

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION FORM

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**THROUGH:** Gary Suiter, City Manager

**DATE:** May 21, 2024

**ITEM:** Parkland Acquisition Process Update

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**I. REQUEST/ISSUE & BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Parkland Acquisitions Process was originally presented to City Council on 3/13/2024, with Council appointing a representative to the Parkland Acquisitions Committee at that time. The process was then presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on 2/14/2024 and a PRC member was appointed to the PAC. The PAC consists of a City Council appointee, a Parks and Recreation Commission Appointee, City Staff from Parks and Recreation, the Planning Department, the City Attorney’s Office, and a GIS professional. Since that time the PAC has met on a bi-weekly basis to discuss properties of for Parkland Acquisitions and develop areas of intertest based upon their significance to the community, and ranked properties on the quality of their attributes. PAC has developed an acquisitions strategy for Slate Creek and initiated negotiations with the landowners. The PAC will present progress on the Parkland Acquisitions Plan to City Council and highlight properties of interest while sharing a draft bubble map along with a property ranking matrix. During the 2024 Capital Improvement Project process, City Council approved 500K for

pursuit of the Slate Creek Acquisition. In addition to an update on the acquisition process, City Council direction in Executive Session is needed to proceed with the adopted Parkland Acquisitions Plan and continue negotiations with the landowners of Slate Creek. The PAC will present a Pro-Forma outlining potential funding sources and timelines to acquire Slate Creek.

**II. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council input and direction is required for the PAC to proceed with the Parkland Acquisitions Strategy and negotiations for the Slate Creek Parcel. Staff is looking for direction to proceed with negotiations with the landowners of Slate Creek and participate in various grant applications and purchase of development rights programs within identified timelines and milestones.

**III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Continue with negotiations and funding opportunities identified in the Slate Creek Pro-Forma in pursuit of acquiring the Slate Creek Parcel in West Steamboat Springs

**IV. FISCAL IMPACT:**

Not applicable.

**V. LEGAL ISSUES:**

City Attorney's Office is represented on the Parkland Acquisitions Committee and advises throughout the process.

**VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

Not Applicable

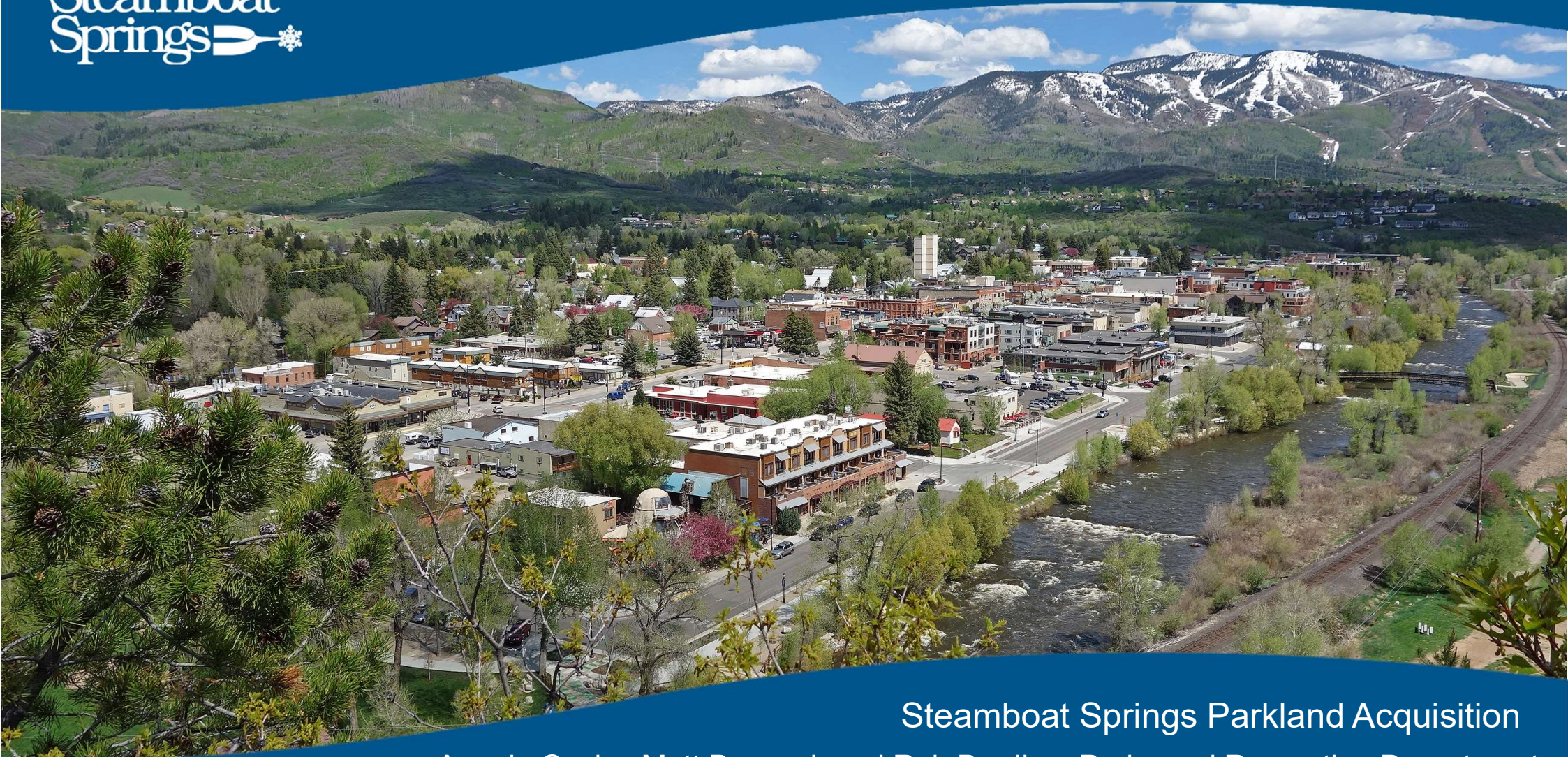
**VII. CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL GOALS AND POLICIES:**

Providing improved access for the underserved populations with improved recreational facilities.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. PowerPoint Presentation
2. Parkland Acquisitions Process Framework
3. Acquisitions Bubble Map
4. Property Ranking Matrix





Steamboat Springs Parkland Acquisition

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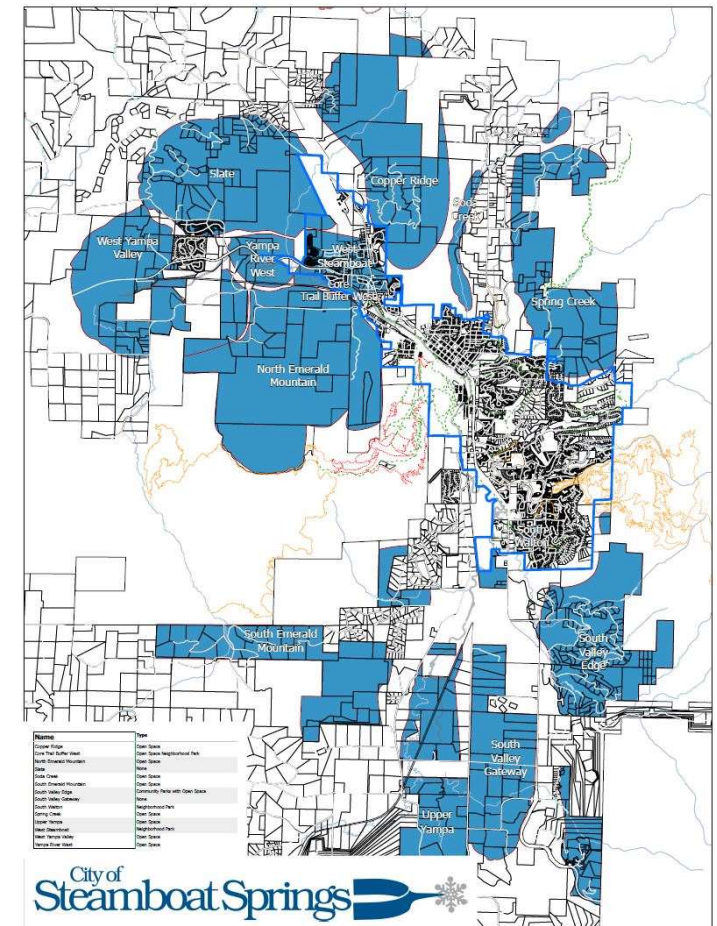
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	<p>The City announces the acquisition publicly any time after the documents have been executed by both parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press release – why the property is valuable and how it will serve our community.</li> <li>Memorializing the acquisition</li> </ul>

- Presented to City Council during the February 13, 2024 Work Session
- Presented to Parks and Recreation Commission during the February 14, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Formed a Parkland Acquisition Committee (PAC)

# Parkland Acquisition Bubble Map

- Identified areas of interest for parkland acquisition
- Areas of interest ranked by the following attributes:
  1. Accessibility and Resource Availability
  2. Connectivity and Contiguity
  3. Habitat Value
  4. Active Recreation Features
  5. Passive Recreation Features
  6. Climate Influence and Resiliency
  7. Landscape Context and Naturalness
  8. Distinct Environmental Features
  9. Cultural/Historical Features and Community Character
  10. Community Plan Compatibility
  11. Regional Plan Compatibility
  12. Site Condition





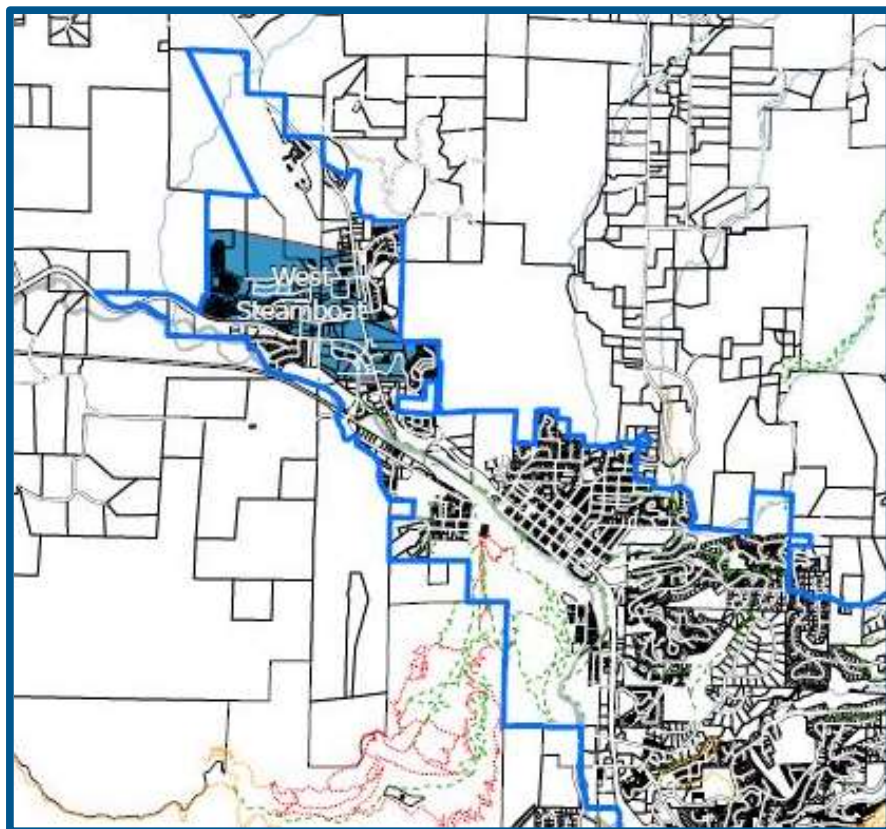
# Parkland Acquisition Scoring Matrix

Areas / Properties	Accessibility & Resource Availability	Connectivity & Contiguity	Habitat Value	Active Recreation Features	Passive Recreation Features	Climate Influence & Resiliency	Landscape Context & Naturalness	Cultural/Historic Features & Community Character	Regional Plan Compatibility	Site Condition	TOTAL SCORE		
Multiplier	3	2	3	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	1	N/A
Copper Ridge	3	5	5	3	5	4	5	5	4	3	5	4	99
Slate Creek	5	3	5	5	5	2	4	4	1	5	5	4	91
North Emerald Mountain	3	5	4	4	4	2	3	4	1	3	3	4	76
Spring Creek	2	5	5	2	4	1	3	3	1	3	3	4	67
South Emerald Mountain	0	5	4	2	3	3	4	4	2	1	3	5	66
Yampa River West	5	4	3	5	3	1	2	2	0	3	3	2	65
Soda Creek	1	4	5	2	3	2	5	5	0	1	3	5	64
South Valley Edge	3	2	3	4	4	2	4	3	0	3	3	5	64
Upper Yampa	1	3	3	0	2	5	3	3	2	3	3	3	62
Core Trail Buffer West	5	5	3	4	2	1	1	1	0	3	1	1	58
West Yampa Valley	1	2	2	3	3	4	2	3	0	3	3	1	52
South Valley Gateway	1	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	47
South Walton	5	2	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	3	42
West Steamboat	5	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	5	1	4	42

Current Ranking	
1	Copper Ridge
2	Slate Creek
3	North Emerald Mountain
4	Spring Creek
5	South Emerald Mountain
6	Yampa River West
7	Soda Creek
8	South Valley Edge
9	Upper Yampa
10	Core Trail Buffer West
11	West Yampa Valley
12	South Valley Gateway
13	South Walton
14	West Steamboat

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## Area #14- West Steamboat



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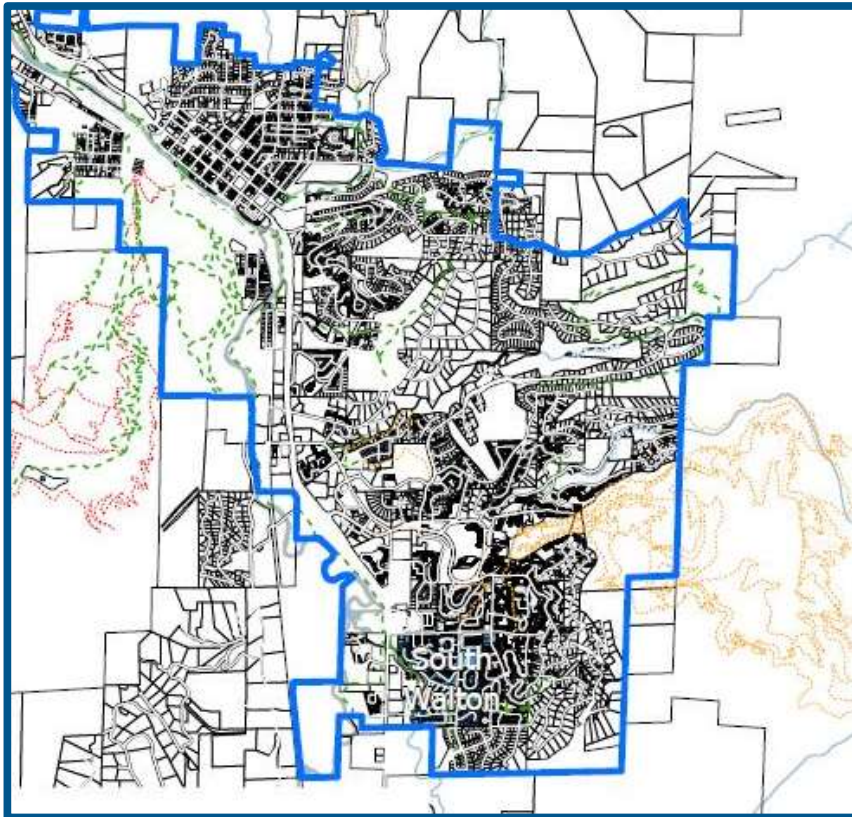
- Neighborhood Park

### Attribute Highlights:

- Fulfills need and access for an underserve population



## Area #13— South Walton



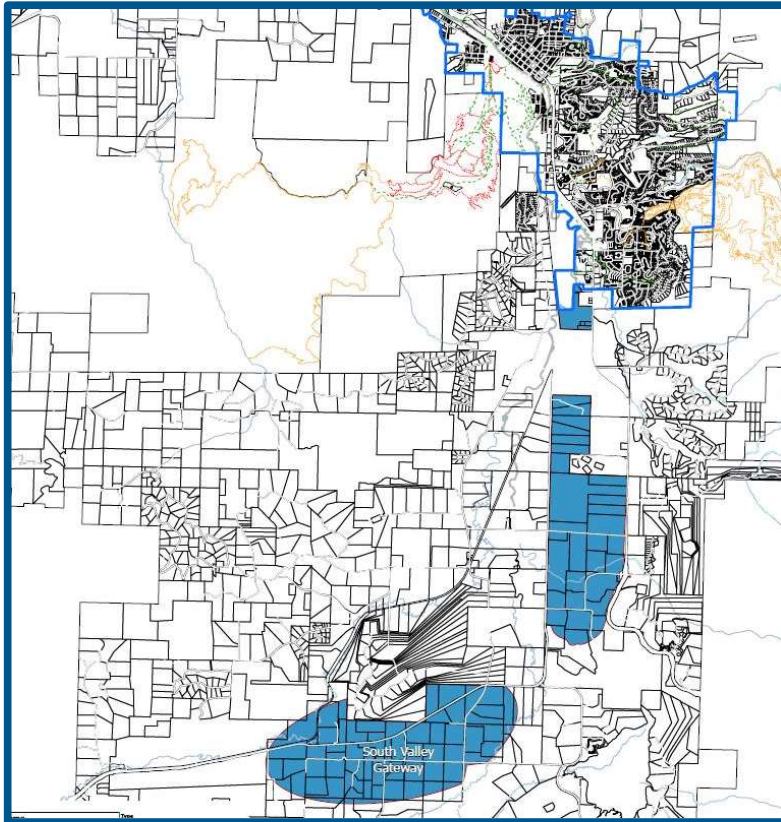
### Parkland Classification:

- Neighborhood Park

### Attribute Highlights:

- Fulfills need and access for an underserve population

## Area #12 – South Valley Gateway



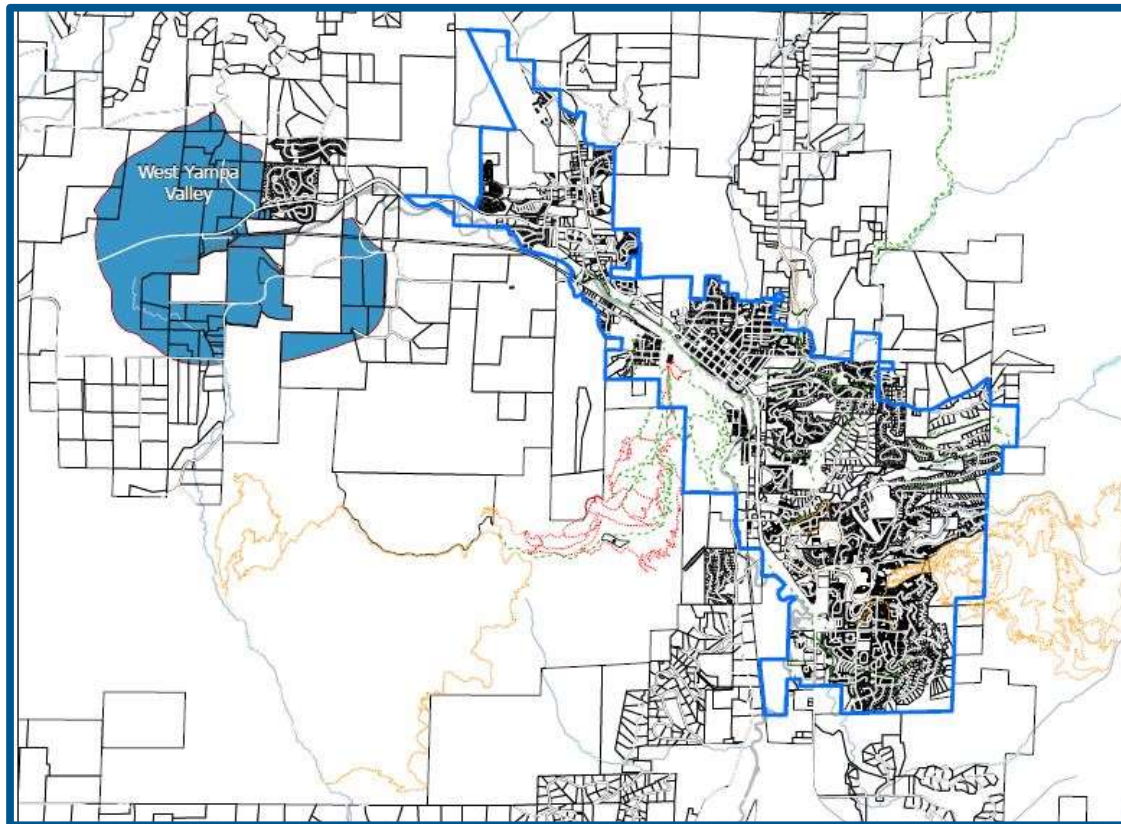
### Parkland Classification:

- Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- Connection to conserved lands
- Habitat for wildlife
- Reduces fragmentation
- Core Trail Access

## Area #11 – West Yampa Valley



### Parkland Classification:

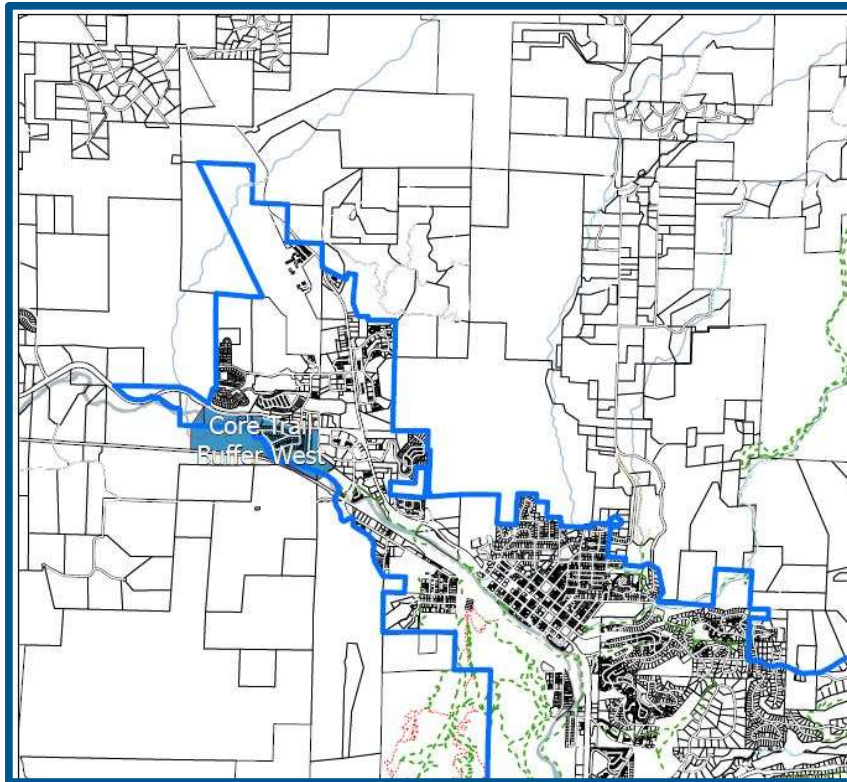
- Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- River property preservation
- Provides area for flood plain connectivity and control
- Potential for reclamation



## Area #10 – Core Trail Buffer West

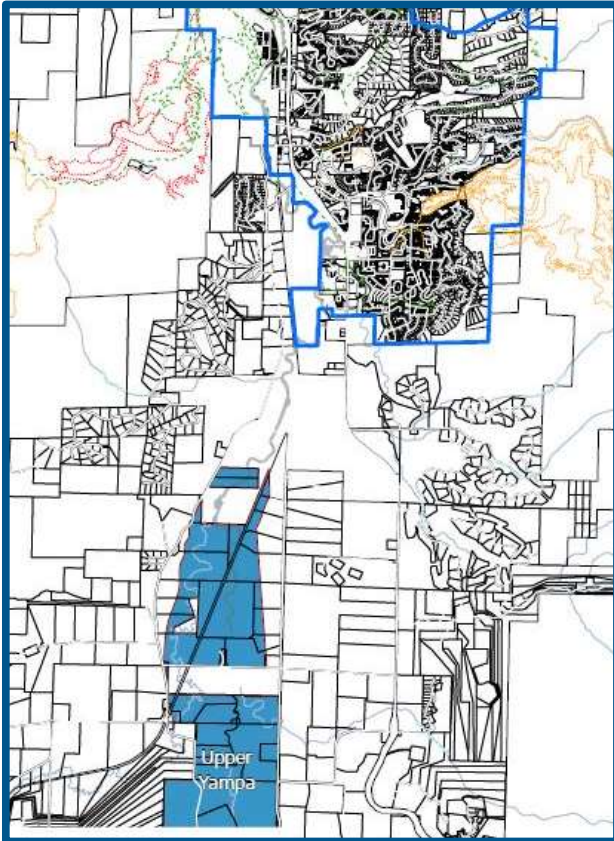


### Parkland Classification:

- Neighborhood Park & Open Space
- Playgrounds, sport courts, green play space

### Attribute Highlights:

- Stream bank habitat protection
- Fulfills need and access for an underserve population



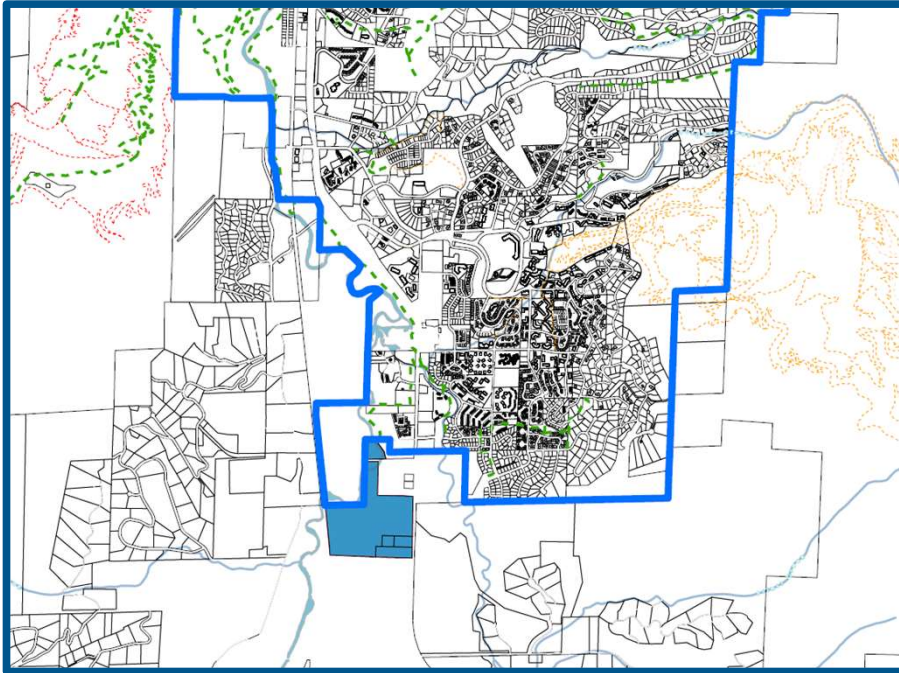
### Parkland Classification:

- Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- Connects conserved lands, connecting aquatic habitat
- Passive Recreation fishing, wildlife viewing, nature photography
- Unique Yampa River character with shoreline reaches and oxbows

## Area #8 – South Valley Edge



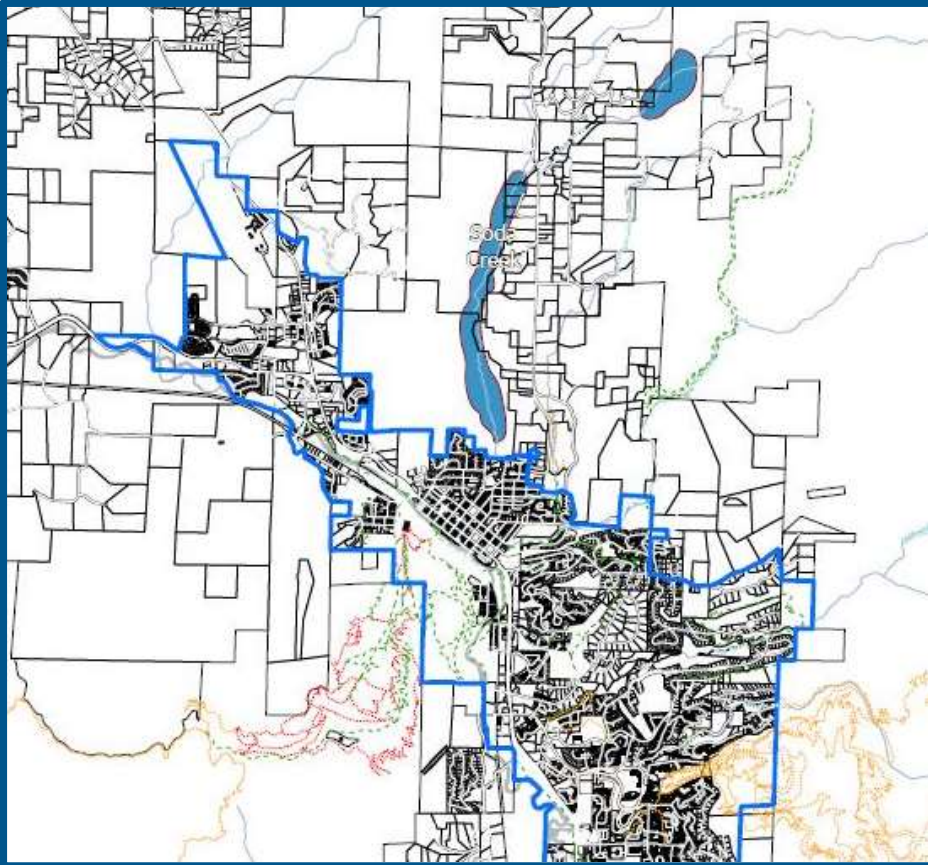
### Parkland Classification:

- Community Park and Open Space
- Playgrounds, sports fields, restrooms

### Attribute Highlights:

- Elk and Moose habitat and migratory corridor along Priest Creek
- Fulfills need and access for an underserve population





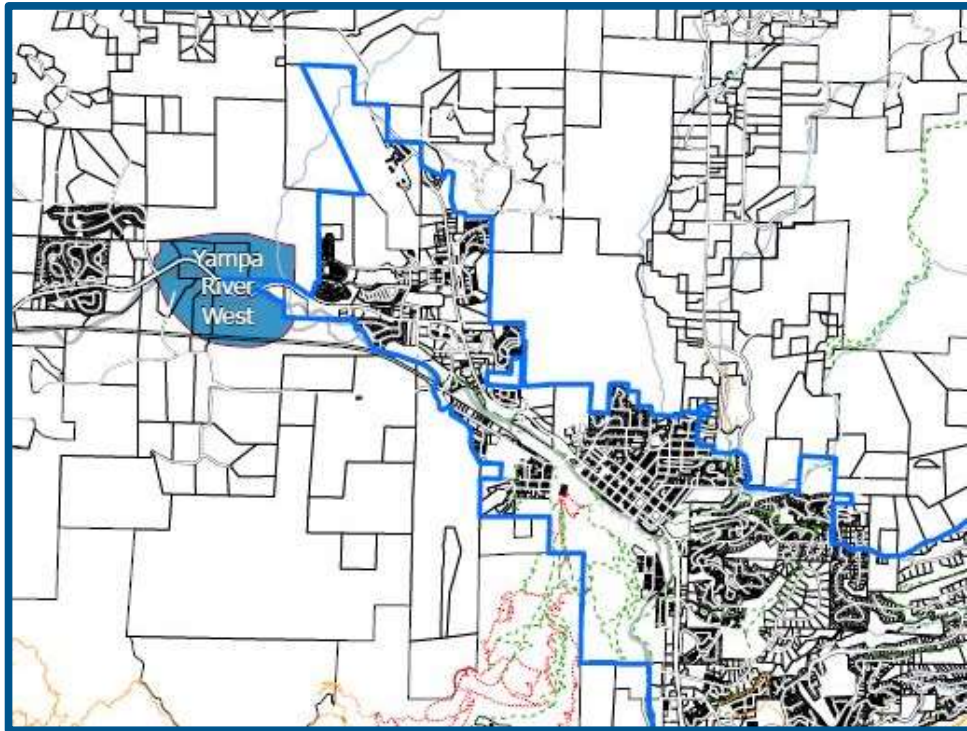
### Parkland Classification:

- Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- Preserves lands, connects to BLM
- Migration corridors
- Good habitat, riparian, steep slopes, dark timber, aspens, breeding ground
- Unique environmental features ridgelines and vista

## Area #6 – Yampa River West



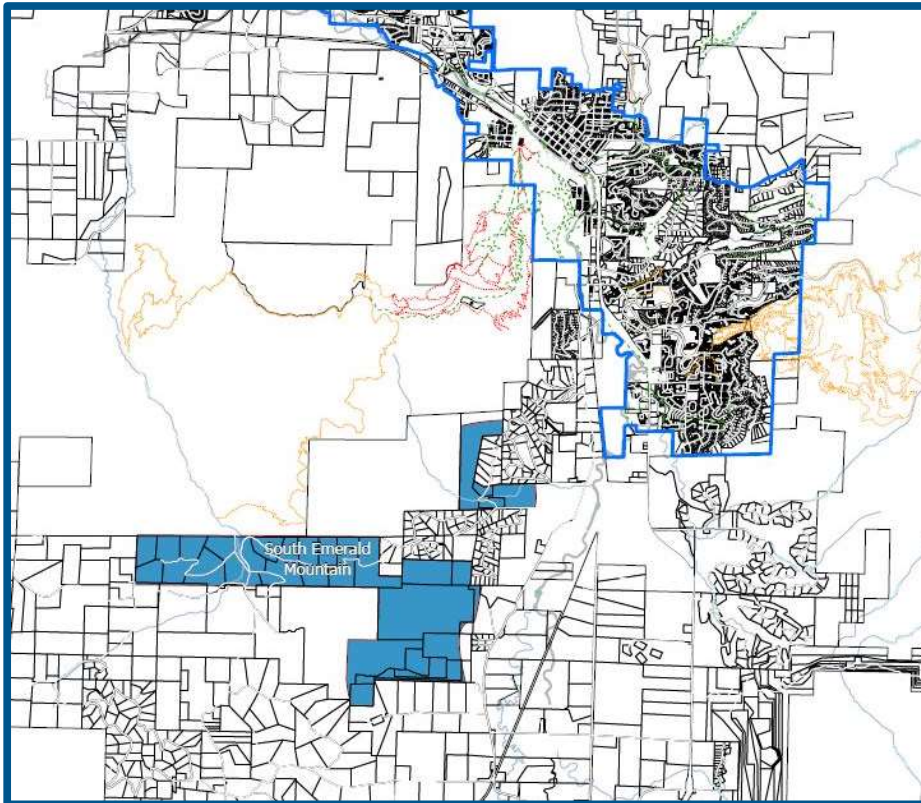
### Parkland Classification:

- Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- Fulfills needs for underserved, provides services for West End Steamboat
- Core trail connection to Steamboat II
- Habitat for wildlife
- Trail connections

## Area #5 – South Emerald Mountain



### Parkland Classification:

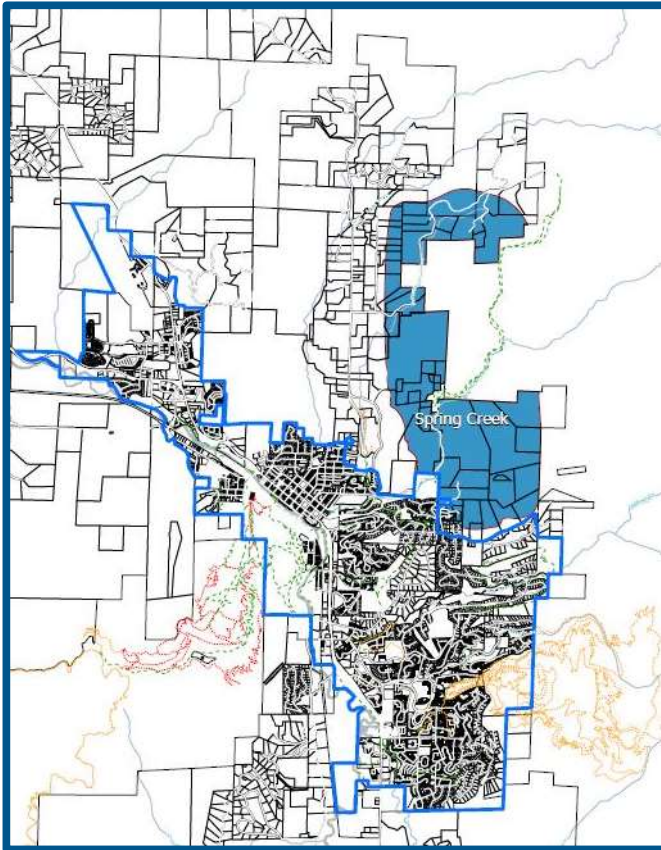
- Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- Protects conserved lands
- Connects protected lands
- Habitat for plants and wildlife
- Breeding grounds
- Winter range for elk and moose
- Managing to maintain ecosystem
- Protects critical habitat



## Area #4 – Spring Creek



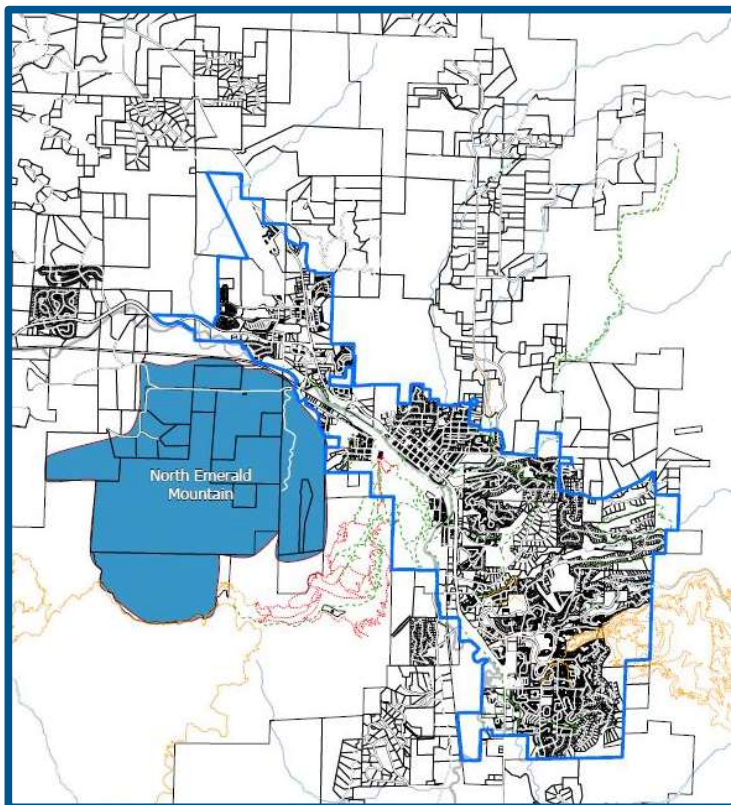
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- Protects conserved lands
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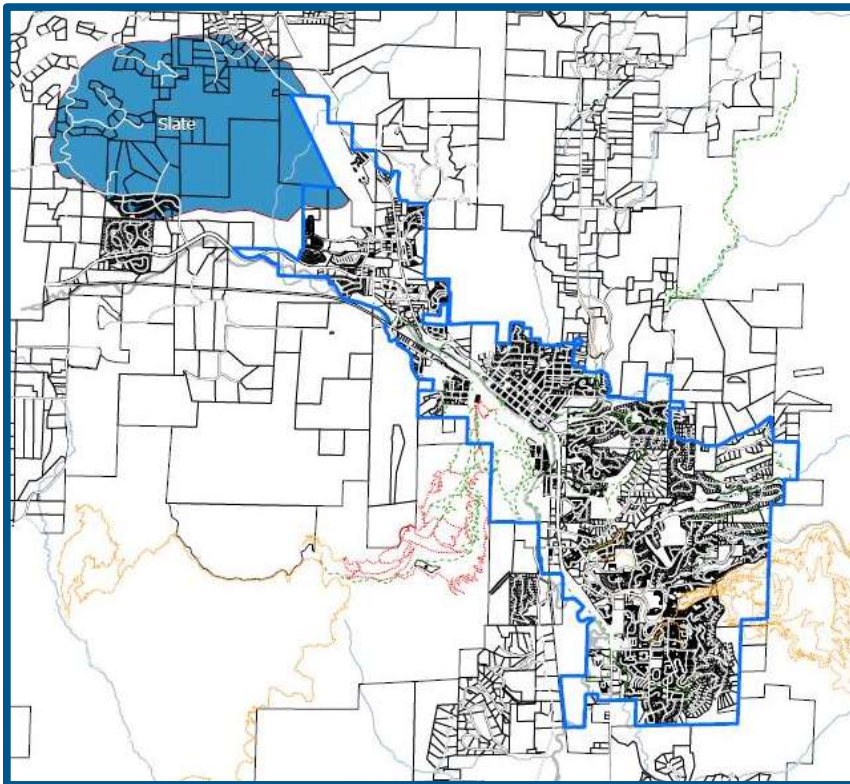


### Parkland Classification:

- Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- River frontage
- Wildlife viewing
- Mountain
- River
- Adjacent to Emerald Mountain



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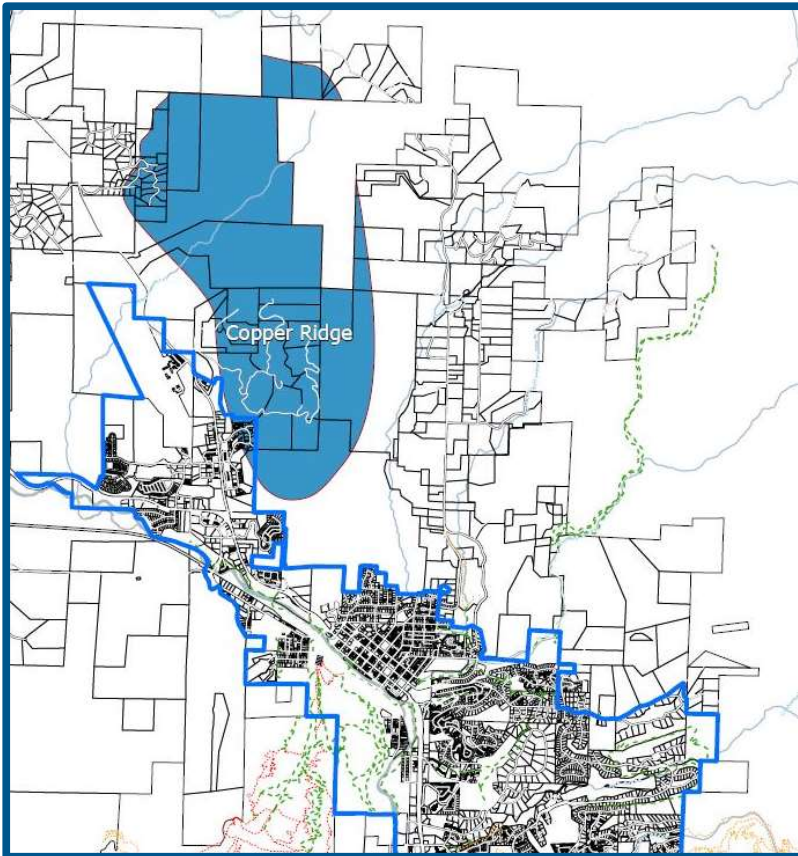
- Regional Park and Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- Excellent access to the underserved
- Serves identified growth area
- Identified in the West Steamboat Springs Area Plan
- Habitat for plants and wildlife
- Supports the function of border system, promotes wildlife connections, trail connections, etc.



## Area #1 – Copper Ridge



### Parkland Classification:

- Open Space

### Attribute Highlights:

- Connecting to BLM, and forest service land
- Supports the function of border system, promotes wildlife connections, trail connections, etc.
- Winter concentration area for wildlife
- Several riparian areas, lakes, forests, prairies, breeding grounds
- Different ecosystems across it

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# Acquisition Actions, Slate Creek



## Conceptual use of Slate Creek:

- ~ 46 acres Regional Park
  - Sports Complex
  - Large playground
  - Restroom Facility
  - Parks Maintenance Space
- ~ 10 acres, Secondary Access and Trailhead Space
  - Designated Right-of-Way
  - Trailhead parking for Open Space
- ~ 131 acres of Open Space
  - Conservation Easement
  - Ridgelines and Riparian Corridor
  - Trail Network





## Parkland Acquisition Process Step #3:

- Established a funding plan
- Outlined due diligence required
- PAC, City Attorney, and Staff created and proceeded with an acquisition strategy
- Negotiated directly with landowners

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**Council questions prior to Executive Session?**



## Attachment 2

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## City of Steamboat Springs Land Acquisition Criteria

The land acquisition criteria will guide and direct staff in making recommendations to City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission about selecting properties within identified geographic areas for acquisition.

### INTRODUCTION

This criterion will provide:

- Guidance and assistance to the Acquisitions Team in ranking the attributes of individual parcels based on the acquisition priorities identified in Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition Plan
- These ranking criteria will be the basis for making recommendations to City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission about the identified areas that should be acquired.

### Parkland Significance

Parkland significance is why an area has been identified and targeted for Parks and Recreation acquisition interest. The specific geographic area or its physical attributes and environmental characteristics are what create parkland significance.

- **Developed Parks**

Developed parks provide varied opportunities as mini/pocket parks, neighborhood parks, community parks regional parks, and as a recreation facility. These offering serve residents and visitors with active and passive recreation experiences in a developed park environment. All these park types will provide targeted amenities designed to engage users to be active as well as provide opportunities for relaxed passive experiences to enjoy the parks green space and an open landscaped environment. These types of parks are less focused on natural landscape features but more on the proximity to the residents it serves.

- **Open Space and Natural Areas**

These are areas that have been selected to preserve a historical, natural, or cultural characteristic for the community. This type of parkland offers both active and passive recreation that benefits residents as well as the natural landscape and wildlife. These areas could be associated with a conservation easement as part of their Land Acquisition Strategy. These areas should provide regional significance to the community for the preservation of undeveloped areas. The spaces with diverse geography and environments will provide a natural and historical framework to our community. These open spaces and natural areas will also provide a haven for wildlife and native flora in the community.

- **Trails**

These are areas that are required to provide the space to establish a regional trail route or provide access and or showcase geographic characteristics of a specific area or park. Trail opportunities can be active or passive recreation or transportation. Trails offerings can be paved, soft surface, single track, and two track trails.

## LAND ACQUISITION CRITERIA

### Acquisition Criteria Framework

A framework of Ranking Criteria is central to the plans process. A ranking framework specific to the community ensures the values and character of Steamboat Springs is foremost. For an area to be recommended for acquisition, it must be considered to have significant environmental and/or land use value to the community. An exception to this may be made where an acquisition serves important operational or land management needs. For example, an acquisition may provide a more manageable property boundary, link managed properties, or fulfill a community need such as provide public access.

The criteria will be rated on a five-point scale: 1 = Very Low, 2 = Low, 3 = Moderate, 4 = High, 5 = Very High. Ranking criteria will be weighted based on community needs and categories will be given a multiplier between 1 and 3 based on significance. The allocation of scores will be subjective but will be based on the best available information derived from an acquisitions team guided by community management plans. A composite score will be produced for each property considered for acquisition derived from the following criteria:

### Criteria Attributes

#### 1. Accessibility and Resource Availability

Does the property fulfill the needs of an underserved area or population? How accessible is the property in terms of distance from where people are living or are planned to reside? What is the access or opportunities related to underserved populations and people with low income or disabilities? Does the property fill a gap in the service area and provide equitable outcomes.

#### 2. Connectivity and Contiguity

Does the property play an important role in connecting natural environments or conserved lands? Is the area adjacent to existing protected lands and reduce fragmentation of resources? Does the property support the functions in the broader system? (e.g., migration corridors, critical habitat, connectivity to protected lands, trail connections)?

#### 3. Habitat Value

Are there habitats for native plants and wildlife to thrive? Are there good long-term prospects for the continued existence of the properties' natural features? Are there wetlands, riparian areas, forests, prairies, breeding grounds, winter range, and can the area be managed to maintain ecosystem processes? Does the property acquisition protect rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitat?

#### 4. Active Recreation Features

Does the property provide for active recreation and sport, or the opportunity for future facility development to meet the recreational needs of a growing community? (Athletic Fields, Indoor Recreational Facility Complex, Mountain Biking Trail, Sport Courts, River Rafting, Skiing, Ice Hockey, Nordic Trail.)

#### 5. Passive Recreation Features

Do the natural features of the landscape provide regionally significant opportunities for outdoor experiences and activities for residents and tourists? Do the features provide an opportunity for patrons to be close to nature for passive recreation? (Wildlife Viewing, River or Creek Access, Meditation, Photography, Interpretive Educational Programming)



**6. Climate Influence and Resiliency**

What role could the property have in addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation? Does the property provide watershed management through flood control, and ground water recharge? Does the property provide relief to flooding through flood plain connectivity? Do lands possess the ability to act as carbon sinks and resiliency to wildfire?

**7. Landscape Context and Naturalness**

How well does the property represent the natural environment and specific ecosystem elements of the region? Is the property compatible with adjacent land uses? Does the area contain natural features with low relative amount of human-caused disturbance to the natural environment?

**8. Distinct Environmental Features**

Does the property provide or illustrate unique environmental characteristics of the region in landforms, archeological sites, vistas, ridgelines, river frontage, view sheds, mineral springs, significant ranch lands, or other local and regional community values?

**9. Cultural/Historic Features and Community Character**

Are there regionally significant cultural and historic features or structures present on the property? (mines, archeological sites, homesteads, cultural or natural heritage landmarks, ranch properties unique to the community)

**10. Community Plan Compatibility**

What are the Official Community Plan, Local Area Plan, Zoning, and Park and Recreation Plan designations for the area? Is there development proposed for the area? How does the area relate to the City of Steamboat Springs' growth strategies? (Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan, Parks and Recreation, Open Space, Trails, and River Plan (PROSTR), West Steamboat Springs Area Plan, Yampa River Management Plan)

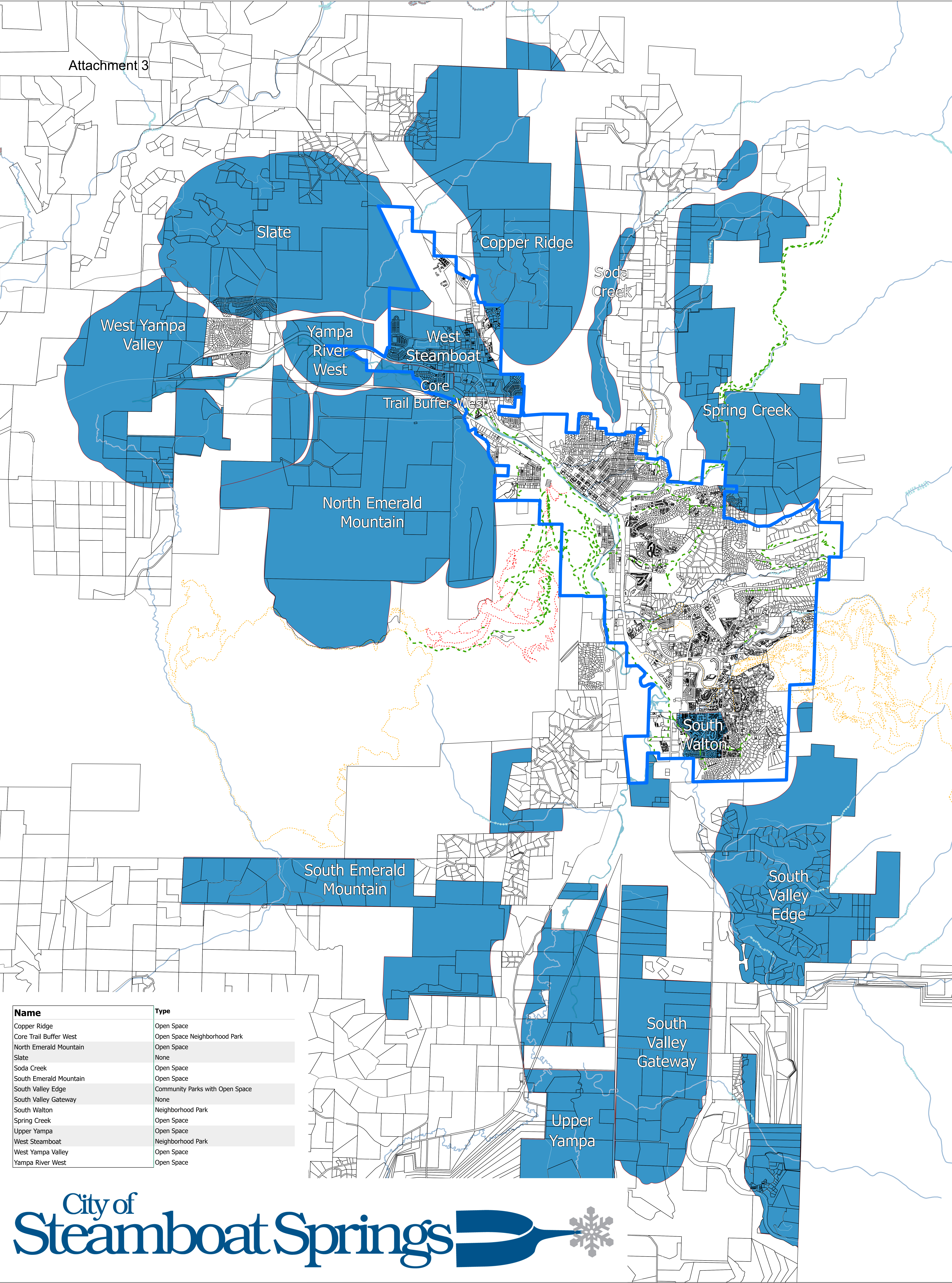
**11. Regional Plan Compatibility**

How does the property relate and is it compatible with the growth strategies of regional partners? (Routt County Master Plan, Routt County Open Lands Plan, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Strategic Plan, Mountain Area Master Plan)

**12. Site Condition**

What is the current condition of the land, including physical, geophysical, climatic, ecological, environmental, geotechnical, and archeological conditions. Are there areas that exist on the property that need to be remediated? What potential for restoration exists?







# Attachment 4

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	Connectivity & Contiguity												
	Habitat Value												
	Active Recreation Features												
	Passive Recreation Features												
	Climate Influence & Resiliency												
	Landscape Context & Naturalness												
	Distinct Environmental Features												
	Cultural/Historic Features & Community Character												
	Community Plan Compatibility												
	Regional Plan Compatibility												
	Site Condition												
	TOTAL SCORE												
	Multiplier	3	2	3	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	1
Copper Ridge	3	5	5	3	5	4	5	5	4	3	5	4	99
Slate Creek	5	3	5	5	5	2	4	4	1	5	5	4	91
North Emerald Mountain	3	5	4	4	4	2	3	4	1	3	3	4	76
Spring Creek	2	5	5	2	4	1	3	3	1	3	3	4	67
South Emerald Mountain	0	5	4	2	3	3	4	4	2	1	3	5	66
Yampa River West	5	4	3	5	3	1	2	2	0	3	3	2	65
Soda Creek	1	4	5	2	3	2	5	5	0	1	3	5	64
South Valley Edge	3	2	3	4	4	2	4	3	0	3	3	5	64
Upper Yampa	1	3	3	0	2	5	3	3	2	3	3	3	62
Core Trail Buffer West	5	5	3	4	2	1	1	1	0	3	1	1	58
West Yampa Valley	1	2	2	3	3	4	2	3	0	3	3	1	52
South Valley Gateway	1	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	47
South Walton	5	2	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	3	42
West Steamboat	5	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	5	1	4	42

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