



OPINION SURVEY FOR THE OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Citizens of Longmont approved an Open Space sales tax in November of 2000. One of the initial goals of the Open Space program is to develop an Open Space and Trails Comprehensive Plan through a public process. This survey, as well as a number of public meetings, is intended to gather information from the general public in the Longmont area. The City is asking for community input as to acceptable activities permitted on City Open Space. No policies have been established through this process to date. We encourage you to discuss the following questions with the other members of your household so that your answers reflect the combined opinion of your household.

Please return this survey by November 12, 2001. You may either place a stamp on the back of this survey and mail it to the pre-printed address, or drop it off at the Library, Civic Center or Museum. Thanks for you help!

- 1. What would encourage you to use local trails more often?
a. Trails are fine I use the trails a lot.
b. Improved accessibility for wheelchairs, etc.
c. Better trail connections between destinations.
d. Better choice of trail surfaces.
e. I am not familiar with the local trails.
2. In general, do you use the trail system for:
a. Bicycle commuting
b. Recreational bicycling
c. Rollerblading
d. Walking / jogging
e. Horseback Riding
f. Other:
3. How would you rate Longmont's trail system in meeting the needs of the community?
a. Excellent
b. Good
c. Average
d. Poor
e. No Opinion

- 4. What do you think are the most important functions of Open Space? Please rank the following in order of priority (1-10; 10 = high)
a. Buffering between different land uses
b. Wildlife habitat
c. Reduce density / traffic
d. Preserve views & view corridors
e. Preserve cultural & historic sites
f. Provide access for people to natural areas
g. Provide for low-impact recreation
h. Handling run-off & reducing flood potential
i. Preserve agricultural and natural areas
j. Conservation of natural resources

- 5. Please circle the degree of your agreement / disagreement with the following possible statements: MAKE ONLY ONE SELECTION PER QUESTION
a. Prairie dogs occupy only 2% of their historic range and are considered a "keystone" species. Longmont should acquire open space specifically to provide a place to relocate prairie dogs affected by local development and city projects.
b. Some open space lands should be acquired to preserve agriculture and wildlife habitat and be closed to public access.
c. Early public input indicates protection of land along the St. Vrain River is the highest priority for open space acquisitions. How do you feel about this?

- 6. Funds for the purchase of Open Space are limited, yet land continues to be developed throughout the region. Given this, what do you think the priorities should be in purchasing land for open space? Please rank the following in order of priority (1-4; 4 = high)
a. Purchase lands targeted for development inside the City of Longmont in order to save some open space in town.
b. Purchase lands at the outside edge of Longmont to create a buffer from development in other communities.
c. Purchase lands along "spokes" radiating out from the center of town toward the open countryside (such as the St. Vrain Corridor and along gateways like Highways 66 and 119).
d. Try to balance all of the above equally to get a distribution of open space throughout the community.

- 7. From the locator map on the back of this survey, please indicate the area in which you would like to see open space land acquired. Choose only one area:
8. From the same map, please write in the letter of the area in which you live: Indicate only the area in which you live:
9. Are you a Longmont Resident? YES NO

- 11. Much of the land that would make desirable open space is also eligible for gravel mining. The following options are listed in order of cost, from the lowest to the highest cost. Please rank the following in order of preference (1-3; 3 = high)
a. Buy the land and the mining rights, mine and sell the gravel, and then reclaim the land for open space. Use the proceeds from the mining to buy additional open space. (lowest cost)
b. Buy the land after private owners have mined the gravel and have done the reclamation work (medium cost)
c. Buy the land and mining rights now to prevent mining altogether on the land (highest cost)

- 12. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:
a. Open Space land is owned by the public. So the public should be allowed access to ALL open space.
b. Open space is intended to preserve precious natural areas and agricultural lands. Access should have some limitations in order to protect these resources.

13. According to the criteria established by passage of the open space bond issue, low impact activities are acceptable for City of Longmont open space lands. Please help us identify which of the following activities you consider to be low impact by indicating "appropriate", "inappropriate", or "maybe" appropriate depending on circumstances.

MAKE ONLY ONE SELECTION FOR EACH ACTIVITY. Table with columns: ACTIVITY, APPROPRIATE, INAPPROPRIATE, MAYBE. Rows include Agriculture, Archery, Art, Athletic Activities, Biking - Mountain, Biking - Road, Camping, Commercial Use, Concessions, Dogs - NO dogs, Dogs OFF leash, Dogs ON leash, Feeding Wildlife, Fireworks, Fishing, Frisbee Golf, Golf, Hiking / Jogging, Horse Use, Hunting, Ice Skating, Motorized Vehicles, Non-motorized Boating, Paintball, Photography, Picnicking, Radio-controlled boats, planes, cars, Reading, Recreational Hunting, Rollerblading, Special Events, Swimming, Tubing, Weapons, Wildlife Closure, Wildlife Viewing.

- 14. Please indicate how many members of your household are in the following age groups. (PLEASE MARK ALL THAT APPLY)
a. Under 8 years
b. 9 to 13
c. 14 to 17
d. 18 to 25
e. 26 to 35
f. 36 to 45
g. 46 to 55
h. 56 to 64
i. 65 to 75
j. Over 75
k. TOTAL NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD:

Thank-you for assisting us; your input is highly valued! Please provide any additional comments you my have in the space indicated on the reverse side of this survey.



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