



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2. Remove Chain-Link Fencing and BBQ Pits



- Remove the chain-link fence along the northern edge of the park (adjacent to 5th Street). If desired, replace chain-link fence with vinyl split-rail fencing to match existing fencing along the western edge of the park (adjacent to North Fork Avenue).
- Explore the feasibility of re-using the chain-link fencing to fence the proposed dog park.
- Remove the BBQ pits scattered throughout Town Park.

2 Design and Construct a New Skateboard Park



- Work with local advocates to pursue grant funding for the design and construction of a new skateboard park in Town Park.
- Once sufficient funding has been secured, work with local advocates to prepare and issue an RFP(s) for the design and construction of the new skateboard park. A single RFP could be issued, requesting proposals from design and build firms, or two RFPs could be issued, one for a design firm and one for a contractor/build firm.
- Hire a design consultant to work with the community to prepare a detailed design for the new skateboard park and to oversee the construction of the park. In developing the detailed design for the new skateboard park, it is recommended that the feasibility of a landscaped berm be explored to help buffer the skateboard park from adjacent properties.
- Work with local advocates and the design consultant to hire a well-qualified contractor to build the new skateboard park. It will be important to hire a contractor who understands the unique needs of skateboard parks (e.g., smooth concrete) and has a proven ability to build successful skateboard parks.
- Per the input collected during the Paonia In Motion Design Workshop, the types of features desired in the new skateboard park include: a 5-step staircase with a handrail and ledges; a funbox/pyramid with a rail and a ledge; curved ledges (that could be designed as concrete planters); 4-foot (tall) quarter pipes; a manual box with a ledge (that could be designed as a concrete planter); a flat rail; a round rail; a 4-foot (tall) bowl with a hip, roller, and a ramp; shade trees; and lighting for evening skateboarding. Refer to the Appendices for a detailed design concept for the new skateboard park.
- Any lighting to be installed for the new skateboard park must be dark-sky compliant. Use of solar-powered lighting is recommended.

Design and Construct a Dog Park



- Install a 5-foot tall (minimum) fence around the perimeter of the new dog park. Avoid 90-degree angles in the fencing to minimize the potential for a dog(s) to be cornered by another dog(s).
- Divide the dog park into two areas: an area for small dogs and an area for large dogs.
- Provide separate, double-gated entries for the two areas in the dog park to allow users to take their dogs off-leash in a confined area.
- At a minimum, install dog waste stations, shaded seating areas, potable water features for park users and their dogs, and signs with regulations for the dog park. Work with the community to identify other amenities/improvements (e.g., agility features) to be installed in the dog park.
- It is recommended that the entry to the dog park be surfaced with crusher fines and that the remainder of the park be surfaced with a durable, low-maintenance grass, turf, and/or wood mulch product.
- Additional on-street parking could be constructed along 5th Street and would provide convenient parking for the dog park, as well as the athletic field in Town Park. If constructed, it is recommended that the on-street parking be surfaced with gravel.

4 Playground Area Enhancements



- Replace the existing wood chip playground surfacing with engineered wood fiber (EWF). The manufacturer will need to be consulted to determine the appropriate depth of EWF to be installed.
- Install a durable, low-maintenance edging around the perimeter of the playground area to contain the surfacing material.
- As appropriate, install ADA compliant ramps to provide access to the playground area.
- Hire a consultant and/or a contractor to design and install a new unisex restroom near the playground area in Town Park. The appearance of the new restroom should be similar to that of the enhanced restroom building, adjacent to the Smith Center. The new restroom is to be ADA compliant, plumbed, and connected to the town's water and sewer system.
- It is recommended that the option of a prefabricated restroom building be explored and that the new restroom be a four seasons (i.e., year-round) facility.

2. Gazebo and Stage Enhancements



- Replace existing stage decking with a composite material (e.g., Trex) to enhance the longevity of the stage and reduce the need for maintenance. The floor joists beneath the stage may need to be upgraded to support, and prevent the warping of, a composite material.
- Re-paint the entire stage structure.
- Work with local event producers to to:
 - Install weatherproof clips, hooks, or similar type of feature around the back of the stage to allow for temporary backdrops to be installed during music performances, community events, etc.
 - Design and install a steel lighting bar above the stage to accommodate lighting for music performances, community events, etc.
 - Identify and install needed electrical upgrades.
- Re-seed and irrigate the “dance floor” area in front of the stage. It is recommended that the “dance floor” area be re-seeded with a grass species that is durable, drought-tolerant, and requires minimal maintenance (e.g., tall fescue grass).
- Construct an ADA compliant, 5-foot wide crusher fines path between the ramp to the stage and the intersection of 5th Street/North Fork Avenue.

6 Design and Construct Dumpster Enclosures



- Hire a consultant and/or a contractor to design and construct enclosures for the dumpsters in Town Park.
- It is recommended that enclosures, and dumpsters, be located in places that are convenient for park users and easily accessed by garbage removal vehicles.
- Work with local artists to explore options for enhancing the appearance of the dumpster enclosures (e.g., painting murals on the enclosures).

Construct ADA Access Improvements and a Walking/Exercise Path



- Construct a 5-foot wide (minimum) ADA compliant crusher fines path between 5th Street and the cul-de-sac for the parking area for Town Park.
- Construct a 5-foot wide (minimum) ADA compliant crusher fines path connection between the intersection of 5th Street/North Fork Avenue and the new walking/exercise path.
- Construct a 5-foot wide (minimum) ADA compliant crusher fines path connection between the existing restrooms in Town Park and the new walking/exercise path along 4th Street.
- Construct a 5-foot wide (minimum) ADA compliant crusher fines path connection between the Miners Memorial Plaza and the new walking/exercise path.
- Design and construct a 5-foot wide (minimum) ADA compliant crusher fines walking/exercise path around the perimeter of Town Park.
- Integrate shaded seating areas along the walking/exercise path.
- Work with the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition, Paonia Creative District, and local plant enthusiasts to integrate public art and native landscape displays along the new walking/exercise path around Town Park. In doing so, the goal is to create an art/botanical walk in/around Town Park. The Town of Carbondale’s “Art Around Town” program could serve as inspiration for a similar type of program in Paonia. Additional information regarding the Town of Carbondale’s “Art Around Town” program can be found here: https://www.carbondalegov.org/government/boards_&_commissions/public_arts_commission/2020_art_around_town.php

8 Restroom Building Enhancements



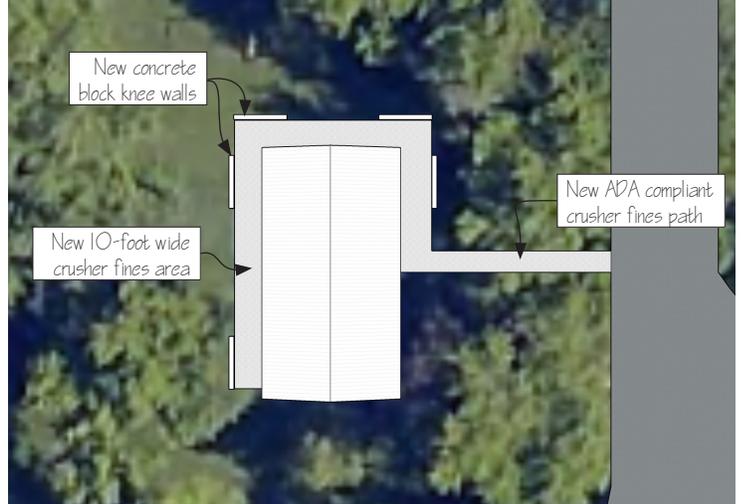
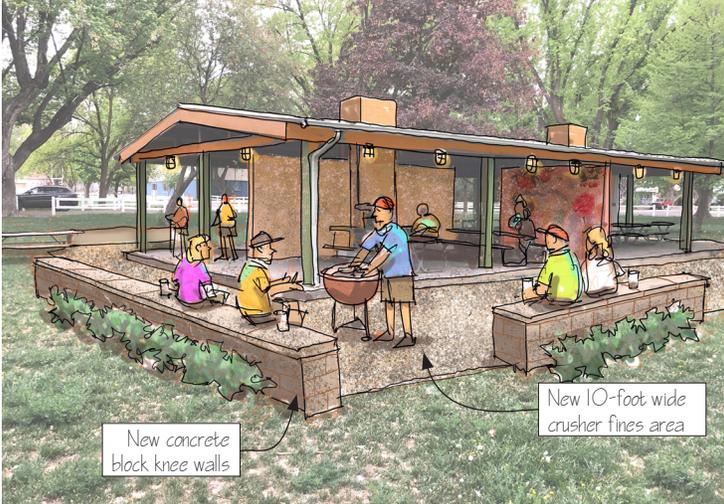
- Upgrade the existing bathroom building, adjacent to the Ellen Hansen Smith Center, to be a four seasons facility. Currently, these bathrooms must be closed during the winter because the building is not insulated and is not heated.
- Install a durable, low maintenance veneer (e.g., engineered wood siding, fiber cement siding, stone, faux stone, faux wood tiles, corrugated metal, and/or brick) over the exterior of the concrete block walls to enhance the aesthetics of the bathrooms in Town Park.

2. Maintain and Enhance Existing Athletic Field



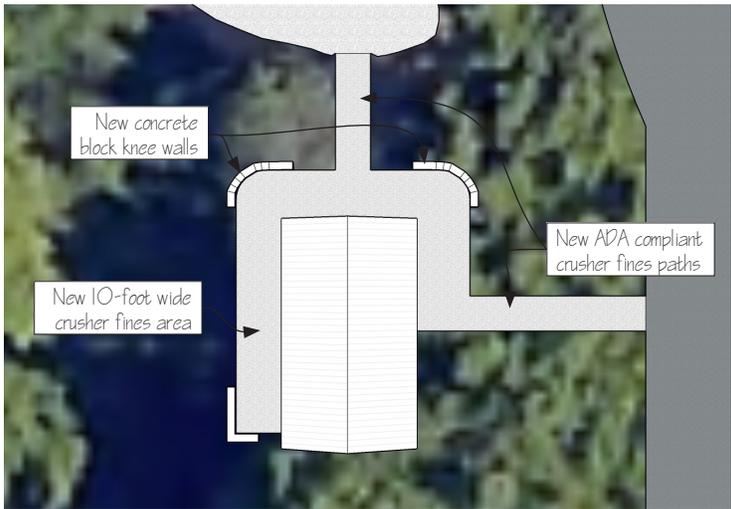
- It is anticipated that high school football games will no longer be hosted at the athletic field in Town Park. However, the field remains a valuable asset and it is recommended that the field be maintained for other sporting activities and hosting of community events.
- It is recommended that the following enhancements be made to the athletic field to improve its function and usability:
 - Targeted dirt work to level the field in certain areas, specifically the northwest corner;
 - Relocation of overhead power lines on the south end of the field; and,
 - Improved maintenance of the field's grass.
- Additional on-street parking could be constructed along 5th Street and would provide convenient parking for the proposed dog park, as well as the athletic field in Town Park. If constructed, it is recommended that the on-street parking be surfaced with gravel.

10 Main Picnic Shelter Enhancements



- Construct a 10-foot wide crusher fines area around the west, north, and east sides of the picnic shelter (this may require modifications to the park's irrigation system). In addition, construct an ADA compliant, 5-foot-wide (minimum) crusher fines path between the picnic shelter and the nearby parking area.
- Install several (e.g., five (5)) concrete block knee walls around the perimeter of the crusher fines area. It is recommended that the typical dimensions of these knee walls be 176-inches-long by 16-inches-wide by 16-inches-tall and that a 2-inch-thick cap be installed on the walls to bring their total height up to 18-inches. Covering the knee walls with a veneer (e.g., stone, faux stone, faux wood tiles, fiber cement siding, corrugated metal, and/or brick) is encouraged to improve their appearance.
- Install native, drought-tolerant, low maintenance landscaping adjacent to the knee walls to help soften their appearance and to integrate them with the rest of the park.
- Re-paint the entire picnic shelter, but preserve the existing mural. In addition, explore opportunities to collaborate with local artists to further enhance the shelter's appearance.
- Upgrade the lighting for the picnic shelter. Lighting for the picnic shelter is to be dark-sky compliant.

2. Secondary Picnic Shelter Enhancements



- Construct a 10-foot wide crusher fines area around the west, north, and east sides of the picnic shelter (this may require modifications to the park’s irrigation system). In addition, construct an ADA compliant, 5-foot-wide (minimum) crusher fines path between the picnic shelter and the nearby parking area and between the picnic shelter and the adjacent playground area.
- Install several (e.g., two (2) or three (3)) concrete block knee walls around the perimeter of the crusher fines area. It is recommended that the typical dimensions of these knee walls be **##-inches**-long by 16-inches-wide by 16-inches-tall and that a 2-inch-thick cap be installed on the walls to bring their total height up to 18-inches. Covering the knee walls with a veneer (ex. stone, faux stone, faux wood tiles, corrugated metal, and/or brick) would help to improve the aesthetics of the walls.
- Install native, drought-tolerant, low maintenance landscaping adjacent to the knee walls to help soften their appearance and to integrate them with the rest of the park.
- Explore opportunities to collaborate with local artists on enhancing the appearance of the shelter.

12 Peony Planting Bed Enhancements

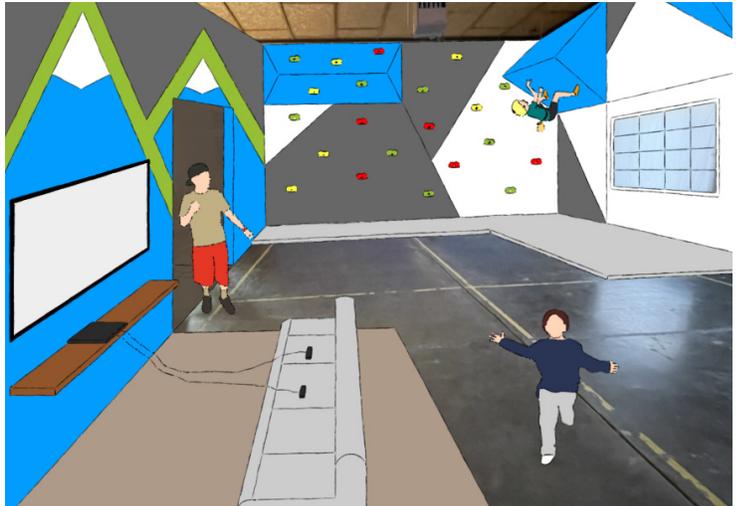


- Work with local plant experts/enthusiasts to explore the feasibility of enhancements to the existing Peony planting beds in Town Park (e.g., raised planting beds).
- If it is possible to enhance the planting beds, without damaging the existing Peonies, work with the plant experts/enthusiasts to design and install the improvements identified.
- If possible, integrate the park’s existing irrigation system with the improved planting beds. If this is not possible, it is recommended that enhancements to the planting beds include “self-watering” systems (i.e., sub-irrigation system) to minimize on-going maintenance.
- Integrate the Peony planting beds (existing or improved) with the new walking/exercise path around Town Park.
- Design, fabricate, and install signage that offers information about the Peonies, and other plants (as applicable), in the planting beds.

2. Ellen Hansen Smith Center Interior & Exterior Enhancements



- Install new signage to improve the identification, and community awareness, of the “Smith Center.”
- Enhance the entrance to the Smith Center to make the facility more welcoming/inviting. Such enhancements might include larger front doors (with windows), new exterior lighting, and/or new signage. Any outdoor lighting for the Smith Center is to be dark-sky compliant. Use of solar-powered outdoor lighting, if feasible, is encouraged.
- Install windows and/or garage doors on the north and south side of the facility (where feasible) to enable people to view activity, and improve natural lighting and air circulation, within the Smith Center. The goal of these improvements is to strengthen the relationship between the Smith Center, Town Park, and 4th Street.
- Develop a shaded outdoor plaza/seating area on the north side of the Smith Center to help activate the front of the facility and strengthen its relationship with the rest of Town Park.
- Collaborate with local artists to explore opportunities to enhance the appearance of the Smith Center.



- Develop and implement a plan for additional, interior enhancements to the Ellen Hansen Smith Center. Based on input gathered via the 2021 Community Survey, some of the more popular ideas for the Smith Center include:
 - Transforming it into a community center that offers amenities and activities for all ages, but with a focus on local youth and seniors (e.g., indoor sports, after school programs, community education classes, fitness equipment, a bowling alley, roller-skating rink, and/or a video arcade). It was also suggested that be used to store tools that could be checked out/borrowed by community members.
 - Creating space(s) for classes, meetings, workshops, and similar types of gatherings.
 - A place to host live music, live performances, dances, birthday parties, weddings, and other types of community events. Several respondents suggested that the Smith Center be used as a rental venue for events.
- Some of the key issues, noted by survey respondents, that will likely need to be addressed in conjunction with the enhancements to the facility, include the Smith Center’s heating and cooling system (specifically cooling during the summer), lack of natural lighting, and the acoustics, as well as the appearance/aesthetics, inside the building.

2. Explore Ideas for Enhancing the Miners Memorial Plaza



- Explore and pursue additional enhancements to the Miners Memorial Plaza to enable greater use of, and activity in, this part of Town Park. Enhancements to consider include:
 - Installation of infrastructure for a shade structure that can be used to shade the plaza in the summer.
 - Construction of a concrete fire pit (wood burning) and seating area.
 - Installation of planters with native, drought-tolerant, low-maintenance plants to help enhance the greenery/landscaping of the plaza.
 - Collaboration with the with the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition and Paonia Creative District to create a “Sculpture Garden” in the plaza.

15 Explore Ideas for Re-Purposing Skate Park



- With the start of construction of the new skateboard park, work with the community to explore options for an interim/temporary re-use of the existing skateboard area (e.g., a community garden with raised planting beds).
- Over the long-term, the hope is to use this space for a future expansion of the new skateboard park. Such an expansion may include the construction of additional area for the skateboard park, a pump track, a BMX track, bike jumps, and/or other similar types of features.
- Explore the feasibility of re-using the chain-link fencing, around the existing skateboard park, to fence the proposed dog park.

16 Upgrade Infrastructure for Event Vendors



- Work with local event producers to identify and install additional utility hook ups (specifically electrical outlets) for event vendors.

Apple Valley Park & Jumbo Mountain

2. 62 acres, Apple Valley Park is the largest public space in Paonia. Apple Valley Park's existing amenities and proximity to Jumbo Mountain and Minnesota Creek present a number of opportunities to transform the park into a truly unique place.

Input gathered over the course of the planning process identified a number of opportunities to enhance Apple Valley Park. Those enhancements range from improvements to the looped walking path to transforming the park into the trailhead for the Jumbo Mountain Trail System by installing signage and amenities for trail users, such as a trail map, a bike repair station(s), and/or a potable water spigot.

The site plan, included on these pages, illustrates the overall concept for the future of Apple Valley Park. More specific detail for each enhancement proposed for Apple Valley Park can be found on the following pages.





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4-Foot-Wide Public Pedestrian and Bicycle Use Easement (Reception No. 693462)

24-Foot-Wide Public Pedestrian and Bike Use Easement (Reception No. 693461)

Creek Vista Crossing HOA Pedestrian, Utility, Access, and Maintenance Easement (Creek Vista Crossing Subdivision Final Plat)

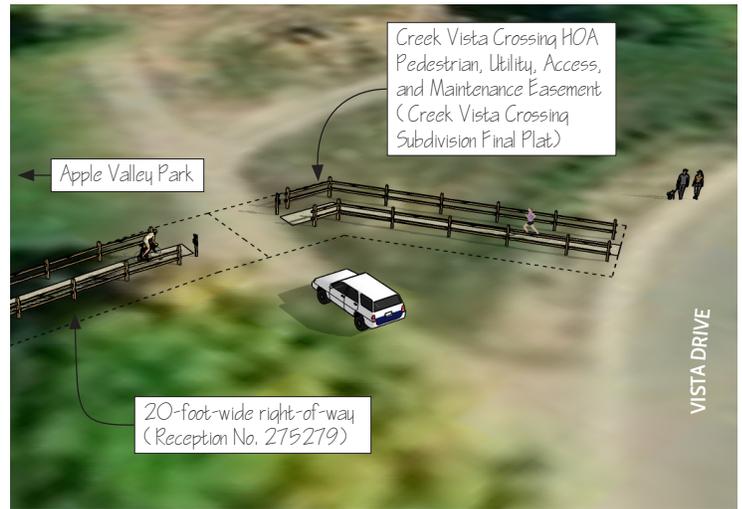
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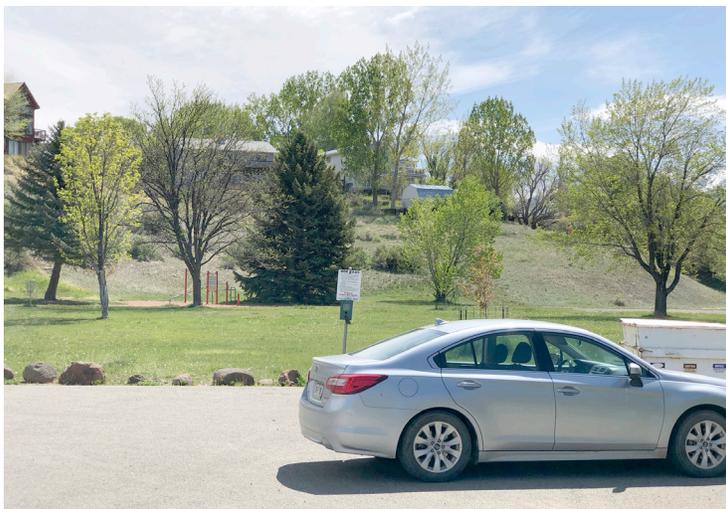
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2. Define an Access Route Between Apple Valley Park and Jumbo Mountain



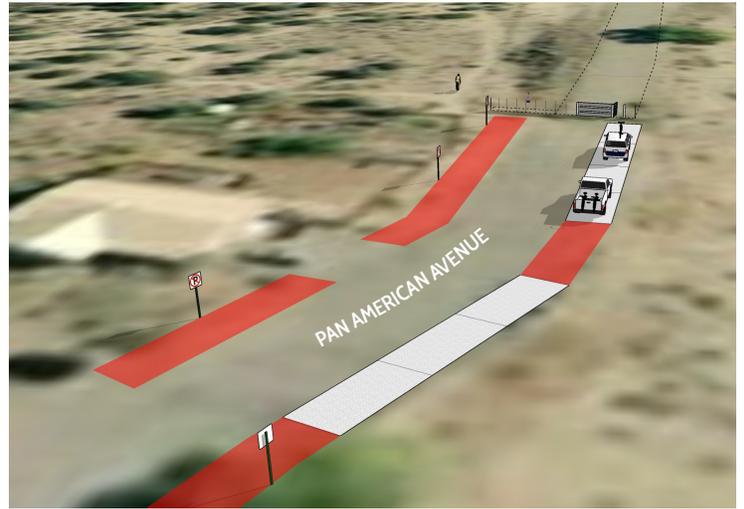
- Work with the town’s attorney to clarify existing public access between the eastern end of Apple Valley Park and Vista Drive.
- As appropriate, work with private property owners and/or the Creek Vista Crossing Homeowner’s Association to explore permission for, and the feasibility of, a public access easement between the eastern end of Apple Valley Park and Vista Drive.
- Work with private property owners, along the eastern end of Apple Valley Park, to identify and implement measures to reduce conflicts between the property owners and park/trail users. These measures could include the installation of split rail fencing and signage.
- Design, fabricate, and install signage along the access route to guide users from Apple Valley Park to the Jumbo Mountain trail system.
- Work with local trail users to identify enhancements to be made to the existing path system in Apple Valley Park to improve movement between the parking lot and the eastern end of the park. These enhancements could include widening of the existing path and/or installing a weed barrier and new crusher fines.

2 Establish Apple Valley Park as the Trailhead for the Jumbo Mountain Trail System



- Work with the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition, the Paonia Creative District, NFTAG, the BLM, and other interested parties to design, fabricate, and install signage at the eastern end of the parking lot for Apple Valley Park.
- Work with the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition, the Paonia Creative District, and NFTAG to design, fabricate, and install wayfinding signage throughout Paonia that guides trail users to Apple Valley Park.
- Collaborate with trail users to identify trailhead amenities to be provided in Apple Valley Park (e.g., a bike repair station(s), a potable water spigot, etc.).
- Partner with local businesses, organizations, governmental entities, and other appropriate parties to update information regarding the Jumbo Mountain trail system to raise awareness about Apple Valley Park being the designated trailhead.

2. Improve Existing Trailhead Area at the Eastern End of Pan American Avenue



- As appropriate, stripe and/or construct a limited number of on-street parking spaces along the southern edge of Pan American Avenue. It is recommended that any on-street parking spaces constructed be surfaced with gravel.
- Install “No Parking” signs along the northern and southern edges of Pan American Avenue where on-street parking is to be prohibited. Enforcement by the town maybe necessary if trail users disregard the new on-street parking restrictions. It is recommended that enforcement actions begin with a “grace period” where friendly, informational materials are provided to people violating the new on-street parking restrictions. Following the grace period, tickets should be issued for parking violations until there is consistent compliance with the new on-street parking restrictions.
- Work with NFTAG and other local organizations to design, fabricate, and install informational signage to direct trail users to park and access the Jumbo Mountain trail system from Apple Valley Park.

4 Define and Enhance Access to Minnesota Creek in Apple Valley Park



- Identify a limited number of locations (i.e., one (1) or two (2) places) along Minnesota Creek, in Apple Valley Park, to provide public access to the creek. It is recommended that these locations be “reinforced” to mitigate impacts (ex. erosion) to the creek. This could include installing boulder terracing to provide convenient access to the creek while protecting the creek bank.
- Work with a design professional(s) and/or contractor(s) to design, permit (as necessary), and construct public access improvements.
- Work with WSCC, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and other experts to develop and implement measures (ex. informational signage) to discourage the public from accessing Minnesota Creek in undesignated areas. The purpose of this is to protect the riparian areas along the creek from park user impacts.

2. Restroom Building Enhancements



- Re-paint/stain or replace the existing wood siding and fascia.
- Re-paint the doors to the restroom building.
- Install a durable, low maintenance veneer (e.g., engineered wood siding, fiber cement siding, stone, faux stone, faux wood tiles, corrugated metal, and/or brick) over the exterior of the concrete block walls to enhance the aesthetics of the bathroom building in Apple Valley Park.
- Collaborate local artists to explore options for enhancing the appearance of the restroom building.

6 Design and Construct Dumpster Enclosures



- Hire a consultant and/or a contractor to design and construct an enclosure for the dumpster in Apple Valley Park.
- It is recommended that the enclosure, and dumpster, be located in place that is convenient for park users and easily accessed by garbage removal vehicles.
- Collaborate with local artists to explore options for enhancing the appearance of the dumpster enclosure (e.g., painting murals on the enclosures).

7 Repair and Improve the Trail System in Apple Valley Park



- Repair/improve the existing walking/exercise path in Apple Valley Park. It is recommended that repairs include drainage improvements and the installation of geotextile fabric, edging, and new crusher fines.
- Portions of the Apple Valley Park trail system are located at the base of the hill along the north side of the park. These sections of trail are to be impacted by erosion from the hill. It is recommended that stabilization of the hill also be pursued to reduce erosion.

Playground Area Enhancements



- Replace the existing wood chip playground surfacing with engineered wood fiber (EWF). The manufacturer will need to be consulted to determine the appropriate depth of EWF to be installed.
- As necessary, install edging around the perimeter of the playground areas in Apple Valley Park to contain surfacing material.
- As necessary, install ADA compliant ramps to provide access to the playground area.

9 Disc/Frisbee Golf Course Enhancements



- If there is interest, engage local disc/frisbee golf enthusiasts in developing a plan for enhancing the existing course in Apple Valley Park. Enhancements to the course could include the installation of tee boxes, additional holes, and/or signage.
- Collaborate with local disc/frisbee golf enthusiast on the installation of enhancements to the existing disc/frisbee golf course.

10 Picnic Shelter Enhancements

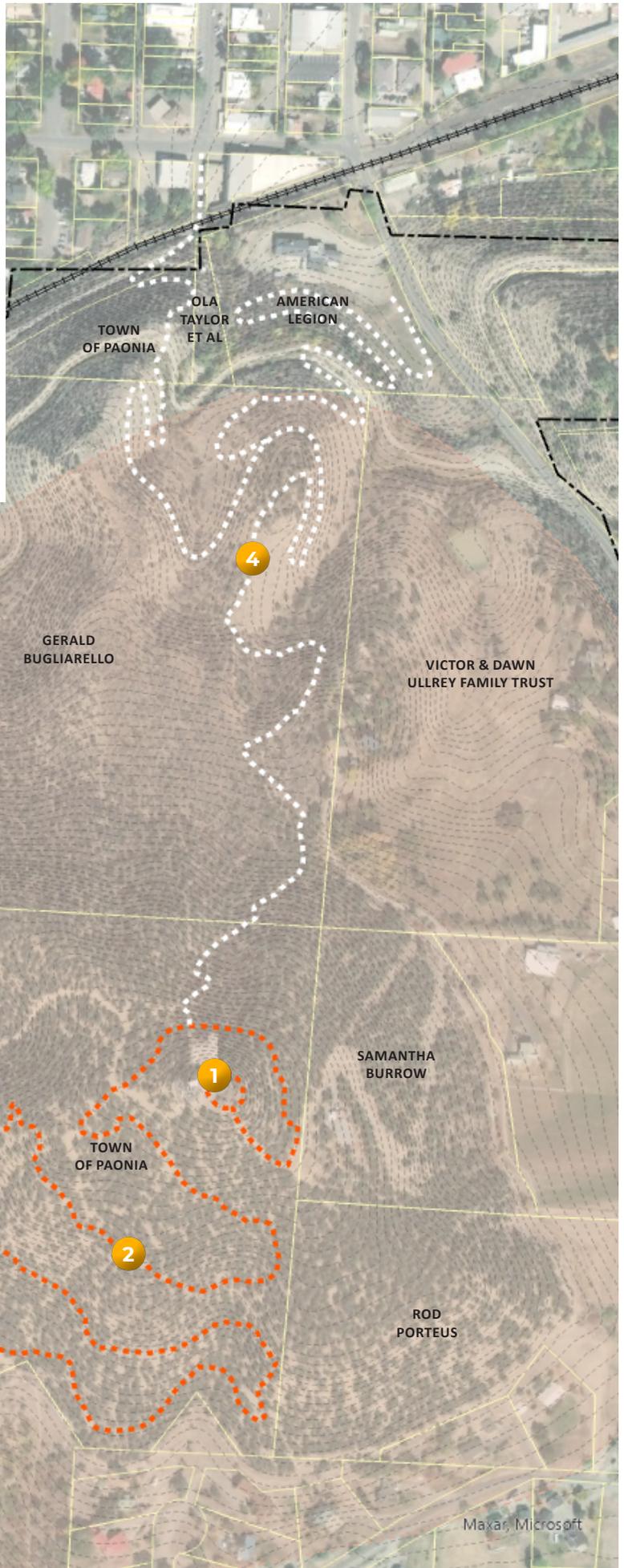


- Re-paint/stain the existing picnic shelter.

2. " is the hill located at the southern end of Grand Avenue and displays the letter "P" that is visible from Paonia. The town owns a roughly 24.5 acre property that encompasses the top of P-Hill. The town-owned property on P-Hill presents an opportunity to expand the town's trail system, as well as create a unique amenity- an overlook of Paonia and the North Fork Valley.

P-Hill does provide critical habitat for local wildlife, specifically Mule Deer, and any improvements to P-Hill will need to be balanced with protection and preservation of this important habitat.

The plan, included on this page, illustrates the overall concept for the future of P-Hill. Additional detail for each proposed enhancement be found on the following pages.



LEGEND

- Conceptual Trail Alignment | Phase I
- Conceptual Trail Alignment | Phase II
- Mule Deer Winter Concentration Area
- Parcel Boundaries
- Town of Paonia Boundary
- 5-Foot Contours

Data Source(s): Delta County Assessor; and, CPW

2. Design and Construct a P-Hill Overlook/Astro-Park



- Hire a design professional(s) and/or contractor(s) to design and construct an overlook at the top of P-Hill. It is recommended that the overlook's surfacing be a durable, permeable, natural material (e.g., crusher fines) and that a concrete block wall and/or railing (min. height 36") be integrated with the overlook to enhance safety. Further, it is recommended that a stone veneer and cap (that matches the surrounding geology) be installed on the concrete block wall to enhance the wall's aesthetics.
- Collaborate with key stakeholder groups (e.g., Dark-Skies Paonia, owners of telecommunication equipment, etc.) on the design and construction of the overlook.
- Design, fabricate, and install information signage for the overlook. Such signage may provide information about: natural features (e.g., mountain peaks, North Fork of the Gunnison River, etc.) visible from the overlook; interesting sites in and around Paonia visible from the overlook; facts about local astronomy; the history of the "P"; and/or, local marketing efforts (as applicable) to encourage visitors to use certain tags when posting photos to social media.

2 Design and Construct Phase I of a P-Hill Trail System



- Work with local stakeholder groups and volunteers to identify a route for, and to construct, a trail system on the town-owned property on P-Hill. It is important that best practices be employed in the design of the trail to ensure it is sustainable. The P-Hill trail system is intended for walking, hiking, trail running, and similar activities (i.e., not mountain biking, e-bikes, etc.).
- P-Hill provides important habitat for local wildlife, therefore it will be necessary to collaborate with Colorado Parks & Wildlife and other stakeholder groups to identify and implement measures that mitigate potential wildlife impacts. Such measures may include: seasonal closures of the trail system; restrictions on certain activities (e.g., dogs); and/or recommendations on the alignment of the trail.
- Work to integrate unique features (e.g., a stair climb) with the P-Hill trail system.
- Provide a connection(s) between the P-Hill trail system and the overlook.

2. Design and Construct a Trailhead Area and Connector Trail for the P-Hill Trail System



- Work with the Paonia Cemetery District to explore permission for, and the feasibility of, a small trailhead area for the P-Hill trail system and a trail connection between the trailhead and the P-Hill trail system. A potential location for such a trailhead is identified on the overall concept plan for P-Hill. It is recommended that trailhead amenities include, at minimum: a graveled parking area; waste/ recycling bins; and, signage. The trailhead would also serve as an amenity for visitors to the cemetery.
- If agreeable with the Paonia Cemetery District:
 - Establish a public access easement for the trailhead area and connector trail.
 - Work with a design professional(s) and/or contractor(s) to design and construct the trailhead area.
 - Work with local stakeholder groups and volunteers to identify a route for, and to construct, a connector trail.
- Long-term it is recommended that consideration be given to the installation of a waterless, unisex restroom at the trailhead.

4 Design and Construct Phase II of a P-Hill Trail System



- Work with private property owners and key stakeholders (e.g., Stewart Ditch Company) to explore permission for, and the feasibility of, a trail connection between downtown Paonia and Phase I of the P-Hill trail system.
- If agreeable with private property owners and stakeholders:
 - Establish a public access easement for the trail connection between downtown Paonia and the town-owned property on P-Hill.
 - Work with local stakeholder groups and volunteers to identify a route for, and to construct, a trail connection between downtown Paonia and Phase I of the P-Hill trail system.
 - Design, fabricate, and install signage for the P-Hill trail system.
- P-Hill provides important habitat for local wildlife, therefore it will be necessary to collaborate with Colorado Parks & Wildlife and other stakeholder groups to identify and implement measures that mitigate potential wildlife impacts. Refer to the description for Phase I of the P-Hill Trail System for measures to consider.

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North Fork Corridor

2. For the purposes of this Plan, the corridor for the North Fork of the Gunnison River begins at the northeast end of the Paonia River Park. The proposed improvements for this segment of the river corridor (from the northeast end of the River Park to Grand Ave/the Paonia K-8) focus primarily on improving connections between the River Park, the Paonia K-8, and downtown Paonia.

The site plans, included on the following pages, illustrate the overall concept for the future of the North Fork River Corridor. Additional detail for the proposed enhancements be found on [pages 82-85](#).



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North Fork Corridor

2. Improvements proposed for the segment of the river corridor between Grand Avenue/the Paonia K-8 and Samuel Wade Road/the Paonia Public Library center around connecting the North Fork River Trail to the Library and transforming the town-owned property, near the Library, into a new park space and river take-out.





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Paonia River Park

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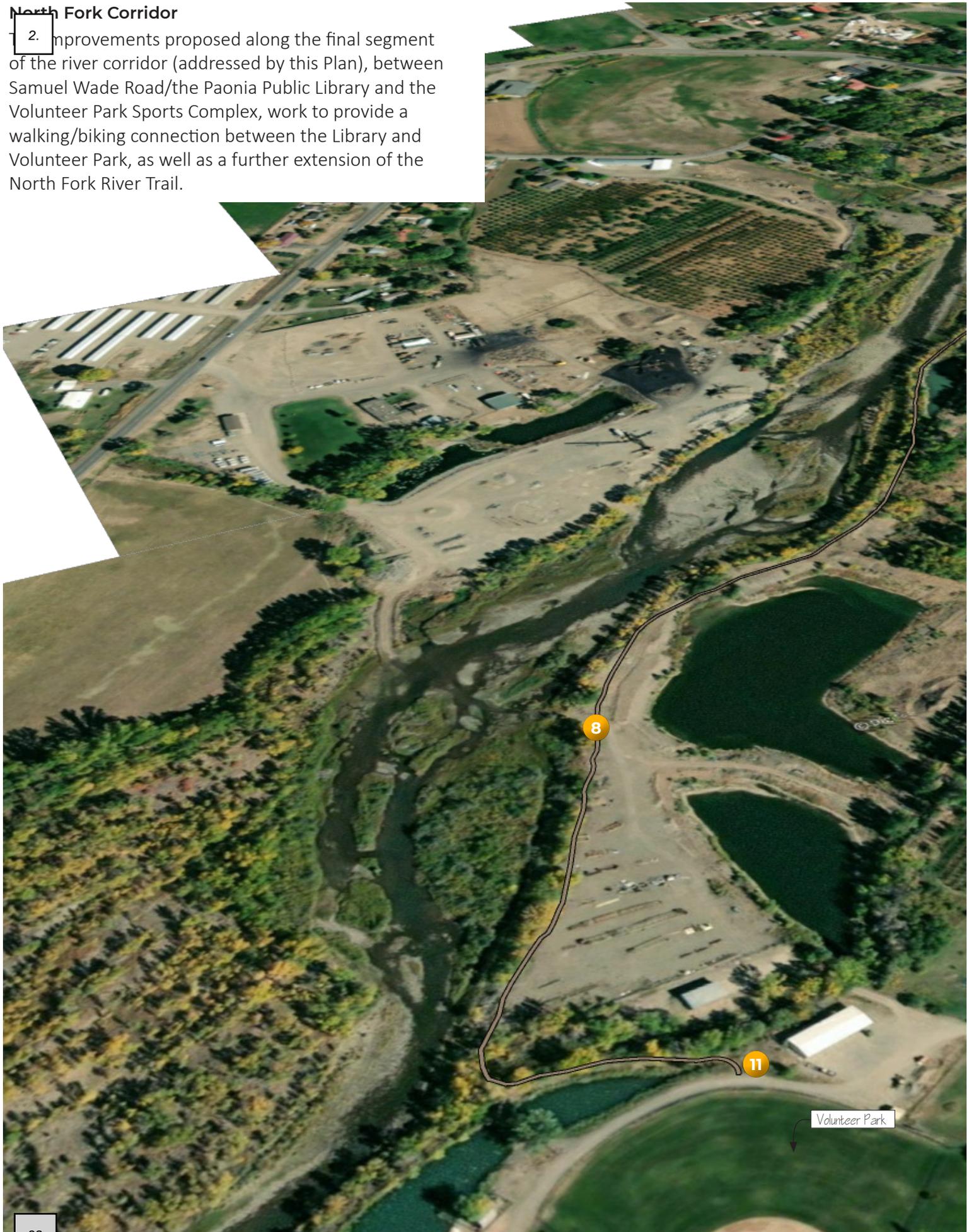
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North Fork Corridor

2. Improvements proposed along the final segment of the river corridor (addressed by this Plan), between Samuel Wade Road/the Paonia Public Library and the Volunteer Park Sports Complex, work to provide a walking/biking connection between the Library and Volunteer Park, as well as a further extension of the North Fork River Trail.





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Paonia Library

Town-owned Property

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Mathews Lane

A possible alternative to a Paonia- Volunteer Park trail connection along the North Fork, is a path along the north side of Mathews Lane. Based on a preliminary investigation of recorded documents, it appears that the right-of-way for Mathews Lane (i.e., J 75 Drive) is between 40-feet and 60-feet in width. The existing roadway is approximately 24-feet-wide, not including shoulders.

It appears that there may be sufficient right-of-way to construct a widened shoulder and soft-surface path along the north side of Mathews Lane. The path would provide a walking and biking connection between Paonia and Volunteer Park, while the widened shoulder would serve as a buffer between path users and traffic on Mathews Lane.

A conceptual design for Mathews Lane (that depicts the widened shoulder and soft-surface path) can be found on [page 84](#).



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Hayden Road

Volunteer Park

Peony Lane

MATHEWS LANE (J-75 DRIVE)

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Niagra Avenue

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2. Explore the Feasibility of a Permanent Restroom Facility for the Paonia River Park



- Investigate the feasibility of, and if possible pursue, a permanent, ADA compliant unisex restroom in the Paonia River Park.
- It is recommended that the restroom building be located in a shaded location, away from any activity centers (e.g., the picnic shelter) in the River Park.
- Hire a consultant to design, and/or a contractor to install, a new unisex restroom in the River Park.
- There are no existing utilities in Paonia’s River Park, therefore it is recommended that a prefabricated, waterless restroom building be considered.

2. Install Additional Informational Signage in the Paonia River Park



- Town collaboration with the WSCC to collaborate on the design, fabrication, and installation of additional informational signage in the Paonia River Park, as deemed necessary. The purpose of the additional signage is to inform park users of the impacts that certain types of activities (e.g., off-leash dogs) have on the riparian ecosystem and to encourage park users to comply with the River Park’s rules.

3. Design and Construct a Crossing of Grand Avenue



- Town collaboration with Delta County, the School District, WSCC, the Nature Connection, and other stakeholders on the design and construction of a crossing of Grand Avenue. The goal of this crossing is to improve the safety of walking/biking to/from the Paonia K-8 and to connect the Paonia River Park and river trail with the new sections of the river trail, recently constructed near the Paonia K-8.
- It is recommended that this crossing include the following elements:
 - Highly visible crosswalk striping;
 - School or pedestrian crossing signage;
 - Pedestrian-scale, dark-sky compliant lighting to illuminate the crossing;
 - An ADA compliant connection to the existing sidewalk along Grand Avenue; and,
 - Transverse rumble strips to alert drivers of the crossing.
- Also recommended that a radar speed sign, oriented towards drivers entering Paonia on Grand Avenue, be considered.

2. Design and Construct an Extension of the River Trail Between the Paonia K-8 and Paonia Library



- Town to acquire a land dedication or easement for the proposed section of the river trail between the Paonia K-8 and the Paonia Library. If an easement is acquired, it is recommended that the easement language allow for a variety of users (e.g., pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.) on the trail and that signage (e.g., wayfinding/trail signs and StoryWalk® signs) be permitted along the trail.
- Work with property owners, local stakeholder groups, and volunteers to identify a route for, and to construct, a trail connection between the Paonia K-8 and the Paonia Library. It is important that best practices be employed in the design and construction of the trail to ensure it's sustainability and to limit impacts on the riparian ecosystem.

5 Design and Construct a Pedestrian Bridge for the North Fork River Trail



- Hire a consultant to design, and a contractor to construct/install, a pedestrian bridge over the North Fork of the Gunnison River. The bridge is to be located on town-owned property and will provide a key connection for the river trail. It is recommended that a creative design(s) for the bridge (e.g., swinging/suspension bridge) be explored.

6 Develop a StoryWalk® Along the River Trail



- Delta County Libraries to collaborate with the town on the design, fabrication, and installation of StoryWalk® signs along Paonia's River Trail.

7 Design and Construct a New Park/Take-Out



- Hire a consultant to design, and/or a contractor to construct, a low-maintenance, water-wise neighborhood park (on town-owned parcel no. 324506201006) to serve as a landing for the new pedestrian bridge over the North Fork of the Gunnison River.
- It is recommended that the park be designed to provide shaded seating along the river, public access to the river, and incorporate StoryWalk® signs.

2. Investigate Options for Trail between Paonia and Volunteer Park



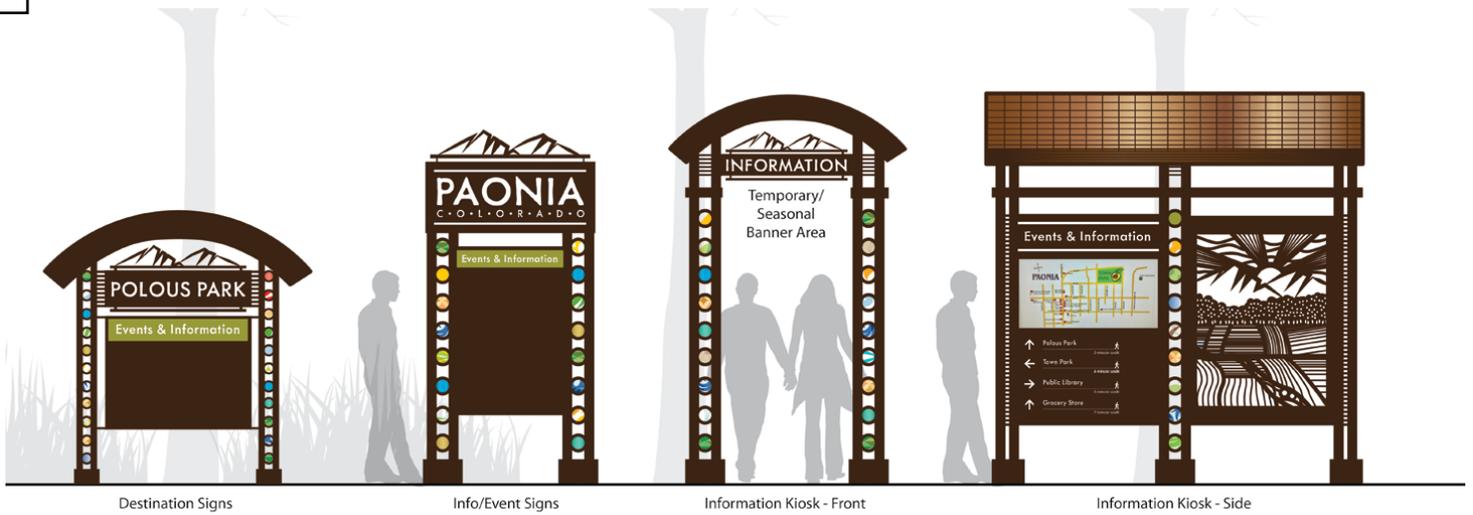
- Work with private property owners and key stakeholders (e.g., Delta County, the Nature Connection, WSCC, local youth, etc.) to explore permission for, and the feasibility of, a soft-surface trail connection between Paonia and Volunteer Park. Potential options for this trail connection include:
 - A 6-foot-wide (minimum), ADA compliant, crusher fines trail along the south side of the North Fork of the Gunnison River, which could also serve as an extension of the North Fork River Trail; or,
 - A 6-foot-wide (minimum), ADA compliant, crusher fines trail along the north side of Mathews Lane within Delta County’s right-of-way for the road.
- If a trail along the south side of the river is identified as the preferred option and is agreeable with private property owners, establish a public access easement for the trail and work with local stakeholders, volunteers, and/or a contractor(s) to construct this trail.
- If a trail along the north side of Mathews Lane is identified as the preferred option and is feasible within the county’s existing right-of-way, work with the county, local volunteers, and/or a contractor(s) to construct this connection between Paonia and Volunteer Park.

9 Design and Construct a Crossing of Samuel Wade Road



- If a trail connection between Paonia and Volunteer Park is constructed along the south side of the river, hire a design professional(s) and/or contractor(s) to design and construct a street crossing on Samuel Wade Road. The purpose of this crossing is to improve safety for those traveling between Paonia and Volunteer Park via the trail.
- It is recommended that this crossing include the following elements:
 - Highly visible crosswalk striping;
 - Pedestrian crossing signage;
 - Pedestrian-scale, dark-sky compliant lighting to illuminate the crossing; and,
 - An ADA compliant connection to the existing sidewalk along Samuel Wade Road.
- It is also recommended that a radar speed sign, oriented towards drivers entering Paonia on Grand Avenue, be considered.

Design and Install Wayfinding Signage along the North Fork River Trail



- Town collaboration with the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition/Paonia Creative District, WSCC, the Nature Connection, Delta County, and other stakeholders to design, fabricate, and install wayfinding signage along the North Fork River Trail.

12 Explore Public-Private Partnership for Developing Old Lagoon Site Property



- Explore options and the feasibility of a public-private partnership for the development of the town’s old lagoon site property town’s old lagoon site (located on the southwest side of Samuel Wade Road). It is recommended that such a partnership provide a “win-win scenario” for the community and the developer of the property.
- Prepare and issue an RFP for the development of the old lagoon site property. The purpose of this RFP is to establish a partnership with a private entity to develop the old lagoon site property and to create/implement a plan for developing the property that incorporates community benefits that may include:
 - An affordable housing development;
 - A Paonia visitor center;
 - In-town camping; and/or,
 - Improved public river access, which may include a boat ramp.

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Making Things Happen

- + Keys to Successful Implementation
- + Potential Funding Sources
- + Organizational Capacity
- + The Action Plan



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2. KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

Successful implementation of the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan will be contingent upon the following:



Community Support & Buy-In

Without community support and buy-in, successful implementation can be quite challenging. When a community is not in favor of what is being done, push back can be encountered when trying to move forward with implementation efforts.

The purpose of the PIM planning process was to offer numerous opportunities for people to participate and provide input. Furthermore, the input provided serves as the foundation of the Plan and was used to formulate the goals, policies, and actions.

Continuing to share information about the Plan and encouraging on-going community involvement with implementation efforts could help to sustain the support and buy-in established over the course of the PIM planning process.



Organizational Capacity

“Organizational capacity” (i.e., someone(s) to lead, manage, organize, coordinate and advocate for implementation efforts) is an essential component of successful implementation and one that is often overlooked. Town staff is usually the go to for implementation efforts. However, this can backfire as staff becomes overburdened and is unable to allocate the time and effort necessary for successfully implementing a plan.

A key to the successful implementation of the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan will be to have a person(s) that can focus their time and effort on ensuring that the projects identified in the Plan move forward.

The town will likely need to spearhead efforts to identify the person(s) best suited to serve as the lead on implementing the Plan. Information about potential people and/or organizations to consider for this role is included on the following pages.



Funding

When community plans, such as this Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan, are prepared, the inevitable question is- we have all these great ideas but how do we actually fund them?

This plan recognizes that it is challenging to accomplish much without adequate funding for design work, materials, labor, etc. It is also understood that small, rural communities, such as Paonia, have limited financial resources.

Therefore, an in-depth discussion regarding potential funding options for the implementation of this plan has been included on the following pages, as well as in the Appendices. The hope is that this information will provide access to financial resources that help Paonia to achieve its aspirations.



A Detailed List Of Specific Things To Do

The Action Plan, starting on [page 91](#), offers a list of specific implementation projects and programs (i.e., actions). These actions were identified as specific things that the community can do to work to achieve the its goals for parks, recreation amenities and programs, and trails in, and around, Paonia.

The implementation actions presented in the Action Plan are organized by priority (i.e., Top Priorities, Mid-Level Priorities, and Low-Level Priorities). The priority and timing assigned to each action is intended to serve as a guide and may shift based on opportunities (e.g., grant funding becomes available) and/or changes in community priorities.

For each item listed in the Action Plan, the responsible party, potential partners, resources available/needed, and measures of success have been defined.

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

It is recommended that a multi-pronged approach be developed, and pursued, for implementing Paonia's Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan. The outcome of this approach will ideally be the compilation of a number of financial resources from various sources. This approach will help keep implementation from being reliant on a sole source of funding. Furthermore, the successful accrual of multiple financial resources could enable Paonia to move forward on a number of implementation projects in the near-term.

Listed on the below are a number of potential funding sources to be considered. Additional information for these funding sources can be found in the Appendices.

1. General Fund

The town's General Fund (primarily funded by local sales and property tax revenues) can serve as a source of funding for implementation projects in Paonia. However, the General Fund must also provide funding for the many services provided by the town and for other projects in the community. When possible, it is recommended that monies from the town's General Fund be leveraged by combining with funds from other sources (e.g., grants).

2. Conservation Trust Fund

The town's Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) is a special revenue fund established for Lottery Funds that the town receives from the State of Colorado. These funds can only be used for specific purposes including the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites and/or for capital improvements for recreational purposes on any public site (refer to the Appendices for a detailed list of eligible expenditures). Between 2012-2021, the town's CTF generated an average of \$8,002 per year. Given the limited funds generated by the CTF, it is recommended that monies from this fund be leveraged to obtain more substantial funding amounts (e.g., grants) that can be used to support the implementation of this Plan.

3. Dedicated Source of Funding

A dedicated source of funding (e.g., a lodging tax) for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of Paonia's parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails could enable the town to enhance the condition of these community assets, as well as allow the town to make improvements that help to address the community's needs and/or wants. A number of Colorado communities (e.g., Town of Eagle, Gunnison County, etc.) have successfully implemented funding sources specifically for parks, recreation, trails, and/or open space areas and could serve as case studies.

4. Federal, State, and Private Financial Assistance/Grant Programs

There are a number of Federal, State, and Private financial assistance/grant programs for Paonia to explore in order to assist with funding the successful implementation of the projects described in this plan. A selection of financial assistance/grant programs relevant to Paonia are offered in the Appendices.

5. Strategic Partnerships

Strategic partnerships between the town, the North Fork Pool, Park, and Recreation District (NFPPRD), Delta County, local institutions/organizations, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Forest Service (USFS), etc. could serve as an effective way to fund specific implementation projects.

6. Donations and Volunteer Opportunities

Creating opportunities for people to donate to and/or volunteer for implementation projects in Paonia could help to: (1) Create local ownership of implementation projects; (2) Reduce costs associated with implementing projects; and, (3) Provide an option for people to contribute financially if they are otherwise unable to contribute to Paonia's implementation efforts.

7. Crowdfunding

Crowdfunding platforms helped revolutionize the startup industry at the turn of the decade. Now, crowdfunding has made its way toward supporting social causes, making easier for people to invest in the transformation of their community. There are numerous crowdfunding platforms available these days. Listed in the Appendices are select examples of crowdfunding platforms that could be explored and possibly pursued to raise funding for Paonia's implementation efforts.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Town Staff

The town could explore hiring a part-time or full-time employee to spearhead Paonia’s implementation efforts. Successful implementation necessitates a staff position that focuses on overseeing implementation projects and researching and pursuing various financial resources. Burdening an existing staff person(s) with these duties is not likely to be successful.

2. Volunteer Organization/Committee

The Community Action Team, or similar type of volunteer organization, could be established to provide the organizational support necessary for implementing the Plan. Strong leadership and commitment from volunteers will be necessary to ensure this approach is effective. Paonia’s elected officials will also need to look to instill this organization with some authority to enable the group to make meaningful change.

■ ABOUT THE ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan outlines specific projects and programs that the town may pursue – either alone, or in partnership with others- to support implementation of Paonia’s Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan. The Action Plan is intended to be used as a tool to guide capital investments, work plans, and allocation of staff time and other town resources.

The implementation actions presented in the Action Plan are organized by priority (i.e., High, Medium, or Low). The priority and timing assigned to each action is intended to serve as a guide and may shift based on opportunities (e.g., grant funding becomes available) and/or changes in community priorities.

TOP PRIORITIES | Timeframe: Within Next 5-Years

These actions are the community’s top priority or are already a priority for the Town of Paonia (i.e., an on-going effort). Top priorities are intended to be implemented within the next 5 years.

MID-LEVEL PRIORITIES | Timeframe: Within Next 10-Years

These actions are mid-level priorities and are to be implemented within the next 10 years.

LOW-LEVEL PRIORITIES | Timeframe: Within Next 15-Years

These are important actions, but higher ranking actions (i.e., Top and Mid-level priorities) take precedence. Low-level priorities are intended to be implemented at some point within the next 15 years.

For each action listed, the responsible party (i.e., lead), potential partners, resources available and needed, and measures of success are defined.

1. Responsibility

For each action, the town department, elected or appointed body, area agency, and/or other party considered best-suited for leading the effort has been identified. Potential partners that could play a supporting role in implementing each action have also been identified.

2. Resources Available/Needed

The types of resources needed to implement the actions identified in this Plan vary. The categories of resources that are likely available or needed for each action are listed in the Action Plan. These categories include:

- **Staff Time.** Many of the implementation actions will require town staff time for completion or on-going administration. Some of these actions build on efforts that are currently underway, while others may require town staff to allocate additional time, on top of their current responsibilities.

Successful implementation of the Plan will rely heavily on adequate time and effort being allocated to the actions

identified. New part-time, full-time, and/or contract staff may be required to achieve this. If so, the town will need
2. Give consideration to how to fund this additional position(s).

- **Outside Support/Expertise.** Outside support (e.g., consultant(s), other organizations/agencies in Paonia, etc.) or other specialized services may be required to successfully implement a number of the actions listed in the Action Plan. Funding for outside support and/or specialized services will need to be taken into consideration.
- **Funding.** Funding is one of the essential resources necessary for implementation. There are a number of monetary resources that the town could look to tap into for implementing the Plan, including: the town's General Fund; a lodging tax; federal, state, and private financial assistance/grant programs; and, crowdfunding.
- **Jurisdiction/Regulatory Authority.** The Town of Paonia has a number of regulatory tools at its disposal that could be used to support implementation of the Plan. These include: annexation, zoning, subdivision and design regulations, and code enforcement.

In certain instances, the town does not have jurisdiction, such as areas outside of the town limits (e.g., Delta County's jurisdiction). In order to implement actions that are outside of the town's jurisdiction, it will be critical for the town to work in partnership with the agency that has jurisdiction.

- **Political Support/Will.** Paonia's Town Board is responsible for overseeing the allocation of town resources, as well as establishing priorities for town staff. This is also true for the Board of Directors for the North Fork Pool, Park, and Recreation District, Board of County Commissioners, and so forth. Having the support for implementing the Plan from elected bodies will be key to making things happen in Paonia.

Furthermore, there may be implementation actions that not everyone in the community is on-board for. In these instances, it will be important for the elected bodies to reflect on the broad-based input from the community that was gathered via the Paonia In Motion process and do their best to make decisions that reflect the community's values and priorities.

- **Collaboration/Partnerships.** A number of actions identified in the Action Plan could benefit from, or will require, collaboration/partnerships with agencies, organizations, and/or other interested parties in the region, such as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Delta County, Delta County School District, the Nature Connection, Delta County Public Library District, North Fork Valley Creative Coalition (NFVCC), the North Fork Pool, Park, and Recreation District, Western Slope Conservation Center (WSSC), or the North Fork Trail Advocacy Group (NFTAG).

3. Measures of Success

It is important to identify measures of success (i.e., metrics) for actions, so that progress can be tracked and accomplishments can be celebrated. Assessing progress being made on implementation actions can help to maintain focus, sustain momentum, note when key milestones are achieved, and provide excitement for moving towards successful completion.

Measures of success have been identified for each action presented on the following pages. These metrics are intended to provide guidances for the type of information/data to be collected to track progress being made on each implementation action.

THE ACTION PLAN

TOP PRIORITIES | Timeframe: Within Next 5-Years

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	RESOURCES	MEASURES OF SUCCESS
<p> Community Initiative Action 1:</p> <p>Develop and implement a comprehensive and sustainable plan for the on-going operation and maintenance of Paonia’s park, recreation, and trail assets.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFPPRD? ▪ WSCC? ▪ Other Local Organizations (as appropriate) 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to collaborate with the NF Rec. District, WSCC, and other local organizations (as appropriate) to develop and implement an operation and maintenance plan. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To create and implement the operation and maintenance plan. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A contract labor position(s) that is responsible for the implementation of the town’s operation and maintenance plan, if applicable. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for a new town staff position(s) or a contract labor position(s) that is tasked with implementing the town’s operation and maintenance plan, if applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaboration with local organizations (as appropriate) on the development and implementation of an operation and maintenance plan for Paonia’s park, recreation, and trail assets. ▪ Creation and implementation of an operation and maintenance plan. ▪ Integration of the operation and maintenance plan with the town’s annual budgeting process. ▪ Establishment of a town staff position(s) or a contract labor position(s) tasked with implementing the town’s operation and maintenance plan, if applicable. ▪ Enhanced up-keep of the town’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails. ▪ Improving public opinion of the condition of the town’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails.
<p> Community Initiative Action 2:</p> <p>Establish and maintain a comprehensive calendar of events for the Town of Paonia and surrounding area.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultant/Contractor <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Event Producers ▪ Town ▪ Delta County Chamber of Commerce 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State grant programs. - Opportunity to utilize funding from a dedicated source of funding (e.g., a Lodging Tax). ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to collaborate with the NFVCC/Paonia Creative District on creative aesthetic improvements to the restroom building. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Person(s) to facilitate the development, implementation, and maintenance of a comprehensive calendar of events. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-going collaboration and coordination with local event producers to maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date calendar of events. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for the development, implementation, and on-going maintenance of a comprehensive calendar of events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of a comprehensive calendar of events. ▪ Increased awareness of the calendar of events. ▪ Number of local event producers utilizing the calendar of events to advertise. ▪ On-going maintenance of a calendar of events.

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<p> Community Initiative Action 3:</p> <p>Identify and implement dark-skies projects associated with Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities, and trails. It is recommended that such projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integration of glowstones (www.glowstones.com) with Paonia’s parks and trails. ▪ An inventory of existing outdoor lighting in Paonia’s parks and recommendations for making existing lights dark-sky compliant. ▪ Development of dark-skies routes that connect night sky viewing sites in, and near, Paonia (e.g., Paonia River Park, Town Park, Apple Valley Park, Volunteer Park, etc.) and that offer maps, signs, and other amenities for sharing information about the local night sky. 	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dark Skies Paonia <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ Local Volunteers & Advocates 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to town-owned properties. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity for collaboration between Dark Skies Paonia and the town. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To assist with and/or oversee dark-skies projects, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of dark-skies amenities. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant, contractor, and/or local volunteers to lead and/or assist with the implementation of dark-skies projects. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for the implementation of dark-skies projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of dark-skies projects implemented. ▪ Number of outdoor lights that have been redesigned and/or retrofitted to be dark-sky friendly. ▪ Reduced light pollution from the town’s parks and recreation amenities/facilities. ▪ Establishment of dark-skies routes in and around Paonia. ▪ Installation of maps, signs, and other amenities for sharing information about Paonia’s night sky. ▪ More people getting out at night to enjoy Paonia’s night sky. ▪ Protection of Paonia’s night sky.
<p> Community Initiative Action 4:</p> <p>Establish a rails-to-trails initiative to explore, and pursue (if feasible), the conversion of the railroad corridor into a regional trail system.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Multi-Entity Committee <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ Delta County ▪ Other Delta County Municipalities ▪ Union Pacific Railroad ▪ NFTAG ▪ WSCC ▪ Interested Community Members ▪ Rails-to-Trails Conservancy 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online resources, specifically the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy’s website (www.railstotrails.org). - Expertise of nearby entities involved in a successful rails-to-trails initiative (i.e., the Rio Grande Trail in the Roaring Fork Valley). <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To support and/or participate in the rails-to-trails initiative, as necessary. ▪ Political Will/Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support from municipal and county elected officials for a rails-to-trails initiative. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-entity collaboration on, and involvement with, a rails-to-trails initiative. - Collaboration/partnership with the Union Pacific Railroad. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for a rails-to-trails initiative. - Funding for the acquisition of the railroad corridor, if applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On-going communication and positive relationship with the railroad. ▪ Greater awareness and understanding of the regional level of support for a rails-to-trails initiative. ▪ Increased awareness and understanding of the value of proactively planning for the future of the railroad corridor. ▪ Establishment and maintenance of a regional multi-entity committee. ▪ Number of entities supportive of, and involved in, a rails-to-trails initiative. ▪ Increased awareness and understanding of the value of the existing railroad infrastructure and options for preserving the infrastructure (if appropriate). ▪ Conversion of the railroad corridor into a regional trail system. ▪ Number of users/popularity of regional trail system.

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<p> Community Initiative Action 5:</p> <p>Establish policies and regulations for parklets in Paonia. It is recommended that these policies and regulations, at a minimum, address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Impact(s) on on-street parking. ▪ Safety and liability issues. ▪ Rules for how parklets can be used (e.g., Will smoking and/or drinking be allowed? Can parklets be used for the display of merchandise, art, etc.?). ▪ Maintenance and storage. <p>Refer to the Appendices for additional information regarding parklets and examples of parklet policies and regulations to consider.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Business & Property Owners ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District ▪ CIRSA 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to develop and adopt policies and regulations for parklets and to allow parklets to be installed in the town’s rights-of-way. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insights from other Colorado communities that have enacted policies and regulations for parklets. - Online and print resources with information regarding parklets. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To facilitate the preparation of policies and regulations for parklets in Paonia. ▪ Political Will/Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support from the town’s elected officials for the adoption of parklet policies and regulations and to allow parklets to be installed in the town’s rights-of-way. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with local business and property owners to develop policies and regulations for parklets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development and adoption of policies and regulations for parklets in Paonia, specifically in the downtown area. ▪ Collaboration with local business and property owners on the creation of policies and regulations for parklets. ▪ Compliance with the town’s parklet policies and regulations. ▪ Increased activity in the downtown resulting from parklets. ▪ Increased sales tax revenues resulting from parklets. ▪ Successful balance between parklets and the availability of on-street parking.
<p> Trail/Mobility Action 1:</p> <p>Construct a pedestrian crossing on Grand Avenue to improve safe and convenient access to the Paonia K-8 School and the Paonia River Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram of this pedestrian crossing.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ Delta County <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nature Connection ▪ WSCC ▪ School District ▪ Dark Skies Paonia 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State grant programs. - Strategic Partnerships. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to collaborate with Delta County on an enhanced design for the crossing that includes the proposed improvements presented on page #. - Opportunity to collaborate with local organizations on innovative lighting for the crossing. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and/or construction of a crossing that includes the proposed improvements presented on page #. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Successful collaboration with Delta County on the design and construction of the crossing that includes the proposed improvements depicted on page #. ▪ Successful collaboration with local organizations on the design and installation of innovative lighting for the crossing. ▪ Design and construction of a safe, effective, and well-illuminated street crossing. ▪ Improved sense of safety, comfort, and convenience when traveling between the Paonia River Park and the Paonia K-8.

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<p> Trail/Mobility Action 2:</p> <p>Construct the missing section of sidewalk along the western side of Grand Avenue to improve connectivity between downtown Paonia, the Paonia K-8 School, the Paonia River Park, and the North Fork River Trail.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram of the proposed sidewalk along Grand Avenue.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School District ▪ Delta County ▪ Neighboring Property & Business Owners ▪ Solar Energy Institute ▪ Dark Skies Paonia 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State grant programs. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements within the right-of-way for Grand Avenue. ▪ Political Support/Will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support from the town’s elected officials for improvements to Grand Avenue. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For sidewalk construction and installation of pedestrian-scale, dark-sky friendly lighting for sidewalk. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with project partners on the design and installation of pedestrian-scale lighting along Grand Avenue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-entity funding for sidewalk construction and installation of other improvements (e.g., lighting). ▪ Construction of the improvements to Grand Avenue. ▪ Successful collaboration on the design and installation of lighting for the sidewalk and crossings of Grand Avenue. ▪ Number of sidewalk users, specifically local youth traveling to/from the Paonia K-8.
<p> Trail/Mobility Action 3:</p> <p>Improve access to Jumbo Mountain trails from Apple Valley Park via Vista Drive.</p> <p>It is recommended that this include the design, fabrication, and installation of wayfinding signage for: (1) the access route between Apple Valley Park and Jumbo Mountain (via Vista Drive); and, (2) the Jumbo Mountain Trail System.</p> <p>Refer to page # for conceptual diagrams of proposed access improvements.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ NFTAG ▪ WSCC <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neighboring Property Owners ▪ Pan American & Hawks Haven HOAs ▪ BLM ▪ Delta County ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District ▪ Local Volunteers 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. - State and private grant programs. - Strategic partnerships. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to install signage on town-owned lands. - Existing public access easements. - Existing path through Apple Valley Park to Vista Drive. ▪ Political Will/Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town and County elected officials supportive of efforts to enhance usability of Jumbo Mountain. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity for multi-entity collaboration on the layout, design, fabrication, and installation of access improvements. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To explore and pursue additional public access easement(s), as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and/or construction of access improvements. - On-going upkeep of access route. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permission from BLM to install signage on Jumbo Mountain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Successful collaboration on the layout, design, fabrication, and installation of access improvements. ▪ Number of wayfinding signs installed. ▪ Positive feedback from trail users on the access improvements and signage. ▪ Improved usability and functionality of the Jumbo Mountain trail system. ▪ Popularity/use of Apple Valley Park and new access route. ▪ Increased awareness of Apple Valley Park being the main trailhead for Jumbo Mountain. ▪ Identification and implementation of solutions for mitigating impacts on neighboring property owners.

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<p> Trail/Mobility Action 4:</p> <p>Construct an extension of the North Fork River Trail that connects the Paonia K-8 with the Paonia Library. This includes the installation of a pedestrian bridge over the river.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual alignment of this proposed trail extension and a conceptual diagram of the pedestrian bridge.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ Nature Connection <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Property Owners ▪ WSCC ▪ CPW ▪ Army Corps. of Engineers ▪ NFTAG ▪ Local Volunteers ▪ School District ▪ Delta County Libraries 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing grant funding obtained. - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town-owned property on the north and south side of the river provides a location for the pedestrian bridge. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued collaboration with property owners, Nature Connection, WSCC, etc. on the alignment, design, and construction of the trail extension and pedestrian bridge. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the construction of the trail extension and/or pedestrian bridge, as necessary. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permission from property owners to construct the trail extension across private property. - Permitting from the Army Corps. of Engineers to construct a pedestrian bridge, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the construction of the trail extension and pedestrian bridge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquisition of an easement(s) for the trail, as necessary. ▪ Multi-entity collaboration on the alignment, design, and construction of the trail extension and pedestrian bridge. ▪ A trail alignment that minimizes potential impacts on floodplain areas and important riparian areas (e.g., wetlands). ▪ Funding for, and the design and/or construction of, the trail extension. ▪ Funding for, and the design and/or construction of, a pedestrian bridge over the river. ▪ Popularity of the river trail/ number of trail users. ▪ Preservation of the river corridor as wild, riparian habitat.
<p> Trail/Mobility Action 5:</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of a trail that provides a non-motorized connection (i.e., walking, biking, etc.) between the Paonia Library and Volunteer Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for conceptual alignments and designs for this trail connection.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ Delta County <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Property Owners ▪ WSCC ▪ CPW ▪ Dark Skies Paonia 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State grant programs. - Strategic partnerships. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town authority to make improvements to Samuel Wade Road and the property on the south side of Samuel Wade Road. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To assist with the design and/or construction of a trail connection. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permission from property owners to construct path across private property; or, permission from Delta County to construct path in right-of-way for Mathews Lane. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For path design and construction. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for collaboration with project partners on the alignment, design, and construction of a trail connection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquisition of easement(s) for the trail, as necessary. ▪ Multi-entity collaboration on trail design and construction. ▪ Construction of the trail. ▪ Design and construction of a safe, convenient, and well-illuminated crossing of Samuel Wade Road, as applicable. ▪ Number of trail users, specifically local youth, biking and walking to/from Volunteer Park. ▪ Preservation of the river corridor as wild, riparian habitat.

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<p> Town Park Action 1:</p> <p>Remove chain-link fencing along 5th Street and the BBQ pits in Town Park.</p> <p>NOTE: There may be an opportunity to reuse the chain-link fencing for the proposed dog park in Town Park.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fencing and BBQ pits are town-owned amenities. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To remove chain-link fencing and BBQ pits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Removal of chain-link fencing and BBQ pits. ▪ Positive feedback from the public regarding the removal of fencing and BBQ pits. ▪ Creative re-use and/or recycling of chain-link fencing and/or BBQ pits, if feasible.
<p> Town Park Action 2:</p> <p>Craft a detailed design for, and construct, a new skateboard park (“skate park”) in Town Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of ideas for the new skate park.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Design Consultant and/or Contractor <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ Local Youth, Advocates & Volunteers ▪ Delta County ▪ NFPPRD ▪ School District ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District ▪ Dark Skies Paonia ▪ Neighboring Property Owners 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing funds obtained. - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. - Funding from project partners. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Town Park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued collaboration with project partners on the design and construction of the new skate park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To assist with and/or oversee the construction of the new skate park, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of the skate park. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design, and a contractor to construct, the new skate park. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To complete the design and construction of the new skate park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-entity contributions to the design and construction of the new skate park. ▪ Preparation and issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new skate park. ▪ Successful collaboration with project partners to hire a well-qualified design consultant and contractor. ▪ Collaborative design process resulting in a final, detailed design for the new skate park. ▪ Identification and incorporation of design solutions for mitigating impacts on neighboring property owners. ▪ Construction of the new skate park. ▪ Number of users/popularity of the new skate park. ▪ Future enhancements to and/or expansion of the skate park, if/when appropriate. ▪ On-going upkeep of the skate park.

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<p> Town Park Action 3:</p> <p>Develop a detailed design for, and construct, a dog park in Town Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of ideas for the proposed dog park.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Design Consultant and/or Contractor <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ Local Volunteers & Advocates ▪ NFPPRD 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. - Town could adopt a fee to support the on-going upkeep of the dog park. - Crowdfunding. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Town park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with the community on the design and construction of the dog park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the construction of the dog park, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of the dog park. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design, and/or a contractor to construct, the dog park, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and construction of the dog park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-entity contributions to the design and construction of the dog park. ▪ Preparation and issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the dog park. ▪ Collaborative design process resulting in a final, detailed design for the dog park. ▪ Identification and incorporation of design solutions for mitigating impacts on neighboring property owners. ▪ Ground-breaking for, and construction of, the dog park. ▪ Number of users/popularity of the dog park. ▪ Future enhancements to the dog park, if/when appropriate. ▪ On-going upkeep of the dog park.
<p> Town Park Action 4:</p> <p>Make improvements to the gazebo and stage in Town Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of the proposed improvements.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Event Producers ▪ Local Volunteers ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private and state grant programs. - Town’s general fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Town park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with project partners, specifically event producers, on improvements to the gazebo. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the installation of improvements, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of the gazebo. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design, and/or contractor to construct, improvements, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and/or installation of improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant funding acquired for design and/or construction of improvements. ▪ Successful collaboration with project partners on the design and construction of improvements. ▪ Number of improvements made. ▪ Positive feedback on the improvements made. ▪ Expanded use of the stage resulting from the improvements made. ▪ On-going upkeep of the gazebo, stage, and “dance floor” area (in front of the gazebo).

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<p> Town Park Action 5:</p> <p>Make improvements to the playground area in Town Park, including the installation of new surfacing material, a border around the playground, and a new unisex bathroom near the playground.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of the proposed improvements.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Volunteers ▪ NFPPRD 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private and state grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Town park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with project partners on the installation of improvements. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the installation of improvements to the playground area. - On-going upkeep of playground area. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design, and/or a contractor to construct, improvements, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the installation of playground improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant funding acquired for design and/or construction of playground improvements. ▪ Number of improvements made. ▪ Positive feedback on the improvements. ▪ On-going upkeep of the playground area.
<p> Town Park Action 6:</p> <p>Develop a detailed design for, and construct, enclosures for the dumpsters in Town Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of the proposed improvements.</p> <p>It is recommended that the design and construction of dumpster enclosures for Town Park be coordinated with the dumpster enclosures for Apple Valley Park (if feasible).</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District ▪ Local Waste Hauler 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Town Park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with project partners on creative designs for the enclosures. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the installation of enclosures, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of the enclosures. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design, and/or a contractor to construct, the enclosures, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and construction of the enclosures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant funding acquired for the design and/or construction of dumpster enclosures. ▪ Number of dumpster enclosures constructed. ▪ Number of dumpster enclosures that display the talents of local creatives. ▪ On-going upkeep of the dumpster enclosures.

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<p> Town Park Action 7:</p> <p>Construct ADA compliant crusher fines paths, in select locations, to improve accessibility to, and within, Town Park.</p> <p>Construct an ADA compliant, crusher fine walking/exercise path around Town Park. Work to integrate shaded seating areas, public art, and/or native landscaping displays with the path.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram of the proposed paths.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Volunteers & Advocates 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private and state grant programs. Town’s General Fund. Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town has authority to make improvements to Town Park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the improvements, as necessary. On-going upkeep of paths. Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor to construct improvements, as necessary. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the construction of improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of paths constructed. Improved ADA access to and within Town Park. Positive community feedback on the accessibility of Town Park. On-going upkeep of paths.
<p> Town Park Action 8:</p> <p>Work with local plant enthusiasts to explore, and implement (if feasible), options for improving the existing Peony planting beds in Town Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a initial list of potential ideas for improving the planting beds.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Plant Enthusiasts & Volunteers 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private grant programs. Town’s General Fund. Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town has authority to make improvements to Town Park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going upkeep of planting beds. Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor to construct improvements, as necessary. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the design and/or construction of planting bed improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of planting bed improvements made. Health of the Peonies and other plants (if applicable) in the planting beds. Increased awareness of the Peonies and their connection to Paonia’s history. On-going upkeep of the planting beds.
<p> Town Park Action 9:</p> <p>Renovate the restroom building in Town Park, including upgrading the building to a year-round facility.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of proposed improvements.</p> <p>It is recommended that the renovation of the restroom building in Town Park be coordinated with the renovation of the restroom building in Apple Valley Park (refer to Apple Valley Park Action 4), if feasible.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and private grant programs. Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town has authority to make improvements to Town Park. Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to collaborate with the NFVCC/Paonia Creative District on creative aesthetic improvements. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the improvements, as necessary. On-going upkeep of the restrooms. Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor to install improvements, as necessary. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for improvements to the restroom building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of improvements made to the restrooms. Fewer instances of vandalism. Positive feedback on improvements made to the restrooms. On-going upkeep of the restrooms.

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<p> Apple Valley Park Action 1:</p> <p>Install improvements that work to establish Apple Valley Park as the designated trailhead for Jumbo Mountain.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of ideas for proposed improvements.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFTAG ▪ BLM ▪ Local Volunteers & Advocates ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town's General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Apple Valley Park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with the community on the types of trailhead improvements to be installed. - Collaboration with NFVCC/Paonia Creative District on the design, fabrication, and installation of trailhead and wayfinding signage. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the installation of trailhead improvements, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of trailhead improvements. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design and/or a contractor to install the trailhead improvements, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design, fabrication, and installation of trailhead improvements and wayfinding signage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of trailhead improvements installed. ▪ Installation of wayfinding signage. ▪ Increased awareness of Apple Valley Park being the designated trailhead for the Jumbo Mountain trail system. ▪ Increased use of Apple Valley Park by users of the Jumbo Mountain trail system. ▪ Decreased usage and improved management of parking at the end of Pan American Avenue.
<p> Apple Valley Park Action 2:</p> <p>Develop a detailed design for, and construct, an enclosure for the dumpster in Apple Valley Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of the proposed improvements.</p> <p>It is recommended that the design and construction of dumpster enclosures for Apple Valley Park be coordinated with the dumpster enclosures for Town Park (refer to Town Park Action 6), if feasible.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private grant programs. - Town's General Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Apple Valley Park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with project partners on creative designs for the enclosures. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the installation of dumpster enclosures, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of the enclosures. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design, and/or a contractor to construct, the enclosures, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and construction of the enclosures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant funding acquired for the design and/or construction of dumpster enclosures. ▪ Number of dumpster enclosures constructed. ▪ Number of dumpster enclosures that display the talents of local creatives. ▪ On-going upkeep of the dumpster enclosures.

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<p> Apple Valley Park Action 3:</p> <p>Repair and improve the existing trail system and exercise stations in Apple Valley Park. Recommended repairs and improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebuilding portions, or the entirety, of the existing trail system to conform to the trail design standards set forth in the Appendices. Rebuilding the exercise stations to install geotextile fabric, edging, and new crusher fines. Stabilization of the hillside on the north side of Apple Valley Park and adjustments to the park's irrigation system to minimize erosion issues. Installing drainage improvements, where necessary. <p>It is recommended that the repairs and improvements to the trail system and exercise stations be coordinated with the trailhead improvements (refer to Apple Valley Park Action 1), if feasible.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NFTAG Local Volunteers 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and private grant programs. Town's General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town has authority to make improvements to Apple Valley Park. Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to collaborate with local trail advocates and volunteers. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the repairs and improvements to the trail system, as necessary. On-going upkeep of the trail system and exercise stations. Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor and/or local volunteers to make repairs and improvements to the trail system and exercise stations, as necessary. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For repairs and improvements to the trail system and exercise stations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant funding acquired for the construction of repairs and/or improvements. Local volunteer participation in the construction of repairs and/or improvements. Length of trail system repaired and/or improved. Number of exercise stations repaired and/or improved. Minimization of erosion issues along the north side of Apple Valley Park. On-going upkeep of the trail system and exercise stations.
<p> Apple Valley Park Action 4:</p> <p>Renovate the restroom building in Apple Valley Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of proposed improvements.</p> <p>It is recommended that the renovation of the restroom building in Apple Valley Park be coordinated with the renovation of the restroom building in Town Park (refer to Town Park Action 9), if feasible.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and private grant programs. Town's General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town has authority to make improvements to Apple Valley Park. Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to collaborate with the NFVCC/Paonia Creative District on creative aesthetic improvements to the restroom building. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the improvements to the restroom building in Apple Valley Park, as necessary. On-going upkeep of the restrooms. Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor to install improvements, as necessary. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for improvements to the restroom building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of improvements made to the restrooms. Fewer instances of vandalism. Positive feedback on improvements made to the restrooms. On-going upkeep of the restrooms.

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<p> Community Initiative Action 6:</p> <p>Explore options for, and pursue, a dedicated funding source (e.g., a lodging tax) for the operation and maintenance of, and improvements to, the town’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails.</p> <p>Refer to the Appendices for examples of dedicated funding sources that have been adopted by other Colorado communities.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Business Owners & Advocates ▪ Trust for Public Lands 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to craft and set forth a ballot initiative for a dedicated funding source. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insights from other Colorado communities that have established a dedicated funding source for parks, recreation, trails, and/or open space. - Trust for Public Lands may be able to support polling of the community. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To assist with the preparation of a ballot initiative. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polling of the community to better understand the level of support for a dedicated funding source. - Consultant(s) to prepare revenue projections and/or ballot language for a proposed funding source. ▪ Political Will/Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support from the town’s elected officials for pursuing a dedicated funding source. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with local business owners on the structure of a dedicated funding source, if applicable. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For polling, the preparation of revenue projections, and the preparation of ballot language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A collaborative effort that results in a “win-win” ballot initiative for a dedicated funding source, as applicable. ▪ Community approval of a dedicated funding source. ▪ Enhanced revenue for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails. ▪ Improving community sentiments regarding the condition of Paonia’s parks, recreation amenities/facilities, and trails.
<p> Community Initiative Action 7:</p> <p>Explore interest in, and the feasibility of, an “Art in the Parks” initiative.</p> <p>The purpose of this initiative is to identify opportunities for local artists to display their talents, while enhancing the aesthetic of amenities and facilities in the town’s parks.</p> <p>An example of such an opportunity is working with local artists to paint a mural on the exterior of the Ellen Hansen Smith Center to enhance the appearance of that facility.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Artists & Schools 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town properties, facilities, and rights-of-way could be made available for the display of artwork. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insights from other Colorado communities that have enacted similar types of public art programs. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee an “Arts in the Parks” initiative, as necessary. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with NFVCC/Paonia Creative District, local artists, and local schools on the development and implementation of an “Arts in the Parks” initiative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development and implementation of an “Art in the Parks” initiative. ▪ Number of entities contributing to the “Art in the Parks” initiative. ▪ Number of opportunities for local youth to collaborate with, and be mentored by, local artists. ▪ Number of amenities and facilities in the town’s parks that display local artwork.

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<p> Trail/Mobility Action 7:</p> <p>Construct a trail system on P-Hill for running, walking, hiking, and similar types of non-mechanized activities.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram of the P-Hill trail system.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CPW ▪ NFTAG ▪ Local Volunteers ▪ Nature Connection ▪ Paonia Cemetery District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. - State grant programs. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to town-owned property on P-Hill. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to collaborate with CPW, WSCC, and other interested parties on developing and implementing strategies for minimizing impacts on wildlife. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permission from the Paonia Cemetery District for the siting and construction of a trailhead area, which may include a parking area and a restroom facility. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and/or construction of a trail system on P-Hill. - For the design and/or construction of a trailhead area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Length of trail constructed on P-Hill. ▪ Number of trail users/popularity of P-Hill trail system. ▪ Preservation of existing wildlife habitat.
<p> Trail/Mobility Action 8:</p> <p>Construct a StoryWalk® along the North Fork River Trail.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delta County Libraries <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ WSCC ▪ School District ▪ Private Property Owners ▪ Nature Connection 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Library District. - State and private grant programs. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to town-owned properties. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support from the Library District to construct a StoryWalk® along the river trail. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To assist with and/or oversee the installation of StoryWalk® signs along the river trail, as necessary. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permission from WSCC, the School District, and private property owners to install StoryWalk® signs along the portions of the river trail on properties owned by these entities or persons. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design, fabrication, and installation of StoryWalk® signs. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement between the town the Library District regarding the upkeep of the StoryWalk® signs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permission from the town, WSCC, School District, and/or private property owners to install StoryWalk® signs along the North Fork River Trail. ▪ Funding for the design, fabrication, and installation of StoryWalk® signs. ▪ Number of StoryWalk® signs installed along the river trail. ▪ Popularity of the sections of the river trail with StoryWalk® signs, specifically by local youth. ▪ Agreement between the town and the Library District regarding the upkeep of the StoryWalk® signs. ▪ On-going upkeep of the StoryWalk® signs.

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<p> Trail/Mobility Action 9:</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of, and pursue if possible, a southern access to the Jumbo Mountain Trail System from Minnesota Creek Road.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFTAG ▪ WSCC <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Private Property Owners ▪ Town ▪ Delta County ▪ Nature Connection ▪ BLM ▪ CPW ▪ NFPPRD ▪ Local Volunteers & Advocates 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. - State and private grant programs. - Strategic partnerships. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity for multi-entity collaboration on the acquisition, design, and construction of a southern access to the Jumbo Mountain Trail System. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permission from private property owners to access the Jumbo Mountain Trail System from Minnesota Creek Road, as necessary. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design and/or a contractor to build a new access and/or trailhead area, as applicable. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the acquisition of an easement or property, as necessary - For the design and/or construction of a new southern access and trailhead area. - For the on-going upkeep of the new access and trailhead area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-entity collaboration on the acquisition of an easement or property that allows for a new southern access to the Jumbo Mountain Trail System. ▪ Collaborative process that results in a design for a new access and trailhead area. ▪ Construction of a new, sustainable trail access and trailhead area. ▪ Greater opportunity for a broader range of user groups to access and enjoy Jumbo Mountain. ▪ Distribution of trail users between Apple Valley Park and the new access off of Minnesota Creek Road. ▪ On-going upkeep of the new access and trailhead area.
<p> Town Park Action 10:</p> <p>Make enhancements to the picnic shelters in Town Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and detailed list of proposed improvements.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District ▪ Local Volunteers 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to the amenities in Town Park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to collaborate with the NFVCC/Paonia Creative District, local artists, and local schools on creative enhancements to the picnic shelters. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee enhancements to the picnic shelters, as necessary. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local volunteers and/or a contractor(s) to make enhancements to the picnic shelters. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and/or construction of enhancements to the picnic shelters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of enhancements made to the picnic shelters. ▪ Positive community feedback on the enhancements made to the picnic shelters. ▪ Increased use of the picnic shelters in Town Park, resulting from the improvements made. ▪ On-going upkeep of the picnic shelters.

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<p> Town Park Action 11:</p> <p>Install a new unisex restroom near the playground area in Town Park. New restroom to be plumbed and connected to the town’s water and sewer system. If feasible, design the new restroom to be a year-round facility.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram of the proposed restroom.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Town Park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the installation of a new restroom building, as necessary. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design and/or a contractor to install the new restroom. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and/or construction of a new restroom in Town Park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of a new unisex restroom near the playground in Town park. ▪ Positive community feedback on the new restroom. ▪ On-going upkeep of the new restroom.
<p> Town Park Action 12:</p> <p>Work with local event producers to develop and implement a plan for improving the infrastructure for events in Town Park (e.g., installing additional utility hook-ups for event vendors).</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Event Producers 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Town Park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the preparation and implementation of a plan for improving the infrastructure for events in Town Park, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of the infrastructure for events in Town Park. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design and/or a contractor to install infrastructure improvements in Town Park, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and construction of infrastructure improvements. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with local event producers on the location and design of infrastructure improvements for events in Town Park. - Agreement between the town and event producers that addresses payment for utilities consumed during events in Town Park, if appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of infrastructure improvements made. ▪ Positive feedback from event producers and/or vendors regarding the improvements made to Town Park. ▪ Expanded use of the Town Park for community events as a result of the improvements made. ▪ Establishment of a town policy regarding payment for utilities consumed during an event hosted in Town Park, if appropriate. ▪ On-going upkeep of the infrastructure for events in Town Park.

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<p> Town Park Action 13:</p> <p>Develop and implement a plan for additional interior enhancements to the Ellen Hansen Smith Center (“Smith Center”).</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a list of the community’s ideas for enhancing the Smith Center.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Smith Center Volunteer Organization (that currently oversees use of the Smith Center) ▪ NFPPRD ▪ Nature Connection ▪ Local Schools 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to the Smith Center. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community input on the future of the Smith Center collected via the 2021 Community Survey. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee enhancements to the interior of the Smith Center and/or the on-going operation and management of the Smith Center, as necessary. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to develop plan/design for, and contractor to construct, interior enhancements, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and construction of interior enhancements. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further collaboration with stakeholders and the community on a detailed plan for the future of the Smith Center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborative process that results in a detailed plan for the future of the Smith Center that balances existing and proposed uses. ▪ Implementation of the plan for the Smith Center. ▪ Multi-entity contribution to the interior enhancements to the Smith Center. ▪ Number of interior enhancements made. ▪ Positive community feedback on the interior enhancements made. ▪ Expanded community use of the Smith Center. ▪ On-going operation and upkeep of the Smith Center.
<p> Apple Valley Park Action 5:</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of, and pursue if possible, improved access to Minnesota Creek.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram of proposed improvements.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nature Connection ▪ WSCC ▪ CPW ▪ USFS ▪ Army Corps. of Engineers 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to Apple Valley Park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the access improvements to Minnesota Creek, as necessary. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design, and/or a contractor to construct, the access improvements to Minnesota Creek. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and construction of access improvements. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permit(s) from the Floodplain Administrator for Paonia and/or the Army Corps. of Engineers to make modifications to Minnesota Creek, as necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improved access to Minnesota Creek in designated areas. ▪ Increased use of Minnesota Creek in designated areas. ▪ Reduced access/use of Minnesota Creek in non-designated areas. ▪ Mitigation of impacts on riparian areas along, and the water quality of, Minnesota Creek.

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<p> Paonia River Park Action 1:</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of, and pursue if possible, a permanent restroom facility in the River Park.</p> <p>It is recommended that the feasibility of a composting restroom be investigated to reduce the need to extend water and sewer infrastructure into the River Park.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ WSCC 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. - Strategic partnerships. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town and WSCC authority to make improvements to the River Park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued collaboration between the town and WSCC on enhancements to the River Park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town and/or WSCC staff to lead, assist with, and/or oversee the construction of a permanent restroom. - On-going upkeep of the restroom. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to develop a design for, and/or a contractor to construct, the restroom, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and/or construction of a permanent restroom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-entity contribution to the design and construction of a permanent restroom. ▪ Construction of a permanent restroom in the River Park. ▪ Positive community feedback. ▪ On-going upkeep of the restroom.
<p> P-Hill Action 1:</p> <p>Design and construct an overlook/stargazing area (i.e., Astro-Park) at the top of P-Hill.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of the proposed improvements</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dark Skies Paonia ▪ CPW ▪ Entities with Equipment on P-Hill ▪ Local Volunteers 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to the town-owned property on P-Hill. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support from Dark Skies Paonia for a stargazing area at the top of P-Hill. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the design and construction of P-Hill improvements, as necessary. - On-going upkeep of an overlook/stargazing area. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to design and/or a contractor to construct an overlook/stargazing area. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and construction of an overlook/stargazing area. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for collaboration with CPW to mitigate potential wildlife impacts and with the entities that have equipment at the top of P-Hill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Successful collaboration with Dark Skies Paonia, CPW, the entities with equipment on P-Hill, and other interested parties on the design and construction of an overlook/stargazing area. ▪ Multi-entity contributions to the design and construction of an overlook/stargazing area. ▪ Construction of an overlook/stargazing area at the top of P-Hill. ▪ Number of users/popularity of the overlook/stargazing area. ▪ On-going upkeep of the overlook/stargazing area. ▪ Successful mitigation of potential impacts on wildlife and telecommunication equipment.

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<p> Town Park Action 14:</p> <p>Renovate the exterior of the Ellen Hansen Smith Center (“Smith Center”).</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of proposed improvements.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Smith Center Volunteer Organization (that currently oversees use of the Smith Center) ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to the Smith Center. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to collaborate with the NFVCC/Paonia Creative District on creative aesthetic enhancements to the exterior of the Smith Center. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee enhancements to the exterior of the Smith Center. - On-going upkeep of the exterior of the Smith Center. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to develop a design for, and/or a contractor to make, exterior enhancements, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design and/or construction of exterior enhancements. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further collaboration with stakeholders and the community on a detailed plan for the future of the Smith Center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exterior renovation of the Smith Center. ▪ Improved integration of the Smith Center with the rest of Town Park. ▪ Increased awareness of the Smith Center and its function. ▪ Mural(s) by local artists displayed on the exterior of the Smith Center. ▪ Positive community feedback on the exterior enhancements made. ▪ On-going upkeep of the exterior of the Smith Center.
<p> Town Park Action 15:</p> <p>Explore ideas for, and pursue, further enhancements to the Miners Memorial Plaza in Town Park.</p> <p>Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram and a detailed list of proposed improvements.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Community ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town has authority to make improvements to the plaza. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to collaborate with the NFVCC/Paonia Creative District on creative aesthetic enhancements to the exterior of the Smith Center. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee enhancements to the plaza. - On-going upkeep of the plaza. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborative process that results in a shared plan for the future of the plaza. ▪ Number of additional enhancements made to the plaza. ▪ Expanded use of the plaza. ▪ On-going upkeep of the plaza.

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<p> Paonia River Park Action 2:</p> <p>Install additional information signage in the River Park to further protect the river’s ecosystem and water quality.</p> <p>Refer to page # for additional information regarding the proposed signage.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town ▪ WSCC <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFVCC/ Paonia Creative District ▪ CPW 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. - Strategic partnerships. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town and WSCC authority to make improvements to the River Park. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued collaboration between the town and WSCC on enhancements to the River Park. - Opportunity to collaborate with the NFVCC/Paonia Creative District and/or CPW on additional signage for the River Park. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town and/or WSCC staff to lead, assist with, and/or oversee the design and installation of signage. - On-going upkeep of signage. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to develop a design for, and/or a contractor to install, additional signage, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the design, fabrication, and/or construction of additional signage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of additional signs installed. ▪ Increased awareness of the importance of obeying the River Park’s rules. ▪ Increased compliance with the River Park’s rules. ▪ Reduced user impacts on the river’s ecosystem and water quality. ▪ On-going upkeep of the signage in the River Park.
<p> Old Lagoon Site Action 1:</p> <p>Create and implement a detailed plan for the development of the “Old Lagoon Site” (the town-owned property located on the southwest side of Samuel Wade Road). It is recommended that this plan include improved public access to the river.</p> <p>A potential concept for the development of the Old Lagoon Site is a Paonia Visitor Center and an in-town campground. Refer to page # for a conceptual diagram of this idea.</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town <p>Potential Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Community ▪ Colorado Brownfields Program (i.e., CDPHE) ▪ WSCC ▪ CPW 	<p>Available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State and private grant programs. - Town’s General Fund and/or Conservation Trust Fund. - Colorado Brownfields Program. ▪ Jurisdiction/Reg. Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town authority to develop a plan for and make improvements to town-owned property. ▪ Collaboration/Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to collaborate with WSCC, CPW, etc. on solutions for mitigating potential impacts to the river corridor. <p>Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To lead, assist with, and/or oversee the preparation and implementation of a plan for the Old Lagoon Site. - On-going upkeep of any public improvements made. ▪ Outside Support/Expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant to develop a detailed plan for the Old Lagoon Site, as necessary. ▪ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the preparation and/or implementation of a detailed plan for the Old Lagoon Site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborative process that results in a detailed plan for the future of the Old Lagoon Site. ▪ Successful implementation of the plan for the Old Lagoon Site. ▪ Improved public river access. ▪ Preservation of the river corridor as wild, riparian habitat. ▪ On-going upkeep of any public improvements made in conjunction with the development of the Old Lagoon Site.

ABBREVIATION	TERM/DEFINITION
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
CIP	Capital Improvements Plan
CPW	Colorado Parks & Wildlife
CR	County Road
Delta County	Delta County Staff, Elected Officials, and/or Appointed Officials
Federal Programs/Grants	Federal Agency Financial Assistance and Grant Programs (refer to the Appendices for additional information)
HOA	Homeowners Association
IGA	Intergovernmental Agreement
NFTAG	North Fork Trails Advocacy Group
NFPPRD	North Fork Pool, Park, and Recreation District
NFVCC	North Fork Valley Creative Coalition
NRCS	National Resources Conservation Service
Planning Region 10	Encompasses Garfield County; Mesa County; Moffat County; Rio Blanco County; and, Routt County.
Police Department	Town of Paonia Police Department
Private Programs/Grants	Private Organization Financial Assistance and Grant Programs (refer to the Appendices for additional information)
Public Works	Town of Paonia Public Works Department
Reg. Authority	Regulatory Authority
RFP	Request for Proposals
SDO	Colorado State Demography Office
SH-133	State Highway 133
State Programs/Grants	State of Colorado Financial Assistance and Grant Programs (refer to the Appendices for additional information)
Town	Town of Paonia Staff, Elected Officials, and/or Appointed Officials
USFS	United States Forest Service
WSCC	Western Slope Conservation Center

DEFINITIONS

GRASP® OUTDOOR COMPONENT TYPE	DEFINITION
Basketball Court	A dedicated full-sized outdoor court with two goals.
Basketball, Practice	A basketball goal for half-court play or practice. Includes goals in spaces associated with other uses.
Climbing, Designated	A designated climbing feature or structure designed specifically for climbing activities. May include specific child play features.
Climbing, General	Indicates allowance for users to participate in a climbing activity. Receives a quantity of one for each park or other location.
Concession	A facility used for the selling, rental, or other provision of goods and services to the public.
Diamond Field	Describes softball and baseball fields of all kinds suitable for organized diamond sport games. Not specific to size or age-appropriateness.
Diamond Field, Complex	Multiple ballfields at a single location suitable for tournaments.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

GRASP® OUTDOOR COMPONENT TYPE	DEFINITION
Diamond Field, Practice	Describes any size of grassy area used for practice. Distinguished from ballfield in that it doesn't lend itself to organized diamond sport games. Distinguished from open turf by the presence of a backstop.
Disc Golf	Describes a designated area that is used for disc golf. Quantities: 18 hole course = 1; 9 hole course = .5
Educational Experience	Signs, structures, or features that provide an educational, cultural, or historic experience. Receives a quantity of one for each contiguous site. Distinguished from public art by presence of interpretive signs or other information.
Event Space	A designated area or facility for an outdoor class, performance, or special event including amphitheater, band shell, stage, etc.
Fitness Course	One or more features intended for personal fitness activities. Receives a quantity of one for each complete grouping.
Game Court	Outdoor court designed for a game other than tennis, basketball, volleyball, as distinguished from a multi-use pad including bocce, shuffleboard, lawn bowling, etc. Type specified in comments. Quantity counted per court.
Garden, Community	Describes any garden area that provides community members a place to have a personal vegetable or flower garden.
Historic Feature	A feature that is historic in nature but does not include interpretation or educational elements.
Loop Walk	Opportunity to complete a circuit on foot or by non-motorized travel mode. Suitable for use as an exercise circuit or for leisure walking. Quantity of one for each park or other location unless more than one distinct circuit is present.
Multi-Use Pad	A paved area that is painted with games such as hopscotch, 4 square, tetherball, etc. Often found in school yards. As distinguished from "Games Court " which is typically single use.
Open Turf	A grassy area that is not suitable for programmed field sports due to size, slope, location or physical obstructions. May be used for games of catch, tag, or other informal play and uses that require an open grassy area.
Passive Node	A place that is designed to create a pause or special focus within a park and includes seating areas, plazas, overlooks, etc. Not intended for programmed use.
Pickleball Court	A designated court designed primarily for pickleball play.
Picnic Ground	A designated area with a grouping of picnic tables suitable for organized picnic activities. Individual picnic tables are accounted for as Comfort and Convenience modifiers.
Playground, Destination	Playground that attracts families from the entire community. Typically has restrooms and parking on-site. May include special features like a climbing wall, spray feature, or adventure play.
Playground, Local	Playground that is intended to serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Includes developed playgrounds and designated nature play areas. Park generally does not have restrooms or on-site parking.
Public Art	Any art installation on public property. Receives a quantity of one for each contiguous site.
Rectangular Field, Large	A field large enough to host one adult rectangular field sport game such as soccer, football, lacrosse, rugby, and field hockey. Approximate field size is 180' x 300' (60 x 100 yards). Field may have goals and lining specific to a certain sport that may change with permitted use.
Rectangular Field, Multiple	A large open grassy area that can be arranged in any manner of configurations for any number of rectangular field sports. Sports may include, but are not limited to: soccer, football, lacrosse, rugby, and field hockey. Field may have goals and lining specific to a certain sport that may change with use.
Rectangular Field, Small	Accommodates at least one youth field sport game but too small to for a regulation adult field sport. Sports may include, but are not limited to: soccer, football, lacrosse, rugby, and field hockey. Field may have goals and lining specific to a certain sport that may change with permitted use.
Shelter, Large	A shade shelter or pavilion large enough to accommodate a group picnic or other event for a minimum of 13 seated whether or not benches or picnic tables are provided.
Shelter, Small	A shade shelter, large enough to accommodate a family picnic or other event for approximately 4-12 persons with seating for a minimum of 4. Covered benches for seating up to 4 people included as a modifier in comfort and convenience scoring and should not be included here.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

GRASP® OUTDOOR COMPONENT TYPE	DEFINITION
Skate Feature	A stand-alone feature primarily for wheel sports such as skateboarding, in-line skating, etc. May or may not allow free-style biking. May be associated with a playground but is not part of it. Dedicated bike facilities are categorized as "Bike Course."
Skate Park	An area set aside primarily for wheel sports such as skateboarding, in-line skating, etc. Attracts users from the entire community. May or may not allow free-style biking. May be specific to one user group or allow for several user types. Can accommodate multiple users of varying abilities. Typically has a variety of concrete or modular features.
Tennis Court	One regulation court suitable for recreation and/or competitive play. Quick Start or other non-standard types specified in comments.
Tennis, Practice Wall	A wall intended for practicing tennis.
Track, Athletic	A multi-lane, regulation sized running track appropriate for track and field events.
Trail Access Point	A location that allows trail access but has limited other amenities more often association with a trailhead.
Trail, Primitive	An unpaved trail that provides recreational opportunities or connections to users. Minimal surface improvements that may or may not meet accessibility standards.
Trailhead	A designated staging area at a trail access point. May include restrooms, an information kiosk, parking, drinking water, trash receptacles, seating, etc.
Volleyball Court	One full-sized court. May be hard or soft surface, including grass and sand. May have permanent or portable posts and nets.
Wall Ball Court	Walled courts associated with sports such as handball and racquetball. Type specified in comments.
Water Access, Developed	A developed water access point including docks, piers, kayak courses, boat ramps, fishing facilities, etc. Specified in comments including quantity.
Water Access, General	The general ability to access the edge of open water. May include undeveloped shoreline. Typically receives quantity of one for each contiguous site.
Water, Open	A body of water such as a pond, stream, river, wetland with open water, lake, or reservoir.

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AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

	Adjournment
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Summary:

Notes:

Possible Motions:

Motion by: _____ 2nd: _____ vote: _____

Vote:	Mayor Bachran	Trustee Budinger	Trustee Johnson
Trustee Knutson	Trustee Smith	Trustee Thompson	Trustee Valentine