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Lafayette Receives \$75,000 to Fund New PROST Master Plan

Lafayette, **CO** June 21, 2012 – The City of Lafayette received sensational news on Tuesday that its request for a \$75,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado to help fund the creation of a new Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) master plan was approved.

The City's outdoor amenities are currently guided by 2 documents; the 2003 Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan Update and the 2005 Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Through an extensive public input process scheduled to begin later this year, these two guiding plans will be merged, amended, and enhanced to reflect the vision and desires of the community.

"In order to best service the public, it is vital that residents and various user groups within our community provide input as to what the top issues are that need to be addressed," said Monte Stevenson, Director of Parks, Open Space & Golf. Limited funding sources make it critical for municipalities to establish goals, action plans, and projects that accurately service their users. Master plans help accomplish these objectives by collecting information, analyzing data, setting goals, and formulating funding strategies. "As stewards of public funds, it is our responsibility to provide citizens with amenities that serve the general community best."

Valuable support from the community further strengthened the successful grant application. Ms. Stout's second grade class at Lafayette Elementary wrote creative letters asking GOCO to fund a new master plan that would provide for safer routes to playgrounds and school sites. Local youth sports organizations outlined needs for additional playing fields, and the Latino Advisory Board expressed its desire to be involved in the process to ensure amenities for all community members are provided.

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Other Parks, Open Space, and Golf News

- The 2002 Open Space Legacy Tax, which expires in 2012, will be put to a vote on the November ballot. Residents will be asked to extend the city's quarter-cent open space legacy sales tax through 2024. Plans for another 11 miles of trails and 1,000 additional acres of land will be in the works if the initiative is passed.
- Coal Creek Trail / 120th Street Underpass: Working collaboratively with Boulder County Transportation, Urban
 Drainage & Flood Control, and the City's Public Works Department, the Open Space Division is currently in the process

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of constructing an underpass at the 120th Street crossing of Coal Creek Trail. This underpass will allow trail users to safely access the eastern part of the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail extension also slated for completion in 2012.

- PowerlineTrail Connection: This summer, the City of Lafayette Parks, Open Space, and Golf Department, in conjunction with the Lafayette Team of the Boulder County Youth Corps will be constructing an 8-foot wide soft-surface trail in the city-owned "Powerline Corridor" between Caria Drive and the western city limit in the Centaur Village North subdivision. This trail will be a continuation of the Powerline Trail east of Caria Drive and will connect with Louisville's North End trail system around Hecla Lake just west of the Lafayette City Limits. This trail is part of the 2005 Council-approved Trails Plan.
- Coal Creek East Open Space Trail: Extending from the Coal Creek Trail / 120th Underpass Project, this portion of the Coal Creek Trail navigates across a parcel known as Coal Creek East Open Space and a private property through which the city owns a trail easement. This Summer 2012 project will provide the long desired connection just north of Vista Business Park on Two Creeks Open Space of the Coal Creek and Rock Creek regional trails. The city is utilizing the Lafayette Team of the Boulder County Youth Corps to construction parts of this open space trail.
- Thomas Open Space Barn and Organic Farmer's Market: On June 2 the Open Space Division hosted a ribbon cutting for the new 3,200 sq ft barn. The organic farmer's market will celebrate its grand opening June 29th and will open for retails sales on June 30th.
- **Get Golf Ready:** If you have ever thought about playing golf then Get Golf Ready is for you. Whether you are a beginner at golf or returning to the game, the Get Golf Ready program at Indian Peaks Golf Course is designed to teach you in five short lessons everything you'll need to know to step onto a golf course and get out to play with confidence. Get Golf Ready is taught by trained PGA professionals who make sure you have fun each step of the way. You'll receive a FREE \$25 Range Card and a FREE \$25 Discount Play Card, making this a \$149 value. Register online at IndianPeaksGolf.com.

