

**TOWN OF SILT
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ESTIMATED TIME	ELECTRONIC AGENDA ITEM	PUBLIC HEARING/ ACTION	ELECTRONIC LOCATION AND PRESENTOR
	Agenda		Tab 1
6:30 P.M.	Call to Order		Chair Classen
	Roll Call		Chair Classen
	Pledge of Allegiance		Chair Classen
6:32 P.M.	Consent agenda Minutes of the January 7, 2020 P & Z Meeting	Action Item	Tab 2 Chair Classen
6:35 P.M.	Public Comments - A "Sign In Sheet" is available in the Council Chambers. Each speaker will limit comments to no more than three (3) minutes, with a total time of 30 minutes allotted to public comments, pursuant to Section 2.28.020 of the Silt Municipal Code		Chair Classen
6:38 P.M.	Agenda Changes		Chair Classen
6:40 P.M. 20 minutes	Garfield County Referral – Kancilia Small to Large Kennel	Recommendation to Garfield County	Tab 3 Director Aluise
7:00 P.M. 20 minutes	Parks, Recreation, & Culture Master Plan Draft	Information Item	Tab 4 Director Aluise
7:20 P.M. 5 minutes	Old Business –RBW Automotive and Removal of Abandoned Dwelling Unit at 512 Main Street	Information Item	Tab 5 Director Aluise
7:25 P.M. 5 minutes	New Business - 2020 Special Event List Call for Volunteers	Information Item	Tab 6 Director Aluise
7:30 P.M.	Future Business		
7:35 P.M.	Commissioner Comments		
7:40 P.M.	Adjourn		

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Silt Planning & Zoning Commission is tentatively set for Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Items on the agenda are approximate and intended as a guide for the Planning and Zoning Commission. "Estimated Time" is subject to change, as is the order of the agenda. For deadlines and information required to schedule an item on the agenda, please contact the Town of Silt at 876-2353. Please be aware that this agenda is given to the public and to the Commission in electronic form. If you require a hard-copy, please request one before or after the scheduled meeting. Normal Town copying charges may apply. Thank you.

**TOWN OF SILT
MINUTES FOR
REGULAR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020, 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Chair Classen called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Chris Classen
Vice Chair Lindsey Williams
Commissioner Eddie Aragon
Commissioner Joelle Dorsey
Commissioner Brittany Cocina (Voting Member)

Absent: Commissioner Marcia Eastlund
Alternate Commissioner #2

Also present at the meeting was Community Development Director Janet Aluise.

Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:30 p.m., the Commission cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no stated conflicts of interest.

Tab 2 - Consent Agenda

At 6:33 p.m., Vice Chair Williams made a motion to approve the December 3, 2019 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting minutes, as written. Commissioner Aragon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

Tab 3 – Garfield County Comprehensive Plan 2030 – Review of Urban Growth Boundary

At 6:34 p.m., Director Aluise reviewed the Garfield County Comprehensive Plan 2030 and the suggested changes to that document, including the urban fringe, utility extensions and connections, incompatible/compatible land uses, subdivisions of two to five acres, transportation, economic development, housing, recreation and tourism, and agriculture. The plan generally supports the notion that properties on the Town's boundary should be annexed and zoned within the Town's jurisdiction. Director Aluise stated that the plan exhibits a good effort by the County to provide for appropriate development, although there are definitely differences in the goals and land use provisions for the two entities.

Commissioners had the following questions/comments:

- The 16th Street County parcel with the pond should be annexed and zoned (Director Aluise stated that the Town once had a pre-annexation agreement with the former property owner, but that the current owner of the property demanded a rescission of the document before her purchase); &
- Traffic Impact Fees are used by the County to help defray maintenance costs (Director Aluise stated that the Town performed a traffic impact study in 2010, but the Board was reticent to institute such fees).

At 7:05 p.m., the Commission had consensus that it was in favor of the suggested changes in the Garfield County Comprehensive Plan 2030 and that staff should direct such comments to the Garfield County Planning Department.

Tab 4 – Planning Commission Workshop Overview

At 7:06 p.m., Chair Classen reviewed the Planning Commission Workshop documents from his class in Greeley in December. He encouraged other Commissioners to go to future classes of this nature, as there is valuable and timely information.

Tab 5 – Overview of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan Draft

At 7:37 p.m., Director Aluise briefly reviewed the latest draft of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan.

The Commission expressed their appreciation to staff for the work done thus far.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Future Business

There was no future business.

Commissioner and Staff Comments

At 7:43 p.m., the Commission welcomed newly appointed Alternate Commissioner Brittany Cocina.

At 7:47 p.m., Commissioner Dorsey commented that it was disappointing that Board members were commenting on social media about the Golden Gate Sign. There was consensus that this would be a topic of discussion at the next quarterly meeting with the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment

At 7:57 p.m., Commissioner Aragon made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cocina seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Chris Classen

Community Development Director Janet Aluise

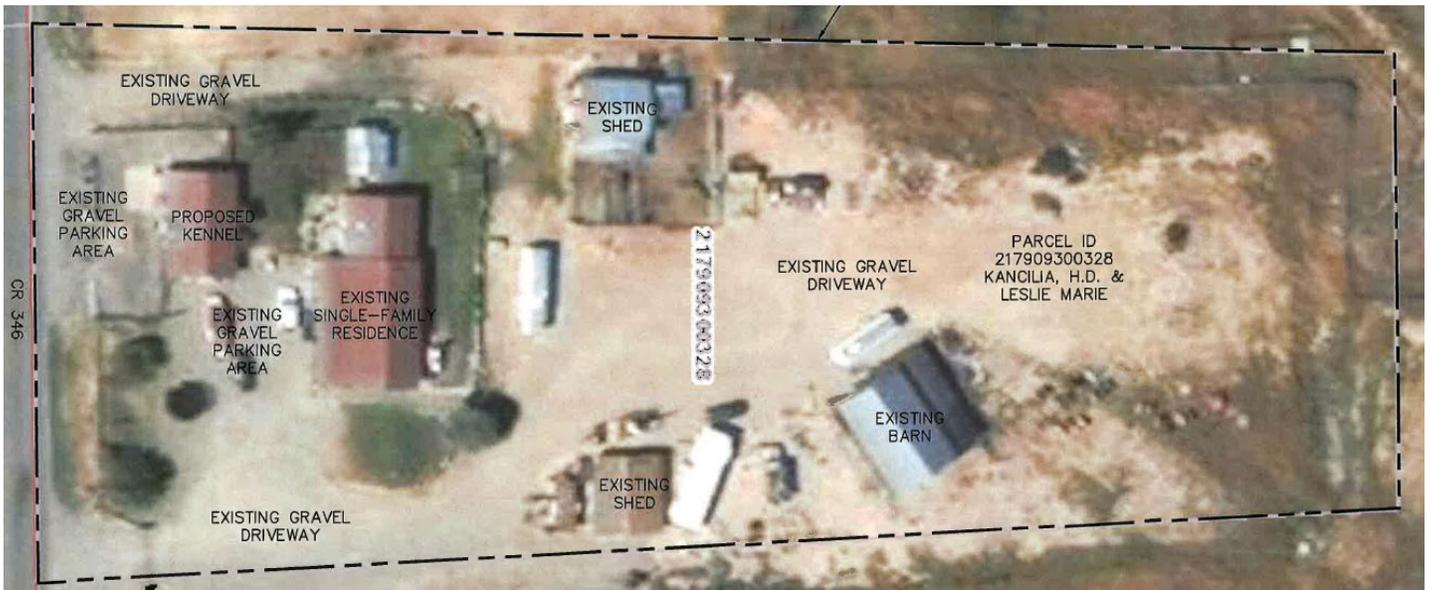
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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE CHAIRMAN & PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM: JANET ALUISE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
DATE: JANUARY 29, 2020
RE: GARFIELD CO. REFERRAL – KANCILIA KENNEL – 6301 CR 346

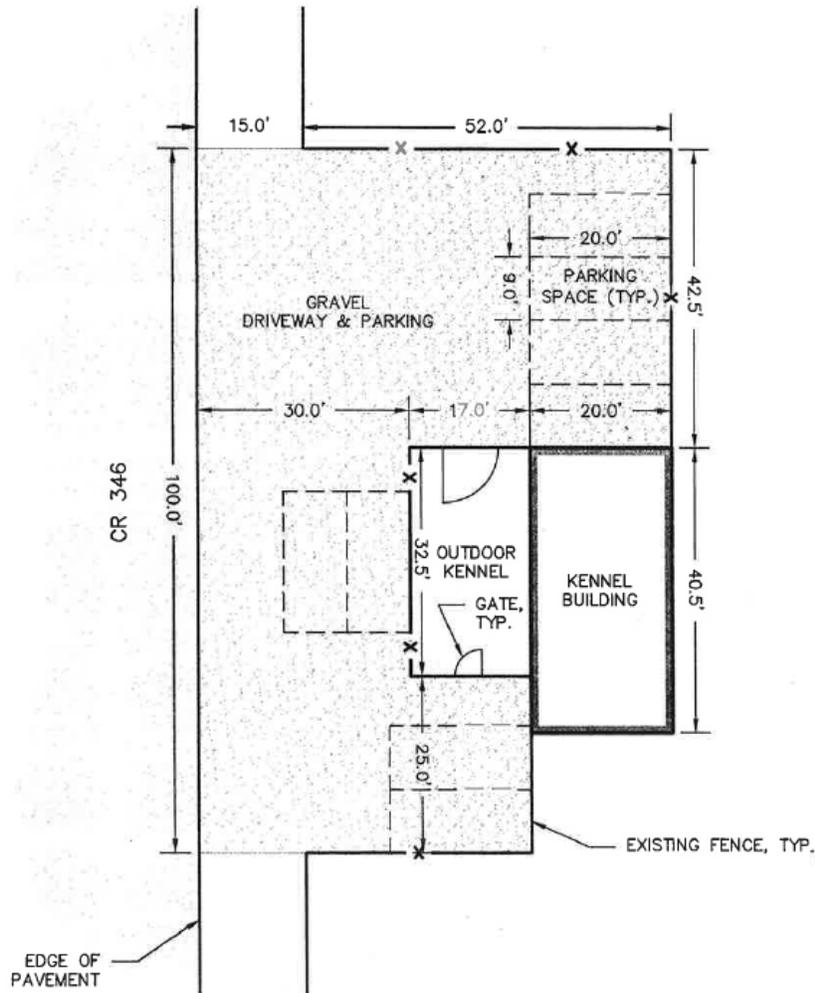
Location and Request

Leslie and Howard Kancilia, owners of property to the west of the Silt River Preserve on County Road 346 requests permission from Garfield County in a Limited Impact Review Application to modify a 810 square foot building for a small animal (8 or fewer dogs) or large animal (more than 8 dogs) kennel for the purpose of housing, grooming, breeding, boarding, and training animals. The 2-acre parcel is a residential parcel zoned ‘Rural’, and located within the Tier 3 of the Town’s Urban Growth Boundary, and is designated future Natural Resource Extraction/Future Public-Quasi-Public Parks and Open Space land use designation within the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. The applicants propose to use the existing water (well) and wastewater (septic/leach field) on the property. The applicants state that there will be no noise generation beyond allowable limits at the edge of the property.



The proposed kennel is located in the southern portion of the lot, within one hundred feet of County Road 346, and vehicles accessing the site will also likely impact the I-70 interchange (Silt Exit 97). As discussed in many prior meetings with the Commission, the Town has concerns that County-zoned properties impact the interchange, without compensation to the Town of Silt for replacement of the interchange. The Board of Trustee and Board of County

Commissioners will likely have many joint meetings in the future to discuss impacts to the Town.



Contrary to the information provided by the applicant in the packet, the property is within a mile of the Town limits (Silt River Preserve). Further, the applicant states that the P & Z Commission reviewed this application previously and had no comments, but in fact, this review on February 4, 2020 is the first time the P &Z has reviewed.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Town staff has no other specific objections to the proposed use.



Garfield County

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 108 8th Street, Suite 401
 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
 (970) 945-8212
www.garfield-county.com

LAND USE CHANGE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

TYPE OF APPLICATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Development in 100-Year Floodplain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Impact Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Development in 100-Year Floodplain Variance
<input type="checkbox"/> Major Impact Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Code Text Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to an Approved LUCP <input type="checkbox"/> LIR <input type="checkbox"/> MIR <input type="checkbox"/> SUP	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezoning <input type="checkbox"/> Zone District <input type="checkbox"/> PUD <input type="checkbox"/> PUD Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor Temporary Housing Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacation of a County Road/Public ROW	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal of Administrative Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Location and Extent Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Areas and Activities of State Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation Pursuant to Fair Housing Act
<input type="checkbox"/> Pipeline Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Variance
<input type="checkbox"/> Time Extension (also check type of original application)	

INVOLVED PARTIES

Owner/Applicant

Name: Leslie Kancilia - Houser Phone: (970) 309-7326

Mailing Address: 6301 CR 346

City: Silt State: CO Zip Code: 81652

E-mail: leskanci@gmail.com

Representative (Authorization Required)

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION

Project Name: Housers Place the Kennel at 81652

Assessor's Parcel Number: 2127-342-00-161

Physical/Street Address: 6301 CR 346 Silt, Co 81652

Legal Description: SE 1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 9 township 6 South Range 92 West 6 merid 40

Zone District: Rural Property Size (acres): 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Existing Use: Vacant Building

Proposed Use (From Use Table 3-403): Limited Impact Kennel Smell

Description of Project: 8 Dogs & less for breeding. Was previously used for this purpose.

REQUEST FOR WAIVERS

Submission Requirements

The Applicant requesting a Waiver of Submission Requirements per Section 4-202. List:

Section: landscape Plan Section: Grading & Drainage
Section: water quality Section: Noise Study

Waiver of Standards

The Applicant is requesting a Waiver of Standards per Section 4-118. List:

Section: _____ Section: _____
Section: _____ Section: _____

I have read the statements above and have provided the required attached information which is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

[Signature]

Signature of Property Owner

11-27-19

Date

[Signature]

11/27-19

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File Number: _____

Fee Paid: \$ _____



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**PRE-APPLICATION
CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: ~~21273420016T~~ 217909300328 **DATE:** August 30, 2019

PROJECT: "Kennel, Small" or "Kennel, Large"

OWNER/APPLICANT: Leslie and Howard Kancilia

PRACTICAL LOCATION: 6301 County Road 346, Silt, CO 81652

ZONING: Rural

TYPE OF APPLICATION: Major Impact Review for "Kennel, Large" or Limited Impact Review for "Kennel, Small"

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Applicant is proposing to permit a Kennel, Small or Kennel, Large on a parcel located off of County Road 346. It is understood that the preference for the Kennel is to accommodate over 8 dogs, which would require a permit for a Kennel, Large, which requires a Major Impact Review Land Use Change Permit.

In accordance with the Land Use and Development Code of 2013, a Kennel, Small and Kennel, Large are defined as follows:

***Kennel, Small.** A commercial establishment other than a pet shop or veterinary clinic, in which adult dogs or domesticated animals are housed, groomed, bred, boarded, or trained and that have between 5 and 8 adult dogs with no more than 2 litters of pups per any 1 calendar year. Dogs used as a part of a legitimate agricultural activity are exempted from the definition.*

***Kennel, Large.** A commercial establishment other than a pet shop or veterinary clinic, in which adult dogs or domesticated animals are housed, groomed, bred, boarded, or trained and have greater than 8 adult dogs and more than 2 litters of pups per any 1 calendar year. Dogs used as a part of an agricultural activity are exempted from the definition.*

This property is zoned Rural and is located in the Urban Growth Area for the Town of Silt. Staff recommends that the applicant contact the Town to inform them of the project, as the Town will be a referral agency. Garfield County GIS shows the majority of the property as having septic system constraints due to a high water table. As a result, the applicant will need to address how whether such a facility will be impacted by a high water table, particularly as it relates to animal waste and wastewater disposal.

The Applicant anticipates the kennel to have more than 5 dogs at a given time and may eventually have more than 8. As a result, should the applicant wish to eventually grow to a facility that contains more than 8 dogs at a time, then a permit for a "Kennel, Large" will be required. However, should the applicant only wish to handle up to 8 dogs, then the applicant should obtain a permit for a "Kennel, Small". Procedurally, in the Rural Zone District, a "Kennel, Small" requires a Limited Impact Review (only a Public Hearing with the Board of County Commissioners) while a "Kennel, Large" requires a Major Impact Review (a Public Hearing with the Planning Commissioners and a Public Hearing with the Board of County Commissioners). The submittal requirements remain the same for either a Limited Impact Review or Major Impact Review.

As part of the preliminary review of the parcel, Staff identified that a portion of the parcel appears to be located in the FEMA regulated floodplain (please see the attached map). The floodplain should be included on the submitted site plan. Additional information or conditions may be required as part of Staff review.

The applicant will need to delineate the area of the property to be used for the kennel as part of the site plan. The facility will need to be provided with legal and adequate water and wastewater. The applicant will need to provide a valid well permit from the Division of Water Resources (DWR) that includes all of the uses contemplated on the site. Staff recommends that the applicant contact Dwight Whitehead with the Division of Water Resources at 970-945-5665, prior to submittal of an application, in order to determine what is required for well permitting. If the uses are to be served by an existing Onsite Wastewater Disposal System (OWTS), then the applicant will need to provide a letter from a professional engineer stating that the OWTS is adequately sized and will function adequately for all uses contemplated. Similarly, if a new OWTS is to be installed for the proposed use, then these intensions need to be represented in the application. The applicant may request that the finalization of the well permit, potentially drilling a new well, pump testing and water quality testing be conducted as conditions of approval. Such a request needs to be made in the application.

In addition, the applicant should respond to all applicable standards as outlined in Section 7, Divisions 1-3 and Section 7-603 (Kennels), including a demonstration of compliance with the minimum driveway size relative to the Standards in Section 7-107. The applicant will also need to demonstrate that the access road to the proposed uses meets the standards as outlined in Section 7-107, and specifically Table 7-107 based on demonstrated Average Daily Trips (ADT). It is understood that the roadway to the property is private from County Road 259 and as a result, the private roadway will need to demonstrate compliance with Section 7-107 from County Road 259 to the proposed use. An access easement or other demonstration on legal access will also be necessary.

The Applicant shall affirmatively demonstrate compliance with Section 7-603, "No noise shall emanate from the property boundary in excess of the Residential Zone District standards contained in C.R.S. § 25-12-103, except as permitted by C.R.S. § 25-12-103(2) and (3)". Compliance should be demonstrated through a noise analysis from a qualified professional.

II. REGULATORY PROVISIONS APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS

Garfield County Land Use and Development Code, specific sections:

- Limited Impact Review, Section 4-104 (as applicable)
- Major Impact Review, Section 4-105 (as applicable)
- Common Review Procedures, Table 4-102
- Submittal Requirements, Table 4-201
- Article 7, Division 1, 2, and 3
- Section 7-603, Kennels

II. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

A major impact review requires the following information to be submitted pursuant to Table 4-201 which includes the following items which are further described in Section 4-203.

- 4-203.B. General Application Materials
 - a. Application Form and Fee
 - b. Agreement to pay form
 - c. Deed
 - d. Statement of Authority and/or letter of authorization. (If Necessary)
 - e. List of mineral owners of record, including names and mailing addresses. (See attached Memo from the County Attorney's Office on Mineral Owner Research)
 - f. Names and mailing addresses of all property owners within 200 feet of the subject parcel and a map showing the subject parcel and the adjacent property owners.
 - g. Project narrative
 - h. Copy of pre-application conference summary
- 4-203.C. Vicinity Map
- 4-203.D. Site Plan
 - Note: The FEMA mapped floodplain should be included on the site plan. Additional floodplain information may be required as part of the application review.
- 4-203.E. Grading and Drainage Plan
 - Note: The applicant may submit a waiver for this requirement – additional information should be provided in the application, including a response to the Waiver Criteria in Section 4-202 of the Land Use and Development Code.
- 4-203.F. Landscape Plan
 - Note: the Applicant may submit a waiver for this requirement – additional information should be provided in the application, including a response to the Waiver Criteria in Section 4-202 of the Land Use and Development Code.
- 4-203.G. Impact Analysis
 - Note: Applicant will need to respond to items 1 – 8 of Section 4-203(G)

- 4-203.L. Traffic Study
Note: The applicant should supply a report from a Professional Engineer that meets the Basic Traffic Study criteria.
- 4-203. M. Water Supply/Distribution Plan
Note: The Applicant will need to demonstrate that the well is legal and adequate for all uses it is serving. This includes a required pump test and water quality test.
- 4-203.N. Wastewater Treatment Plan
Note: The Applicant will need to demonstrate that the septic is legal and adequate for all uses it is serving. If an existing OWTS is proposed to be used, an engineer's statement of adequacy will be required.
- Respond to all standards in Section 7, Divisions 1, 2 and 3, Section 7-603 and submit any additional material (reports, plans, studies, etc) that provides evidence of compliance. Any additional materials to demonstrate compliance with Sections 7, Divisions 1, 2, and 3, Section 7-603.
- 7-107. Access and Roadways.
Note: Demonstrate compliance with Table 7-107 based on ADT.
- 7-603. Kennels
Note: Demonstration of compliance with Section 7-603 is necessary. A noise analysis from a qualified professional is required to demonstrate compliance with Section 7-603.

IV. REVIEW PROCESS

The process to accommodate these requests shall require a Limited Impact Review (4-104) or Major Impact Review process (4-105) pursuant to the Land Use and Development Code, as amended.

- A. Pre-application Conference.
- B. Application Submittal.
- C. Determination of Completeness. (20 days for staff review, 60 days for applicant to correct any deficiencies in the submittal)
- D. Schedule Public Hearing with PC, provide documentation regarding notice requirements in order to satisfy LUDC requirement of minimum 30 day/maximum 60 day notice prior to hearing.
- E. Additional Copies requested and sent to referral agencies.
- F. Evaluation by Director/Staff resulting in a Staff Report to the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners.
- G. Public Hearing before the PC, resulting in a recommendation of final approval, approval with conditions or denial.
- H. Schedule Public Hearing with BOCC, provide documentation regarding notice requirements in order to satisfy LUDC requirement of minimum 30 day/maximum 60 day notice prior to hearing.
- I. Public Hearing before the BOCC, resulting in a decision of final approval, approval with conditions or denial.
- J. Recording of decision in an approved Resolution

- K. If approved, issuance of a Land Use Change Permit based on demonstration of compliance with any conditions of approval. All applicable conditions of approval must be satisfied within 1 year of approval.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NOTICE

Public Hearing notices shall be posted, mailed and published at least 30 days prior to the hearing pursuant to Section 4-101.E.

- None
- Planning Commission (For Major Impact Review)
- Board of County Commissioners (For Major Impact Review and Limited Impact Review)

VI. REFFERALS

Referral may include the following agencies:

- Garfield County Road and Bridge Department
- Garfield County Environmental Health Manager
- Garfield County Vegetation Manager
- Garfield County Consulting Engineer
- Fire Protection District
- Colorado Division of Water Resources
- CDPHE Water Quality Control Division
- Any other agency deemed appropriate upon review of the submittal

Application Submittal

3 Hard Copies
1 Digital PDF Copy (on CD or USB stick)

Both the paper and the digital copy should be split into individual sections. Please refer to the list included in your pre-application conference summary for the submittal requirements that are appropriate for your application:

- General Application Materials
- Vicinity Map
- Site Plan
- Grading and Drainage Plan
- Landscape Plan
- Impact Analysis
- Traffic Study
- Water Supply/Distribution Plan
- Wastewater Management Plan
- Article 7 Standards

VII. APPLICATION REVIEW FEES

This application will be subject to the following fees and deposit requirements:

- Planning Review Fees:** \$ 525 (Major Impact Review) and \$400 (Limited Impact Review)
Plus any additional Staff time charged at staff hourly rate of \$40.50
- Referral Agency Fees:** Engineering review fee based on hourly rate
- Total Deposit:** \$400 (Limited Impact Review) or \$525 (Major Impact Review)

General Application Processing

Planner reviews case for completeness and sends to referral agencies for comments. Case planner contacts applicant and sets up a site visit. Staff reviews application to determine if it meets standards of review. Case planner makes a recommendation of approval, approval with conditions, or denial to the appropriate hearing body.

Disclaimer

The foregoing summary is advisory in nature only and is not binding on the County. The summary is based on current zoning, which is subject to change in the future, and upon factual representations that may or may not be accurate. This summary does not create a legal or vested right. This summary is valid for 6 months following the signature date.

Pre-application Summary Prepared by:



Patrick Waller
Senior Planner

August 30, 2019

Date

Project Narrative

Type Of Application: Limited Impact Review For "Kennel, Small"

Owner/Applicant: Leslie and Howard Kancilia

Property Location: 6301 CR 346 Silt, Colorado

Zoning: Rural,

Phone: 970-309-7326 or 970-319-0621

Parcel #: 212734200161

1. General Project Description:

We are proposing to permit a Kennel, Small. Located off of County Road 346, Silt Co. It is our preference to accommodate less than 8 dogs. Which requires a limited impact review for Kennel, small from Garfield County.

History: Originally built in 1984 the building was permitted as a right of use. The 800 square foot building was utilized for boarding and grooming, the original business license was called "The Foxy Dog". We retired that business in 2005. At that time a special use permit was obtained so that we could run our office equipment business at that same location.

A valid well permit has been attained and the documents have been submitted. Please see attached permit. If a water quality test is required we will submit to that demand at the time we get a conditional approval from the BOCC. If a water quality test is required we will submit to that demand at the time we get a conditional approval from the BOCC.

Waste water will be going to the dedicated septic system attached to the building. All solids will be disposed of weekly, we have contracted with Waste Management for this utility. The septic system's original permit is attached. The current condition of the system will be included in the scope of work provided by High Country Engineering (HCE).

Section 7, Division 1-3 ; This property is located 5 miles SouthWest of the Town of Silt. The property is surrounded by Silt Sand and Gravel and directly across 346 road is a seasonal

Nursery business. The kennel will have no impact on these neighbors..

Section 7-107: The Road and Bridge Division of Garfield County has inspected the driveway and found it to be adequate for the proposed permit. Please see the attachment from Road and Bridge.

Section 7-603: addresses noise generated by the kennel. This is also included in the scope of work contracted with HCE. In a small operation like this noise would be limited to the hours that the dogs have access to the play yard, Which would be estimated to the hours of 7am to 7pm. But since the crushers at the gravel pit starts at 7am, we anticipate that the impact of barking to be minimal.

Average Daily Trips (ADT) will be addressed by High Country Engineering HCE)

Daily Activities: Owners will check their pet in on-line or in person. A safe secure fence will receive the customer, this will facilitate a safe egress to the front door of the facility. The interior spaces will be configured to reflect the size of dog as dictated by PACFA. Please see attached application

The exercise yards are located on the North side of the building and and securely fenced and subdivided.

The property is zoned rural and is located in the Urban Growth Area for the Town of Silt. The Town of Silt has been informed of our intention to obtain this permit. A verbal communication with the P/Z occurred and no objection was registered.

The engineering services of High Country Engineering (HCE) have been contracted, the scope of the contract includes any impact from a high water table, traffic and noise. However this property is surrounded by a gravel pit, within audible distance of I-70 and the neighbor directly across the County Road is a seasonal commercial greenhouse.

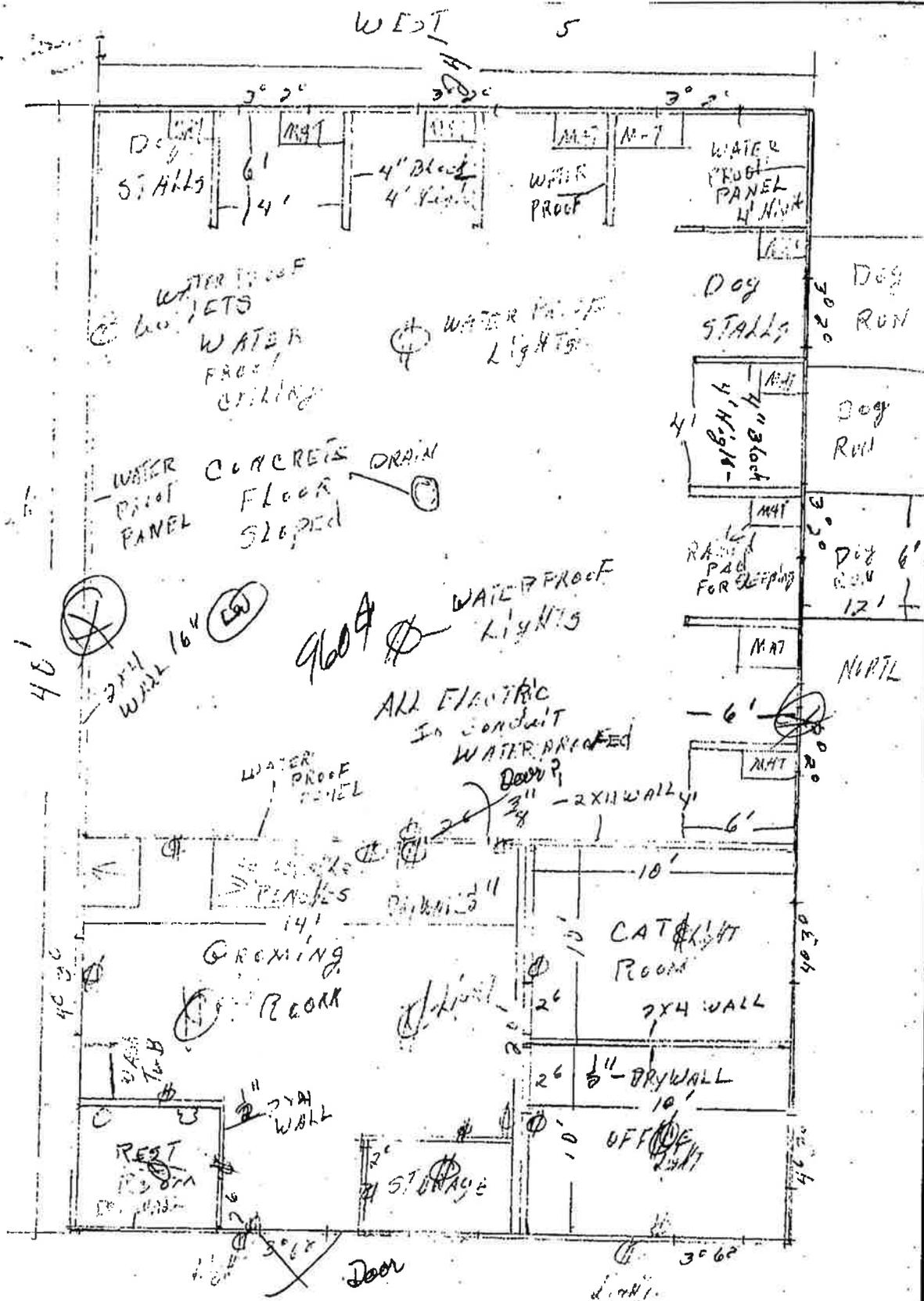
The staff at Community development have identified that a portion of the parcel appears to be located in the FEMA regulated floodplains. A map has been attached. HCE will address those concerns also.

A map of the property is included with this submittal.

- The applicant is asking for waivers on the following items:
 - a grading and Drainage plan,
 - Noise Study.
 - Landscape plan.
 - water quality testing.

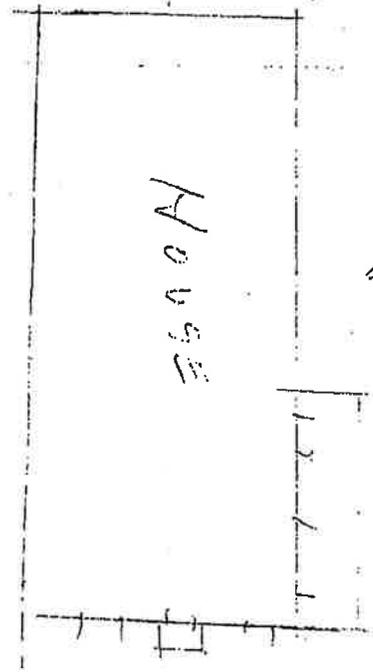
Please see attached documents: Site Plan FEMA map, Deed, Mineral owners and the names and addresses of all property owners within 200 feet of 6301 CR 346 Silt. Vicinity map.

Thank you.



Note: Recommend an Emergency Door from this portion of Bldg one side or the other

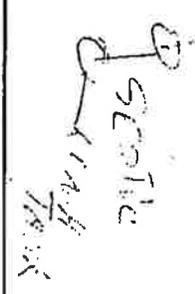
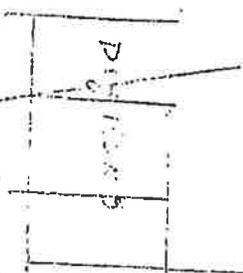
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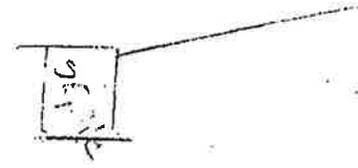
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Parking

Perimeter Area



FRONT LINE
FRONT LINE







Civil Engineering Report

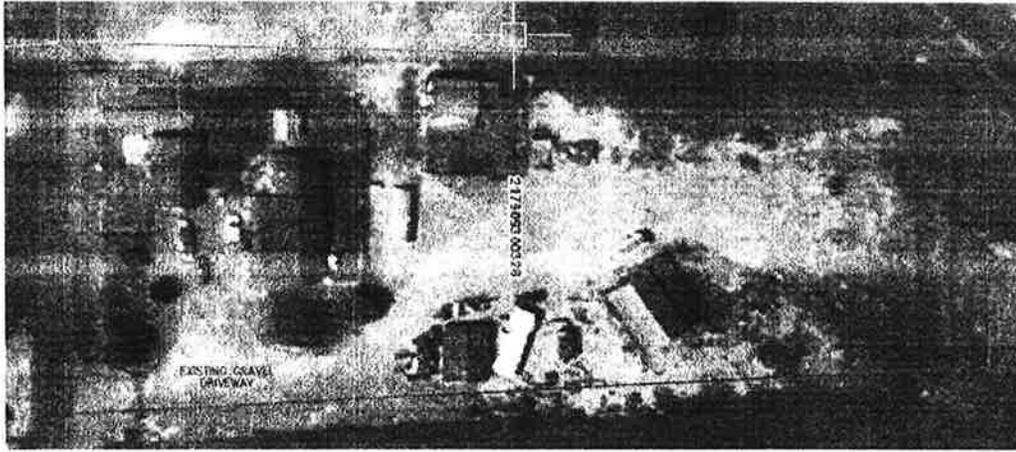
To: Garfield County Zoning
From: Michael Grzesiak, PE
Date: November 25, 2019
Revised: December 20, 2019
Project: 6301 County Road 346 – Commercial Dog Kennel
Parcel No.: 212734200161
Subject: Limited Impact Review for “Kennel, Small”
HCE Project: 2191034.00

I. Purpose

The property owner has proposed to apply for a “Kennel, Small” permit at their property located at 6301 County Road 346. This report shall address the criteria for a Limited Impact Review as required by the Garfield County Land Use code, and as outlined by the August 30th, 2019 application review letter drafted by Garfield County planning. A “Kennel, Small” permit will allow for a maximum of 8 dogs to be boarded each day.

II. Location

The site is located at 6301 County Road 346 in the Town of Silt, CO. The site is currently developed with multiple buildings. Existing structures onsite consist of a single-story, single-family residence, a single-story commercial building, a garage, and multiple small sheds. The existing single-story commercial building previously functioned as a permitted commercial kennel. This structure is to be re-permitted under this application as a commercial kennel. A site plan is shown below:



A detailed site plan of the kennel location is attached for reference.

Per FEMA FIRM map 0802051091C, the northern half of the parcel is located within Zone A; Special Flood Hazard Area Without Base Flood Elevation. The southern half of the parcel where the kennel is located is within Zone X; areas determined to be outside the 100-year and 500-year floodplains.

III. Traffic Evaluation.

The proposed land use has been analyzed for trip generation or Average Daily Trips (ADT) based on a maximum of 8 customers per day. A summary of ADT is as follows:

- 8 customers = 16 trips
- Single-family residence = 9.57 (ITE Land Use Code: 210)
- Total ADT = 25.57

The area is rural and the additional trips should not have any significant impact on the County road system.

IV. Access Evaluation

Access to the site is an existing gravel driveway north of County Road 346. The driveway serving the commercial kennel will need to comply with Garfield County Land Use Code Table 7-107: Roadway Standards. Based on an ADT of 25.57 the driveway will need to comply with the "Semi-Primitive" road standard. Access to the kennel from County Road 346 is via a gravel parking area immediately adjacent to CR 346. The gravel parking area is approximately 100 feet wide, 30 feet deep and can accommodate 6 perpendicular and two parallel parking spaces. Slopes are minimal at less than 5%. Sufficient area to back out of the parking space and turn around before entering the county road is provided.

V. OWTS Evaluation

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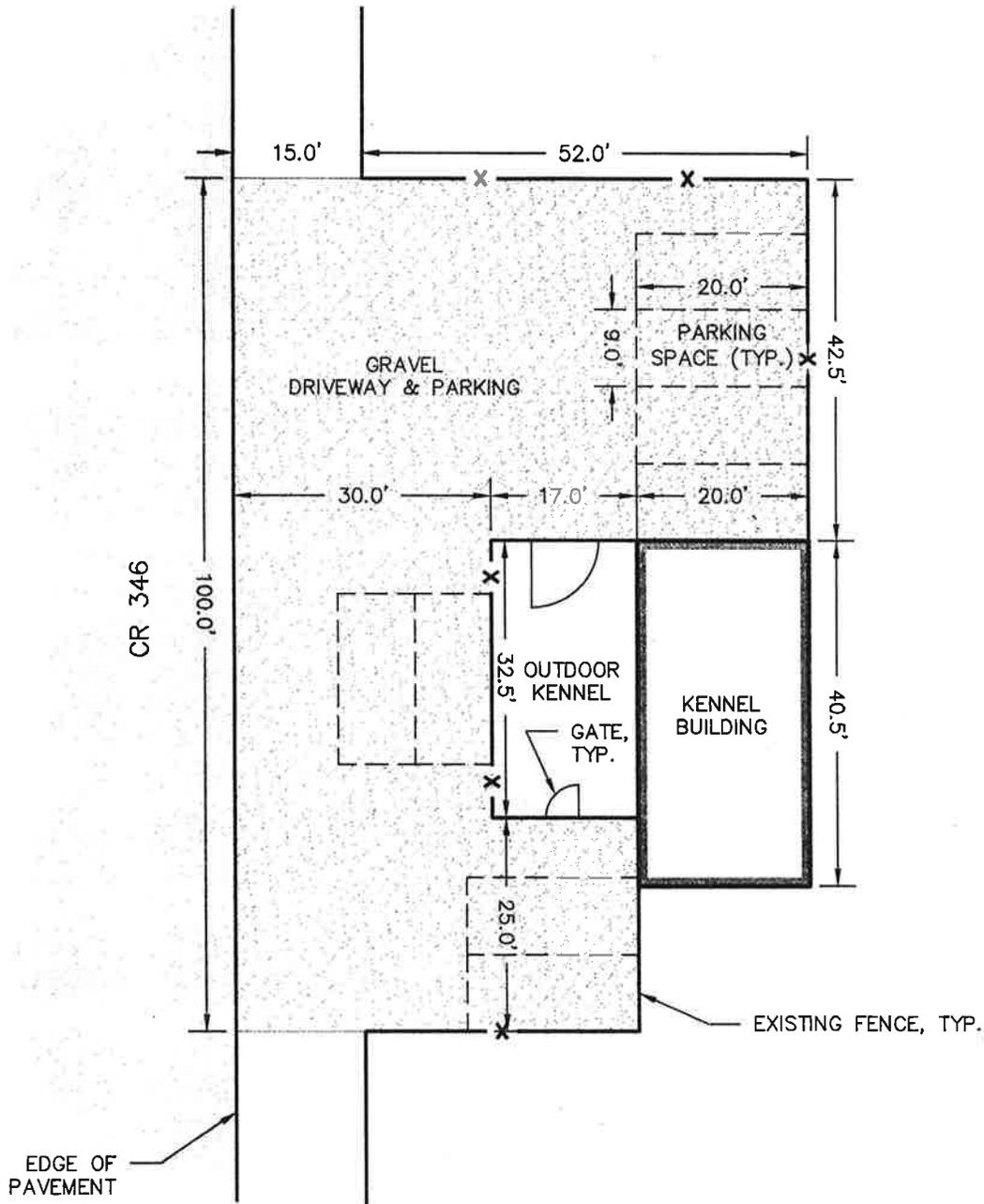


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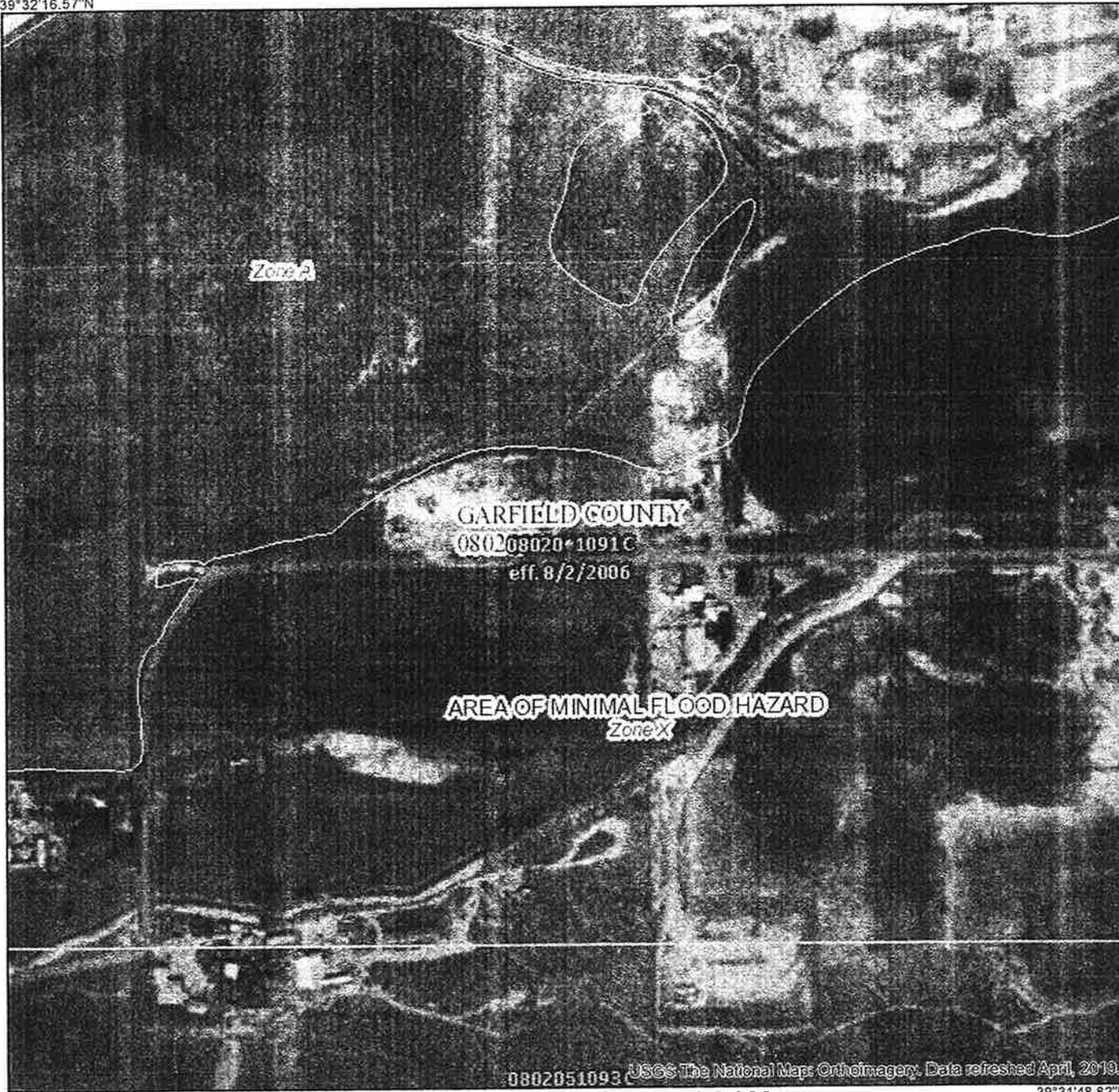


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39°32'16.57"N

107°40'57.19"W



SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS	Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) <i>Zone A, V, A99</i>
	With BFE or Depth <i>Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR</i> Regulatory Floodway
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	Effective LOMRs
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The proposed kennel is utilizing existing facilities onsite and no new construction or grading is proposed. Observations from a site visit do not indicate adverse drainage impacts to existing structures or the property. To HCE's knowledge there are no adverse effects from the site to adjacent properties.

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Sincerely,



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Enc:

- Site plan (8.5x11)
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Civil Engineering Report

To: Garfield County Zoning
From: Michael Grzesiak, PE
Date: November 25, 2019
Project: 6301 County Road 346 – Commercial Dog Kennel
Parcel No.: 212734200161
Subject: Limited Impact Review for “Kennel, Small”
HCE Project: 2191034.00

I. Purpose

The property owner has proposed to apply for a “Kennel, Small” permit at their property located at 6301 County Road 346. This report shall address the criteria for a Limited Impact Review as required by the Garfield County Land Use code, and as outlined by the August 30th, 2019 application review letter drafted by Garfield County planning. A “Kennel, Small” permit will allow for a maximum of 8 dogs to be boarded each day.

II. Location

The site is located at 6301 County Road 346 in the Town of Silt, CO. The site is currently developed with multiple buildings. Existing structures onsite consist of a single-story, single-family residence, a single-story commercial building, a garage, and multiple small sheds. The existing single-story commercial building previously functioned as a permitted commercial kennel. This structure is to be permitted under this application as a commercial kennel. A site plan is shown below:



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The proposed land use has been analyzed for trip generation or Average Daily Trips (ADT) based on a maximum of 8 customers per day. A summary of ADT is as follows:

- 8 customers = 16 trips
- Single-family residence = 9.57 (ITE Land Use Code: 210)
- Total ADT = 25.57

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Garfield County Land Use and Development Code
Article 7: Standards

DIVISION 1: GENERAL APPROVAL STANDARDS

7-101. ZONE DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS

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7-102. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

The Land Use Change is in general conformance with the Garfield County Comprehensive Plan and complies with any applicable intergovernmental agreement.

7-103. COMPATIBILITY

The nature, scale, and intensity of the proposed use are compatible with adjacent land uses.

7-104. SOURCE OF WATER

The property has adequate, reliable, physical, long term, and legal water supply to serve the use that this application is being submitted for. Please see all documentation that is included in the submittals.

7-105. CENTRAL WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

The water for this property comes from a documented and dedicated well. Please see those documents in the submittals.

Wastewater is directed to a dedicated septic system. Documentation is provided in the Engineers report.

7-106. PUBLIC UTILITIES

Electricity is provided by Holy Cross Energy.

7-107. ACCESS AND ROADWAYS

Access to and from the use shall be safe and in conformance with applicable County, State, and Federal access regulations. Please see attached letter from Dale Stephens, Garfield Count Road and Bridge.

7-108. USE OF LAND SUBJECT TO NATURAL HAZARDS

The property at 6301 CR 346, Silt is not subject to identified Natural and Geologic Hazards, such as falling rock, landslides, snow slides, mud flows, radiation, flooding, or high-water tables. Please see the Engineers report.

7-109. FIRE PROTECTION

Adequate fire protection will be provided for each land use change as required by the appropriate fire protection district. Burning Mountain Fire has 4 stations within minutes of the property.

DIVISION 2: GENERAL RESOURCE PROTECTION STANDARDS

7-201. AGRICULTURAL LANDS

There will be no Adverse Effect to Agricultural Operations.

7-202. WILDLIFE HABITAT AREAS

There will be no effect on wildlife, as there are no habitat areas in the vicinity of the property.

7-203. PROTECTION OF WATERBODIES

There are no water bodies that will be affected by the property and proposed use.

7-204. DRAINAGE AND EROSION

The site is designed to facilitate drainage. Please reference the engineers report.

7-205. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- A. Air Quality. The Kennel will have no effect on air quality.
- B. Water Quality: The kennel will have no effect on water quality.

7-206. WILDFIRE HAZARDS

No wildfire hazards as identified on the County Wildfire Susceptibility Index Map as indicated in the County's Community Wildfire Protection apply to this application.

7-207. NATURAL AND GEOLOGIC HAZARDS

No natural and geologic hazards have been identified. Please see attached Engineers report.

7-208. RECLAMATION

Not applicable.

DIVISION 3. SITE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

7-301. COMPATIBLE DESIGN

The property is compatible in design with all surrounding properties.

7-302. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING STANDARDS

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7-303. LANDSCAPING STANDARDS

Existing landscaping has been preserved.

7-304. LIGHTING STANDARDS

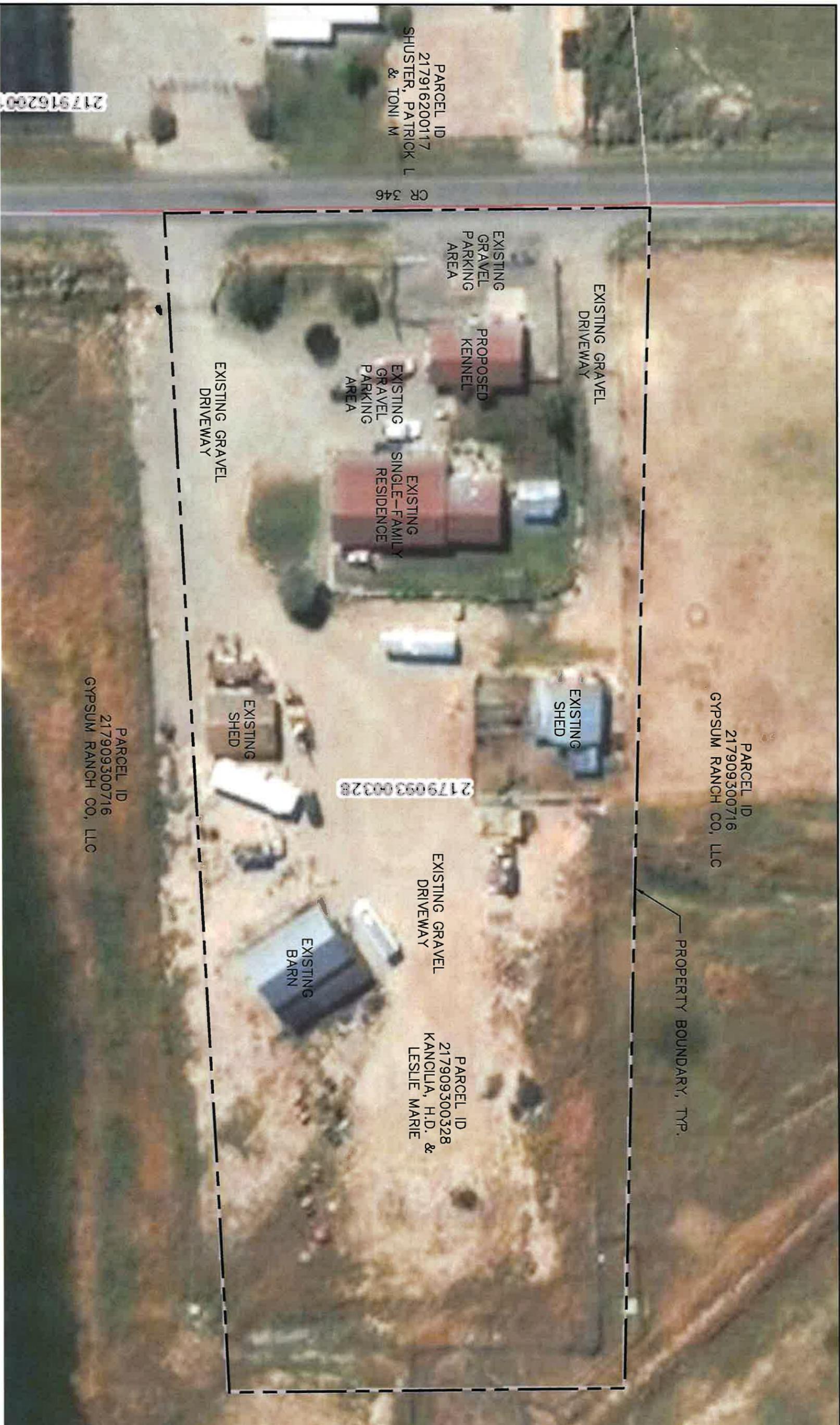
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7-305. SNOW STORAGE STANDARDS

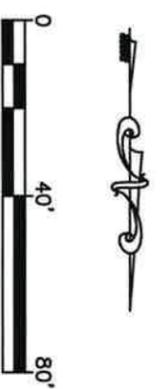
This property is exempt from this requirement.

7-306. TRAIL AND WALKWAY STANDARDS

Single-family dwelling units are exempt from this section.



- NOTE**
1. SITE PLAN BASED ON GARFIELD COUNTY GIS INFORMATION.
 2. REFER TO IMPROVEMENT SURVEY FOR BOUNDARY INFORMATION AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.



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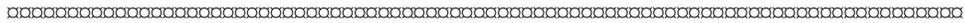
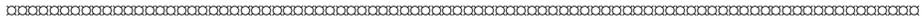


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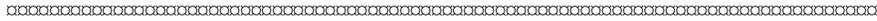
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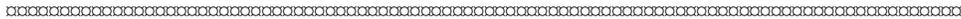


Executive Summary

The 2019 Parks, Recreation, & Culture Master Plan (PRCMP) presents facts and recommendations resulting from a comprehensive analysis of recreational and open space parcels, improvements, infrastructure, programming, and capacity. The Town of Silt is a home-rule municipality on the Western Slope of Colorado, on Interstate-70 between Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction. The Town serves 3,200 citizens, with a healthy service area of between 5,000 and 8,000 people within a three-mile radius on the outskirts of town. Outdoor recreation has increasingly become popular, with thousands of individuals frequenting Town parks, special events, and trails. Silt is situated in a spectacular natural setting that serves as the gateway to numerous outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, skiing and snowboarding, camping, biking, and hiking. In addition to outdoor recreation, citizens and visitors enjoy clean air, scenic views, large expanses of undeveloped land, and observe wildlife such as deer, elk, black bear, fox, beaver, otters, wild turkeys, pheasants, and of course, the Town mascot, the Great Blue Heron. The existing open space and opportunities for recreation in and around Silt currently contribute to a high quality of life for its citizens, County residents, visitors, and business owners.



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Goals of Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Silt Planning & Zoning Commission, in its 2017 Comprehensive Plan, states that “Silt will strive to become a progressive, sustainable town that embraces the positive aspects of directed growth while capitalizing on a western, rural legacy of self-sufficiency and strong community connections”. Specifically, the Comprehensive Plan speaks to goals such as:

Colorado River

- Promote visibility of a riverside walk, in addition to trails throughout the community that encourages healthy lifestyles;
- Create viable conservation standards for the Colorado River and its tributaries with regards to weeds, salinity, sedimentation, invasive animals, invasive plant species, and water quality standards;
- Preserve the important riparian zone adjacent to the Colorado River by discouraging development within one-hundred feet of the river’s edge;
- Promote development opportunities along the Colorado River Corridor, while preserving the floodplain, open lands, historic values and sensitive riparian environment;
- Collaborate with the School District, Silt Historical Society and other parties to educate the public about the value of the river corridor, with educational programs in the schools, interpretive signage, and by supporting public environmental education programs;
- Strengthen tourism potential by working collaboratively with organizations throughout the community to capitalize upon Silt’s environmental resources, wildlife habitat, and unique recreational and cultural assets;
- Explore educational opportunities related to the river habitat, through methods such as educational kiosks along the walking trail that provide information about the Colorado River and related wildlife and vegetation in the area;
- Encourage reclamation of sand and gravel mining operations to include the dedication of lands to appropriate State agencies such as the Division of Parks and Wildlife; facilitate connectivity between reclaimed sand and gravel operations and the State Wildlife area;
- Advertise/promote the wide variety of natural features, sight-seeing opportunities, and back country access available to residents and visitors, such as the Colorado River, Rifle Gap Reservoir, Harvey Gap Reservoir, Rifle Mountain Park, Rifle Falls, and White River National Forest.

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- Acquire strategic floodplain lands along the Colorado River and investigate the possibility of having these lands managed by the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife;
- Inventory sensitive lands and potential environmental impacts of development around the riverfront to determine areas to protect and areas best suited for development, including such considerations as floodplains, riparian areas, view sheds, and wildlife habitat;
- Promote high quality retail and commercial opportunities along a riverfront walking trail, including businesses that relate to riverfront activities such as bike and watercraft rental



History

- Interpret the history, culture, nature of the area in various areas with signage and story boards;
- Incorporate public education in public spaces including community buildings, trails, parks, open spaces, etc., with help from the Silt Historical Society and others;
- Continue to support local historical events like Silt HeyDays that bring the community together to appreciate the area;
- Create a Silt visitor's center at an appropriate, highly visible, highly accessible location, such as along State Highway 6. The center shall highlight local history and direct visitors to walking tours, amenities, other significant destinations in the Silt area, and house or direct people to the Historical Park;
- Investigate the feasibility of moving Silt Historical Park to a more visible location, in conjunction with a visitor's center, along State Highway 6;
- Develop a program for the visitor's center, which might include such features as living farm exhibits and other attractions;
- Silt has a strong cultural and historic background that should be shared with residents and visitors to facilitate civic identity and economic sustainability;
- Citizens feel it is important for all community members to learn about Silt's history, nature of the area and build upon Silt's western legacy;

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- Develop and support existing cultural facilities and events that contribute to a sense of community;
- Identify opportunities to tie into other regional networks, such as famous railroad events or other historical points of interest.



Community and Special Events



- Residents agree that community participation and leadership in town activities, cultural festivals and celebrations is crucial to creating a community of shared values and goals that boost the local economy and provide a positive experience for all community members;
- Support and expand, as appropriate, existing cultural festivals and celebrations, such as Silt Hey Days, Chautauqua Days, Vintage Baseball Game, Winter Celebration, and Pig Roast;
- Promote cultural events for families and other community members, such as outdoor concerts, farmers markets, theater, and park events, and develop/enhance amenities for hosting such events;

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- Promote community-building events, such as volunteer clean-ups or community improvement, that bring together citizens of different backgrounds;
- Promote and coordinate community activities in and around Silt, as feasible and appropriate;
- Encourage other entities such as parent groups, service clubs and church organizations, to become actively involved in organizing and attending Town events and activities;
- Encourage local businesses to participate in or sponsor community events.



Open Space

- Defer development in highly sensitive land areas, preserving that area as wildlife habitat and open space amenities;
- Continue to enhance the Silt River Preserve as a means of protecting the critical wildlife habitat and decrease erosion on the property;
- In low density rural residential reserve areas, encourage rural subdivisions and cluster development that preserve and protect natural resources, agricultural lands and open space;

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Trails

- Create an interconnected multi-modal transportation network with distinctive road, bicycle and pedestrian pathway development that supports a grid pattern and ½ mile connected road system;
- Create safe pedestrian routes throughout town for healthy lifestyles, safety, enjoyment and functional connectivity;
- Develop scenic loop roads for bicycle and vehicular traffic;
- Promote a multi-agency relationship to address the impact to Town's streets, including the existing I-70 interchange, from county traffic, taking into account the importance of multi-modal links and alternatives to driving;
- Create trail and hiking maps of the local area amenities as a means to attract tourists;
- Advertise the multi-modal transportation network in as many different arenas as possible, to encourage a healthy lifestyle; work to become a Complete Streets community, which acknowledges multi-modal transportation;



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Home Rule Charter

“We, the citizens of the Town of Silt, Colorado, believing that the government of Silt exists to serve the people of the Town of Silt, desiring to preserve the heritage of Silt – its river, wildlife habitat, open spaces, and historic small town character; seeking to enable effective citizen participation and to promote involvement in the political process; committed to securing the benefits and advantages of the Constitution of Colorado and to availing ourselves of the rights and privileges of home-rule and self-government in local affairs to the fullest possible extent; do hereby adopt this chapter.”

“The Board of Trustees shall provide for the development and adoption of a capital improvements plan each year...in time to be considered in the preparation and adoption of the Town’s annual budget.”

Silt Municipal Code

§3.32.030 Lodging Tax Purpose and Use of Tax Revenues

“The tax will provide revenues for the development and marketing of visitor improvements and attractions, special events, and beautification projects in the town, historic preservation, and the general promotion of the town and its environs. The revenue raised by the tax shall be deposited in the Town of Silt Beautification Fund that is an enterprise fund distinct from the general fund.”

§8.24.020 Hours of Public Use (Parks, Open Space, and Government Buildings)

- All town parks and open space shall be open to the public from dawn to dusk;*
- All government buildings shall be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays;*

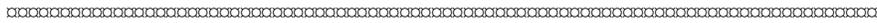
§8.24.030 Use of Bicycle Paths.

- It is lawful to run, jog, walk, hike, bicycle, cross-country ski or otherwise move through any park or public place via a bicycle path at any time as such park or recreation area is closed to public use. However, no person shall loiter on such bicycle path unnecessarily.*

§8.24.040 Dogs Prohibited.

- Silt River Preserve – no dogs allowed due to wildlife conservation easement;*
- Silt Island (Doggie Park) – Dogs may be off-leash if under control of owner;*
- No dogs allowed off trail or off the sidewalk within a park, open space, or public place.*

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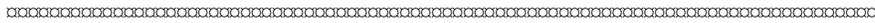
Introduction

Parks, open space, playgrounds, community buildings, gardens, landscaping and trails are essential elements to a small town, helping to facilitate a sense of community, to allow for exercise, to provide solitude and serenity, to promote clean air and clean water, to preserve wildlife habitat, to provide buffers to development and traffic, to create wildlife viewing and nature education, to prevent flooding and mitigate storm water, and to encourage participation in special events, team sports and activities. From the drainage areas filled with cattails and hydrophilic species to the ultra-green turf fields, including the Town’s properties used for wildlife habitat and viewing, the Town will strive to maintain, develop, and preserve both passive and active recreational areas, so that diverse generations of Silt residents can enjoy.

Parks, recreation, and culture master planning provides the community a comprehensive vision of public amenities for the community leaders, its staff, and its citizens to address infrastructure deficiencies, recreational and facility needs, and prioritize based on budgetary constraints and quality of life issues. The Town recognizes there are diverse users of the parks, playgrounds, ball fields, open areas, buildings, and trails, but with thoughtful and responsible forecasting, the Town can not only provide adequately for existing facilities, but also offer new and different opportunities for open space preservation, team sport facilities, special events, playgrounds, and multi-modal thoroughfares. The Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan was developed out of numerous and collaborative open houses, Planning & Zoning Commission meetings, Board Subcommittee meetings, and survey results. By addressing a cross section of both positive and ‘not quite meeting the mark’ concerns, the Board of Trustees addresses in this document both short- and long-term goals, priorities, recommendations, and challenges, never losing sight of what the community wants and needs.

This Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan is a living, breathing document, intended for updates and revisions, as necessary. As technology changes and innovations are available, the Town should strive to infuse the document in an effort to become effective, efficient, and environmentally responsible. The identification of new passive and active recreational opportunities should persuade the staff and Board members to seek to improve the document, with graphic, interactive mapping, and utility-integrated technologies. In concert with residential and commercial development, the Town will continually strive to expand and enrich the public’s access to trails and open spaces within the natural and built environment, as well as cultivating art, culture, and historic treasures in the Town and in the region.

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Planning Process

The Town began the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan in June, 2019. This process combined staff research and presentation, contributions and direction from the Board subcommittee, public opinion generation, and Board of Trustee consideration. Every three to four weeks, staff would present another subset of the master plan to elicit comments and direction, while extensively advertising the master plan effort on the Town’s website, the Town’s Facebook page, notes on utility bills, fliers through Cactus Valley Elementary, the Town’s electronic message board on 9th Street, banners throughout town, and Town Administrator newsletters.

The Town generated and distributed a twelve-question survey via the Town’s Facebook page, website, and Town newsletters, asking the public to weigh in regarding their satisfaction with Town parks and buildings, including the overall Town stewardship of facilities. The survey also asked whether activities are adequate or deficient, what uses should be added/detracted, and what priority should be put on specific improvements.

The Board of Trustee reviewed and approved the document on January 27, following a public hearing.



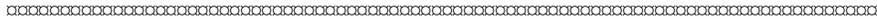
Vision of the Board Subcommittee

The Board of Trustees appointed Trustees Jerry Seifert and Sam Walls to the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan Subcommittee. The Subcommittee was most interested in determining the cost of improving, updating, and maintaining the Town's existing parks, buildings, open spaces, conservation easement, play fields, recreational amenities, and drainages. Since maintenance of these facilities is borne out of the Town's very limited General Fund, there is a heightened sense of conservationism and stewardship to avoid spending money on things that the citizens do not want. The Board Subcommittee members not only put a strong emphasis on the different ways to fund and meet the Town's existing commitments, including grants, user fees, and intergovernmental cooperation, they also relied heavily on citizen desires and needs, gleaned from the surveys.

The Subcommittee also expressed their strong desire to adopt long-term strategies for existing and future facilities. The Town demolished the dilapidated and structurally unsafe Community Center just south of the tennis courts in the fall of 2019, which affected Town citizens and staff alike, as the building produced many memories over the years. This loss brought special focus to the ways that citizens utilize the public buildings and other Town spaces for Town, government, nonprofit, and private events. The Town Center and Town Council Chambers filled part the void left by the demolition of the Community Center, but this situation prompted questions regarding the need for a long-term capacity and acquisition plan for multi-use buildings and spaces. This Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan, with Subcommittee oversight and influence, attempts to provide the board and the citizenry with a blueprint of small to large projects that meet the Town's goals of recreational sports, active and age-appropriate play fields and playgrounds, serene wildlife areas for hiking and bird watching, responsible management of drainage areas and wetlands to treat storm water and harbor wild animals, and an array of special events that encourage citizens to enjoy their community.

The Subcommittee, in their meetings with staff, underscored their concerns that the Town not expand past its ability to deliver timely and adequate maintenance and service to parks, buildings, open spaces, conservation easement, play fields, recreational amenities, and drainages. The Town is currently responsible for nearly two hundred acres, dozens of facilities, and hundreds of capital items that are utilized in a recreational manner. Some of the facilities and acreages have been sparsely maintained due to prior budget constraints and are now in need of major renovation or replacements. This plan attempts to outline each facility's condition and functions, and take a critical look at the viability of each facility in relation to the limited money for improvement. The Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Trustees will derive from a comprehensive, data driven process that seeks to determine which facilities and acreages are most supported by the community.

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Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment

This Master Plan process is important to advise the Board and the public as to the type and condition of amenities within public spaces, public buildings, open spaces, conservation easement, play fields, recreational amenities, and drainages. The Subcommittee's review of the acreages, uses, improvements, deficiencies, vegetation, etc., for each of the Town's spaces, are seen in this section. The Subcommittee finds some parks and spaces to be underutilized, likely due to older equipment, lack of age-appropriate equipment, sizes and condition of infrastructure serving park/space, and locations of amenities. For example, a park on the west side of town has very few patrons a month, perhaps because it has toddler-type playground equipment that does not appeal to older children. It also has damaged park furniture in need of replacement. Although the park landscaping is well maintained and the pond provides a beautiful setting, the playground equipment, picnic shelter, and park furniture all lack appeal and function. Therefore, this plan seeks to determine whether the Town repurposes this park, or others, to another use, or likewise enhances the park to function better as a playground and picnic area.



The Parks, Recreation, & Culture Master Plan Survey gives insight as to the priorities that citizens place on Town parks, buildings, open spaces, conservation easement, play fields, recreational amenities, and drainages. While the survey document and its findings are presented later in this report, it may be helpful to understand that many have not

visited the Town's facilities and/or properties.



This finding may mean that the Town does not adequately advertise the facilities and/or functions, or it may mean that the facilities do not appeal to the respondents. The Town Subcommittee must decide whether the limited survey findings represent the population as a whole, and if so, what the Town should do to institute better uses or improvements. In some cases, although most of the respondents have not visited a specific park, the park may be well used by the adjacent residents who perhaps did not respond to the survey.

The Town is responsible for some acreages that serve multiple purposes, such as the Silt Island Park, which is not only an off-leash dog park, but also serves as a natural trail, a boat ramp, a bird-watching area, a river-fishing destination, and a picnicking spot. It is likely that these multiple-use parks appeal to a greater number of survey respondents. As well, some out-of-area individuals enjoy the facility but likely did not complete the survey. The Subcommittee acknowledges these different scenarios in a comprehensive fashion to understand



Silt Island Park

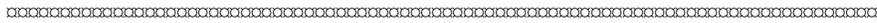
the popularity, usefulness, and overall viability of each park, building, open space, conservation easement, play field, recreational amenity, and drainage.

Old Town Shop at 648 N. 7th Street



The Town has recently repurposed the old shop building to accommodate an expanding special events curriculum. Since 2011, the Town has utilized portions of the Town Hall, the old Town shop, and the Town Center for storage, commissary, and set-up purposes.

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History of Parks and Recreation in Silt

The Town has long been a bedroom community, serving the tourist/hospitality industry and the construction industry in upper valley towns, as well as the oil and gas industry in the Piceance Basin. This fact negatively affects the Town's generation of sales taxes that helps to pay for General Fund items such as parks maintenance and recreational programming. Since residential development is the primary industry within the Town, the Board ensures through Silt Municipal Code that the Town receives new, adequately-improved parks, open space, and trails upon subdivision and development of a parcel, at the rate of seven acres per one thousand proposed residents. As most subdivisions have been small (under one hundred units), the parkland dedication requirement has generally resulted in smaller neighborhood parks, rather than community parks.



Stoney Ridge Pavilion and Ball Field

However, the Town was able to gain a large parcel of land from both a developer and from the school district, Stoney Ridge Park, located north of Orchard Avenue between 7th Street and 10th Street and which now houses the Skate Park, the Pavilion and greenroom, the horseshoe pits and the baseball ball field, as well as proving vital to the Town's annual special events.

The Town leases the Roy Moore Soccer Field and parking lot, adjacent to the Stoney Ridge Park, and this parcel is home to U-10 and U-12 soccer, with two backstops on the periphery that could be used for baseball and softball. The Hey Day Committee utilizes this property for Vintage Baseball during its event. And, the Town uses the vast parking lot for its concerts and large events at the Pavilion. Although the Town has offered to purchase this property several times, the school district is not at this time willing to sell.



Roy Moore Basketball Court and Soccer Field

The Town also obtained property from the Gilstrap family in the early 2000s, known as the Silt Wetlands, which is an important component of the Town's storm water drainage system, storing and removing contaminants from historic and channelized storm water before proceeding downstream to the Colorado River. It is also home to many hydrophilic species of plants and animals, serving as critical habitat and a buffer to development.



Wetlands east of Roundabout



Flying Eagle Soccer Field and Playground

Another critical large parcel is the Flying Eagle Soccer Field and Playground, dedicated in the late 1990s and located north of Grand Avenue and south of Orchard Avenue, within the 1500 block. This field is instrumental to U-6 and U-8 soccer, but also functions as a t-ball and youth football field.

Veterans' Park is one of the oldest Town parks, deeded to the Town in the 1950s by the presiding municipal judge and philanthropist. Dedicated to military veterans, the park has historical and emotional significance to the Town, hosting the Hey Days celebration and the Town of Silt Ambulance Pig Roast benefit for years before the Town's Centennial in 2015.



Veterans' Park Gazebo

Over the last five decades, the Town organized summer team sports (baseball, softball, and t-ball), held numerous activities in its Community Center, such as art classes, yoga, and cross-fit, and offered youth events such as hiking, sidewalk chalk days, and water sport competitions. A local nonprofit organized soccer and basketball teams for almost a decade, but the Town, in 2020, will take over from the nonprofit to host these team sports again.

Events, Co-Sponsoring, and Marketing

In 2011, the Board commissioned the construction of the Stoney Ridge Pavilion, located just north and adjacent to the Stoney Ridge Baseball Field. Finished in September, the Town hosted its first concert soon thereafter, and thus began the Party at the Pavilion Concert Series. Adding events each year, the Town ended the 2019 Special Event season with over twenty-three event days in five different locations, including Veterans' Park, Silt River Preserve, the Town Hall/Library Plaza, Stoney Ridge Ball Field, and Roy Moore parcel. The events are well-received, with between 150 and 1,200 attendees, and have proven to increase the collection of sales tax and lodging tax within the concert months (June-August), while also helping to brand the Town.



The Town hosts original events like “Murder Mysteries”, which includes a “WhoDunnit” game for participants to play, all in character. These events are nearly always sold out, but are labor intensive regarding set-up, registration, and food preparation. It might be wise to plan future ‘mysteries’ that include multiple night offerings and catered dinners.

The Town has organized many successful tribute concerts on the Pavilion stage. These acts generally have full production and seek to imitate the original bands: AC/DC, KISS, U2, Heart, The Eagles, The Doobie Brothers, Stevie Ray Vaughn, The Doors, Tom Petty, and Journey. The Town has also hosted original artists, such as Highway 101, Little Texas, Cory Brunson, Michael Morrow & the Culprits, Johnny O, Ryan Shupe, Gerry Goodman, Jay Ketchum, and the Fabulous Thunderbirds. The biggest concert of the year is the Kick-Off to Hey Days, and the Town takes in a modest fee for three to four hours of entertainment, drawing 1,200 people in 2018. The Town does all print advertising, ticket sales, website & social media promotion, and t-shirt printing. At the end of the concert, the Town puts on a fabulous



fireworks display. The Town also holds 2 to 3 free concerts per year that are nicely attended.



Camp Badge, in its fourth year, has between 25-30 children per class, aged 3rd to 8th graders, held on the Stoney Ridge Ball Field for a week of half-day sessions. The ‘cadets’ end the week at Silt Town Hall, where they graduate and are served lunch by the Community Development crew from the Town’s Concession Trailer.

The ever-popular Bike Rodeo has been held on Grand Avenue (course) and at Veterans’ Park for decades. Police officers from around the region help with this event, handing out helmets and goody bags. At the end of the event, the Chief raffles off new bicycles and the Community Development crew serves lunch from the Town’s Concession Trailer. In 2019, the Town partnered with “Go Gray in May”, a brain injury nonprofit, which conducted a 1K fun walk/run and joined in the lunch.



The Easter Egg Hunt is a reliably well-attended event held at Veterans’ Park. The Town offers free photos with the Easter Bunny, special eggs redeemable for prizes, and free face painting. Drawing over four hundred children and parents, the event has nearly outgrown its current venue and may be moved to the Stoney Ridge Ball Field soon. Once sponsored by the Silt Chamber, the Town now hosts the event.



In its 5th year, Punkin' Chuckin' remains a crowd favorite. With six mechanical launchers (built by the Town and other participants) and a few hand launchers, this event appeals to all ages. The Town gives prizes such as t-shirts and food to those who hit the targets in Stoney Ridge Ball Field. The Town runs the Concession Trailer to offer an inexpensive night of fun to the residents. Although this event is labor intensive, the payback on this event is the positive press coverage and the smiles on the faces of participants. At one time, the Town grew the pumpkins at the Silt River Preserve, but now purchases them locally.

The Town is a 'Tree City' designee, and therefore celebrates Arbor Day with a tree planting and refreshments. For several years, the local Girl Scout Troop purchased the tree and was on hand to help plant. This event is not well attended but is a necessary part of being a 'Tree City' designee. Normally held on a Friday to utilize the existing labor in the Public Works Department, this event conflicts with the working lives of parents and has not grown in the last several decades. An educational event, Arbor Day Tree Planting could be held on a Saturday to gain maximum attendance, and since it is a required event for Tree City status, the Town should work to include all types of interested parties, including arborists, bird watchers, supporters of the environment, state agencies and others (Division of Parks & Wildlife, CSU Extension Office).





The Town hosts Movie Night in Veterans' Park, showing family friendly flicks and offering free popcorn. The Town has also used the Concession Trailer at this event, although that set-up is more labor intensive and is not always well used. The projection of the movie is on a canvas screen mounted on a private building on the edge of the park. Citizens have indicated that they would prefer the event be at Stoney Ridge Pavilion, but the Town does not currently have equipment for that venue.



The Ice Cream Social is a refreshing event in the hot summer months held to the west of the Town Hall. The Town offers free ice cream and water, as well as live music from the local community, including the Glenwood Springs Chorale and A Band Called Alexis. The Town offers food produced in its Concession Trailer, but also has local food and gift vendors. This has become yet another event that draws citizens to meet each other.



The Town conducted BMX races for one season north of the Stoney Ridge Ball Field and east of the Stoney Ridge Pavilion. The event did not gain traction, unfortunately, and the Town ceased maintaining the BMX track. One reason for the lackluster support of the track was likely its steep terrain on the north. Overall, this track could be maintained for a relatively small amount, if deemed a priority.



The Town holds its Chili Cook-Off in the Town Hall/Library Plaza, with a Kiddie Play Area full of toys and games, a portable stage hosting a live band or a DJ, and the beer/wine tent that doubles as a free coffee/hot chocolate spot. Always well-attended and much appreciated, the Chili Cook-Off draws between 13 – 20 different red and green chili cookers, all eligible for cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. This event is less labor intensive than Party at the Pavilion concerts and is the second to last event of each season.

Once a fundraiser for the Silt Ambulance, the annual Pig Roast is one of the Town's premier events at the Stoney Ridge Pavilion. The event includes a free concert, with roasted pork, corn on the cob, baked beans, and potato salad served from the Town's Concession Trailer. The proceeds from both food and beer/wine sales go to a local veterans' group. The Hey Day Committee requested and the Town approved transfer of this event to the Committee, to be held at Veterans' Park in 2020.



Sitting with Santa is one of the greatest events of each season, held in the Town Hall Board Chambers. To give back to the community, the Town offers free photos with Santa, gifts, hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies in a four-hour time slot. This inexpensive event is a favorite, serving 200 to 400 children each year. The Santa in this photo started his career with the Town of Silt, upon urging by the staff, and he has now enjoyed many other Santa-sitting events in the vicinity, which proves that Silt can be a trendsetter!



The Town has co-sponsored some events with other nonprofits and government agencies. Raptor Fest is one of those events, hosting ‘birds of prey’ demonstrations, habitat discussions, and booth space for similarly aligned nonprofits. Held at the Stoney Ridge Pavilion, Raptor Fest is a building event that couples education with hands-on experiences. The Town runs the Concession Trailer during this event, which has been alternately scheduled the day after Pig Roast, the day after Punkin’ Chuckin’, and during Silt Hey Days.

The Garfield County Sheriff’s Office uses the Stoney Ridge Pavilion to host its First Responders Day, also known as the Torch Run. This event draws attendees from all over the county and serves as a patriotic law enforcement tribute with a Bear Cat Pull, helicopter tours, live music on the stage, and free lunch. The Town provides the venue and advertises for the event but does not actively participate in coordination.



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Another Town/nonprofit sponsored event is the Rockin’ Blues Festival. The organizers of this event hosted the veterans’ benefit concert at the Stoney Ridge Pavilion in two of the last three years. This event brought attendees from all over the state of Colorado. The Town co-sponsored the event by purchasing event insurance, selling beer/wine, and selling food from its Concession Trailer. Although attendance was lower than expected, its promoters feel this ticketed event is building and wish to bring it back, perhaps to cover the loss of the Town’s veterans’ benefit Pig Roast.

The Town hosts the Kiddie Carnival at two locations, the Town Hall/Library Plaza and the Stoney Ridge Pavilion. This event has throwing contests, ping pong, bouncy houses, face painting, skeeball, toddler toys, corn hole, bowling, mummy races, foosball, and water sports. While the events are all free, the Town’s crew serves food out of the Concession Trailer for a nominal price. Utilizing over fifteen volunteers and paid staff, the event is labor intensive, but is very well-attended in both locations. Overall, the event’s costs are moderate.



Each spring, the Town organizes the Silt-on-Sale online garage sale. Residents advise the Town of their garage sales, and the Town produces a list and map of the sales and promotes through the Town’s social media and website. This event is intended to help citizens to sell their excess goods and clothing, to minimize the impact to the Garfield County Landfill, and to minimize the number of garage sale signs left in Town rights-of-way. The Town spends mostly labor on this event, providing a good public service.

The Town’s Public Works Department hosts the Silt Clean-Up week-long event each spring, to encourage owners to collect their yard waste and trim their trees. This practice reduces the amount of solid waste that is in the general landfill area and promotes the use of nutrient-rich mulch and compost for gardens, pastures, and other landscaped areas. The Town underwrites the cost of the roll-off dumpster to collect the yard waste. The Town may consider having a fall event. as well.



Inventory of Buildings

Town Center

The Town acquired the Town Center in 2012, an exchange between the Library District and the Town for the Town's property south of Town Hall. The Town Center is an 1,800 square foot in meeting room/special event/training venue that rents out eight to ten times per month. The building includes two handicapped bathrooms, measuring 6' x 6', with tile flooring.



Town Center at 600 Home Avenue

It also includes a commercial kitchen with a three bay sink and two vegetable sinks, refrigerator, freezer, and range/oven, measuring 12' x 8', a storage area measuring 10' x 10', and a mechanical room with a forty gallon water heater, mop sink, and utility sink, measuring 6' x 6'. The kitchen has washable walls and ceiling, and laminate flooring. The exterior of the building is brick and split face block, with a metal/glass front entry door and large paned windows. Mature landscaping includes trees, shrubs, and lawn, with an automated sprinkler system. A rear door opens to the kitchen and has an adjacent 50-amp hookup for the Town's Concession Trailer.

This building is critical to filling the gap following demolition of the Community Center, and currently is home to the Senior Meals Program hosted by the Garfield County Housing Authority. Built in 1984, the building does have maintenance issues related to energy efficiency, ADA accessibility, and ineffective lighting. The Town recently installed a new heating/air conditioning, roof-mounted unit, but the building would benefit from painting, energy efficient windows, and LED lighting throughout. Additionally, the Town plans to install a ventilation hood and fire suppression system over the range, for the cooking of oily foods. The installation of a ventilation hood would allow for the Town to rent the building to bakers and mobile vendors, and could possibly be a business incubator, important to the economic development of the Town. The concrete walkway south of the building is settling and in poor repair, lacking ADA accessibility from the eastern parking lot to the front entrance. The Town estimates the cost of all improvements at \$65,000 and will schedule some of the work in 2020. The building has a commercial occupancy of 173 people, making it a good size for Town events, meetings, classes, and demonstrations, but the building is also well-used by the public for parties and meetings, as well. The Town Center's large rooms are situated for maximum occupancy.

Town Hall and Adjacent Areas

The Board of Trustees commissioned the construction of the original Town Hall building in 1981, completing construction in 1982. The Burning Mountain Fire District occupied a portion of the building, the garage, for storage of its fire engines, until the District built new offices and engine bays in 1996. In the mid-1990's, the Town commissioned construction of a northern addition to the Town Hall. The addition has numerous issues related to the expansion of the roof, mechanical and electrical systems. In 2001 and 2006, the Town roughly finished offices upstairs in the building above the Board chambers for storage purposes.

This administrative building houses the Administrative Department (4 employees), the Community Development Department (3 employees), the Police Department (8 employees), and the Public Works Department (2 employees), for a total of thirteen offices, one Board chambers, 2 private unisex bathrooms, one office/media room, one mechanical room, two public bathrooms (male and female), one evidence room, one upstairs conference room, and numerous archival and storage areas. The Community Development Department and the Police Department share the former fire/ambulance bay in the northwest corner of the lower floor, for special event and police department storage purposes. There is an archive area adjacent to the Public Works Director's office and four additional upstairs archival areas, serving Community Development, the obsolete Silt Ambulance (records only), and the Town Clerk (records only). The Town generally complies with retention schedules for documents but does keep some documents past the legally required minimum time period to assist in building a historical record.



Town Hall is an old building that requires specific improvements/upgrades, such as a new heating/cooling system, security features for front-line employees, refurbishment of bathrooms (including new plumbing fixtures), the addition of a staff break room, a media upgrade for televised meetings and demonstrations at the meetings, and completion of an upstairs conference room, anticipated to be \$310,000 of improvements. Staff recently commissioned repair of the flat roof, but the Town will need to replace the roof within five years, at a cost of approximately \$100,000. Most of the Town Hall windows are non-functioning (will not open) and are energy inefficient. The Town Hall requires energy efficiency in insulation, new doors, and an LED lighting system, as well. In 2017, the Town completed electrical system improvements in the main electrical/mechanical room and the Community Development office, to address capacity and performance issues. In 2018 and 2019, the Town installed new flooring and new paint in most offices.

At the time of the new library's construction in 2012, the Library District built a stamped concrete plaza to the south of the Town Hall. The Town uses this plaza for several special events per year, including the Kiddie Carnival, the Ice Cream Social, spring concerts, Camp Badge lunches, and the Chili Cook-Off. These events are well-attended, as many people have indicated that they enjoy walking to the venue. The quaint atmosphere is appealing to many of the people who took the survey, as well.

The Town maintains the parking lot to the southwest of the Town Hall, including eleven regular parking spaces (each measuring 9' x 19') immediately west of the Library building, nine regular parking spaces and two handicapped parking spaces (with 5' ramp area between) to the east of the Town Center, nine regular parking spaces to the north of the Town Center, eight regular parking spaces and two handicapped parking spaces east of Town Hall, seven regular street parking spaces and one handicapped parking space east of the Library, four regular street parking spaces south of the Library, four regular street parking spaces south of the Town Center, and five regular street parking spaces west of the Town Center. The Town also maintains landscaping surrounding the Town Center, Town Hall, and Library, in exchange for the Library District deeding the Town Center to the Town of Silt in 2012. The Library and the Town also have a verbal agreement for the Town to use Library round tables within the Town Center. The Town owns little property outside of the Town Hall building envelope on the west side of the building, but years ago, the Town signed an agreement with the Catholic Church to maintain Church property in exchange for Town use. These maintenance arrangements work well and are inexpensive, saving each of the nonprofits money and serving the public in the best way possible.

The Town Hall Board Chambers is used for Board of Trustees meetings, Planning & Zoning Commission meetings, Victims Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) meetings, and staff meetings, and is leased by other entities for meetings and events. This room needs media upgrades of cameras, wireless microphones, and a projection equipment for demonstrations.

Town Shop (formerly Garfield County Shop)

The Town Shop is located at 612 N. 7th Street, north of Orchard Avenue and east of 7th Street. In 2006, Garfield County offered its old County Shop to the Town for \$250,000. After two payments, Garfield County forgave the remaining balance of \$150,000 and presented title to the Town in 2010. As the Town operated in an undersized and underequipped building to the north of this building, the Town immediately realized an improvement in functional space and storage capacity in its new Town Shop. Built in 1955, the Town Shop shows wear on the corrugated metal roof and siding, haphazard tool and materials storage and undersized, unisex bathroom. The Town's Public Works Department operates out of this 4,500 square foot building (45' x 100') with five large overhead doors on the south side of the building, man doors on both the west and south sides of the building, a 120-square foot addition on the east side of the building, and a 350-square foot addition on the north side of the building. The overall lot size is 2.27 acres, with a main locked entrance adjacent to 7th Street and a locked entrance to the Stoney Ridge Park parking lot. Many of the Town's parks, irrigation, water distribution, wastewater collection, signage, and streets activities and storage occur in this building, numerous outbuildings, and open area. The Town installed the wrought iron gate on 7th Street in 2018 and the rest of the perimeter fencing in 2019-2020. The parking and travel areas within the Town Shop property are surfaced with gravel and compacted dirt.

The Town Shop property does not have mature or cultured landscaping, except in the 7th Street right-of-way, with a row of crabapple trees on an irrigation drip system. Although the Town mows this area, there is no cultured grass or other landscaping. Since the Town has no other properties available for vehicular and goods storage, it must maximize the property's utility, leaving little opportunity for the Town to add landscaping to the property. With the storage uses on the property, the Town would benefit from installing some landscaping as a buffer to the adjacent residential uses. According to the Comprehensive Plan, this property has a higher and better zoning and functional use, as it is adjacent to the Stoney Ridge Park and would do well to serve in a recreational and park capacity. Town residents indicate in the PRC survey that a swimming pool is desirable on the Town Shop parcel, but many other uses have been discussed, such as a playground, a community center, a splash pad, and a batting cage. These corollary uses would certainly augment the existing uses within Stoney Ridge Park, but also would increase adjacent property values and provide a more harmonious atmosphere for citizens and visitors, alike, in this area. The adjacent zoning is residential (R-2, Medium Density; R-3, High Density), which would be more compatible with recreational versus light industrial and storage uses

8th Street is an unimproved street that dead ends on the south side of the Town Shop property that could be used to provide access to a future parking lot or facility, should the Town decommission the Town Shop.

Old Town Shop

Town personnel moved the Old Town Shop from its former 7th Street and Grand Avenue location to the entrance to the Stoney Ridge Pavilion/Ball Field in 1982. A 2,800 square foot, steel-framed building (measuring 40' x 70') with metal siding and a flat roof, the building is primarily used for Public Works Department and Community Development Department storage; wood-framed partitions separate out the departments' storage. The old concrete interior floor is in satisfactory condition, considering its age, but the wood-framed addition to the east formerly used as a dog pound is in poor condition, as is the roof, the man doors (north and west sides) and the exterior sliding door on the west. The building lacks insulation, adequate electrical service, and energy efficient lighting. The building is not aesthetically pleasing at the entrance to the Stoney Ridge Ball Field and Pavilion but serves a great purpose in the storing of equipment and materials used for the Pavilion events.

Neither the Public Works Department nor the Community Development Department can easily do without the storage associated with this building at this time, but the Town acknowledges that there is also a higher and better zoning and functional use of this space. The Town contemplates that this building could serve in a more recreational capacity, if the sides and doors of the building were removed to create a picnic-type gazebo area. This would take a minimal amount of labor to repurpose and would create an open-air congregational area at the entrance of Stoney Ridge Park.



The area immediately adjacent to the Old Town Shop is not improved, but the driveway accessing the Old Town Shop and the Pavilion/Ball Field is surfaced in gravel. The Stoney Ridge Pavilion and Ball Field sign is also undersized and poorly located.

Roy Moore Gymnasium and Soccer Field

The Roy Moore Gymnasium and soccer field occupy a 7.24-acre parcel located north of Orchard Avenue at the northern terminus of 9th Street. The Re-2 School District owns and operates the building for storage purposes, and the Town leases the property surrounding the gymnasium from the school district for recreational purposes, such as soccer (315' x 184' U10/12 field), recreational event parking, baseball, softball, and basketball. The concrete block building measures 60' x 95', or 5,700 square feet, and is in generally a good condition, although the roof has several small leaks. The gymnasium's floor is a rubberized surface in good condition. There are no electrical, water, wastewater, natural gas, or telephone to the building, nor are there bathrooms or a heating/cooling system, as these were removed when the school district demolished the surrounding school building. There is a 38' x 117' asphalt/concrete basketball court.



The parcel includes an automated irrigation system and mature landscaping, although the mature trees are Siberian Elm, which are considered a noxious weed.

The Town believes this building and the surrounding acreage is important to the overall planning and use of the Stoney Ridge Park, Pavilion, and Ball Field. This building could well function as a community center in the future, with an investment of approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000 in costs to install utilities to this building, construct bathroom facilities, and repair the roof. The Town believes that recreational activities in this building could include basketball, pickle ball, volleyball, arts and crafts, and dodgeball, but the Town could also utilize the building for public and private meetings. Rental income from this building is possible, if the Town purchases this building and the surrounding parcel. Obviously, the Town must acquire the building and the property surrounding the building to make this plan viable, but the Town's Comprehensive Plan and other Town master plans cite this building as an important recreational component.

Inventory of Parks, Open Spaces, and Drainages

The Town has thirteen developed parks on 14.4 acres and five undeveloped/natural parks on 189.02 acres. These developed and undeveloped parks are integral to the community in terms of recreation and buffers between land uses.

Spruce Meadows Park

The Spruce Meadows Park is located within the Spruce Meadows Planned Unit Development south of Harness Lane and west of 1st Street. This 1.83 acre parcel is considered a neighborhood park, as it is geographically separated from other residential areas and practically serves only the residents of Spruce Meadows Planned Unit Development. The developer of Spruce Meadows Park installed this park in 2003, with a 12' x 14' open-air shelter with a metal roof and posts on a concrete surface, two vinyl-coated picnic tables, a bathroom facility with a toilet and sink, a half basketball court and a large playground structure on a compacted pea gravel surface. The park is bounded by an 8' wide asphalt trail on the west and a 4' wide concrete sidewalk on the north and east sides. The park includes a few mature trees and sod, with an automatic irrigation system.



The shelter structure and bathroom are in good condition, but the picnic tables are old and in poor repair. The bathroom facility is locked to the public, due to extensive vandalism including gravel placed in the toilet. The vinyl-coated trash container is in satisfactory condition. The steel and plastic playground equipment is showing some signs of wear. The sodded areas are not in good repair, as the irrigation system seems to be non-functioning in some areas, perhaps due to vandalism.

The pea gravel playground area is compacted and not suitable as a fall surface unless rototilled annually. The 2" depth asphalt trail is in poor repair, with ruts and cracks. The Town anticipates that repairs to the asphalt (2" lift) are approximately \$15,000. The cost of repairing the irrigation system is anticipated at \$7,500.



Tara Park

Tara Park is a 1.35-acre neighborhood park located on the western extension of Home Avenue, within the Tara Planned Unit Development and installed in 1982 by the original developer, including an irrigation pond, a wood play structure and a wood-framed shelter. The park's ½ acre irrigation pond is used for storage and beautification. The park also includes a small toddler play structure on a pea gravel surface and a 12' x 16' wood-framed structure on a dirt/sod surface with two resin-covered metal picnic tables, one wooden picnic table, and one wooden trash container. The Town purchased and installed the existing steel post and plastic play structure with a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant in 2002, replacing the original wood play structure. There are no pedestrian facilities (trail or sidewalk).

The landscaping within the park is fully mature, including cottonwood trees, shrubs, and sod. Several of the trees have dead limbs and should be trimmed. There are noxious weeds on the edges of the park and close to the pond. The pond functions to store irrigation water for a lower irrigation zone and needs to be improved on the edges, as erosion has occurred. All landscaping is served by an automatic irrigation system, but the system is old and in need of repair in the amount of \$15,000.



The play structure is almost twenty years old and showing signs of wear on the resin-coated steps and certain connection components. As this piece of equipment is designed for toddlers, it is undersized and underutilized in the neighborhood. The park furniture is also old and in poor repair, with splintered wood surfaces and rusting resin coatings. Although recently stained, the shelter structure indicates a failing roof and decaying wood on the overhead structure and the posts. The fall surface (pea gravel) is not compacted and is not in need of repair.

the Town could consider removing all structures and repurposing the park. Some respondents to the survey suggest that the park be repurposed to a dog park, which might include a chain link fence costing approximately \$15,000. Removal of the equipment could be done by Town staff at a minimal cost.

Mesa View Estates Park

The Mesa View Estates Park is located at the northern extension of Redtail Lane within the Mesa View Estates Subdivision and is comprised of .75 acres. The park, installed partially by the developer and partially by the Town includes a medium steel and plastic play structure, steel post and plastic slide structure, and metal swing set (3 swings) on a compacted pea gravel base, a 10' x 12' wood-framed shelter attached to a concrete surface, two resin-covered picnic tables, a resin-covered trash container, an 8' wide asphalt trail from Red Tail Lane to Morning Star Drive, an 8' wide asphalt trail from Standing Deer Drive with concrete steps and steel handrail (west) to Morning Star Drive (east), and a four space parking area off Redtail Lane. The parking spaces, shelter, swing set, and slide were installed by the developer in 1999 and the Town installed the trails and concrete steps, landscaping (trees) and the automated irrigation system in 2002. The Town installed a new medium-sized steel post and plastic playground structure in 2016.



The Mesa View Park functions well as a neighborhood park for the residents of the subdivision, with age-diverse play structures in good condition and an appropriately sized picnic shelter. The open areas are adequate for ball-throwing and frisbee-throwing.

The picnic shelter roof is in poor repair and a new roof is valued at \$1,000. In addition, repairs to the asphalt trails (weed removal and another 2" lift of asphalt) are needed, valued at approximately \$40,000. The metal handrail on the western concrete steps are beginning to rust, requiring sanding and repainting at a cost of \$250. Repairs to the automated irrigation system are anticipated at \$5,000. Vandalism to the swing set occurs sporadically, aging the metal chains and the seat connections. The cost of repairing this equipment annually is approximately \$500. The Town should refresh the pea gravel fall surface at a cost of \$500.

The Town should ensure that the adjoining parking spaces are not utilized for personal use by the adjacent property owners, as this decreases the functionality of the park.

Eagles View Park

The Eagles View Park is located north of First Mesa Drive and west of Eagles Nest Drive. This 12.63-acre park includes an 8' wide asphalt trail from First Mesa Drive to Eagles Nest Drive and to Eagles View Court, open space and drainage areas, steel fitness course equipment, a large steel post and plastic play structure on a compacted pea gravel surface and wood boundary, four steel and plastic toddler spring toys, a metal swing set (6 swings), three resin covered park benches, two resin covered trash cans, and one resin covered picnic table. The developed park is contiguous to open space on 7th Street, which functions to convey storm water from Eagles View Subdivision and upstream lands in the county.



The play structure is old and very worn in some places, including the resin-covered steps and the plastic components on the slides and the tunnels. Although these components can be separately repaired, the cost may be more than the cost of a new play structure. The swing set is in fair condition, except for occasional vandalism and wear on the metal chains.

The park includes mature landscaping, with large cottonwood trees. However, the sprinkler system needs repair, at the cost of approximately \$20,000, including the open areas on 7th Street and the drainage immediately adjacent to First Mesa Drive. Additionally, the Town needs to trim some trees and remove others. Lastly, the Town should remove weeds and repair/replace the asphalt trail, as well as the wood boundary and pea gravel fall surface.



Both the open areas and the park have noxious weeds that should be removed. The park is adequately sized with age-diverse equipment, functioning as a neighborhood park. The fitness course is not well used and could be removed, if deemed unnecessary.

Flying Eagle Park & Soccer Field

The Flying Eagle Park and Soccer Field is a 2.55-acre community park parcel located north of Grand Avenue, west of 16th Street, and south of Orchard Avenue. The developer of the Flying Eagle Estates Planned Unit Development dedicated the parcel to the Town in 1997, with no improvements except parking (9 regular and 2 handicapped perpendicular asphalt spaces on Orchard Avenue and 7 regular asphalt parallel spaces and 1 handicapped parallel space, plus a 6' wide concrete sidewalk on Grand Avenue), and a storm drainage ditch and apparatus on the southeastern portion of the property. A nonprofit group and the Town improved the soccer fields (U6 and U8) in 2002, including fencing and an automated sprinkler system. In 2003, the Town installed two aluminum player benches and a basketball court and several pieces of steel playground equipment on a pea gravel base and block boundary, including two climbing structures, a digging apparatus, a swing set (4 swings), and a full basketball court with asphalt surface. In 2012, another developer installed a six-foot wide concrete sidewalk and trees on the west side of the park. In 2018, the Town installed a steel post and plastic medium playground structure on a pea gravel base and concrete border.



With the addition of the medium play structure in 2018, the park is age-diverse and user friendly. The asphalt parking spaces and basketball court need another lift of asphalt, costing approximately \$35,000. The Town needs to replace several trees, at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The Town should refresh the pea gravel fall surface underneath the older playground equipment, at a cost of approximately \$500.

Painted Pastures Park

The Painted Pastures Park is a neighborhood parcel located east of North Overo Boulevard in the Painted Pastures Subdivision, north of State Highway 6 (Main Street). The developer installed the .69-acre park in 2009, which includes both small and medium playground structures on a pea gravel base and concrete boundary, an 8' x 14' wood framed shelter over postal kiosks with concrete base and four asphalt parking spaces. The park has mature landscaping, including sod, trees, and shrubs, with an automated irrigation system. The park also includes a 6' wide concrete sidewalk from North Overo Boulevard east to the park, and a 6' wide concrete sidewalk on the west and east sides of the parking lot and postal kiosk.



This new neighborhood park is both large enough and has age-diverse equipment in a nice park setting.



As the subdivision is relatively young and has few units built, the play equipment, pea gravel fall surface, and concrete are in good shape.

Stoney Ridge Pavilion, Skate Park, and Ball Field

The Stoney Ridge Pavilion, Skate Park, and Ball Field are located on a 12.21-acre parcel located east of 7th Street and north of the Roy Moore Re-2 parcel, south of the Eagles View Subdivision and the Stoney Ridge Planned Unit Development parcel. The developer of Stoney Ridge Planned Unit Development and the Re-2 School District dedicated the ball field and Pavilion area in 2003. The developer, the Town, and grantors funded the ball field construction in 2004. The Town built the Stoney Ridge Pavilion 30' x 40' concrete and wood-framed stage in 2011 in the northern portion of the property. From 2011 to 2016, the Town built the three phases of the Skate Park, including the 90' x 140' concrete surface. In 2012, the Town installed the BMX dirt track on the northeastern portion of the property. In 2013, the Town installed the pre-fabricated 15' x 30' Green Room to the east of the Pavilion stage, which includes a bathroom, small kitchen, and main room. In 2015, the Town installed the 16-hole disc golf course, and in 2016, the Town installed two horseshoe pits.



Stoney Ridge Pavilion, Skate Park, and Ball Field continued

The Stoney Ridge Ballfield is a Little League regulation field with 60' bases, two 8' x 20' chain-link dugouts, two – 10' x 60' chain-link batters' cages, clay infield, grass (sod) outfield, and chain link backstop and perimeter fencing. The Town installed an electronic scoreboard in 2004. The Town installed a flagpole in concrete base, with a 50-amp circuit in 2005. The Town installed four – 50-amp power receptacles for vendors on the right field fence line in 2012. The Town installed the first phase of stadium lighting in 2016 (4 lamps) and installed the second phase in 2019 (2 lamps). The Town intends to replace the infield in 2020.



The Stoney Ridge Ball Field is used as a seating and vending area for the Town's special events, as well as those events hosted by other groups/individuals, including, but not limited to the Law Enforcement Appreciation (Torch Run), the Raptor Festival, the Party at the Pavilion concert series, the Silt Hey Day festival, the Kiddie Carnival, the Punkin' Chuckin' event, the Pig Roast benefit, the Rockin' Blues Festival, and the Camp Badge junior police academy. The field is important as the seating area, the staging areas, and the vendor areas for these events. The Pavilion and Ball Field is a picturesque and acoustically suitable area that draws attendees from the state of Colorado and other neighboring states.

The primary use of the field, however, is youth baseball and softball, but it is also used for Pee Wee Football and soccer practice when needed. Survey respondents state that they would like to see an expansion of team sports, such as recreational baseball and softball for adults and youths. Additionally, as there is only one regulation youth baseball field, scheduling is challenging and limits the Town to just a few teams. Certainly, the stadium lighting enlarges the possibilities on the field, but the Town should consider a location for other baseball field(s) as the Town grows.

Scherar Park

This .27-acre neighborhood park is located north of State Highway 6 (Main Street) and the western terminus of Fawn Court. Dedicated and improved in 1995 by the developer of Lyon Residential Planned Unit Development, the parcel contains a 16' x 20' wood-frame shelter with concrete base. The shelter includes a resin-covered picnic tables, four asphalt parking spaces adjacent to Fawn Court, a resin-covered trash can, and a resin-covered park bench. The park landscaping is mature, with sod, trees, and shrubs, with a 3-rail, split rail fence on the perimeter of the park.



Scherar Park is named for a World War II war veteran and Town father, Ray Scherar, who served on the 1950s Board of Trustees that approved the installation of permanent ductile iron water distribution lines throughout much of the downtown, replacing the former wood water lines installed in the early 1920s. Mr. Scherar's legacy also includes serving as a founding member of the Town's first volunteer fire department.



Scherar Park serves mainly as a shelter for the adjacent bus stop on State Highway 6 (Main Street). Since there is no playground equipment within the park, it is underutilized by the subdivision's and Town's residents. The cost to improve the asphalt parking is anticipated at \$10,000, while the shelter and park furniture updates are likely to be around \$5,000.

Several survey respondents suggest this parcel as a candidate for an off-leash dog park. This would cost approximately \$15,000 in chain link fence materials and labor.

Veterans' Park

Veterans' Park is a 1.5-acre community park located north of Home Avenue and south of Grand Avenue, west of 6th Street and east of 5th Street, dedicated to the Town in the 1950s by Municipal Court Judge Collins. The park contains a wood-frame gazebo (15' x 15'), a 20' x 24' wood-frame shelter with concrete base, and 8' wide asphalt trails on the south, north, and west sides of the park. The park also has a granite memorial bench and a lighted flagpole in a concrete base. The park has an automated irrigation system.



The gazebo and the shelter show signs of decay and splintering of wood, including a failing roof. The kitchen in the base of the gazebo was decommissioned several years ago, due to the difficulty in obtaining health department and insurance approvals. However, the park is still used extensively by the Town and its citizens for special events, family get togethers, and recreational purposes. Rebuilding of the gazebo is anticipated to be over \$65,000. As the shelter has a metal roof, the Town may be able to simply replace posts and crossbeams at a cost of \$3,000. The trails are in poor repair, as well, and are anticipated to cost \$50,000 to resurface.

The large trees on the edges of the park are Siberian Elm, a noxious weed. The Town should take steps to remove and replace these trees (estimated at \$1,500 per tree), as this would both allow for more viable tree species, but would also decrease the impact of the Elm Seed Beetle infestations. The trees, however, have been lauded as a great asset during such events as the Silt Hey Day festival and the Silt Ambulance Pig Roast, when those events were held in the park. The Town should strategically remove and replace the trees with fast growing trees of a larger caliper than 2", the general standard. Repair/Replacement of the irrigation system is anticipated to cost \$60,000.

Gateway Park

Gateway Park is a .81-acre parcel located on the eastern boundary of the Lyon Residential Planned Unit Development, north of State Highway 6 (Main Street) and southeast of Pioneer Drive (cul de sac). This property has mature landscaping (2 trees, sod) and an automated sprinkler system. A 3-rail split rail fence is on the southern boundary, as well as an 8' asphalt/roto-milled surfaced trail extends to the western boundary.



The park was named because it is on the eastern gateway to the Town. The park is little used, as there is no park equipment or other amenities. The Town might consider this parcel as another option for an off-leash dog park parcel, with a potential inclusion of a chain link fence at a cost of \$15,000. A downside to this potential use would be the lack of parking.

The Town could add more landscaping to this park, at a cost of between \$1,500 to \$10,000. The irrigation system is reaching the end of its usable life and must be replaced at a cost of \$15,000.

Community Center Park

In the early 1950s, the Town of Silt acquired Community Center Park, a full block of property located between 4th Street and 5th Street, and between Grand Avenue and Ballard Avenue. This park is diagonal to Veterans' Park. Over the years, the Town improved the property with full basketball court (asphalt surface and six hoops), two plastic-surface tennis courts surrounded by 9' tall chain link fence, a metal swing set (4 regular and 2 toddler swings) on pea gravel, a sand-surface court with metal posts and volleyball net, a small metal post and plastic playground structure on pea gravel, a medium metal post and plastic playground structure on pea gravel, a 12' x 14' wood frame picnic shelter, and an 8-foot wide asphalt trail. Park furniture includes two resin-covered picnic tables, two older wooden benches, four resin-covered covered trash cans, two 8-bicycle racks, all on a 30' x 30' concrete surface. The park has mature landscaping and an automated sprinkler system. On street parallel parking surrounds the park, and there are five asphalt regular off-street parking spaces and one asphalt handicapped off-street parking space on the east side of the park.

The Town recently demolished the Community Center on the southeast portion of the property, due to structural issues. As the Town rented this building to the public and used it for public events since its move to the park in 1982, the Town citizens will sorely miss the Community Center. Only the Town Center and the Town Hall currently provide indoor congregation. Community Center Park is well used by the public, however. And while the public appreciates the recent addition of the picnic shelter, there are complaints about the condition of the playground equipment (installed in 2001 (small structure) and 2003 (medium structure), the asphalt surface for the basketball court (installed in the 1980s), and the tennis court surface (resurfaced in 2004). Survey respondents also point to their desires for a backboard for the tennis courts, new horseshoe pits, pickle ball courts, and a water fountain (splash) park. Certain survey respondents point to the need to rebuild a new community center, but the building envelope on Community Center Park is small and would lack certain necessary features, such as ADA accessibility, adequate parking, a size to accommodate future populations, and adequate setbacks from playground equipment and tennis courts. The Town should refresh the pea gravel fall area under and around the playground equipment.



Center Townhome Park

The Center Townhome Park is located north of State Highway 6 (Main Street) and at the eastern extension of Domelby Court, on eastern edge of the Center Townhomes subdivision that was approved in the early 1980s. Owned by the Center Townhomes Homeowners' Association until 2004, this 1.61-acre parcel serves mainly the Center Townhome residents but is also used by visitors of the adjacent motel. The park includes two metal climbing structures, a metal and wood-seat see-saw, a digging apparatus, and a metal and plastic spring toy, all on a pea gravel surface and a wood boundary. The park has a two-rail wood fence on the southern boundary, mature landscaping, an automated irrigation system, a resin-covered picnic table and a resin-covered trash container.



This park is adequately sized for the neighborhood, but lacks functional playground equipment. The see-saw should be removed immediately, as the Town's insurance carrier deems them unsafe. The two metal climbing structures show signs of wear and the Town should monitor them closely for safety. A medium metal post and plastic play structure would suffice for several years (approximate cost of \$8,000 to \$15,000), as would replacement of the wood play area boundary (approximate cost of \$2,000). The pea gravel surface is compacted in several areas and grass is beginning to take over, and therefore should be refreshed at a cost of approximately \$500.

Community Garden

The Community Garden parcel is located at the northern extension of 5th street, south of the Cactus Valley (Grand River) Ditch. Deeded to the Town in 1984, this .28-acre parcel is intended for a park and the Town holds that the community garden concept instituted in 2002 works well in the residential area, as it is adjacent to and south of Community Center Park. The Town leases a plot measuring approximately 10' x 10' to interested parties annually for \$15. A volunteer in the community serves as a quasi-manager, assigning plots and enforcing maintenance rules on lessees.



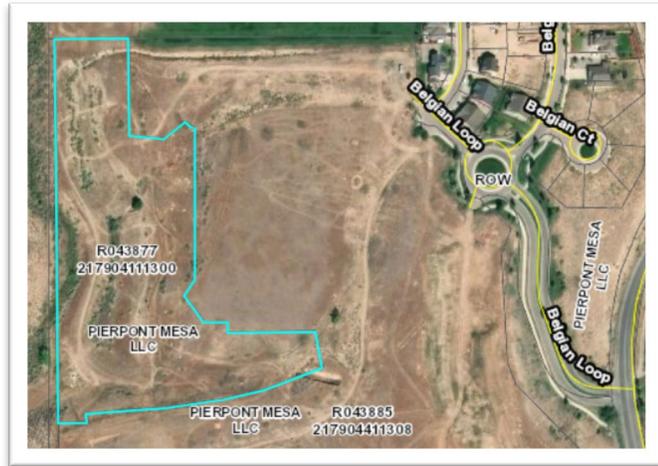
Weed species are present throughout the parcel and the Town should be diligent to both eradicate and maintain in a sustainable fashion annually. As well, soil conditions vary between plots, not only encouraging weeds, but making the growth of desirable species difficult. The plots are also not well placed or delineated (no aisles), making it difficult for lessees to maintain plots.

The Town should rehabilitate the garden by establishing distinct (numbered) plots, installing an automated sprinkler system and adequate signage, and adding rich humus topsoil. Planned correctly, the Town could add ten or more plots and create a fruitful and productive area to the Town's inventory that also encourages the population to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. Although several long-term plot lessees might be slightly inconvenienced, the overall production and gained efficiency should compensate.

Undeveloped/Natural Parks

Iron Horse Mesa Park

This 7.167-acre parcel is located within the Iron Horse Mesa Planned Unit Development, in the northwestern portion of the subdivision and west of Belgian Loop. The developer proposes to develop the park in Phase II of the development with an automated irrigation system, 8' wide asphalt trails, a tot lot with playground equipment, two covered shelters, picnic tables, and trash cans. The developer shall dedicate the park to the subdivision's Homeowners' Association, upon completion of the park. The Town shall have an easement for the park for public access. There is no proposed timeline for completion.



The park area currently has weed species and is sometimes used as a dumping ground for furniture and discarded household materials. A developer currently owns this park parcel and he should monitor the park's condition regularly to avoid the property becoming dangerous to the residents.

As the Iron Horse Mesa Planned Unit Development grows, it is necessary for this park to develop to serve the residents. The closest neighborhood park is to the south in the Spruce Meadows Planned Unit Development.

Island (Dog) Park

The Silt Island (Dog) Park is located .25 miles south of River Frontage Road on County Road 311. In 2007, Garfield County deeded this 36.25-acre parcel, including ‘meanderland’, to the Town. The property includes a 40’ x 16’ concrete boat ramp on the northwest boundary, a 12’ x 16’ wood frame shelter with picnic tables and three metal trash cans, an 8’ wide crusher fine/dirt trail in loop around park, a .5-acre pond, and a gravel-surfaced parking lot with 12 truck/trailer spaces and 12 car/light truck spaces. The Town offers this park as an off-leash dog park but does not allow camping or overnight stays.



There is severe erosion on the northern bank of this island. The Town partially mitigated this problem in 2014, building a rock barrier in the channel northeast of the island. The

Town recently researched the viability of placing an erosion barrier on the northern shore of the island with either coconut-shell fabric or another material but has yet to implement a solution. As several feet on the northern edge of this property erode each year, it is in the Town's best interest to mitigate this problem soon. A local nonprofit helped the Town in 2019 with trash pick-up and general maintenance.

Boaters and rafters enter and exit the Colorado River at the boat ramp on the southeastern portion of the property. Although used throughout the year, most activity occurs in the summer months. As the Town has parking for trucks and boat trailers, many out-of-town residents also utilize the facility. Various users of the park generally coexist peacefully, but the demand for spaces is sometimes high and conflicts do occur occasionally. The Town has contemplated paving this parking lot, but citizens have voiced a concern for the park to remain as natural as possible.

As an off-leash dog park, the property shows wear and tear related to dog owners failing to pick up after their dogs. Although the Town stocks plastic bags for this purpose, not all dog owners adhere to the park standards, placing a higher burden on conscientious dog owners and the Town. Enforcement by Town officials is typically not feasible, and the Town relies on the honor system to maintain the park in this respect. Well used, the park's natural trail needs maintenance, such as a surface treatment and reestablishment of native species in overused areas. Additionally, the Town would be wise to designate specific routes, rather than allowing users to cut in new paths and trails, as this diminishes wildlife habitat and increases erosion. Upon designating such routes, the Town could amend the entry signage to advise patrons of the route and discourage 'off-trail' behaviors.

The park has many cottonwood trees and other native species that are important for birds and mammal species. Concerned citizens and nonprofit groups help to maintain the park by trimming trees, removing weeds, and reporting the park's condition to Town officials. These altruistic acts help the Town to better afford maintenance on other parks, but the Town recognizes that this method must be augmented by the Town's consistent monitoring and maintenance of the park. The Town may consider the implementation of a daily fee for users, such as the City of Rifle implemented in its Rifle Mountain Park, to mitigate the impacts and demands for service in this park.

The existing pond is poorly maintained and could be a mosquito habitat, if not treated. Survey respondents suggest that the Town could rehabilitate the pond to both function as a scenic improvement and a fishing pond. Stocking the pond with fish species might be a viable option but would necessarily require an annual budgetary appropriation.

The Town's Economic Development Subcommittee suggested that the park be repurposed as a water recreation area, with an artificial beach and recreational amenities.

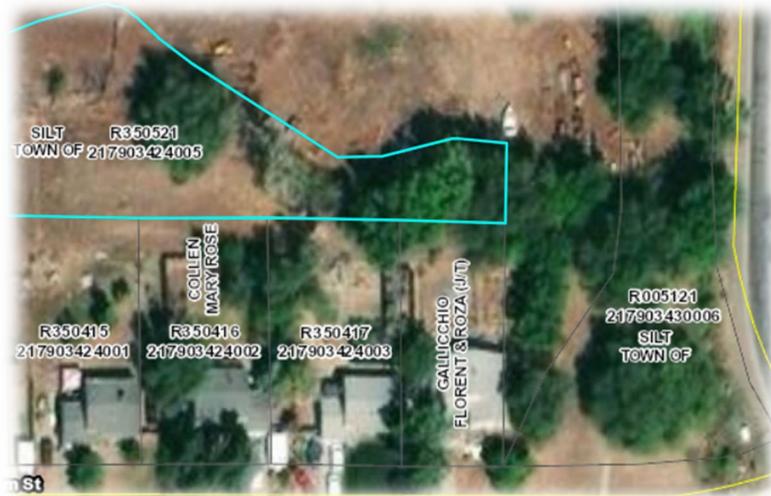
Hairpin Park

This .34-acre parcel is a parcel located to the north of the Stevens Park Planned Unit Development Plat, west of 16th Street and north of Em Avenue. Although the parcel is dedicated as open space on the subdivision plat, there is no legal access to this parcel, either from North 16th Street or from Em Avenue, and since the Town cannot access and maintain the parcel, it is overgrown with noxious weeds and dead trees.



Several survey respondents indicate that Hairpin Park should be developed into a manicured park. In order to satisfy this objective, the Town must first secure legal access to the parcel from North 16th Street and/or from Em Avenue. This likely would occur with the annexation of the county parcel to the east and north that currently bars legal access. Conversely, the Town may purchase access from that property owner.

As one can see from aerial photo and the subdivision plat, the open space parcel ends at the eastern extension of Lot 4. The out-of-town parcel blocks the Town from accessing the parcel by its triangular extension down to Em Avenue.



It is desirable, perhaps, for the Town to begin negotiations for the purchase of an easement or property from this adjacent county property owner, if only for maintenance of the parcel.

Main Street Wetland

Two current parcels comprise the original 9+ acre parcel gifted to the Town in 2002 by the Gilstrap family. The 7.32-acre parcel is located south of State Highway 6 (Main Street), north of the Union Pacific Railroad, and west of Garfield County commercial outparcels that access S. 16th Street. In 2013, the Town subdivided the 9-acre parcel, separating the 7.32-acre wetland from a 1.91-acre developable parcel adjacent to and east of the existing convenience store. The wetland parcel is subject to the United States Army Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction and provides a basin for deposition of a portion of the Town's storm water from the 16th Street drainage. The parcel acts as a natural barrier between more intensive county uses to the east and the busy Interstate-70 intersection to the west. Treating a portion of the Town's storm water in advance of it reaching the Colorado River, the wetland parcel provides an environmental and ecological component as well as a critical habitat for bird and mammal species. In fact, this important storm water detention area allows the Town to avoid detention in other, more commercially valuable areas on the east side of Town.

In the southeast corner of the parcel where the land is slightly elevated, the Town reestablished wetlands as a mitigation for wetlands removed in the construction of the Town's Water Treatment Plant. The subdivided commercial parcel adjacent to and east of the convenience store is not subject to Corps jurisdiction as a wetlands, and between 2013 and 2015, the Town placed structural fill on this portion and raised the elevation to allow for construction of commercial infrastructure and a building. The Town receives offers for the property occasionally but has yet to convey the property for a B-2 Highway Business zoned use, such as retail, office, or government purposes. The Comprehensive Plan calls for this parcel to either sustain a retail commercial use or a Visitor Center. The Gilstrap family suggested a park concept in 2002, as well, with a boardwalk through the wetland, nature interpretive signs, and picnic areas. A Visitor Center and/or Wetland Park would likely attract a great number of vacationers who might then become investors in residential and commercial town development. Although this idea never materialized, the Town still possesses the original boardwalk concept drawing with Corps-sanctioned pier footing design.

Members of the community suggest that the Town offer the commercial property to the Silt Historical Society for the relocation of the Silt Historical Park, as the property is highly visible to the public in a well-traveled area and proximity to the wetland (park) area. These individuals further indicate that the proposed wetland boardwalk and historical area could function as a Visitor Center for tourists and encourage economic development on a town-wide basis. While this is an intriguing idea, it is not one that the Town currently embraces, as the parcel is well-suited for retail development, with full access to utilities and an allowance for a greater traffic impact with recently improved, Town-financed turn lanes. Although the cost of moving the Silt Historical Park dozen historical buildings to this site would be rather substantial, there may be sources of revenue to offset these costs, such as a recreation/historical district or a grant.

16th Street Wetland and Drainage Channel

In 1998, the Town approved the 89-unit single-family development Mesa View Estates, with its primary access on N. 16th Street, over 3/5 of a mile of new roadway from Grand Avenue to the newly proposed Morning Star Drive. This roadway traverses an historical drainage in that area known as the 16th Street Wetland and Drainage Channel responsible for detaining and conveying storm water from county lands north of and including Mesa View Estates subdivision. This wetland is an important habitat for both plant and animal species. Storm water moving south from this wetland is eventually conveyed to the Town's Main Street wetland.



The proliferation of weed species on the edges of and within the wetland are becoming problematic, as the weeds tend to kill native plant species, clog waterways, and decrease the cleansing quality of the wetlands. Revegetation on the east and west side of the winding North 16th Street has been difficult due to the steepness of the hillside and the lack of irrigation water. The Town currently trims a 4' wide section of this property immediately adjacent to the sidewalk, but large weed areas still remain just outside of the mower's swath. Russian knapweed, a particularly hardy weed, is evident on private properties up North 16th Street, as seen in the photo below at the fence line.



Russian olive trees, cheat grass, and ragweed, are other weeds that the Town should remove from this drainage, as the transfer of weed seeds to the Main Street Wetland is a definite possibility.

Silt River Preserve

Silt River Preserve is a 132-acre wildlife conservation easement located south of the Colorado River and the Town's Water Treatment Plant/Wastewater Treatment Plant parcel, with an access easement from County Road 346. The Town acquired the parcel in 2010, using a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (Colorado Lottery) and help from numerous other contributors: Garfield County, Aspen Valley Land Trust, the Gates Family Foundation, Bill Barrett Corporation, the Colorado River District, Williams Energy, EnCana Natural Gas, and Antero Resources. The Rising Sun Ditch and the Loesch Crann Ditch run east to west through the property. The southern ditch, Rising Sun, provides the bulk of irrigation water for the property. Once part of a larger agricultural parcel, the conservation property includes but is not limited to a 39-acre riparian area, a 16-acre semi-desert shrubland, a 55-acre agricultural hay production area, a 3-acre pond basin, a 1-acre community garden, a 4-acre, parking area/open area, and a 4-acre ruderal (permanently disturbed) ground area. In 2011, the Town installed a gravel parking lot for approximately fifteen vehicles and a two-rail split rail fence on its perimeter. Between 2014 and 2019, the Town installed irrigation to over sixty acres, including the 1-acre community garden. An old, dilapidated barn located in the middle of the property is a popular photography prop, displaying the heritage from days past.



The property is home to threatened or endangered animals such as river otters, Northern leopard frogs, Greater sandhill cranes, Ferruginous hawks, and Western yellow-billed cuckoos. The Silt River Preserve also provides habit for a wide range of animals, such as: bald eagles, reptiles, rodents and fowl, including migratory songbirds, shorebirds,

waterfowl, raptors, coyote, fox, bobcats, beavers, badgers, striped skunks, raccoons, cottontail rabbits, jackrabbits, porcupines, long-tailed weasels, squirrels, chipmunks, mice, voles, shrews, bats, garter snakes, bull snakes, western rattlesnakes, sagebrush lizards, Woodhouse toads, tiger salamander, deer, and elk.

The goals of the Silt River Preserve Conservation Easement and accepted by the Town of Silt include: 1) preservation of the biodiversity of plants and wildlife along the Colorado River; 2) providing for the sustainable access to the Colorado River; 3) balancing the recreational demand with the protection of the significant riparian plant communities and wildlife; 4) restoring the native grasses that have historically overgrazed by cattle; 5) managing angler use through commercial permits, signage, and outreach; 6) Educating commercial guides on the preservation goals; 7) continuing and expanding noxious weed control throughout the Preserve; 8) monitoring plant communities to assess passive and active recreational impact; and 9) providing environmental education through interpretive signs, Division of Parks and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife professionals, and trained volunteers. The Silt River Preserve has large recreational potential, including river fishing, wildlife and scenery viewing, picnicking, hiking, and boating, but these uses must be offset by the Town's conservation and preservation efforts.

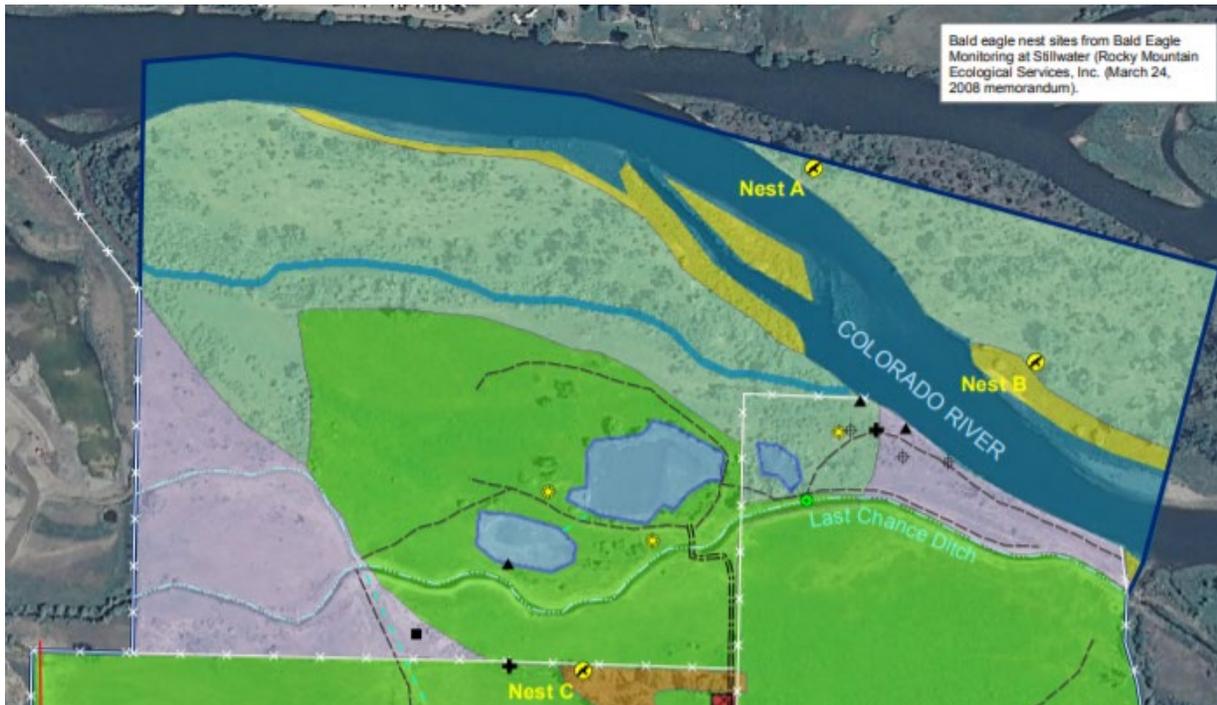
In 2010, the Town committed to weed eradication (using sustainable biological controls), the relocation of the existing power line to irrigation pumps, establishment of a community garden, collection of scrap metal throughout park, removal of deadwood along riparian zone, installation of a boat ramp, completion of natural trails, establishment of interpretive signage, ongoing public education on plant and animal habitats, annexation of the property to the Town of Silt, and monitoring of all public and Town activities. As the former owner heavily overgrazed and poorly maintained the property, many weed species are present, including but not limited to kochia, Russian olive, tamarisk, Russian knapweed, field bindweed, Canada thistle, Russian thistle, Scotch thistle, purple aster, and curlycup gumweed.

The Town plants and harvests pumpkins, sweet corn, and flint (decorative calico) corn in the community garden. The Town uses the pumpkins for the 'Punkin' Chuckin' contest, the sweet corn for the Pig Roast benefit, and the flint corn for decoration at the Chili Cook-Off. In 2020, the nonprofit organization Highwater Farms will lease the community garden to teach agricultural practices to youths, using its vegetable production proceeds to fund the organization and to provide fresh, local produce to the Town citizens.

The Town, with the help of Aspen Valley Land Trust, Garfield County (Youth Corps), and the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, built over a mile of natural trail in a loop in the northwest portion of the property. The Town contemplates other sections of natural trail throughout the Preserve, such as a length between the parking lot and the Colorado River, and a loop on the eastern portion of the property. The Town intends to apply for

grants in 2020 to rehabilitate the three ponds by establishing native species along the ponds' natural contours, filling and stocking the ponds, and providing a walking trail around the pond area. This improvement will cost approximately \$75,000. The trail from the parking area to the Colorado River is likely to cost approximately \$10,000. The trail on the east portion of the property is anticipated to cost approximately \$40,000. These forecasted costs may change with the use of nonprofit groups and volunteers.

This property was once part of the largest Blue Heron Rookery in the state. However, in 2002, bald eagles chased the herons out of the rookery and took over some of the nests. Although the herons never returned in pre-2002 numbers, the Town is fortunate to have three bald eagle nests (not part of the original rookery), intermittently used by a mating pair of eagles on the Preserve, as seen on the map below. Aspen Valley Land Trust assists in monitoring the nests and providing guidance to the Town for best practices on the property.



The Silt River Preserve is one of the Town's richest assets and should be conserved and improved according to the Silt River Preserve Management Plan, the Silt River Preserve Conservation Easement provisions, and in best practices to maintain healthy ecosystems. Few communities have a comparably sized and preserved parcel, but this parcel is definitely helping to make Silt an even more desirable place to live and work. Artists, photographers, wildlife enthusiasts, bird watchers, hikers, and fishermen (women) all utilize the Silt River Preserve extensively. The Town considers citizens' requests for park usage on a case by case basis and in accordance with the Management Plan.

Culture

Silt Historical Park

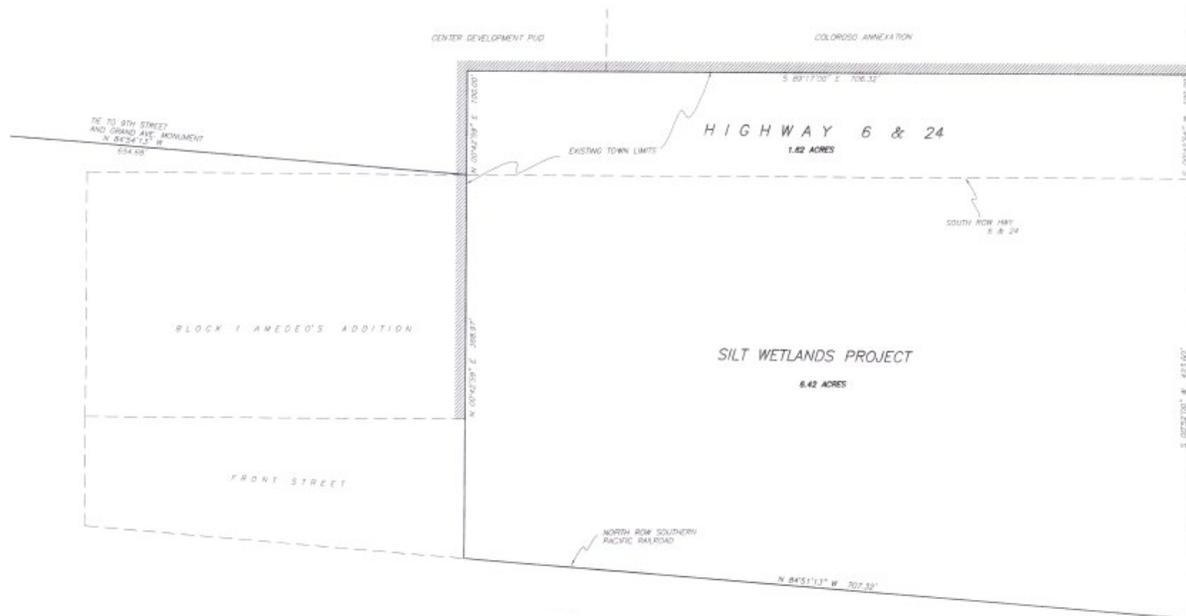
In the early 1980s, following a request by interested citizens, the RE-2 School District donated .462 acres to the newly formed Silt Historical Society, Inc. (501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation) for the relocation of several historical buildings and equipment. A clause within the deed states that this property will revert to the district should it cease to be an historical park. The Silt Historical Society recently requested, and the Town approved, a rezone application to place Public Utility zoning on the property to more accurately reflect the actual uses of the property and to allow for legal expansion of the historical park. Through donations and earned income (events and merchandise), the Silt Historical Society, Inc. earns just enough money to keep the doors open. A subcommittee of the Silt Historical Society holds the Silt Hey Day festival each year as a fundraiser for the Park, but this event does not always generate more than just to cover the costs of the event. Therefore, in 2013, the Town began donating to the Silt Historical Park all proceeds and tips generated from the Town's operation of the beer/wine tent at that event.

The Silt Historical Park houses many historical documents, furniture, and buildings, and is an integral part of the Town's culture and heritage. School children attend Chautauqua at the Silt Historical Park, an educational and costumed event displaying turn-of-the-century garb and practices, such as blacksmithing, farming practices, and day-to-day activities.



The Silt Historical Society, Inc. contends that the losses of historical records and institutional memory are both regrettable and avoidable, and therefore, the organization strives to present historically accurate events, offer its knowledge to the public, and preserve and share its vast historical archives. In order to establish a stream of revenue to perpetuate its efforts, the Silt Historical Society, Inc. supported a recent taxing initiative that could have given all museums on in western and northwestern Colorado operational funds. Although the measure did not pass, the Silt Historical Society continues to maintain and operate the Park with donations and proceeds from public and private sources.

Relocating the Silt Historical Park to a parcel west of the Main Street Wetland is an idea that should be explored, perhaps. The current property owned by the Silt Historical Society, Inc. does not have associated off-street parking that it owns – instead, it uses another RE-2 School District parcel to the east of the park that the District is unwilling to sell to the Park. If the District was to put another use on the parking parcel, the Silt Historical Society would experience some discomfort, relying on street parking for its patrons and volunteers. Additionally, the Silt Historical Park has little room for expansion on its current parcel. Moving the Park to a more visible parcel and coupling its use with a Visitor Center and Wetland Boardwalk might well prove to enhance all uses and the Town’s tourism efforts.



The Town could consider repurposing of the Town Shop parcel to accommodate the Silt Historical Park. The Town Shop parcel is adjacent to the Stoney Ridge Pavilion recreational area with a size that would both be large enough for integration of other recreational uses and appropriate for expansion of the Silt Historical Park. Both the Town Shop parcel and the Silt Historical Park parcel are close enough to keep relocation costs of the historic buildings reasonable. Utilizing the Town Shop parcel might also encourage the citizens’ preservation of history and culture, as the buildings would be visible to a larger segment of the Town’s population and to visitors who use the Stoney Ridge Pavilion, Ball Field, and Skate Park.

The Roy Moore Elementary parcel is another candidate for relocation and expansion of the Silt Historical Park, should the Town purchase this parcel in the future. As this parcel is directly north of the current location, the cost of relocating the historic buildings would again be reduced, but would lend to expansion of the Park in the future.

Town Art

The Town commissioned an original work of art for the 9th Street Roundabout landscape area. In 2009, upon construction of the roundabout, the Town placed the faux stone, wildlife-faced sculpture in the center of the landscape area. The sculpture drew regional and national attention for its uniqueness and modern flair, but sadly, vandals damaged the art work several times, costing the Town unbudgeted funds to repair. After having resided at the roundabout for over six years, the Town relocated the sculpture to a more secure location at the Town's Water Treatment Plant south of Interstate-70.



Just prior to the Town's Centennial in 2015, the Town held a contest to elicit from area residents, businesses, and the Coal Ridge High School art students their opinions on the Town's rebranding. As winners of the contest, the Coal Ridge High School art students provided ideas for a Great Blue Heron as the Town's mascot, in tribute to the Town's former rookery. With refining by a local printing company, the new logo was born and adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2015.

As part of the Centennial celebrations, the Town also commissioned the second piece of art for the 9th Street Roundabout, a bronze sculpture of two Great Blue Herons. This sculpture is vibrantly colored and smaller in stature than the first sculpture, helping with great visibility and providing room for future addition of more sculptures and landscaping components.

2020 Special Events

April 18 - Easter Egg Hunt - 10 a.m. (Veterans' Park)

April 27-May 2 - Silt Clean-Up - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (612 N. 7th Town Shop)

May 1-3 - Silt on Sale (Online Garage Sale) 24/7

May 9 - Silt Police Department Bike Rodeo & Emoji Fun Run - 10 a.m. (Veterans' Park)

May 9 - Garfield County Sheriff's First Responder Day & Special Olympics Recognition - 3 p.m. (Stoney Ridge Pavilion)

May 29 - Movie in the Park - dusk (Veterans' Park)

June 12 - Party at the Pavilion Free Concert - 6 to 9 p.m.

June 26 - Party at the Pavilion Free Concert - 6 to 9 p.m.

July 10 - Movie in the Park - dusk (Veterans' Park)

July 17 - Party at the Pavilion Ticketed Concert - 6 to 10 p.m.

August 14 - Movie in the Park - dusk (Veterans' Park)

August 22 - Silt Hey Day - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Veterans' Park)

October 9 - Punkin' Chuckin' 4-7 p.m. - (Stoney Ridge Pavilion)

November 6 - Chili Cook-Off - 5-8 p.m. (Town Hall Plaza)

December 11 - Sitting with Santa 10 a.m. -2 p.m. (Town Center)

Other events may be added. Please consider volunteering for one or more events! You will be rewarded with a free t-shirt & food!