



## **2007 Update of the Open Space Recommendations In the Open Space and Trails Master Plan**

During the development of the Open Space and Trails Master Plan (OSTMP) in 2005, the City examined 15 areas for potential open space acquisition. In the following two years, four of the original 15 areas had either been protected as open space or were incorporated into development projects. During this same time, the City was getting inquiries about other potential open space areas that had not been originally identified in the OSTMP. To address these issues, the Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee (LOSAC) and the Lafayette City Council asked staff to update the ranking list and prioritize additional potential future open space areas utilizing the criteria set forth in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan – Appendix B.

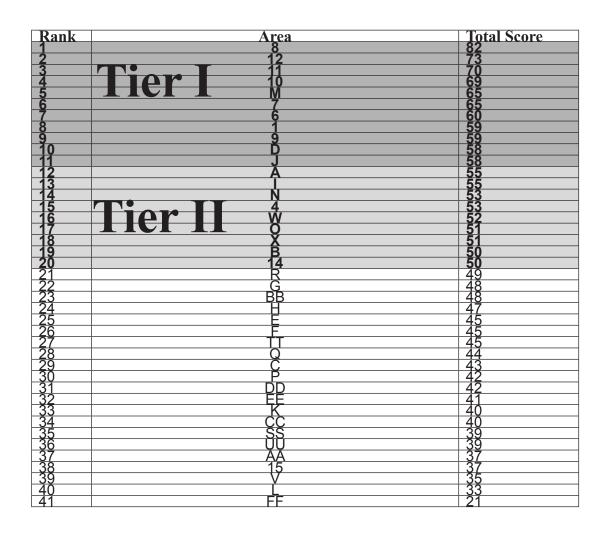
During 2007, staff conducted natural and cultural resource assessments on 30 new areas by examining aerial photographs and other mapped information and by performing visual assessments of the sites from adjacent public roads or lands. At no time were private lands accessed by staff without prior permission from the property owner. This step of the process is summarized in two spreadsheets on pages 5 and 6 entitled "Open Space Ranking and Prioritization Master List - 2007.

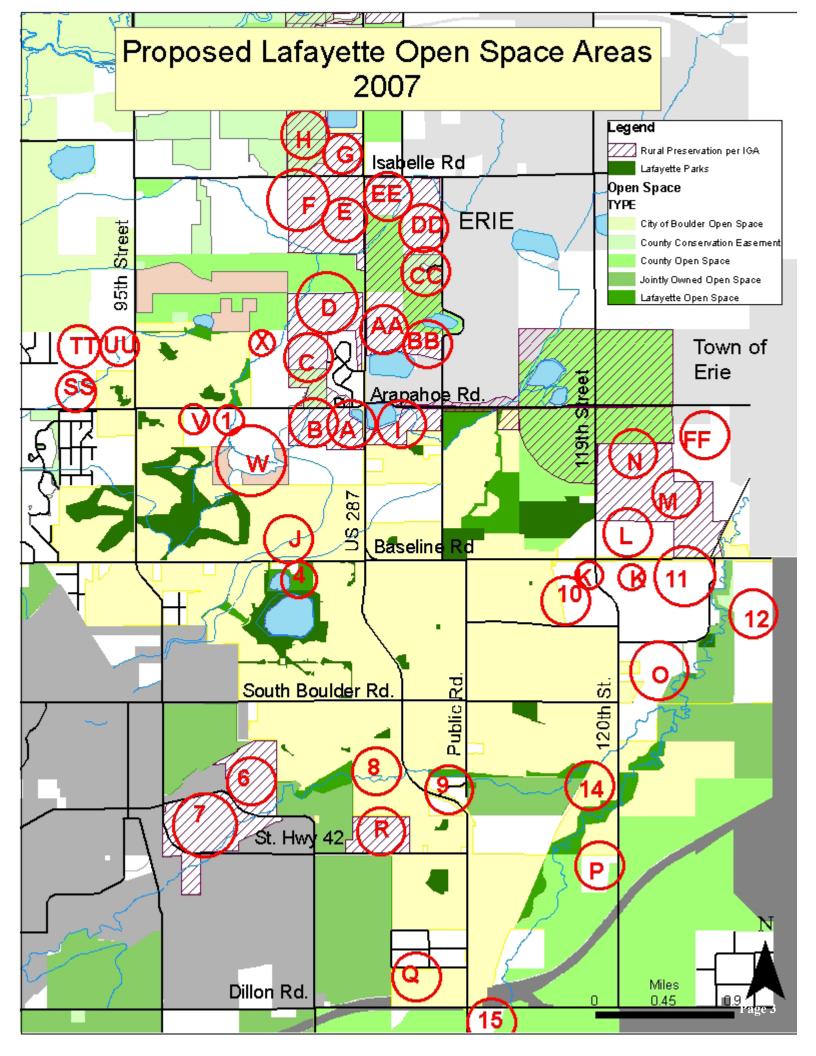
After scoring the properties using the OSTMP criteria, staff and LOSAC reviewed the results and compiled a descending list of open space areas combining the remaining areas that had been originally assessed by the OSTMP and the new 30 sites. This list is attached as the "Open Space Tiered Prioritization Chart". On September 6, 2007 LOSAC approved the ranking and prioritization chart comprised of forty-one potential properties. On October 16, 2007 City Council accepted and approved the update to the Open Space Recommendations of the OSTMP. A map is attached to depict the general location of these areas.

## **Open Space Tiered Prioritization Chart**

The areas with the highest combined resource and land use scores are ranked at the top of the list. The highest acquisition priorities are represented in the Tier I shading. These eleven areas would be considered the most important additions to the City's open space system. The next nine areas comprise Tier II and would help form a buffer on the City's northern boundary. The Tier II lands are covered primarily by current Intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with Boulder County. They also include areas with some existing development but they could also provide beneficial values such as future trail corridors and protected natural values. The remaining 21 areas have lower open space values and are correspondingly lower on the open space priority list; these areas are typically already developed to the extent that either their resource values are significantly impacted or they are located such that they create little benefit to Lafayette residents. While most of these areas should not be considered for acquisition, there are some that would augment existing properties or provide some resource values.

Areas represented by numbers reference lands identified and analyzed in the City's 2005 Open Space and Trails Master Plan (OSTMP). Areas signified by letters have been recently ranked and analyzed in 2007. Areas signified by double letters are outside the city's planning area.





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	Vegetation	Wetland or Riparian	Wildlife Habitat/ Corridor	Connectivity/ Continuity	Community Buffer	Views	Agricultural Value	Historical Significance	Topographic/ Geologic Significance	Recreation Potential	Restoration Need or Potential	Education Potential	RESOURCE SCORE	Relative Size	Floodplain	IGA	Comp Plan	Compatibility with Neighbors	City Limits	LAND USE SCORE	TOTAL SCORE	
Multiplier	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1		1	1	1	2	2	1			
Area 8	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	59	3	2	3	3	3	3	23	82	
Area 12	2	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	3	2	1	51	3	3	3	3	3	1	22	73	
Area 11	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	51	3	1	2	3	3	1	19	70	
Area 10	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	3	48	2	3	3	3	3	1	21	69	
Area M	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	1	3	2	1	43	3	3	3	3	3	1	22	65	
Area 7	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	1	2	53	3	2	1	0	3	0	12	65	
Area 6	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	49	3	2	1	0	2	1	11	60	
Area 1	2	2	2	3	1	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	49	2	3	3	0	1	0	10	59	
Area 9	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	39	2	1	3	3	3	2	20	59	
Area D	1	2	1	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	37	3	3	3	3	3	0	21	58	
Area J	2	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	3	1	2	40	1	3	3	1	3	3	18	58	
Area A	1	0	2	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	2	36	2	3	3	3	2	1	19	55	
Area I	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	34	2	3	3	3	3	1	21	55	
Area N	1	0	1	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	31	3	3	3	3	3	1	22	53	
Area 4	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	31	1	3	3	3	3	3	22	53	
Area W	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	36	2	3	0	2	3	1	16	52	
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Area V	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	2	3	0	1	3	1	14	35	
Area L	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	1	3	1	1	1	3	12	33	
Area FF	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	21	