

## Plague Management Plan Development: March – Dec. 2021

This plan is being developed to clarify why plague management occurs on City of Boulder property and where, when and how plague management will be implemented to support the city's multiple goals for grassland habitats.

**Purpose of Engagement Window:** Connect with stakeholders about how the city manages for plague to support grassland ecosystems and meet citywide prairie dog conservation and management goals.

### Engagement objectives:

1. Provide information on how we manage for plague now, and the broad range of considerations and issues associated with plague management (limiting pesticide applications, multiple objectives of grassland management, limiting lethal control)
2. Learn what is of most interest to stakeholders so we can include it in the plan
3. Get stakeholder feedback on preliminary elements of the plan that will guide the draft: Plan Goals, Objectives, Criteria, Outline, and again when the plan is drafted

**Decision-making:** Staff will decide content of final plan- plan approved by the city manager.

**Criteria:** The Plague Management Plan will reflect the context and guidance of existing plans and policy documents:

- Build an environmentally sustainable community that protects and enhances the biodiversity and productivity of ecological systems (COB Sustainability and Resilience Framework).
- Land management practices will protect and enhance native ecosystems, biological diversity, and habitat (Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan Protecting Native Ecosystems & Biodiversity Policy 3.03).
- The City will implement the most environmentally sound approaches for landscape & natural area management and to reduce and eliminate, where possible, the volume and toxicity of chemical pest control treatments (IPM Policy 2019).

Within the city organization there are also departmental or specialized plans that offer additional guidance in certain areas. The Plague Management Plan will support prairie dog conservation/occupancy goals and conflict removal areas included in these documents:

- City of Boulder Urban Wildlife Management Plan Prairie Dog Component
- OSMP Master Plan, Grassland Ecosystem Management Plan, & Agricultural Management Plan
- Parks and Recreation Department Boulder Reservoir Master Plan & Site Management Plan

Colonies that have been identified for removal due to conflicts with other land uses will not be considered for plague management except for the context of removal by relocation as required by the state or local health officials to minimize the possibility of transferring disease to other locations.

Target Audiences / Stakeholders	Level of Engagement	Event(s) or Tactic/Venue	Purpose of Event/Tactic/Venue (more specific than Overall Purpose above) Feedback Sought / Questions	Information Provided	How Feedback will be Captured and * and Shared with community and decision-makers	Communication / Notification to Stakeholders, who is responsible	Measurable Outcomes
Community members with interests in: prairie dog management; Grassland ecosystem system management; reducing pesticide applications	Consult	Plague Management Plan Stakeholder Meeting	<p>Kick-off the development of the first City of Boulder Plague Management Plan by getting feedback on the framework of the plan.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you have ideas about Plague Management Plan (PMP) goals or objectives that are not included, or do you feel that there is something that should be removed?</li> <li>2. Do you have suggested changes to the outline/overall framework of the plan?</li> <li>3. Do you have any specific concerns related to plague management that you want to be sure staff consider as they put together the draft plan?</li> <li>4. Are there experts in a relevant field or sources of information you want to be sure staff reaches out to or has access to as they put together the draft plan?</li> </ol>	<p>Two weeks before event by June 7, Stakeholders will be sent an email inviting stakeholders to visit project page, watch an informational video, register for meeting.</p> <p>One week before meeting, by June 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> email sent out announcing Plan Framework (Goals, Objectives, Criteria, and Section Outline) are posted on Website.</p> <p>[Draft available <a href="#">here</a>, final will be provided to Cate on By June 10]</p>	<p>Jambord will be used during breakout groups. For comments that are too extensive for a Jamboard sticky note, comment will be copied from chat, or direct from person into a word document.</p> <p>In July, comments and feedback will be posted on the project page.</p> <p>In the Fall, when the draft plan is released, the draft will include an appendix of feedback received, evaluation &amp; response (how it was incorporated or not incorporated).</p>	<p>Sarah Hill will create Project page</p> <p>Cate will post content on project page</p> <p>Holly will set up Eventbrite registration</p> <p>PM (Val) will maintain a stakeholder email list and send an email on Monday, June 7, inviting them to watch informational video and register for meeting; and June 14, announcing materials for meeting are available, reminding people to register</p> <p>Allison will be contact to forward email to OSMP prairie dog stakeholders</p>	?
	Consult	Feedback collected through project page	Feedback mechanism for stakeholders that cannot attend kick off meeting.	Kick-off meeting will be recorded and posted on project page (not including break out group discussions)	In July, after comment period closes, comments and feedback will be posted on the project page.	Cate will send email on Aug 1 for "last Call" for feedback on the plan framework. Comments received through Aug 13.	

				<p>Plan Framework will be posted on Project page</p> <p>Questions being asked at meeting will be provided on project page</p> <p>Email address will be provided for stakeholders that can provide feedback through July 12.</p>			
(same stakeholders)	Consult	Public review & feedback on draft Plague Management Plan	Provide stakeholders an opportunity to comment on how initial feedback was incorporated and plan content	Draft plan will be posted on project page	Same as above	PM (Val) will send out third email announcing draft plan is available	

*\*For all city-hosted events: meeting summaries will highlight key themes and issues. Verbatim comments will also be compiled. These will be posted on the website and shared with decision-makers. Demographics will be collected where possible.*

<b>Deliverables</b>			
<b>Content</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Translated to Spanish?</b>	<b>Assignment</b>