



PLAN Jeffco

Working to conserve Jefferson County Open Spaces since 1972



The PLAN Jeffco Monthly, November 2023

PLAN Jeffco is a non-profit citizen organization, based in Jefferson County Colorado. For more than 50 years, PLAN Jeffco has advocated for conservation of open space.

PLAN Jeffco authored the "Open Space Resolution" ballot initiative in 1972 that provided a one-half percent sales tax in Jefferson County to establish the award-winning Jefferson County Open Space program.

For more information on PLAN Jeffco go to our website

<https://planjeffco.org/>

What's New in the Blogosphere?

Sign Sign, Everywhere a Sign

Some signs are informative, some are entertaining, but the most recent signs in our Open Space Parks are extremely relevant...

<https://planjeffco.org/sign-sign-everywhere-a-sign/>

Trails Partnership Program Awards 2024

Find out who has been awarded trails project grants for the 2024 season...

<https://planjeffco.org/trails-partnership-program-awards-2024/>

Founders Sign Removed from Open Space Park

Early this year Jefferson County Open Space quietly removed without replacing an interpretive sign that had stood for about 20 years as a tribute to the visionaries whose genius and hard work launched PLAN Jeffco and created the Open Space Park system...

<https://planjeffco.org/founders-sign-removed-from-open-space-park/>

November is MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

November is the month of Thankfulness. We are truly thankful for you, and for your continued support. Without out, we could not continue to do our work.

November is the month when we send out our membership renewal notices via USPS. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this year the hard-copy mailing will be indefinitely delayed.

Therefore, we're asking you to consider using this digital portal to your PLAN Jeffco membership.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

[Renew My Membership](#)

Other New Stuff on the Website

We ask for your patience as we work through a long-needed review and rework of our website...thank you!

PLAN Jeffco Board Meeting Minutes - October '23

Stay up-to-date with what's happening at the PJ Board meetings...

<https://planjeffco.org/portfolio-item/pj-board-meeting-minutes-10-19-2023/>



Our Conservation Partners

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

<https://www.birdconservancy.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/birdconservancy>

Colorado Gives Day, preschedule your gift at [birdconservancy.org/cogives](https://www.birdconservancy.org/cogives)

Activity Calendar: <https://www.birdconservancy.org/events/>

Bird Conservancy Blog: <https://www.birdconservancy.org/news-and-events/>

Colorado Open Lands

<https://coloradoopenlands.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoOpenLands>

Nelson Property Permanently Protected 11/06/2023: This 120-acre homestead in Montrose and Delta Counties was first settled in the 1880s. The property is used today for livestock grazing and hay production, but many of the original structures are still standing. The property is a mix of irrigated fields, sagebush, and pinyon-juniper trees, with a half-mile frontage along Clear Fork Creek, sheltering Gunnison sage grouse, bald eagle, black bear, elk, mountain lion and mule deer. This property joins more than 12,000 acres of conserved agricultural land within a 10-mile radius.

More Conservation Updates: <https://coloradoopenlands.org/latest-news/>

Colorado Open Lands Fall 2023 Newsletter: <https://coloradoopenlands.org/publications>

Mountain Area Land Trust

<https://savetheland.org/news/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MountainAreaLandTrustCO>

Donate to save Clear Creek's Front Yard, the Floyd Hill Meadow. This is a MALT fundraiser for the eventual conservation easement of the Floyd Hill Meadow, which was donated to MALT by Frei & Sons/Walstrom Quarry (Hwy-6 & I-70).

<https://savetheland.org/floyd-hill-meadow/>

Keep It Colorado

<https://www.keepitco.org/>

From The Source, October 2023: <https://mailchi.mp/keepitco/the-source-june-13767377>

Articles of Interest:

Grand County Open Space Sales Tax is Up for Reauthorization in November

Trinchera Blanca Foundation Doubles Down on Conservation

The State is Hosting Meetings for Climate Preparedness

Douglas Land Conservancy

<https://douglaslandconservancy.org/>

Public properties: <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/public-properties/>

Upcoming events: <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/events/>

DLC photo contest 2023: <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/natural-note-card-contest/>

DLC gallery: <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/gallery/>

Colorado Gives Day: <https://douglaslandconservancy.org/2023/10/colorado-gives-day-is-december-5th-mark-your-calendars/>

Follow the postings from other conservation groups, listed at the bottom of each of our web pages

<https://www.PLANJeffco.org>

[Colorado Open Space Alliance \(COSA\)](#)

[Colorado Native Plant Society](#)

[Douglas Land Conservancy](#)

[Bird Conservancy of the Rockies](#)

[Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust](#)



WATCH THIS SPACE...Local Goings-on

Hogback mine expansion in North Golden gets State approval

Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Case Number: 22-128087CMT

Case Manager: Nick Nelson, 303-271-8727, nnelson@jeffco.us

<https://jeffco.us/planning-and-zoning/active-cases>

Frei-Walstrum gravel quarry expansion, Clear Creek County

Quarry expansion is in progress.

Bear Creek Reservoir Expansion Proposal

<https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Projects/Bear-Creek-Reservoir-expansion-proposal>

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Colorado Water Conservation Board are conducting a feasibility study about making changes to increase water storage and reservoir size at Bear Creek Reservoir in Bear Creek Lake Park.

For more information, visit <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/bearcreeklake>

Two-year study, on-going.

Gross Reservoir Updates <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir>

Construction is underway. Construction for the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project started April 1, 2022. The project will raise the height of the dam by 131 feet, tripling the reservoir's capacity from approximately 42,000 acre-feet to 119,000 acre-feet. When complete, the reservoir, located in western Boulder County, will be Denver Water's second-largest and will provide essential flexibility and resiliency to our customers in the face of increasing impacts from climate change.

Recreation Activity Impact: <https://www.denverwater.org/recreation/gross-resevoir>
Project Information & Impact: <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir>

Shadow Mountain (formerly Full Send) Bike Ranch Updates

<https://shadowmountainbikepark.com/>

Conceptual site plan located at <https://shadowmountainbikepark.com/news/conceptual-site-plans-for-shadow-mountain-bike-park/>

Location: west of the intersection of Shadow Mountain Drive and Sunlight Lane.

Case Number: 23-102980RZ Pre-App Meeting Date: Apr 29, 2022

Case Manager: Dylan Monke - 303-271-8718 - dmonke@co.jefferson.co.us

Description: Special Use Application for Development of a day-use lift-served bike park as a Class III Commercial Recreation Facility. Acreage: 483.04 Acres

Status: Currently in 1st Referral process. Applicants received comments from County in June, have 180 days to respond.

Conifer Town Hall Meeting video ~ 37 min, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9O7QVzVstC8>

Here's a link to Jeffco Planning and Zoning, where the new interactive map showing ongoing applications and permits is located (scroll down to the bottom of the page): <https://www.jeffco.us/786/Planning-Zoning>

WANT TO SUPPORT OUR WORK?

[Join or Renew Your Membership](#)

County News & Happenings

Jeffco Open Space News & Events

<https://www.jeffco.us/1523/News-Events>

Know before you go! Check these sites for additional information on Park and Trail closures, openings, and other operations that may impact your Jeffco Open Space Park experience...

[JCOS Alerts & Closures](#)

[JCOS News Releases](#)

[JCOS Newsletters](#)

Jeffco Open Space Master Calendar

<https://www.jeffco.us/calendar.aspx?CID=26>

JCOS Nature Journal Club: Painting the Colors of Nature

November 17, 2023, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Lookout Mountain Preserve and Nature Center

[More details](#)

Preschool Nature Nuts: Whooo's There? – Group 1

November 18, 2023, 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM @ Lookout Mountain Preserve and Nature Center
[More Details](#)

Preschool Nature Nuts: Whooo's There? – Group 2

November 18, 2023, 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM @ Lookout Mountain Preserve and Nature Center
[More Details](#)

Jeffco Fairgrounds

<https://www.jeffco.us/calendar.aspx?CID=27>

Please check the Fairgrounds website calendar for detailed event information.

Jefferson County – Sustainability Commission

<https://www.jeffco.us/3406/Sustainability-Commission>

Jefferson County – COVID-19 Updates

<https://www.jeffco.us/3999/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>



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About PLAN Jeffco

In 1972, PLAN Jeffco launched the citizen's initiative which created the Jeffco Open Space Program, protecting



more than 70,000 acres comprising 27 parks and more than 270 miles of trails.

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