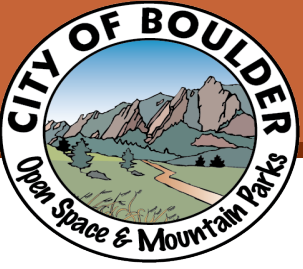


OSMP Vision Policy Guidance



PRESENTATION TO OSBT



OSMP Vision Statement Sources

- OSMP Vision (Board recommended & Council approved Policy)
 - City Charter
 - Master Plan
 - Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan
- Master Plan Value Statements and Outcomes
 - Community based values that guide our vision
 - Outcomes: aspirational goals for OSMP describe the overall desired outcomes for each focus area.
- 2030 vision and 10-year outlook
 - Master Plan top tier strategies
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 - Comprehensive Master Plan update in 2030

Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP)

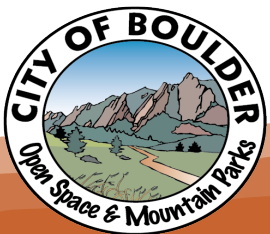
VISION

The Boulder Valley community honors its history and legacy of planning for a livable community surrounded by open space and rural lands while striving together to create and preserve a truly special place that is sustainable, resilient, equitable and inclusive – now and for future generations.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The policies in this section support the following city and county goals related to the conservation and preservation of land, water, air resources and pollution prevention and climate change and resilience:

- Protecting Native Ecosystems & Biodiversity;
- Enhancing Urban Environmental Quality;
- Protecting Geologic Resources & Reducing Risks from Natural Hazards; and
- Sustaining & Improving Water & Air Quality.



DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions were provided within the Master Plan.

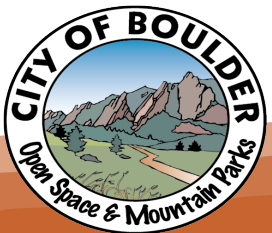
MASTER PLAN COMPONENT	DEFINITION
Open Space Purposes in the City Charter	Approved by city voters in 1986, these serve as the fundamental guidance for managing open space lands.
Master Plan Focus Areas	These management themes describe what staff and the community should focus on for the next 10 years, with an eye to the next 50 years. They were derived from public and staff input, and unanimously adopted by City Council in July 2018.
Value Statements	Developed through broad community and staff engagement, these reflect what we find important about OSMP. Corresponding to each focus area, they help us understand each management theme, and motivate us to consider the open space values we all have in common.
Outcomes	These aspirational goals for OSMP describe the overall desired outcomes for each focus area. These were drafted with staff and public input and refined with guidance from the Open Space Board of Trustees.
Strategies	These describe management approaches for achieving desired outcomes. These were drafted with staff and public input and refined with guidance from the Open Space Board of Trustees and City Council.
Implementation Priorities	With input from the public, OSBT and City Council, ten strategies have been prioritized as Tier 1 – or most important to emphasize, especially in the first years of Master Plan implementation. Further explanation of implementation priorities is provided in Section 4 of the Master Plan.

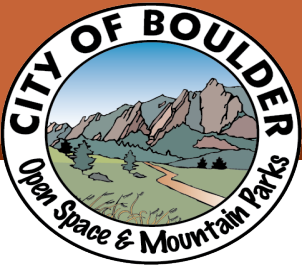
City Charter

OUR SHARED VALUES AND FOCUS AREAS

Boulder's system of Open Space and Mountain Parks is a powerful and enduring reflection of Boulder's values. The Boulder community has spent decades protecting natural lands, and in 1986, voters approved an amendment to the City Charter to define open space purposes and guide management. The **City Charter** states that open space shall be acquired, maintained, preserved, retained, and used only for the following purposes:

- a) natural areas with features or species of special value;
- b) water, landscapes and ecosystems;
- c) passive recreation;
- d) agriculture;
- e) limiting sprawl;
- f) urban shaping;
- g) floodplain protection; and
- h) aesthetics and quality of life.





Building a Complete Vision

Open Space
Purposes in City
Charter

Boulder Valley
Comprehensive

OSMP Master Plan

Existing OSMP
Plans



Focus Areas / Values

Outcomes / Vision

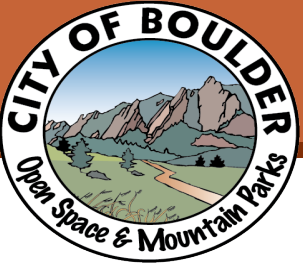
Strategic Actions

Community Values & Outcomes through the Master Plan

Through the OSMP Master Plan process, community members confirmed the lasting value of these charter purposes, demonstrating that preservation and protection of the natural environment is an enduring, core community value.

- Members of the public submitted thousands of comments that informed the values, outcomes and strategies;
- More than 1,300 individuals completed and returned a mailed statistically valid survey in spring 2019.
- OSMP staff hosted seven community events and two drop-in listening sessions with a combined total of more than 900 attendees;
- Staff engaged over 1,400 people who are not typically heard from during OSMP engagement processes, including members of the Latinx community, people experiencing disabilities and youth; and

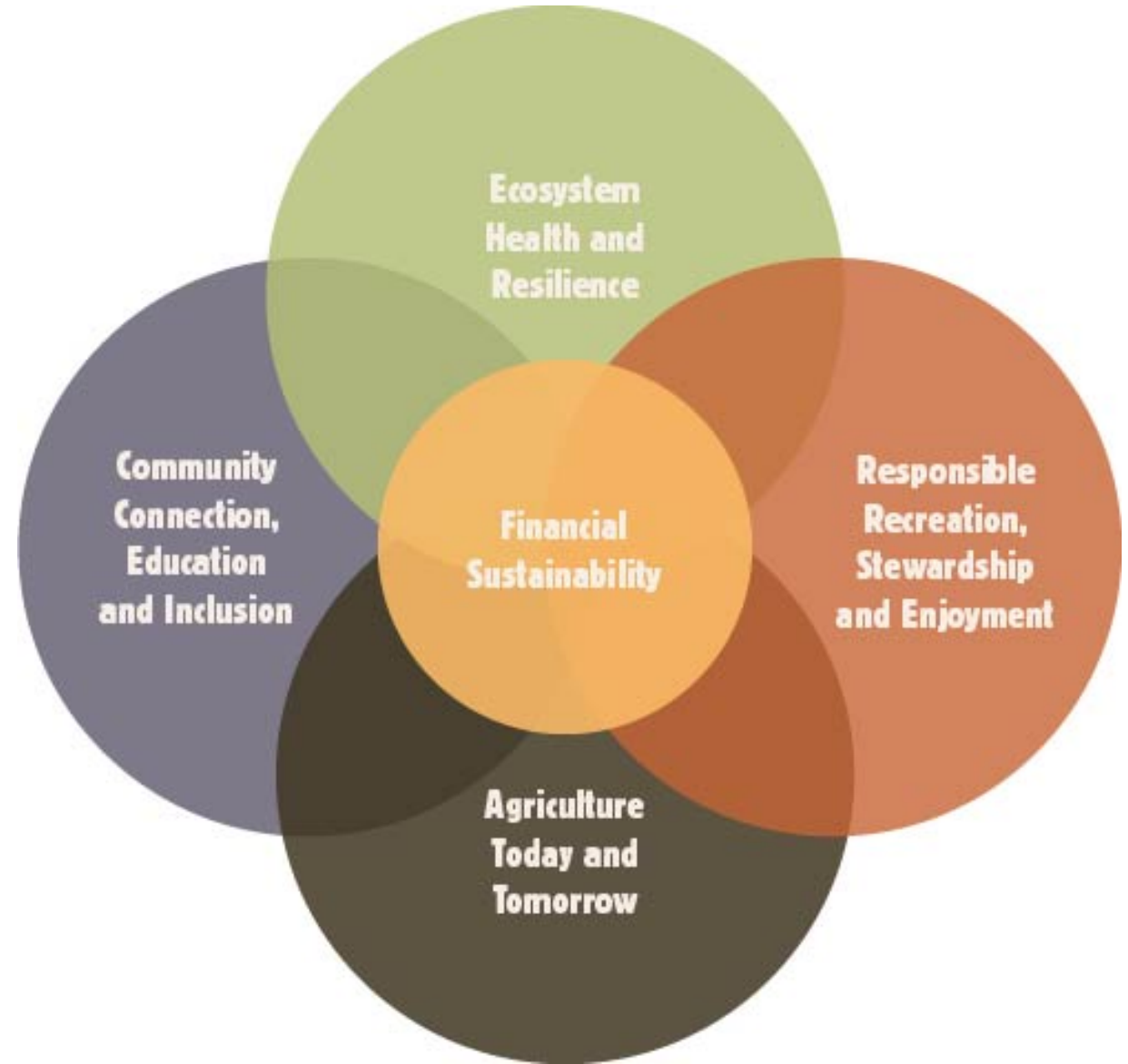
Through this collaborative process, the five focus areas value statements merged community voices with those of OSMP staff, the Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) and City Council.

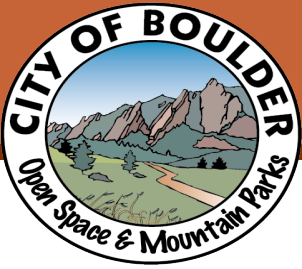


Topic #2

Values and Outcomes:

- Community based values that guide our vision
- Outcomes: aspirational goals for OSMP describe the overall desired outcomes for each focus area
- Creating an integrated approach





Ecosystem Health and Resilience (EHR)

Value statement:
Using the best available science, we protect healthy ecosystems and mend those we have impaired

EHR.A) HIGH DIVERSITY OF NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS:

OSMP lands support a high diversity of native plants and animals, expansive natural areas and some of the most critical wildlife habitat along the Front Range.

EHR.B) RESTORED, RESILIENT HABITAT:

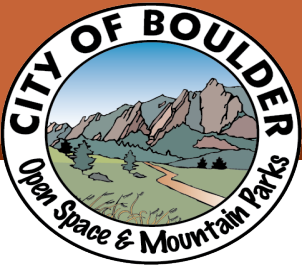
Degraded habitat with high potential to support native or extirpated (i.e., locally extinct) native species is restored and made more resilient to stressors like invasive species or direct and indirect human impacts.

EHR.C) CLIMATE ACTION:

OSMP is a leader in helping native ecosystems withstand and adapt to the effects of the climate crisis.

EHR.D) INFORMED, SHARED STEWARDSHIP:

OSMP and the community work side by side to develop a greater understanding of the land and to safeguard our natural heritage.



Agriculture Today and Tomorrow (ATT)

Value statement:
Our legacy and future are based on working landscapes that are in harmony with nature.



ATT.A) VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LIVELIHOODS:

The city's ranchers and farmers are valued and supported in their contributions to the stewardship of Boulder's agricultural heritage

ATT.B) SUSTAINABLE, PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURE:

OSMP's agricultural lands and infrastructure remain productive and sustainable long into the future

ATT.C) DIVERSE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR LOCAL MARKETS:

A diversity of food and agricultural products is grown on suitable open space properties to better meet the changing demands of the local agricultural economy and the needs of ranchers, farmers and city residents

ATT.D) HIGH-VALUE HABITAT ON RANCHES AND FARMS:

City agricultural lands provide high-value habitat for rare and native species, integrating both agricultural and ecosystem objectives

ATT.E) SOIL HEALTH AND RESILIENCE:

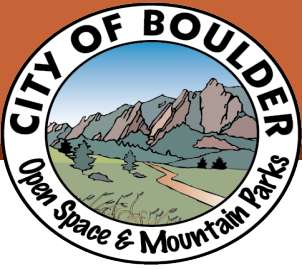
Appropriate agricultural practices protect high-quality soils from erosion, improve productivity, maintain soil health and increase resilience in a changing climate

ATT.F) RESILIENT AND EFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY:

OSMP emerges as a leader in the acquisition and preservation of water assets and the application of innovative irrigation practices that anticipate environmental change

ATT.G) APPRECIATION FOR WORKING LANDSCAPES:

Community members experience and better understand working landscapes, contributing to the preservation of Boulder's agricultural lands and heritage



Responsible Recreation, Stewardship and Enjoyment

Value statement:

We are united by
our connection to
and enjoyment of
nature and our
obligation to
protect it



RRSE.A) DIVERSE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES:

A fun and diverse range of passive recreational experiences inspire stewardship and contribute to our physical and mental well-being

RRSE.B) ENJOYABLE, RESPONSIBLE RECREATION:

Amid changing visitor use levels and patterns, ecosystem health is sustained, and visitor experiences remain positive

RRSE.C) WELCOMING, ACCESSIBLE TRAILHEADS:

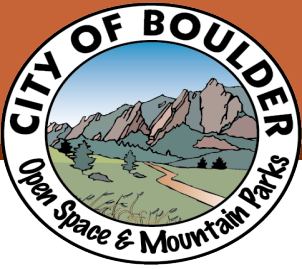
Welcoming trailheads and supporting recreational facilities provide access to and highlight Boulder's scenic, natural and cultural landscape

RRSE.D) GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR ALL:

Visitors respect and care for each other and for the land, so all can enjoy themselves for generations to come

RRSE.E) HIGH-QUALITY TRAIL NETWORK:

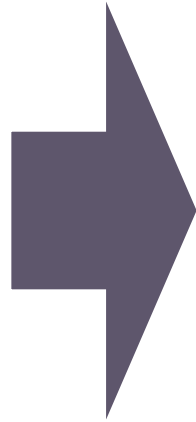
Visitors can enjoy OSMP lands and reach a range of recreational destinations through a well-maintained, connected network of local and regional trails that is welcoming and accessible to all.



Community Connection, Education and Inclusion

Value statement:

Together, we build an inclusive community of stewards and seek to find our place in open space.



CCEI.A) INSPIRING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:

Visitors participate in education programs and other forums that deepen their sense of place and appreciation for Boulder's natural, cultural and scenic heritage and broaden their understanding of OSMP land and its management

CCEI.B) FULFILLING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Community volunteerism, partnerships and neighborhood involvement serve an increasingly vital role in OSMP's fulfillment of the City Charter purposes for open space

CCEI.C) LIFETIME CONNECTIONS WITH NATURE:

Long-term connections with OSMP lands are strengthened and deepened over the course of our lives and across generations, in part to inspire response to the climate crisis

CCEI.D) PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING:

Increase awareness of the benefits of nature and the ways visiting OSMP lands can reduce stress and increase physical and mental well-being

CCEI.E) ENGAGED YOUTH INSPIRED BY NATURE:

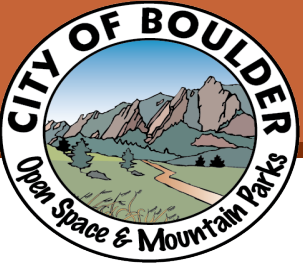
OSMP is an emerging leader in promoting an increase in the time that youth spend outdoors and caring for their open space system

CCEI.F) PROMOTING EQUITY AND INCLUSION:

We are all part of an inclusive community, where all people feel welcome, safe and able to enjoy the benefits of open space

CCEI.G) CONNECTIONS TO BOULDER'S PAST:

Cultural landscapes and historic resources on OSMP lands are preserved so that people can enjoy and understand the places and stories of Boulder's past

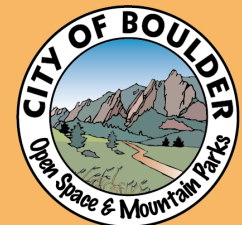


2030 vision and 10-year outlook:

- Top tier strategies
- Opportunity to update tiers at Master Plan mid-term update and BVCP (2025)
- Revisit complete Master Plan update in 2030

1	EHR. 1) Preserve and restore important habitat blocks and corridors
1	EHR. 2) Update and continue implementing system plans guiding ecosystem management
1	EHR. 3) Address the global climate crisis here and now
1	ATT. 1) Reduce maintenance backlog for agriculture and water infrastructure
1	ATT. 2) Increase soil health and resilience
1	ATT. 3) Address conflicts between agriculture and prairie dogs
1	RRSE. 1) Assess and manage increasing visitation
1	RRSE. 2) Reduce trail maintenance backlog
1	CCEI. 1) Welcome diverse backgrounds and abilities
1	CCEI. 2) Enhance communication with visitors

Tier 1 Master Plan Strategies



Balancing Planning & Implementation

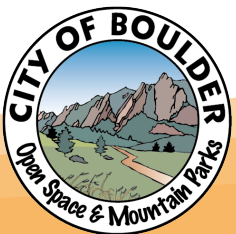


Vision Planning Outlook

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2025

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Thank you

