

# Fort Chambers / Poor Farm Concept Plan Feedback

## Questionnaire Comment Summary: Unique Ideas and Themes

An online questionnaire was developed to receive community feedback on the city’s collaboration with Tribal Representatives and the recommendations presented in the draft Concept Plan. Respondents provided comments through an open comment box in the questionnaire. These comments have been grouped into categories with unique ideas presented below. Similar ideas were tallied together with individual comments shown *in italics*.

Tribal Collaboration/Indigenous Rights	Count	% of Respondents
Support for honoring Tribes / Indigenous People in stewardship/decision-making process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I encourage you to incorporate and involve Tribal perspectives and leadership to your fullest extent.</i></li> <li><i>As descendant of a Colorado homesteader, I am grateful to honor the true ancestors of this land.</i></li> <li><i>I support the plan to the extent that it truly represents the wishes of the original stewards</i></li> <li><i>Going forward, I hope that the tribes are consulted at every stage in the process.</i></li> </ul>	46	9.7%
Suggestions to return/share land to the Arapaho and/or Cheyenne Nations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Give the land back to the Arapahoe and Cheyenne</i></li> <li><i>The stolen land and home should be given back to Indigenous people with no strings attached.</i></li> </ul>	13	2.3%
Support for Tribal rights, justice/reparations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Justice for Indian removal and massacre is long over-due.</i></li> <li><i>Reparation needs to happen and this is a good start.</i></li> </ul>	7	1.5%
Concerns that Tribal perspectives not fully represented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Although it looks good in print, I'm not sure OSMP is being responsive to the requests of the tribes</i></li> <li><i>Consultation with the Tribes has lacked FPIC and overlooks their concerns about the fort itself</i></li> </ul>	6	1.3%
I am Native American and/or have a connection to the Sand Creek Massacre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I am an enrolled member of the Cheyenne &amp; recognized survivor of the Sand Creek Massacre.</i></li> <li><i>I am the first generation of my lineage to reclaim our native roots here in Colorado.</i></li> </ul>	5	1.1%
Support for indigenous beliefs/knowledge/practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Resilience through indigenous practice</i></li> <li><i>Indigenous communities can flourish</i></li> </ul>	4	0.8%
Allow Tribes to use site (gathering, teepees, camps, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>include the opportunity for tribal people to convene meetings, camps, education, erect teepees etc</i></li> </ul>	3	0.6%
Support for Native people sharing perspectives / teachings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Input from native people - impt to share their perspectives / they should write interp panels.</i></li> </ul>	3	0.6%
Broken/violated treaties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>we broke EVERY Treaty, and the earth itself.</i></li> </ul>	2	0.4%
<i>Interested in who the Tribal representatives are and their qualifications for selection.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>I believe OSMP should contact Indigenous people who live in Boulder Valley for their feedback.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>I also support options that financially benefit Arapaho nation members &amp; other tribal people.</i>	1	0.2%

Tribal Collaboration/Indigenous Rights	Count	% of Respondents
<i>I would like to know how this will be connected to furthering Tribal presence and livelihood in BoCo</i>	1	0.2%
<i>I believe it should be the cheyenne and Arapaho member that should be the ones to distrust any soil.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>City can be the part of hosting group but not main leader of this. It is too traumatic for native.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Should recognize the Arapahoe teepee circles on the land north of CO72 at Coal Creek Canyon. Rename</i>	1	0.2%
<i>I empathize with those whose elders were slaughtered because my family members were also slaughtered</i>	1	0.2%
<b>Total Comments:</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>20.5%</b>

Ecological Restoration	Count	% of Respondents
Preference for native habitat over agricultural land/ hayfields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I would prefer a native prairie grassland instead of the hay fields.</i></li> <li><i>I think we need to reduce the agricultural footprint and restore more land to natives.</i></li> </ul>	3	0.6%
Support for environmental restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Return this land to its natural state for ecological balance for native animals/plants organically.</i></li> </ul>	2	0.4%
<i>Will the restoration and maintenance be done in the most respectful + environmentally friendly ways?</i>	1	0.2%
<i>call the governor, get yourselves some wolves!</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Ecological restoration should be the primary focus followed by education. Recreation should not focu</i>	1	0.2%
<i>I would more native plants/native animal habitat than what is shown by planting native hedgerows.</i>	1	0.2%
<b>Total Comments:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

Healing Trail / Education & Interpretation / Recreation	Count	% of Respondents
Support for education/learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>This is an incredibly valuable educational opportunity.</i></li> <li><i>I feel it's important to create opportunities for local residents and visitors to learn the TRUTH!</i></li> </ul>	19	4.0%
Support for healing concept / healing programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Any way we can move toward healing trauma is necessary and commendable.</i></li> <li><i>I support giving more land to the Healing Trail for healing purposes.</i></li> </ul>	10	2.1%
Comments recognizing site history/information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>This is not a place of honor but rather a camp where a shameful plan started.</i></li> <li><i>the story of this land is a beautiful complex painful one that very much points to who we are</i></li> <li><i>I'd like to see the agricultural history and the Poor House buildings included in the plan.</i></li> </ul>	9	1.9%

Healing Trail / Education & Interpretation / Recreation	Count	% of Respondents
Do not support limiting the use. (Biking/horseback or additional paths desired.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I am not sure about limiting the use. What about biking and horseback riding?</i></li> <li><i>Let the people bike. Cars are bad.</i></li> <li><i>connect to sawhill for better access please</i></li> </ul>	5	1.1%
Mark/rebuild the fort/provide visual representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Please provide a visual representation of Fort Chambers so we don't forget what happened there</i></li> <li><i>make the Fort physically visible as indiginous recomme</i></li> <li><i>Mark and memorialize the location of the fort.</i></li> </ul>	5	1.1%
Comments questioning site history/information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Some of the facts in City literature don't appear to be accurate and I suggest review for accuracy</i></li> <li><i>No evidence Ft Chambers here; encourages victim mindset</i></li> </ul>	4	0.8%
Reinstall stone marker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I think it extremely important to resurrect 1959 marker as an educational tool!</i></li> <li><i>Agree with Mosqueda the original marker should return, but only along with education and new one.</i></li> </ul>	2	0.4%
Questions/concerns about healing concept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>this "healing" thing is OLD !!!</i></li> <li><i>It seems there is support for "heal the land" is there more being planned for the "heal the people"</i></li> </ul>	2	0.4%
Additional parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Add more parking.</i></li> <li><i>Need 20 spaces.</i></li> </ul>	2	0.4%
Support for youth participation & programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Bring youth of the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Nations to participate in open events.(some in DVR)</i></li> <li><i>Integrate school programs for life skills and state history. Bring kids out to learn and plant trees</i></li> </ul>	2	0.4%
<i>This area should not be a place for joyful rec.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>limit to walk/hike IF good bike parking</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Plan for large commemorative events.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Put the markers by parking, not by road</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Entry and interpretive sign site #2</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Please make sure it's handicapped accessible and also interesting for kids</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Please add bathrooms</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Locking restrooms. Ranger &amp; museum house. Water station.er</i>	1	0.2%
<i>no need for a bathroom</i>	1	0.2%
<i>I would like dogs to be allowed</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Keep it dog free</i>	1	0.2%
<i>Please model the walking path after that of Pipestone Natl Monument. Contemplative.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>I've spent time at the Sand Creek Massacre site. It's well done and important educationally.</i>	1	0.2%
<b>Total Comments:</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>15.4%</b>

Agriculture / Farmstead Structures	Count	% of Respondents
Support agriculture for good cause / food for Tribes / food banks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute fresh produce to food banks and tribes.</li> <li>Native people should benefit from the harvest on the Poor Farm property.</li> <li>Would support use of agricultural land more if it went to a good cause, like food bank</li> </ul>	7	1.5%
Support for continued agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need local agriculture, please support the farmers who steward this land.</li> <li>needs ag worker housing + better ag access</li> <li>PRESERVE THE OPEN SPACE, AG, HOUSE</li> </ul>	5	1.1%
Suggestions for sustainable, or specific agricultural practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I support ag only if TEK and sustainable methods are used. Consider agrivoltaics as well!</li> <li>Working agriculture should either be regenerative or historical in nature.</li> <li>European honeybees should be excluded.</li> </ul>	5	1.1%
Opposition to growing hay/food for animals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should we use water to grow hay for wealthy people's horses? I question propped up agriculture here.</li> <li>I do not support agriculttue for non-human uses (like hay). I only support for direct human consump</li> </ul>	5	1.1%
Comments/questions about historic house restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I don't know much about the historic house &amp; am not sure it is important to restore for this</li> <li>Don't understand connection with the restoration of the Queen Anne style home?</li> </ul>	5	1.1%
Support for restoration of the historic Queen Anne home and/or agricultural buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediate, better care and use for the Queen Anne home &amp; Ag buildings is high concern.</li> </ul>	4	0.8%
Comments/questions about agriculture/OSMP leasing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is unclear who would operate the farm and how the Nations would benefit.</li> <li>I would like to know more about who would be farming the land and exactly how the house would be use</li> </ul>	3	0.6%
Suggestions for a museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hopefully, the structures can be developed into a Boulder County Agriculture Museum</li> </ul>	3	0.6%
Opposition to funding house/structure restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restoring farm buildings is a waste of resources.</li> <li>concern: OSMP should not pay for house restoration</li> </ul>	3	0.6%
In my opinion, resources should be mostly applied to the historical aspects of the site	1	0.2%
Restore house for Native use lodging	1	0.2%
An archaeological survey/excavation should happen before continued agricultural cultivation.	1	0.2%
Food systems heal us.	1	0.2%
<b>Total Comments:</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9.3%</b>

General Comments	Count	% of Respondents
Support for plan / good idea / right step / overdue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Full support. Thank you!!! I'm so happy to hear about this.</i></li> <li>• <i>We will never take away the intergenerational indigenous suffering, but these are necessary steps.</i></li> <li>• <i>I've biked and run by the site knowing the history for thirty+ yrs, and this plan is well-reasoned.</i></li> <li>• <i>I think this is a long overdue plan.</i></li> </ul>	31	6.6%
Opposition / general criticism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sounds a little too woke to me...</i></li> <li>• <i>The past is right where it belongs...in the past. Instead of reflecting on the negative. Look beyond</i></li> <li>• <i>All of the proposals are Boulder White Liberal Hippie fantasies without regard to tribal values.</i></li> <li>• <i>Very disappointed that this is so far along WITHOUT the involvement of the Valmont community!!!!!!!</i></li> </ul>	9	1.9%
Concerns about traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>As a person who uses jay rd often my only concern is increased traffic</i></li> <li>• <i>61st/Andrus/63rd can't take more traffic without the county making significant improvements</i></li> </ul>	3	0.6%
Concerns about cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I'm concerned about the costs associated with plan</i></li> </ul>	3	0.6%
Concerns about project being performative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>My one apprehension is that it will become performative.</i></li> <li>• <i>I want it to be a plan that will actually address pain, not just performative activism.</i></li> </ul>	2	0.4%
Would like to volunteer / help with project	2	0.4%
<i>Consistent with local rural lands</i>	1	0.2%
<i>use of more mass transportation to limit impact to the ecology of the site</i>	1	0.2%
<i>What tax is Boulder county going to impose to make this happen?</i>	1	0.2%
<i>I have gone to that site many times to paint (I am an artist) and love the site and the area...</i>	1	0.2%
<i>PLEASE DO NOT BUILD MORE LUXURY APARTMENTS THERE! NO BUILDING!</i>	1	0.2%
<i>My greatest concern is for expansive education and ceremony over the 10 year implementation.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>the city could also ask for volunteers to help when able.</i>	1	0.2%
<b>Total Comments:</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

Questionnaire	Count	% of Respondents
More information needed/requested <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Give me more info if you want my opinion</i></li> <li>• <i>I really do not know what an indigenous plant is.</i></li> <li>• <i>SorryThe context is not clear.</i></li> </ul>	4	0.8%
Comment box too small	2	0.4%
<i>u should provide more feedback time</i>	1	0.2%
<i>EXcellent survey.</i>	1	0.2%
<i>This ridiculous push survey is a perfect example of why I don't trust Bldr govt idealogues.</i>	1	0.2%
<b>Total Comments:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.9%</b>