

# City of Longmont Open Space Program



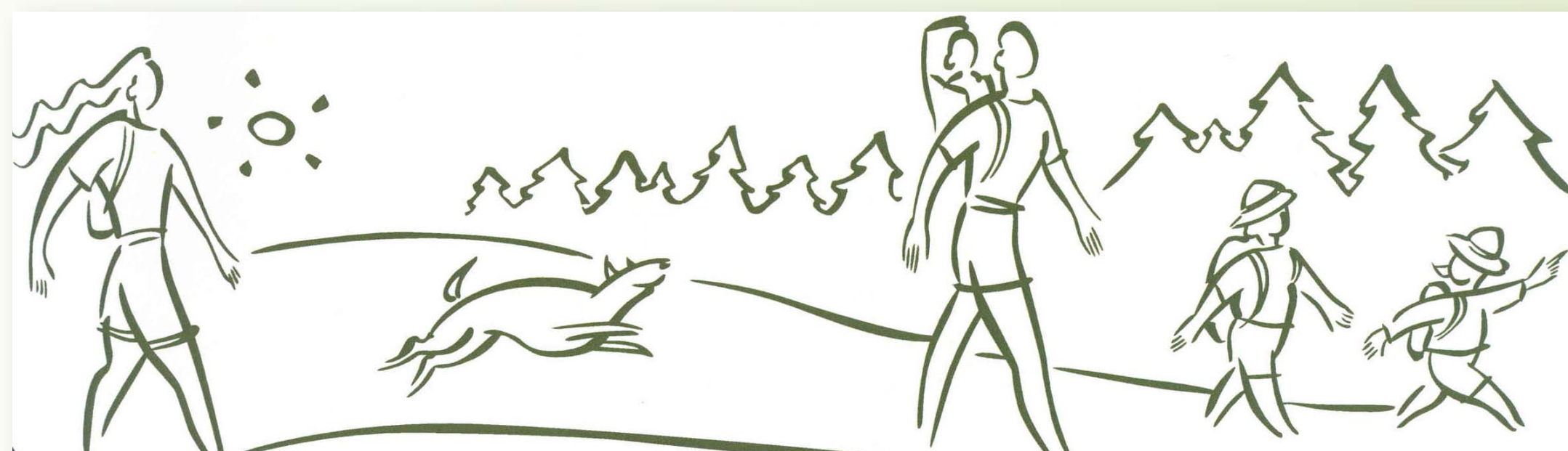
*The City's approach to Open Space helps to foster a sustainable community and environment*

## Our Vision ...

Connecting our people with our natural resources • Preserving our heritage • Respecting our environment • Defining our community  
Balancing our growth • Treasuring our children's future • Protecting what we value

## Goals

- ☺ Preserve natural areas, wildlife habitats, biodiversity, wetlands, agriculture and visual corridors
- ☺ Link trails to provide access to public lakes, streams, parks and other usable open space and public lands, stream corridors and scenic corridors along existing highways
- ☺ Conserve natural resources including forest lands, range lands, agricultural lands, aquifer recharge areas, water rights and others
- ☺ Design District Parks devoted to low-impact recreational uses sensitive to natural land values
- ☺ Provide urban shaping buffers between or around community service areas and create buffer zones between residential and nonresidential developments



## Accomplishments

- ☺ The City of Longmont has protected over 2000 acres of Open Space, with an additional 788 acres held in Conservation Easements for Boulder County, as of July 2007
- ☺ Open Space acquisitions include 876 acres which are under agricultural leases, where crops including corn, barley, sugar beets and alfalfa are grown
- ☺ Adoption of Open Space and Trail Master Plan in May of 2002
- ☺ Completed acquisition of the St Vrain Corridor from Weld County Road #1 to St Vrain State Park
- ☺ Acquisition of Boulder Creek Estates which contains the confluence of Boulder Creek and the St Vrain River
- ☺ Stretched the City's Open Space dollars by partnering with Boulder County, Weld County, Colorado Division of State Parks, Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, City's Water Department and various landowners. Total \$ value of approximately \$6,760,000

