

**To: Status Report to the Parks and Recreation Board**  
**From: Open Space Working Group**  
**Date: December 6, 2024**

**Task 1: Recruit new OSWG members to ensure that the group represents a wide range of perspectives on open space and trails issues.**

- The working group now has seven members.

**Task 2: Seek public input for the Trails and Open Space Plan update.**

- The previously scheduled presentation at the October OSWG meeting from Sites Southwest on the draft Trails and Open Space Management Plan was postponed until January.
- Developed, solicited input, and summarized the results of a Los Alamos Open Space Survey, working with the Los Alamos-based non-profit Places and Spaces. Reported preliminary results to Sites Southwest before their deadline for input in September. See the full summary in the attachment.

**Task 3: Monitor conditions of the County open space and trails and submit recommendations for open space and trail maintenance projects to the Open Space Specialist if appropriate.**

- Removed over 100 bull thistles in County open space that spread from ground disturbed during the golf course renovation project. This is an on-going task.
- Implemented a pilot project for crowd-sourcing trail assessment data for trail maintenance issues using the free app CMC RIMS from the Colorado Mountain Club. Initiated data collection with the app to evaluate its effectiveness to provide up-to-date monitoring of trail maintenance needs to potentially feed into the Cartograph software and to provide tasks for the Adopt-a-Trail program (see below).
- Continued to refine ideas on a County Adopt-a-Trail program to encourage volunteer trail maintenance. The Working Group asks the PRB to include development of this program in its 2025 work plan and to request a presentation from the Working Group on the proposed project at its meeting in February or March.

**Task 4: Identify open space and trail projects suitable for volunteers.**

- As part of the CMC RIMS pilot project, suitable volunteer projects will be identified.

Respectfully submitted,

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