

**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION
January 23, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Silt Water Plant Discussion

PROCEDURE: Discussion Item

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: At our meeting of January 9, 2023, Board members had several questions regarding the project. This work session is intended to answer some of them and to pose some questions to the Board for staff clarification.

Topics:

- **Grants:** We intend to apply for both Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (FMLD) and Energy Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) Grants within the next few months. In order to make the most of our efforts, we are asking the Board for guidance. Should we apply for:
 - FMLD: \$1 M (likelihood of getting \$400,000) for WTP or Grand Avenue WWWW/Road Improvements
 - EIAF: \$750,000 for additional drinking water boring project or WTP

*The question here is that if we apply for both to support the WTP project and then do not pursue a project, we will lose the funding, thereby making Grand Avenue and the boring project better options.

- **Resolution 4:** This resolution does not obligate us to spend \$28 M for the WTP. It simply allows the Town to reimburse itself with loan proceeds for expenses incurred up to 60 days prior to the loan being issued.
- **Dewberry Contract:** The Town has the options of terminating the Dewberry agreement at this time, on 30 days-notice. Some points the Board should consider are:
 - The Town entered the contract without conducting an RFQ process because we were pressed by a January 17 loan application deadline. We needed Dewberry to prepare the application. We were told by State representatives that loan forgiveness funds may not be available if we waited until the June deadline. We have been told since that there will be loan forgiveness funds available in June, and that there is likely to be Federal funds released for this purpose in annual tranches for four years following this one.
 - It is well documented that the plant is inadequate for Silt's needs and that something should be done soon. No one can predict when the plant will have a breakdown.
 - If we terminate Dewberry's contract, it will likely take 3-4 months to have a new contractor on board.
 - The new contractor will take some to get up to speed and the Town will likely be paying them for work already completed.
 - The staff recommends that the Town continue to work with Dewberry on the June 1 application.
 - We have paid Dewberry about \$80,000 to date, mostly for the 2022 study and anticipate owing about 15% of the \$1.8 M contract, or approximately \$270,000 at

this point. This expenditure will come directly from the Water/Wastewater fund balance.

- Please see attached memo from Attorney Michael Sawyer.
- **Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) Process:** This process:
 - Helps lock in a cost (GMP) sooner than the traditional "Design/Bid/Build" process by getting a contractor on the project earlier and working together to develop costs.
 - Why is this important? The loan package we get MUST be of the adequate amount to fund the project. Going back for more if it's not enough will delay the project, potentially raising costs. We can always give money back if it's not needed to pay down principal.
 - Is approved by the State. According to a primary contact at CDPHE, they are seeing a shift away from the traditional process to CMaR. CDPHE has adapted processes to accommodate CMaR.
 - Encourages contractor, engineer and staff to work together keep each other "honest" by questioning conclusions and subcontractor bids.
 - Allows "off-ramps" for the Town and contractor to terminate contract, if appropriate. The Town is not stuck with a contractor that has been chosen.
 - Is not impacted by the fact that Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is involved in the "loan forgiveness" program.

Please review the attached guidance from the State regarding the CMaR process.

- **Information regarding the current plant and its development in the mid-2000's**
 - Please see Public Works Director Fonner's description of his research, attached.

ORIGINATED BY: Jeff Layman

PRESENTED BY: Jeff Layman, Trey Fonner

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

- Two alternative versions of Resolution 3 regarding FMLD grant;
- Resolution 4 allowing the Town to reimburse itself;
- Memo from Attorney Michael Sawyer;
- State guidance regarding CMaR process;
- Director Fonner's description of the information discovered regarding the current plant and its development in the mid-2000's.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW [] YES [x] NO INITIALS

SUBMITTED BY:



Jeff Layman, Town Administrator

REVIEWED BY:



Sheila McIntyre, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 7
SERIES OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION
FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE
DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00, FOR
A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$27,948,000, IN ORDER TO
OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE
AND ENGINEERING FOR A WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF
COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt ("Town") is a municipal corporation, i.e., political subdivision, of the State of Colorado, and therefore is an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District ("GCFMLD"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has submitted a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Grant for the purchase and engineering of a new water treatment facility, requesting an award of \$1,000,000.00 from GCFMLD, with an overall budget of \$27,948,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that it must meet the demand of the public for quality drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a bedroom community with little sales tax generation or industry, and the Town struggles to pay for vital services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that such grant would help relieve the Water/Wastewater budget of the cost of purchasing a new water plant so that the Town can budget for other vital services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees ("Board") supports staff in its grant application for the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District traditional Grant and if funded, ensures that such purchase will be complete as per the grant guidelines: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT COLORADO, that:

Section 1

- 1) The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of Silt;

- 2) The Board strongly supports the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District Traditional Grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, with a contribution from the Town's Water/Wastewater fund in the amount of \$26,948,000.00 for the purchase and engineering of a new water treatment facility;
- 3) If the grant is awarded, the Board strongly supports the purchase and engineering of a new water treatment facility;
- 4) The Board authorizes the expenditure of in-kind labor necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD for the purchase and engineering of a new water treatment facility; and
- 5) If a grant is awarded, the Board hereby authorizes Town Administrator Jeff Layman to sign a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.

Section 2

This resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of January 2023.

TOWN OF SILT

Mayor Keith B. Richel

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC

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DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000.00, FOR A
TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$400,000.00, IN ORDER TO
OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IN GRAND
AVENUE PHASE ONE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD
COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt ("Town") is a municipal corporation, i.e., political subdivision, of the State of Colorado, and therefore is an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District ("GCFMLD"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has submitted a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Grant for the construction and engineering of a new infrastructure in the Grand Avenue roadway Phase 1, requesting an award of \$280,000.00 from GCFMLD, with an overall budget of \$400,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that it must meet the demand of the public for quality drinking water, wastewater services, irrigation services and roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a bedroom community with little sales tax generation or industry, and the Town struggles to pay for vital services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that such grant would help relieve the Water/Wastewater budget of the cost of installing needed infrastructure so that the Town can budget for other vital services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees ("Board") supports staff in its grant application for the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District traditional Grant and if funded, ensures that such purchase will be complete as per the grant guidelines: and

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- 2) The Board strongly supports the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District Traditional Grant application in the amount of \$280,000.00, with a contribution from the Town's Water/Wastewater fund in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the construction of new infrastructure in Grand Avenue;
- 3) If the grant is awarded, the Board strongly supports the construction and engineering of a Grand Avenue Phase 1;
- 4) The Board authorizes the expenditure of in-kind labor necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD for the construction and engineering Grand Avenue Phase 1
- 5) If a grant is awarded, the Board hereby authorizes Town Administrator Jeff Layman to sign a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.

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This resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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TOWN OF SILT

Mayor Keith B. Richel

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 4
SERIES 2023**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER/WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND, DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF WITH PROCEEDS OF A FUTURE BORROWING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWN OF SILT; IDENTIFYING THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND THE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR SUCH PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt, acting by and Through Its Water/Wastewater Enterprise Fund (the "Town"), in the County of Garfield and the State of Colorado (the "State"), is a political subdivision duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town (the "Board") is the governing body of the Town and each of its members has been duly elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to make certain capital expenditures which generally consist of water plant improvements (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has been in contact with and made application to the State of Colorado Drinking Water Revolving Fund ("DWRP") and the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority in regard to the availability of a loan to fund the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends and reasonably expects that the Town will borrow funds to finance the Project; will use a portion of such borrowed funds to reimburse the Town for capital expenditures paid or to be paid no earlier than 60 days before the date hereof; and will make such reimbursement no later than 18 months after the later of (a) the date the expenditure is paid or (b) the date the Project is placed in service (but in any event no more than 3 years after the date the expenditure is paid); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to declare its official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2, to reimburse the Town for such capital expenditures with proceeds of one or more future borrowings by or on behalf of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT THAT:

1. The Town hereby declares its reasonable official intention to incur indebtedness for the Project and to apply a portion of the proceeds thereof to reimburse the Town for the prior payment of capital expenditures for the Project.
2. The statements contained in this Resolution with respect to the reimbursement of the expenditures described in this Resolution are intended to be statements of official intent as required by, and in compliance with, Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

3. The expenditures to be reimbursed pursuant to this Resolution have been paid within 60 days prior to the date hereof or will be paid on or after the date hereof (in each case from funds that are not proceeds of a borrowing) in connection with the Project.

4. The maximum principal amount of obligations expected to be issued for the Project is \$28,000,000.

5. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures described in this Resolution with the proceeds of debt to be issued subsequent to the date hereof, but this Resolution does not constitute a binding obligation with respect to the issuance of such debt.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town on this 9th day of January, 2023.

(Seal)

Keith B. Richel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila M. McIntyre, Town Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17, 2023

TO: Mayor and Board of Trustees, Town of Silt

FROM: Karp Neu Hanlon, P.C.

RE: Dewberry Contract

In November, the Board approved a contract with Dewberry for design services related to a new water treatment plant. The parties worked quickly to reach agreement on terms for a contract due to submittal deadlines in January in order to qualify for federal funds. The January deadline has now been extended to June. The Board has the ability under the Agreement to reexamine its situation with Dewberry and, if desired, go in a different direction. Section 14 of Attachment B to the Dewberry Agreement permits either party to “terminate the Agreement upon 30 days notice.” If the Town were to terminate, it would owe Dewberry “for our Services rendered and expenses incurred through the termination date, including fees and expenses that we incur as a result of the termination.”

This memorandum is not intended to indicate that Staff believes termination of the Agreement is in the best interest of the Town. Dewberry now has substantial background knowledge about the Town’s water situation that a different water engineer would be required to obtain (at the Town’s expense). That said, the opportunity to terminate the Agreement does exist if the Board desires to discuss the option.



State Revolving Fund (SRF) Guidance

SRF requirements for projects utilizing a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process

This guidance is intended to assist SRF applicants that may be utilizing a CMAR process in understanding the SRF program requirements applicable to the request for proposal process and construction contracting.

CMAR Request for Proposal (RFP) Phase	CMAR Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Phase (e.g. 30%, 60%, 90% GMP etc.)	CMAR Construction Contract Phase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submit CMAR RFP package to GLU project manager for review a minimum of two weeks before the RFP is advertised. ➤ RFP advertisement should be posted a minimum of 30-days before proposals are opened. ➤ RFP package should include complete <u>SRF Required Specifications</u> as a reference for construction requirements. ➤ RFP package should clearly outline required procedures for submitting proposals, evaluation criteria and award procedures. Also, package should include information on procedures for acceptance of final GMP and construction contracting; and procedures if CMAR is not contracted for construction (eg. negotiate with the other qualified CMAR RFP bidders, re-bid etc.). ➤ The published RFP advertisement, bid tabulation, evaluation of proposals and notice of award must be submitted to the GLU project manager. ➤ (IF REQUIRED) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) procurement: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CMAR should consider all the requirements in the <u>SRF Required Specifications</u> in developing GMP packages (e.g. Davis-Bacon wages, American Iron & Steel (AIS), Build America, Buy America (BABA) etc.). ➤ Note: Final design plans and specifications must be submitted to the Water Quality Control Division engineering section prior to SRF loan application. ➤ (IF REQUIRED) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) procurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBE procurement efforts should occur at or before the final GMP stage. • A DBE solicitation list (see resources below)³ must be developed and DBEs solicited. • DBEs should be solicited at least 30 days before any bid deadline. • Submit the full DBE solicitation list (use DBE 6100-4 form or separate list with same info) to GLU project manager. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CMAR typically submits final GMP to owner for review (the CMAR contract should describe the required percent level of design completion for the final GMP). ➤ Documentation of owner review and acceptance of final GMP should be submitted to the GLU project manager. ➤ Construction contract based on accepted final GMP must include the <u>SRF Required Specifications</u> and include the current applicable Davis-Bacon wage determination at the time of construction contract execution. ➤ Executed construction contract must be submitted to the GLU project manager. ➤ (IF REQUIRED) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) procurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit list of DBEs to be contracted to GLU project manager • DBE solicitation list and bidder list should be maintained throughout construction to be used for soliciting additional DBEs if needed.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLU project manager notifies owner during CMAR RFP review if DBE requirements apply. • CMAR RFP advertisement should include DBE Bid Advertisement Language (see below).¹ • CMAR RFP package should indicate that the SBA and MBDA provide assistance to DBEs.² • If DBEs are potential sources for the CMAR or bidders will subcontract any work for the CMAR contract, DBE solicitation efforts should be completed by owner and bidders during the RFP phase. • Awarded CMAR contract must include the required <i>Non-discrimination/40 CFR 33</i> term and condition clause as indicated in the <u>SRF Required Specifications</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit documentation of all solicitation responses and submit completed DBE 6100-3 form with DBE bids to GLU Project Manager. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide all contracted DBEs with DBE 6100-2 form. • The prime construction contract and all sub-contracts must include the required <i>Non-discrimination/40 CFR 33</i> term and condition clause as indicated in the <u>SRF Required Specifications</u>.
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Important Notes:

- The guidance herein relates strictly to the Colorado SRF Program and does not include guidance for any local, state, or federal procurement requirements. The Owner is responsible for adhering to all applicable local, state, and federal procurement requirements.
- For projects that require DBE procurement, the Owner is responsible for adhering to all requirements included in the DBE section (Section 7) of the SRF Required Specifications for the project. Please note that not all requirements are covered in this guidance.

Footnotes:

¹The following sample language may be used in the RFP advertisement: *"This project may receive funding from the Colorado State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) program and bidder's attention is called to the SRF requirements included in the RFP package. The contract includes Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements and goals. Certified DBEs are encouraged to bid."*

²Small Business Association ([SBA](#)), Minority Business Development Agency ([MBDA](#)) of the department of commerce.

³Recommended resources for developing DBE solicitation lists include the CDOT DBE directory at [Colorado Unified Certification Program \(dbesystem.com\)](#)



Public Works Department

Trey H Fonner
Public Works Director

Memo

To: Board of Trustees

From: Trey Fonner, Public Works Director

Cc: Jeff Layman, Town Administrator

Date: January 19, 2023

Subject: Existing water plant

All points listed below were found in records on file, I will provide copies to anyone who would like to see them. This memo was composed to help answer some questions that have come about on the current plant. In the early 2000's the Town started to plan for a new water plant, to replace the facility that was located where the Holiday Inn is now. In 2003 they signed a purchase order with US Filter for the skids that are currently in service today. This new plant came on line in 2005. Following are some points that I have found in research on the current plant.

- Signed proposal in 2003 for a model 96S10V, which is one skid with 96 modules. This is what US Filter brought up for the pilot test as well. The plant actually has 2- 48S10V units, which is a total of 96 modules. Cannot find documentation of where this changed was made, but in speculation it could have been done for redundancy
- The 96S10V was specified to do 1 million gallons a day at a turbidity of less than 20 NTU's
- 2009 a quote was received from Siemens, who bought US Filter, for another 48S10V skid unit this unit was specified to do 432,000 a day with turbidity of less than 20 NTU's, the unit was never purchased.
- SGM Engineering did a study on the water plant in 2010 in this study it was pointed out that more pretreatment was needed along with a method to deal with Iron and Manganese. They proposed a flocculation tank ahead of the plate settler to help with the turbidity, as well as adding Potassium Permanganate pre flocculation tank to allow the Manganese and Iron to oxidize out.
- In the SGM study and research they composed a life expectancy of the plant equipment, the longest life span listed was 15 years, from 2005 when all came on line.
- 2003 a letter was received requesting the Town re think going forward with US Filter as they were being broke up and sold off. This letter was from Water Technology Group, who is a representative of another manufacture of water plant technology.
- 2015 received a letter from the City of San Benito Texas, requesting to inspect or obtain copies of public records associated with the water plant's function, cleanings, corrections made or membrane life. San Benito was taking legal action against US> Filter, Siemens and Evoqua.

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

6:00 p.m. – Work session regarding Water Plant Grant Submittals

ESTIMATED TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PUBLIC HEARING or ACTION ITEM	STAFF PRESENTOR
	Agenda		Tab A
7:00	Call to order		Mayor Richel
	Roll call		
	Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence		
7:05	Public Comments - Persons desiring to make public comment on items not on the agenda shall activate the “raise hand” function in the meeting program. For persons who will participate in the meeting by telephone, they should send an email by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to sheila@townofsilt.org indicating their desire to make public comment. For those attending in person, 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		
7:20 5 min	Consent agenda – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting Resolution No. 6, Series 2023, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,359.00, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$24,359.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASING OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR A NEW POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO Resolution No. 7, Series 2023, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$27,948,000.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE AND ENGINEERING FOR A WATER TREATMENT FACILITY FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO OR Resolution No. 7, Series 2023, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000.00, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$400,000.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IN GRAND AVENUE PHASE ONE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO 	Action Item	Tab B Mayor Richel

	<p>5. Resolution No. 4, Series 2023, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER/WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND, DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF WITH PROCEEDS OF A FUTURE BORROWING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWN OF SILT; IDENTIFYING THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND THE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR SUCH PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH</p> <p>6. Memorial Donation and Gift Policy – January 2023</p>		
	Conflicts of Interest		
7:25	Agenda Changes		
7:25 20 min	Silt's Conservation Value and Priorities with the Aspen Valley Land Trust (AVLT) – Erin Quinn	Info Item	Tab C Administrator Layman
7:45 20 min	Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership's "Flight and Free-Fall Capital of Colorado" Proposal – Evan Zislis	Info Item	Tab D Administrator Layman
8:05 5 min	Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023 , AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO GRANTING A CABLE SYSTEM FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF COLORADO <i>(staff requests a continuance to February 13, 2023)</i>	Public Hearing	Tab E Administrator Layman and Attorney Sawyer
8:10 5 min	December 2022 Financial Report	Info Item	Tab F Treasurer Tucker
8:15 5 min	Administrator and Staff Comments	Info Item	Tab G Administrator Layman
8:20 10 min	Updates from Board / Board Comments		
8:30 20 min	Executive Session – For a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Dewberry Contract		
8:50	Adjournment		
<p>The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Silt Board of Trustees is Monday, February 13, 2023. Items on the agenda are approximate and intended as a guide for the Board of Trustees. "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 Silt Town Clerk at 876-2353.</p>			

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023. Mayor Richel called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Roll call

Present	Mayor Keith Richel Mayor Pro-tem Kyle Knott Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Chris Classen Trustee Samuel Flores Trustee Derek Hanrahan
Absent	Trustee Jerry Seifert

Also present were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Public Works Director Trey Fonner, Community Development Manager Nicole Centeno, Chief of Police Mike Kite, Town Attorney Michael Sawyer, Planner Mark Chain and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Comments – Jackie Harmon thanked the Board for having both meetings tonight adding that they were very informative. She asked if there was any consideration of a moratorium to slow things down so that we don't add any additional pressure to the current water system until the new plant is built. And if not, what would happen if the plant goes down before it is fixed. She also asked if there were to be more building in 2023, what amount developers would be paying for tap fees, the current amount or a higher amount.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting
2. **Resolution No. 1, Series 2023**, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC PLACE FOR POSTING NOTICES PER CRS SECTION 24-6-402(2)(C)
3. **Resolution No. 2, Series 2023**, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTING RESOURCE ENGINEERING, INC. AS THE TOWN WATER ENGINEER AND MICHAEL SAWYER AS THE TOWN WATER ATTORNEY OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO
4. **Resolution No. 3, Series 2023**, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOWN OF SILT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, REVISED JANUARY 2023
5. **Resolution No. 4, Series 2023**, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER/WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND, DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF WITH PROCEEDS OF A FUTURE BORROWING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWN OF SILT; IDENTIFYING THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND THE

- FUNDS TO BE USED FOR SUCH PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
6. Re-appointment of Justin Brintnall as the Garfield County Weed Advisory Board Representative for the Town of Silt for 2023

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to approve the consent agenda excluding item #5 which was pulled from the consent agenda in its entirety to be discuss at a later time. Trustee Classen seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest – Presentation by Attorney Sawyer

Attorney Sawyer provided a brief refresher on conflicts of interest and the things that Board members should pay attention to when viewing items on an agenda. He added that it is up to each Board member to police their own conflicts.

There were no conflicts of interest tonight.

Agenda Changes – There were no agenda changes.

Second reading of **Ordinance No. 16, Series 2022**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, APPROVING THE ZONING FOR PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED LAND ONCE KNOWN AS THE SHANHOLTZER ANNEXATION AND NOW COMMONLY KNOWN AS AUTUMN RIDGE

Planner Chain provided a brief refresher of the application. Applicant Joy Zeller then went through her presentation and power point.

The public hearing was opened at 8:07 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.

There was discussion by the Board about the concerns that have been expressed by citizens regarding this development, that it is a sellout of our community, that the development makes sense as R3, the additional traffic on Highway 6 accessing the development and that the development only has one way in and out in the case of an emergency.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 16, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, APPROVING THE ZONING FOR PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED LAND ONCE KNOWN AS THE SHANHOLTZER ANNEXATION AND NOW COMMONLY KNOWN AS AUTUMN RIDGE with the three noted items in the packet. Trustee Hanrahan seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Trustees Flores and Classen voting nay.

Resolution No. 5, Series 2023, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE AUTUMN RIDGE MINOR SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Planner Chain went over his presentation and conditions as stated in his staff report. There was discussion regarding utilities, easements, irrigation, access, and the need for a future subdivision improvements agreement and development agreement.

Applicant Deric Water went over their presentation and plans for the development and addressed the items discussed during Planner Chain's presentation.

The public hearing opened at 8:49 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5, Series 2023, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE AUTUMN RIDGE MINOR SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS as listed in the staff report and adding that prior to recordation of the final plat, the waterline either be moved to a location on Lot 1 or that an easement be depicted on the plat encompassing the waterline. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Trustee Flores voting nay.

(Due to the size of this application, additional documents were provided to the Board via a Dropbox link. An electronic copy of this information can be found in the Town Clerks electronic packet)

Administrator and Staff Reports

Administrator Layman commented that staff is now looking at the June 1 grant cycle for the new water plant. He suggested establishing either a sub-committee of two board members to dive into the proposals or the Board could consider more work sessions. **There was a consensus to have additional work sessions so that the entire Board would be involved.**

Mayor Pro-tem Knott asked about the status of the hillside with the rocks coming down and Director Fonner stated that the company involved has been out once and would be coming back for further analysis and recommendations on how to remedy the situation. Mayor Pro-tem Knott also commented about using the street sweeper to pick up the rock on the streets and Director Fonner explained that the rock helps with the current and future snowfalls.

There was additional discussion regarding new water plant information that has been provided to staff, what has been presented to the citizens to keep them informed and get them engaged and how to get the word out so that citizens would see it, read it and get involved.

Updates from Board / Board Comments

The Board commented about the great discussion tonight with the people who attended the water plant meeting. It was also suggested to have a separate meeting for the public for questions and answers so that it isn't limited due to a regular Board meeting. Staff was thanked for all of their hard work and to keep up the communication. The public was encouraged to get/stay involved by coming to the meetings, contacting staff or by dropping off their suggestions and comments at Town Hall. Citizens were also encouraged to contact staff instead of using Facebook to voice their concerns.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott commented about getting a second opinion on the water plant. Mayor Richel stated that he would like to see a second opinion on the construction costs associated with a new water plant. Director Fonner explained that the current plant is out of date and that it is at the end of its useful life since the technology is no longer used thus making it eventually obsolete. There was additional discussion regarding the bonding process, alternative options, a possible phased implementation, taking a tour of the plant to explain how the plant works, a cost break down of the new plant and the fact that the citizens cannot afford a \$28 million dollar water plant.

Executive Session

Mayor Richel made a motion to go into executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Holiday Inn Express Lease. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned to executive session at 9:37 p.m.

At the end of executive session, Mayor Richel made the following statement: “The time is now 10:03 p.m., and the executive session has concluded. No formal action was taken in the executive session. The participants in the executive session were: Keith Richel, Kyle Knott, Justin Brintnall, Samuel Flores, Derek Hanrahan, Chris Classen, Jeff Layman, Mike Kite, Nicole Centeno and Michael Sawyer. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record”. No objections were stated.

Adjournment

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Trustees

Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC
Town Clerk

Keith B. Richel
Mayor

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 6
SERIES OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION
FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE
DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,359.00, FOR A
TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$24,359.00, IN ORDER TO
OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
PURCHASING OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR A NEW POLICE
VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY,
STATE OF COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt ("Town") is a municipal corporation, i.e., political subdivision, of the State of Colorado, and therefore is an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District ("GCFMLD"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has submitted a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Grant for the purchase of new equipment to outfit a new Police vehicle, requesting an award of \$24,359.00 from GCFMLD, with an overall budget of \$24,359.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that it must keep its fleet of vehicles in the police department updated and in good working order so as to be able to respond to all calls in a safe and timely matter; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a bedroom community with little sales tax generation or industry, and the Town struggles to pay for vital services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that such grant would help relieve the general fund of the cost of purchasing a new police vehicle so that the Town can budget for other vital services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees ("Board") supports staff in its grant application for the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District Mini Grant and if funded, ensures that such purchase will be complete as per the grant guidelines: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT COLORADO, that:

Section 1

- 1) The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of Silt;

- 2) The Board strongly supports the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District Mini Grant application in the amount of \$24,359.00, with a contribution from the Town's General fund in the amount of \$24,359.00 for the purchase new equipment to outfit a new vehicle for the Police Department;
- 3) If the grant is awarded, the Board strongly supports the purchase of a new vehicle for the Police Department;
- 4) The Board authorizes the expenditure of in-kind labor necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Police Department; and
- 5) If a grant is awarded, the Board hereby authorizes Town Administrator Jeff Layman to sign a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.

Section 2

This resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of January 2023.

TOWN OF SILT

Mayor Keith B. Richel

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 7
SERIES OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION
FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE
DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00, FOR
A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$27,948,000, IN ORDER TO
OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE
AND ENGINEERING FOR A WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF
COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt ("Town") is a municipal corporation, i.e., political subdivision, of the State of Colorado, and therefore is an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District ("GCFMLD"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has submitted a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Grant for the purchase and engineering of a new water treatment facility, requesting an award of \$1,000,000.00 from GCFMLD, with an overall budget of \$27,948,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that it must meet the demand of the public for quality drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a bedroom community with little sales tax generation or industry, and the Town struggles to pay for vital services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that such grant would help relieve the Water/Wastewater budget of the cost of purchasing a new water plant so that the Town can budget for other vital services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees ("Board") supports staff in its grant application for the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District traditional Grant and if funded, ensures that such purchase will be complete as per the grant guidelines: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT COLORADO, that:

Section 1

- 1) The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of Silt;

- 2) The Board strongly supports the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District Traditional Grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, with a contribution from the Town's Water/Wastewater fund in the amount of \$26,948,000.00 for the purchase and engineering of a new water treatment facility;
- 3) If the grant is awarded, the Board strongly supports the purchase and engineering of a new water treatment facility;
- 4) The Board authorizes the expenditure of in-kind labor necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD for the purchase and engineering of a new water treatment facility; and
- 5) If a grant is awarded, the Board hereby authorizes Town Administrator Jeff Layman to sign a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.

Section 2

This resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of January 2023.

TOWN OF SILT

Mayor Keith B. Richel

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 7
SERIES OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION
FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE
DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000.00, FOR A
TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$400,000.00, IN ORDER TO
OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IN GRAND
AVENUE PHASE ONE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD
COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt ("Town") is a municipal corporation, i.e., political subdivision, of the State of Colorado, and therefore is an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District ("GCFMLD"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has submitted a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Grant for the construction and engineering of a new infrastructure in the Grand Avenue roadway Phase 1, requesting an award of \$280,000.00 from GCFMLD, with an overall budget of \$400,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that it must meet the demand of the public for quality drinking water, wastewater services, irrigation services and roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a bedroom community with little sales tax generation or industry, and the Town struggles to pay for vital services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that such grant would help relieve the Water/Wastewater budget of the cost of installing needed infrastructure so that the Town can budget for other vital services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees ("Board") supports staff in its grant application for the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District traditional Grant and if funded, ensures that such purchase will be complete as per the grant guidelines: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT COLORADO, that:

Section 1

- 1) The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of Silt;

- 2) The Board strongly supports the Garfield County Federal Mineral Leasing District Traditional Grant application in the amount of \$280,000.00, with a contribution from the Town's Water/Wastewater fund in the amount of \$120,000.00 for the construction of new infrastructure in Grand Avenue;
- 3) If the grant is awarded, the Board strongly supports the construction and engineering of a Grand Avenue Phase 1;
- 4) The Board authorizes the expenditure of in-kind labor necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded pursuant to a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD for the construction and engineering Grand Avenue Phase 1
- 5) If a grant is awarded, the Board hereby authorizes Town Administrator Jeff Layman to sign a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD.

Section 2

This resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of January 2023.

TOWN OF SILT

Mayor Keith B. Richel

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 4
SERIES 2023**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER/WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND, DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF WITH PROCEEDS OF A FUTURE BORROWING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWN OF SILT; IDENTIFYING THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND THE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR SUCH PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt, acting by and Through Its Water/Wastewater Enterprise Fund (the "Town"), in the County of Garfield and the State of Colorado (the "State"), is a political subdivision duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town (the "Board") is the governing body of the Town and each of its members has been duly elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to make certain capital expenditures which generally consist of water plant improvements (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has been in contact with and made application to the State of Colorado Drinking Water Revolving Fund ("DWRP") and the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority in regard to the availability of a loan to fund the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends and reasonably expects that the Town will borrow funds to finance the Project; will use a portion of such borrowed funds to reimburse the Town for capital expenditures paid or to be paid no earlier than 60 days before the date hereof; and will make such reimbursement no later than 18 months after the later of (a) the date the expenditure is paid or (b) the date the Project is placed in service (but in any event no more than 3 years after the date the expenditure is paid); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to declare its official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2, to reimburse the Town for such capital expenditures with proceeds of one or more future borrowings by or on behalf of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT THAT:

1. The Town hereby declares its reasonable official intention to incur indebtedness for the Project and to apply a portion of the proceeds thereof to reimburse the Town for the prior payment of capital expenditures for the Project.
2. The statements contained in this Resolution with respect to the reimbursement of the expenditures described in this Resolution are intended to be statements of official intent as required by, and in compliance with, Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

3. The expenditures to be reimbursed pursuant to this Resolution have been paid within 60 days prior to the date hereof or will be paid on or after the date hereof (in each case from funds that are not proceeds of a borrowing) in connection with the Project.

4. The maximum principal amount of obligations expected to be issued for the Project is \$28,000,000.

5. The Town reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures described in this Resolution with the proceeds of debt to be issued subsequent to the date hereof, but this Resolution does not constitute a binding obligation with respect to the issuance of such debt.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town on this 9th day of January, 2023.

(Seal)

Keith B. Richel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila M. McIntyre, Town Clerk



Memorial Donation and Gift Policy January 2023

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the consistent decision-making process related to the acceptance, placement and long-term maintenance of public requests for memorial donations and gifts in Town-owned facilities, parks, rights-of-way, natural areas and trails.

Background:

Memorials and gifts have augmented Silt's properties and facilities. Historically, the Town has accepted these donations without a formal written policy. Guidelines are also needed for sustainable management of site-appropriate amenities, so as to maximize the Donor's intent, to not detract from the visual aesthetics of the surrounding natural environment, and to not place an undue burden on the Town.

Management Philosophy:

The protection of the natural environment is a high priority. To this end, the Town of Silt may manage and limit memorials in order to promote resource management and sustainability of natural landscapes. The integrity, natural and architectural features of parks, natural areas and facilities will be preserved and not detract from a user's experience. Final decision on the acceptance and placement of memorials may be made by the Town of Silt.

Procedures:

- I. The Donor submits a completed Memorial Donation & Gift Agreement Form to the Town of Silt's Community Development department;
- II. The Community Development department, along with staff, will review and determine the appropriateness of the proposal as measured by approval criteria and will notify the Donor as soon as possible, identifying any final conditions of approval;
- III. If the proposed location for the memorial or gift, is protected by an HOA, PUD or any other type of association, that donor must obtain approval from the association prior to submitting an agreement. Approval from such an association does not guarantee approval from the Town.
- IV. The Town does not guarantee permanency or time frame in which the memorial or gift may be displayed. If a memorial or gift must be relocated, the Town of Silt will attempt to notify the donor, in writing, at the address shown on the completed Memorial Donation and Gift Agreement form;
- V. The Town of Silt takes no responsibility to replace stolen, vandalized donations or for the maintenance or replacement of trees that are not watered by an automated irrigation system, and/or where a Donor has agreed to accept responsibility for watering the tree;
- VI. Written approval from The Town must be received before installation of any memorial or gift;
- VII. If agreement is approved there will be a fee of \$50. If Town staff is required for installation, additional charges may apply;

The Town may agree to be responsible for the installation, maintenance and protection of the work, within reason. Once installed, the memorial or gift becomes Town property, unless further arrangements are made with the donor.

Guidelines:

All proposals will be evaluated by the Town of Silt's Community Development department according to the following:

- I. Memorials and gifts cannot have a commercial appearance or corporate label;
- II. Design specifications and placement of enhancements on Town-owned properties must be compatible with the existing Town of Silt Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan and the Town of Silt Master Plan;
- III. Preliminary decision as to location will be approved by the Community Development department, working in conjunction with other administrative departments;
- IV. Memorials and gifts shall not detract from or overpower the scenic or architectural values of the existing environment;
- V. Memorials and gifts will be constructed of materials that meet the design and maintenance considerations of the Town of Silt;
- VI. Donations of any living items (eg: trees) will be considered on an annual basis in conjunction with the Town's planning and budgeting initiatives, and must be part of a comprehensive plan including ease of access to an automated watering system, water conservation and limited maintenance obligations;
- VII. Memorials and gifts which are large in scale will be considered on a case-by-case basis, as they relate to park planning processes and the Town's Master Plans;
- VIII. The Town reserves the right to remove any memorials that become in a state of disrepair. The Town will not be responsible in replacement of memorial.
- IX. Non-designated monetary memorial donations or gifts will be used to meet the needs of the Town of Silt as recommended by Town Staff;

Proposed Locations:

Community Park	Spruce Meadows Park
Domelby Park	Stoney Ridge Ballfield
Eagle's View Park	Tara Park
Flying Eagle Park—No placement on playing surface	Mesa View Park
Island Park—Strategically placed benches along trails	Painted Pastures Park
Silt River Preserve – Strategically placed benches along trails	
Veterans' Park – Proof of military service is required	

*All other locations are subject to the Town of Silts approval.

Review and Update:

This policy may be reviewed from time-to-time by the Town of Silt Administration and updated as needed.



TOWN OF SILT MEMORIAL DONATION & GIFT
AGREEMENT FORM

Donor Name: _____

Donor Organization (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Park/Site for Donation: _____

Proposed Location:(map out placement within site) _____

Description of item: Bench, Tree (desired species (if applicable) or other, (e.g.: bust; drawing or photo is helpful): _____

Length of time in which item(s) is to be displayed: _____

Plaque Incorporated: _____ YES _____ NO

Inscription: 3 lines – 45 characters per line maximum. (Please illustrate on separate sheet).

Memorial gifts to the Town are considered outright and unrestricted donations. The Town does not guarantee permanency of the accepted donation. If a memorial must be relocated, the Town of Silt will attempt to notify the Donor in writing at the address shown on this form. Donations may be tax deductible (please consult an accountant). The Donor declares to have read the Memorial Donation & Gift Policy. The Donor understands and agrees with the conditions set forth in this policy and agrees to pay the Town any donation funds within 1 month of notification of Memorial Agreement approval.

____ I have read and understand the Memorial Donation and Gift Policy

Signature: Donor

Date

Mail or email completed form to: Town of Silt PO Box 70, Silt, CO 81652 Attn: Community Development
Or

Email: nicole@townofsilt.org

Accepted By: _____ Date _____

Cost \$ _____ Paid \$ _____ Date _____

Exact Location verified: _____

Inscription Proof reviewed by donor _____

If denied, basis for denial: _____

**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Silt's Conservation Values and Priorities with the Aspen Valley Land Trust (AVLT)

PROCEDURE: Discussion Item

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: AVLT works to protect the open land and special places of the Roaring Fork and middle Colorado River valleys for wildlife, agriculture, and the community, forever. The Town of Silt has long worked with AVLT in projects benefitting the environment, Silt residents and the region as a whole.

Working through and with AVLT, the Town has:

- Preserved Silt River Preserve as a jewel for future generations
 - Created a Master Plan for restoration of natural, native species and landscape
 - Completed weed mitigation work
 - Planted native species grasses
 - Provided professional engineering services to plan pond restoration (With Middle Colorado Watershed District)
 - Begun work to restore the ponds
 - Welcomed Highwater Farms and its mission to help kids and sustainable food
 - Built a picnic shelter
- Completed weed mitigation work at Silt Island Park
- Explored the concept of acquiring the rest of the "Silt Island" across 311 Road from Silt Island Park

Crucial conservation can only happen through strong relationships with landowners, donors, and community partners. AVLT believes that because conservation should reflect the values and changing needs of the communities in which they work, it's important to talk with community leaders and members of the Town of Silt Board of Trustees to discuss conservation values and priorities, and to ensure that AVLT best serves these goals.

AVLT representatives will present at this meeting and engage in a discussion about future Town of Silt-AVLT partnerships.

Please review the attached information.

ORIGINATED BY: Jeff Layman

PRESENTED BY: Erin Quinn, AVLT's Conservation Director

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: AVLT Strategic Conservation Plan

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW [] YES [x] NO INITIALS

SUBMITTED BY:

Jeff Layman, Town Administrator

REVIEWED BY:

Sheila McIntyre, Town Clerk



ASPEN VALLEY LAND TRUST

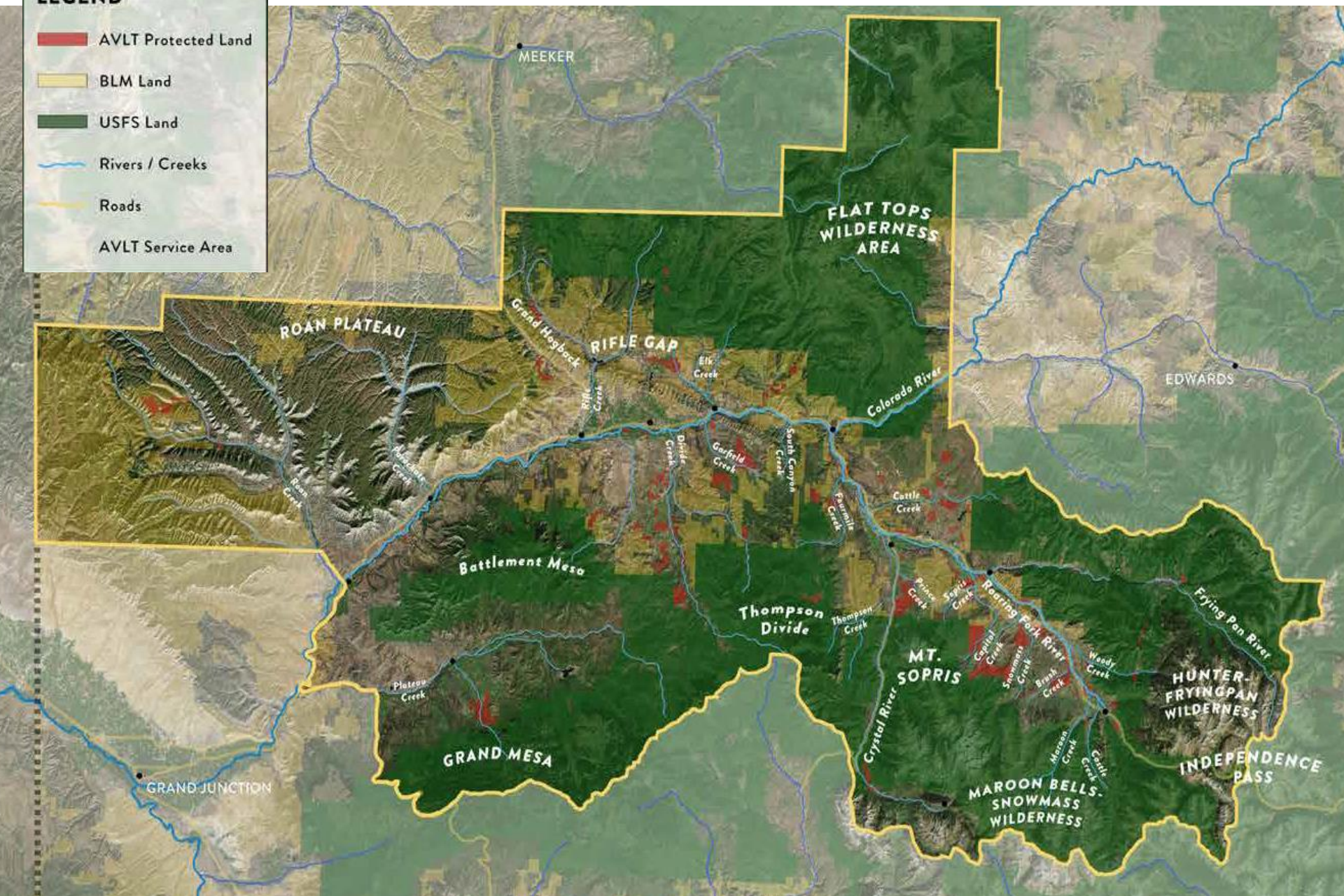
Protecting the places you love



Fazzi Ranch, Divide Creek

LEGEND

- AVLT Protected Land
- BLM Land
- USFS Land
- Rivers / Creeks
- Roads
- AVLT Service Area



WHAT DO LAND TRUSTS DO?

Land trusts across the nation are working with landowners to conserve properties with important agricultural or natural values. Conservation easements are a tool land trusts use to protect land while allowing for its continued private ownership and management.

Independence Townsite

What is a conservation easement?

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and land trust that protects certain conservation purposes while still allowing for private ownership and use of the land.

- Voluntary agreement between the landowner and AVI
- Allows working lands while limiting future development
- Protects the land's conservation values.
- Forever. Runs with the title of the land, not the landowner

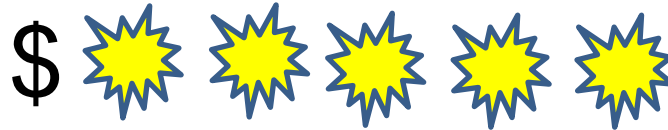
Tall Pines, Roan Plateau

What changes with a conservation easement?

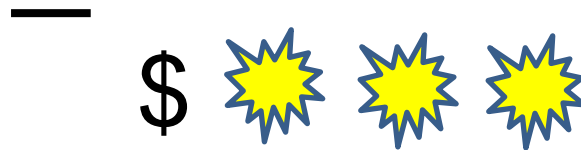
- Future development and division of the land is limited.
- Water rights historically used on the property will be tied to the land to protect its conservation purposes.
- Surface mining, such as gravel pits or strip mines, is not permitted, though some subsurface oil and gas development may be permitted within limits.

Financial Costs and Benefits

Your Land's
Value Today:



Your Land's
Value After It Is
Conserved:



Your Land's
Conservation
Easement Value:
(CE value)

=



Colorado State Tax Credit
= CE value x 90%
(maximum \$5 million)

This may be sold, transferred, or used over 20 years.

Federal Tax Deduction
= CE value – state tax credits claimed

This is non transferrable and can be used over 16 years.

Regional and Statewide Conservation Planning



A scenic landscape of rolling green hills under a blue sky. In the foreground, there are yellow wildflowers and green shrubs. The hills in the background are covered in green grass and some trees. The text "Ask us anything" is overlaid in the center.

Ask us anything

Taucher Place, Carbondale

ASPEN VALLEY LAND TRUST

2022 STRATEGIC CONSERVATION PLAN



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Photo courtesy of Robert J Ross

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHICH FUTURE WILL WE CHOOSE?

Western Colorado. The words evoke snowcapped peaks, frosted fir trees, winding dirt roads, pastoral meadows – and more recently, skyrocketing housing costs, endless commutes, wildfires, drought, and contested water. Yes, all of this exists. The question is, which do we choose for our future?



For 55 years, thanks to the many ranchers, farmers, and conservation-minded landowners with whom we have had the good fortune to partner, Aspen Valley Land Trust has been protecting special places and connections to land.

So why a conservation plan now? **Studies show that land trusts with a conservation plan conserve twice as much land as those without – and right now, that is what is called for.** A thoughtful plan, one that considers data as well as community input, will guide our choices and create opportunities for the most effective and meaningful conservation.

Today, we face the compounding crises of climate change and loss of biodiversity. We also need to confront deep environmental and social injustices. Nature needs help. Local food systems need help. Our fragmented communities need help. And our children need hope for the future.

Fortunately, many of the best opportunities for addressing these intertwining issues exist on private land. Private land hosts many of the region’s richest soils, river bottomlands, wetlands, and key habitat connections. **Protecting this land is critical for allowing wildlife and plant communities to adapt to climate change and for providing our community clean air and water, nature, and local food.** Private land conservation also lends itself to being innovative, nimble, responsive, and proactive. Over the next few years AVLТ will develop new approaches, tools, and powerful partnerships to help get important work done and extend the benefits of conservation to everyone.

This plan describes an intentional and impactful approach to protecting land. Our priorities reflect two goals: **landscape-scale conservation** that protects the future of wildlife, plant communities, and agriculture, and **community-driven conservation** that addresses local needs for access to land and natural resources. Both are necessary to the future we all want to see.

If we take care of the land it will take care of us. Thank you for helping to create a future filled with trees, water, life, and hope for our children.

Suzanne Stephens, Executive Director

WHO WE ARE

Aspen Valley Land Trust is the only local, non-partisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving land forever in the Roaring Fork and Colorado River valleys. Since 1967, we have been a trusted community-supported partner helping to protect the health of both our natural and human communities. **It is time to increase our impact.**

MISSION

Aspen Valley Land Trust protects the open space and special places of the Roaring Fork and middle Colorado River valleys for wildlife, agriculture, and community forever.

VISION

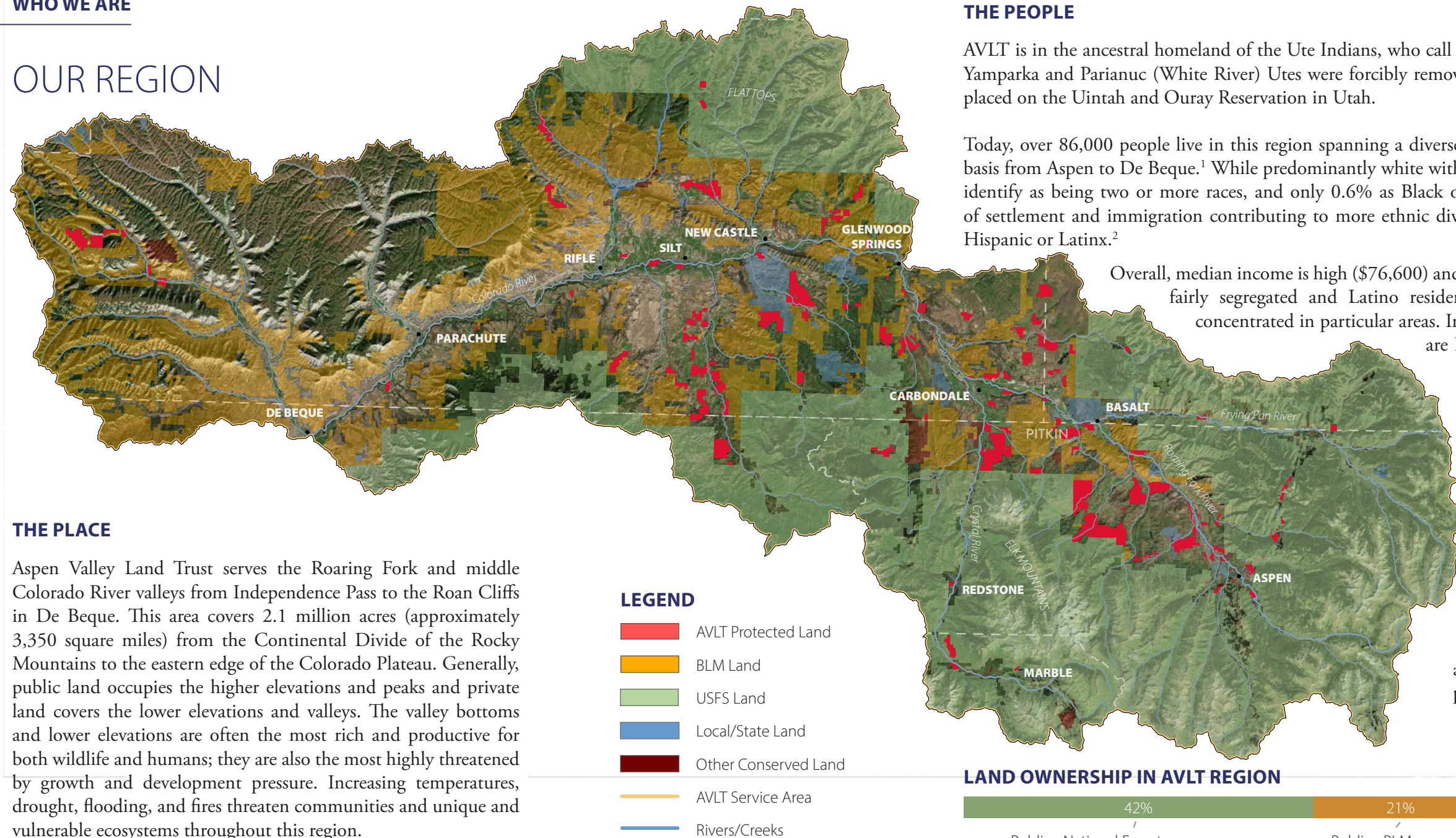
Aspen Valley Land Trust seeks a future where land, wildlife, and people flourish together, and where land is a treasure to be passed on forever.

VALUES

We believe that the following values are core to effective and inclusive conservation for the benefit of the lives and future health of our region:

Respect **Commitment** **Community** **Resilience** **Trust**

OUR REGION



THE PLACE

Aspen Valley Land Trust serves the Roaring Fork and middle Colorado River valleys from Independence Pass to the Roan Cliffs in De Beque. This area covers 2.1 million acres (approximately 3,350 square miles) from the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains to the eastern edge of the Colorado Plateau. Generally, public land occupies the higher elevations and peaks and private land covers the lower elevations and valleys. The valley bottoms and lower elevations are often the most rich and productive for both wildlife and humans; they are also the most highly threatened by growth and development pressure. Increasing temperatures, drought, flooding, and fires threaten communities and unique and vulnerable ecosystems throughout this region.

THE PEOPLE

AVLT is in the ancestral homeland of the Ute Indians, who call themselves Nuche, meaning the People. The Yamparka and Parianuc (White River) Utes were forcibly removed from this part of Colorado in 1881 and placed on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah.

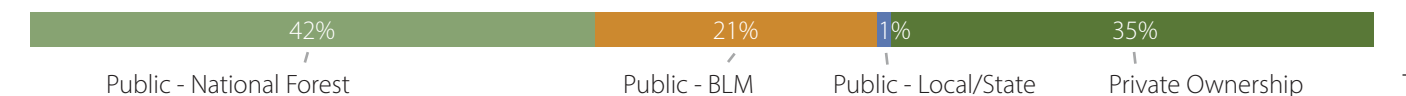
Today, over 86,000 people live in this region spanning a diverse cultural, socioeconomic, and demographic basis from Aspen to De Beque.¹ While predominantly white with little racial diversity (only 11% of residents identify as being two or more races, and only 0.6% as Black or Native American), there is a long history of settlement and immigration contributing to more ethnic diversity – nearly 25% of residents identify as Hispanic or Latinx.²

Overall, median income is high (\$76,600) and the poverty rate is low (8.5%). The region is fairly segregated and Latino residents and low-income residents tend to be concentrated in particular areas. In some localized areas, over 72% of residents are Hispanic and/or Latino, and others have no Hispanic and/or Latino residents. Median income is less than \$38,000 and the poverty rate is over 36% in some areas, while in other areas the median income is over \$129,000 with no residents living below the poverty line.

The local economy is dominated by outdoor recreation, agriculture, natural resource extraction, and real estate development, including residential, second home, commercial, and industrial development, which is accelerating in many areas. This is filling in the “spaces between places” that make each community unique.

¹ US Census Data based on 2019 American Community Survey.
² Localized area = Census block group. There are 54 Census block groups in this region with an average population of 1,600 each.

LAND OWNERSHIP IN AVLT REGION



5-YEAR AVLT GOALS

AVLT's organizational goals were developed through our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan:

PROTECT

our special places and unique landscapes to ensure they remain forever vital for wildlife and community.

STEWARD

conserved lands to be resilient and beneficial for future generations.

ENGAGE

diverse communities on the land to inspire understanding of and support for nature and conservation.

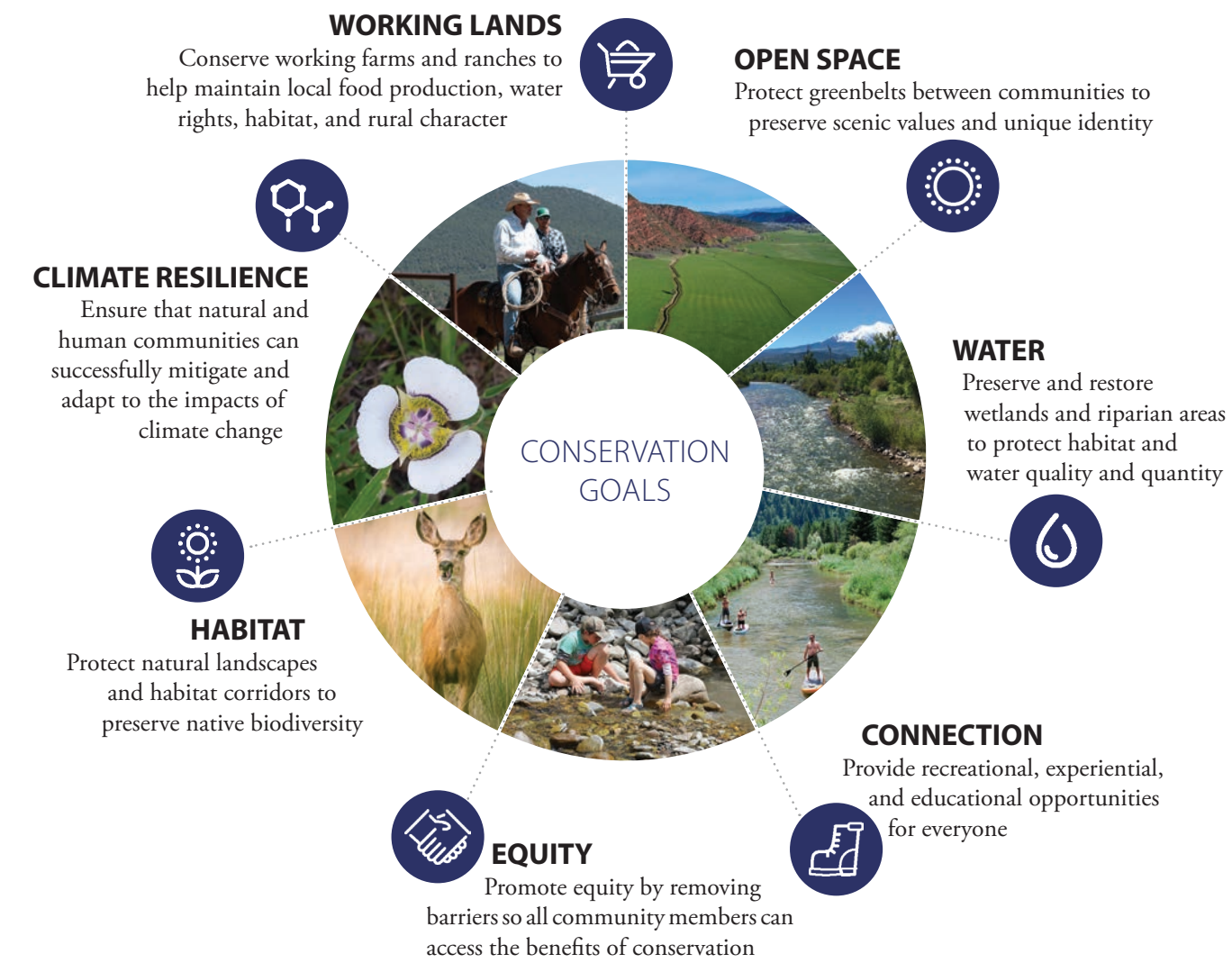
COMMIT

to building an organization capable of fulfilling its mission in perpetuity and strengthening conservation for the benefit of our diverse community, forever.



10-YEAR CONSERVATION GOALS

Below are the goals for AVLT's conservation work over the next 10 years. These are based on the best available science, AVLT's vision, community engagement, and partner expertise.



COMMUNITY-DRIVEN CONSERVATION SUCCESS

Community-driven conservation projects are generally close to where people live and help connect people to nature, agriculture, and each other. By understanding and prioritizing the needs of underrepresented and underserved residents, community-driven conservation can help remove barriers and expand equitable access to parks, trails, and local food.



LAND AND WATER PROTECTION SUCCESS

Private land protection is critical to landscape-scale conservation, which seeks to connect large, unfragmented landscapes for wildlife, migration corridors, and agriculture. AVLT has collaborated with landowners and partners since 1967 to conserve 69 square miles of land (roughly the distance from Aspen to Rifle one mile wide), which includes:



THE CASE FOR CONSERVATION

The lands and waters of the Roaring Fork and middle Colorado River valleys are vital – and under threat. In the face of development pressure, loss of biodiversity, and climate change, it is more urgent than ever that we protect the region’s most ecologically important and culturally significant places. **Private land conservation is critically important to achieving these goals.** And as our communities change and grow, we also need to ensure that everyone, especially community members who have traditionally been underserved, have access to parks, trails, and nature.

This plan will increase AVLTL’s reach and effectiveness through:

1. Sharing and implementing our conservation goals and measuring how well potential projects meet those goals.
2. Creating an evolving, adaptable process for identifying strategic priorities based on scientific data and community needs.

This plan will ensure that AVLTL’s work is as effective as possible by:

- **A Vision for the Future.** Creating a vision of conservation success for the next 10 years and beyond that highlights the importance of private land conservation and connecting communities to nature.
- **Landscape-Scale Conservation.** Using a science-based approach that combines data with partner expertise to select projects with an overall focus on increasing climate resilience, habitat and agricultural connectivity, and biodiversity.
- **Community-Driven Conservation.** Identifying ways conservation can help solve problems and address community needs with a focus on equity and increasing access to land for the community members that need them most.
- **Partnering for Good.** Fostering enduring partnerships and collaborations with private landowners, local nonprofits, governments, and land management agencies who all play important roles in conservation.



KEY DEFINITIONS

CONSERVATION

The active process of protecting and managing land for the future. Not only conservation easements and land acquisition, but proactive adaptive management including restoration and long-term stewardship.

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN CONSERVATION

Understanding and equitably meeting the needs of a community through land conservation. Projects are typically close to towns and help connect people to nature, agriculture, and one another.

EQUITY

Everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive. Working toward equity means acknowledging that not everyone has access to the same resources, addressing the discrimination and disinvestment that are the root causes of disparities, and working to eliminate barriers and provide increased support to those who have been most disadvantaged.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

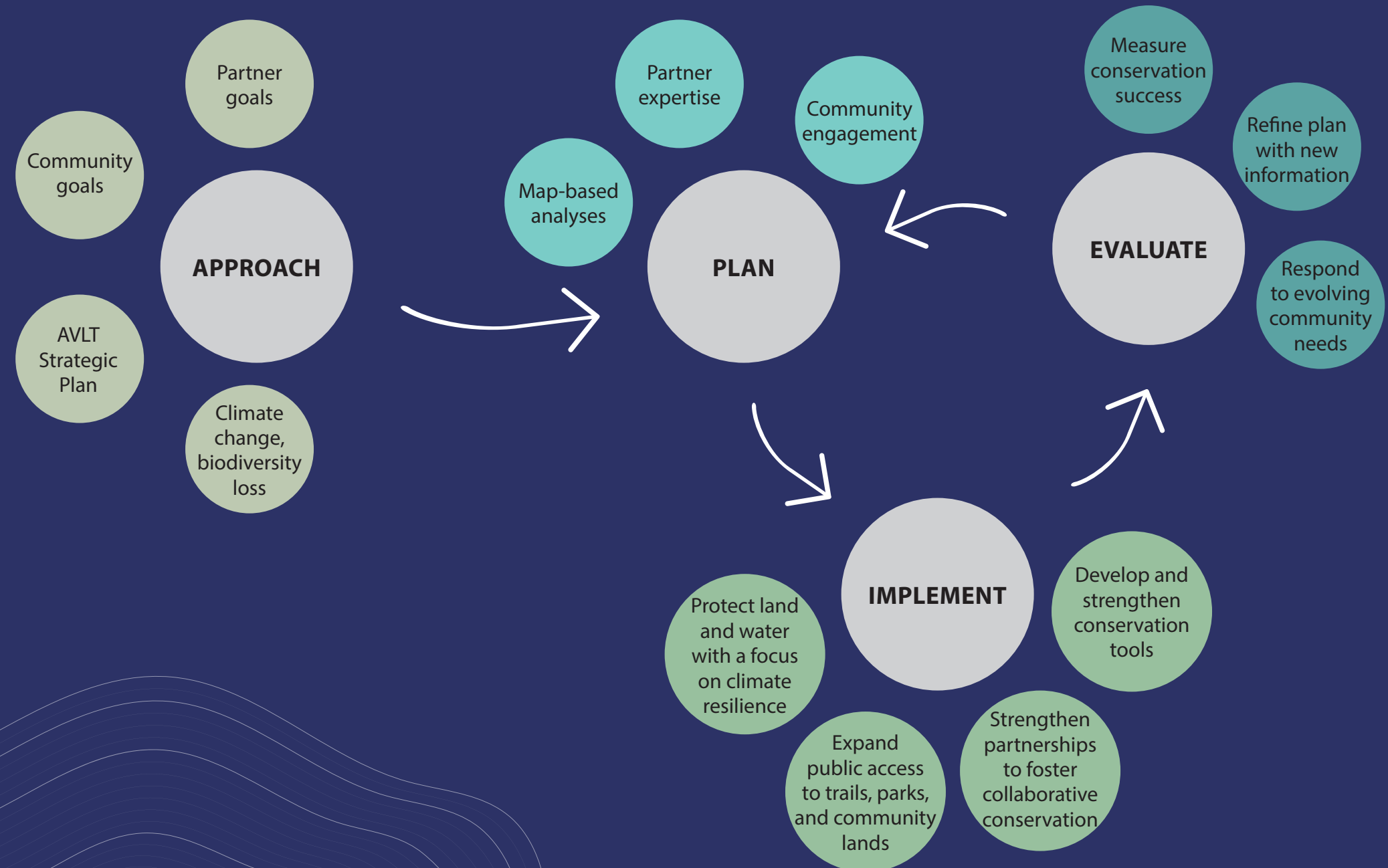
Resilient natural and human communities are able to bounce back from disturbances without losing their essential structure or functions. Resilient human communities have the ability to recover from adversity with social connections intact, vulnerable community members protected, and adaptable economies. Key parts of ecological resilience include high levels of biodiversity and intact processes such as natural fire regimes, carbon storage, habitat connectivity, and groundwater recharge. Ecological resilience is critical to human communities' resilience.

APPROACH

This Strategic Conservation Plan brings together community engagement and data-driven map-based (GIS) analysis to establish conservation priorities and goals. **This is not intended to be a static plan, but rather to provide measurable objectives and an adaptable approach that ensures AVLT's conservation work is as effective and meaningful as possible in the future.**

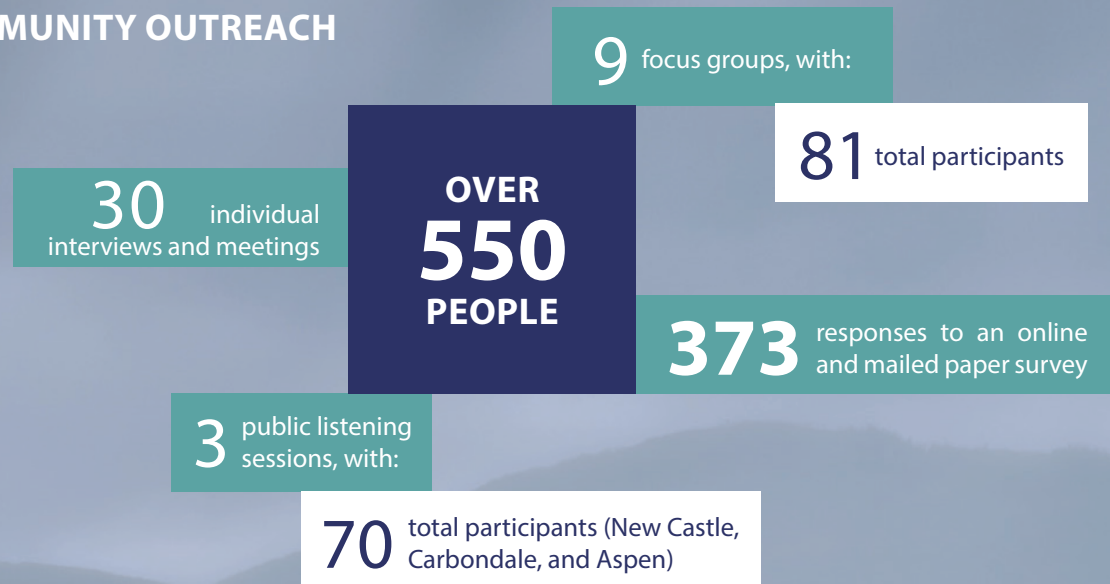
What it is not: This plan is NOT meant to identify or target specific parcels of land, but rather to provide a system for evaluating conservation opportunities. AVLT is a non-governmental organization that works with landowners and partners on a voluntary and collaborative basis to create conservation successes.

AVLT respects private property rights, relies on landowners to meet these goals, and believes that managers and owners of working farms and ranches can be the best stewards of their lands. We support voluntary, incentive-based conservation in partnership with willing landowners.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2019 COMMUNITY OUTREACH



2020-2021 TARGETED DISCUSSIONS



KEY FINDINGS FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Protecting as much high-quality land as possible for agriculture and wildlife is paramount. There was a strong demand for more of the work AVLТ has always done as the only local land conservation nonprofit.

Improving climate resilience and protecting biodiversity is critical. Strategic conservation can play a major role in promoting climate resilience. This includes protecting habitat that allows native species to adapt to climate change and protecting local communities from the risks of fires, floods, and drought.

Lack of affordable housing is a huge concern that needs to be addressed alongside conservation. Concerns about housing affordability came up in engagement with all interviewees. Many connected these challenges to larger issues with economic disparities. Many municipalities see conservation as playing an important role in encouraging in-fill development and appropriate siting for new housing. There could also be a role for AVLТ in helping to support the creation of a local community land trust.

Preserving small-town character and open space around cities and towns helps maintain a strong sense of community. Many interviewees noted the key role that conservation can play in protecting open spaces between existing cities and towns to limit sprawl and maintain distinct community character.

AVLT is not strongly identified with community-driven conservation work now, and there are many opportunities to expand our work in ways that center justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Service providers interviewed all expressed interest in working with AVLТ to connect community members to free outdoor education and recreation opportunities. In addition, understanding the Indigenous history of local land and working to engage with members of displaced Indigenous communities is an important aspect of AVLТ's overall commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Language barriers for Latino community members negatively impact access to and comfort with outdoor learning and recreational opportunities. While providing translation and materials in Spanish is an important first step in improving accessibility, interviewees emphasized the importance of deeper community engagement and having racially-diverse staff and board members as well.

There is a demand for expanding trails and in-town parks. Participants expressed strong interest in more close-to-home parks, trails, and river access. Recreation intensity is increasing throughout the region, and representatives from Colorado Parks & Wildlife expressed serious concern about the impacts of recreation on wildlife habitat and highlighted the need for a balanced approach with public access.

LANDSCAPE-SCALE MAP-BASED ANALYSIS

A significant amount of data have been combined for this plan. Landscape-scale mapping is organized into categories based on AVLТ’s top identified conservation goals, including:

- Agricultural lands
- Biodiversity
- Proximity to protected land
- Riparian and wetland areas
- Wildlife habitat connectivity

Use of dynamic data, or constant intake of new or evolving information, is also included in assessing conservation priority levels.

CLIMATE-SMART CONSERVATION PLANNING

Each of the above landscape-scale data categories are important to increasing the region’s resilience to climate change. For example, large mammal species native to Colorado, such as mule deer and elk, use a wide variety of habitats and move from higher to lower elevations in the winter. As a result, conserving large mammal habitat benefits many other species. **Maintaining ecological connectivity between high and low elevations is also a key element in ensuring climate resilience.**

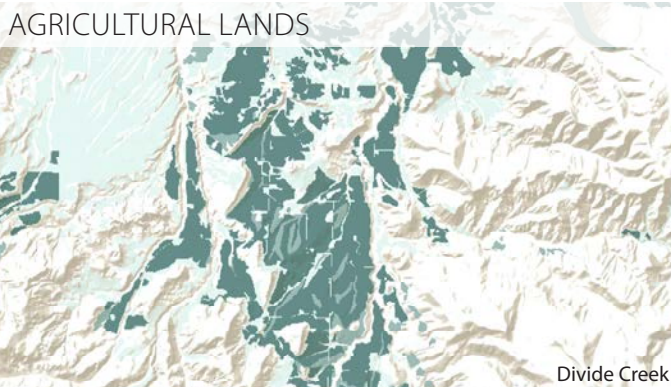
Approach for climate-smart conservation planning¹ includes protecting:

- Current representative patterns of biodiversity
- Large, intact natural landscapes
- Sustaining, and enhancing ecological connectivity
- Sustaining, and managing land for ecological processes and ecosystem functions
- Habitat patches at edges of species’ ranges and future habitat locations
- Climate resilient areas (areas least likely to undergo rapid climate-induced changes)
- Diverse topographical regions

¹Integrating Climate Adaptation into Land Conservation: A Climate-Smart Framework for Land Trusts (Point Blue Conservation Science, 2020).

INDIVIDUAL PRIORITY ANALYSES

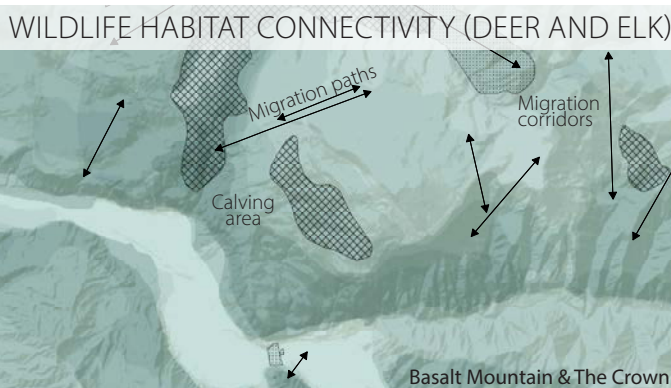
The below samples of maps are used to identify conservation priorities within an individual category. This information helps AVLТ evaluate and understand an areas conservation potential.



Data source: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado Department of Water Resources



Data source: Colorado Natural Heritage Program, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, US Geological Survey



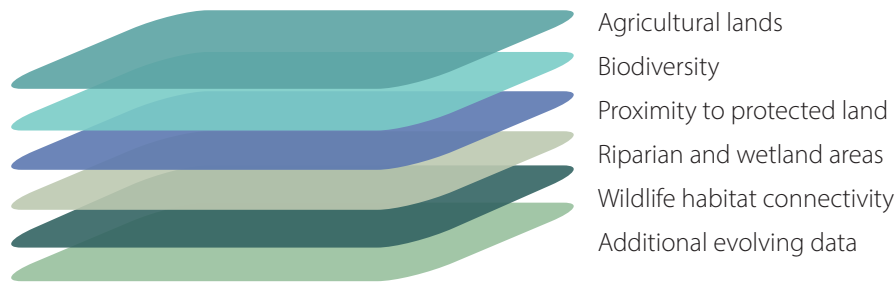
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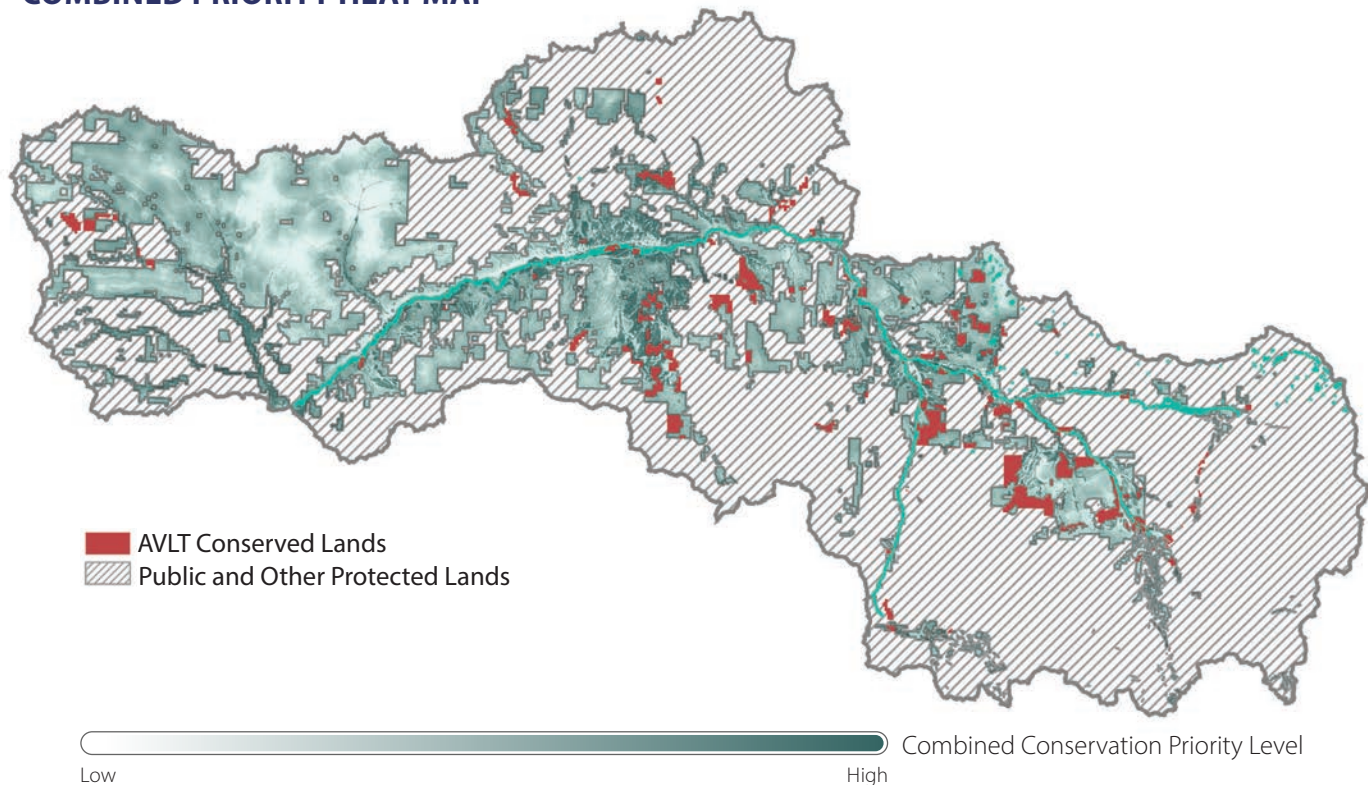
Data source: US Fish & Wildlife Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program

CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

This sample map combines conservation goals to help AVLТ assess conservation potential in our region. Map-based analysis is designed to be dynamic and incorporate new information as it becomes available.



COMBINED PRIORITY HEAT MAP



MAP-BASED PARK DATA ASSESSMENT

The Trust for Public Land’s ParkServe program generates a 10-minute walk service area or “walkshed” for all the existing parks in local cities and towns. A person who lives in one of these 10-minute walksheds is considered to have good close-to-home park access. All populated areas that fall outside of a 10-minute walkshed are assigned a level of park need based on a weighted calculation of three demographic variables: population density, density of children age 19 and younger, and density of households with income less than 75% of the regional median household income.

This data and approach will help AVLТ assess high priority areas for community conservation projects.

2030 CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

Strategically protect more land with a focus on climate resilience

- Double our conservation impact by protecting an additional 40,000 to 50,000 acres of priority private lands using the approach developed.
- Protect an additional 10 miles of critical river and stream frontage.
- Create new and strengthen existing tools for conservation and land stewardship.



Expand well-designed public access to trails, parks, and other protected land with a focus on equity

- Help protect and enhance access to trails in 3 to 5 high-need areas.
- Help provide and protect park access in 3 to 5 high-need areas.
- Create 5 additional miles of public trails.

Strengthen partnerships with municipalities and public agencies to foster collaborative conservation

- Share mapping (GIS) conservation data with partners.
- Hold annual meetings with regional representatives from Colorado Parks and Wildlife and other conservation partners.
- Hold annual conversations with representatives from towns and counties.
- Identify future opportunities for state and local public financing.



Strengthen partnerships and collaboration with community groups to expand opportunities for underserved residents, especially youth, to connect with nature

- Establish and activate an “ambassador land” to serve as an asset for the public, especially underserved community members, to engage hands-on with conservation, stewardship, habitat restoration, and education.
- Establish formal partnerships with at least two community groups to collaborate on programming and provide space for youth to connect to nature.
- Facilitate use of AVLTL lands like Chapin Wright Marble Basecamp and Coffman Ranch to help develop other sites to provide outdoor education opportunities to an average of 5 schools and 1-3 youth programs annually – with a focus on schools with the highest number of low-income students.
- Partner with community groups that work with underserved community members to provide 3-5 additional engagement opportunities per year on conserved properties.
 - Collaborate on programs that annually serve at least 300 youth, with a focus on low-income and Latino communities.
- Provide bilingual signage, wayfinding, and all basic materials related to outdoor recreation and programming.
- Work with community farms and nonprofits to provide community-centered programming at the Silt River Preserve and other conserved land.

Evaluate success and adapt

- Commit to ongoing community engagement that reduces barriers to participation and creates safe, meaningful, and fun ways Latino and underserved community members can provide input.
- Conduct bilingual outreach and work with schools and community-based nonprofits to identify partnerships and uses for new “ambassador land” and community-accessible lands.



PROJECT SELECTION APPROACH

This selection approach is focused on private land conservation projects but can also be applied to restoration, public access, park activation, or education projects as well. **This approach can be used to prioritize landscape-scale or community-driven conservation projects.** Community-driven projects are likely to be smaller and involve additional public engagement to determine how to best partner with community members.

The benefits of a project are determined by the value of the resources that are protected, the risks to those resources, and the needs of community members who would be served by the project. This approach builds on scientific data and community engagement to incorporate a stronger focus on conservation that promotes climate resilience and furthers equity in the community.

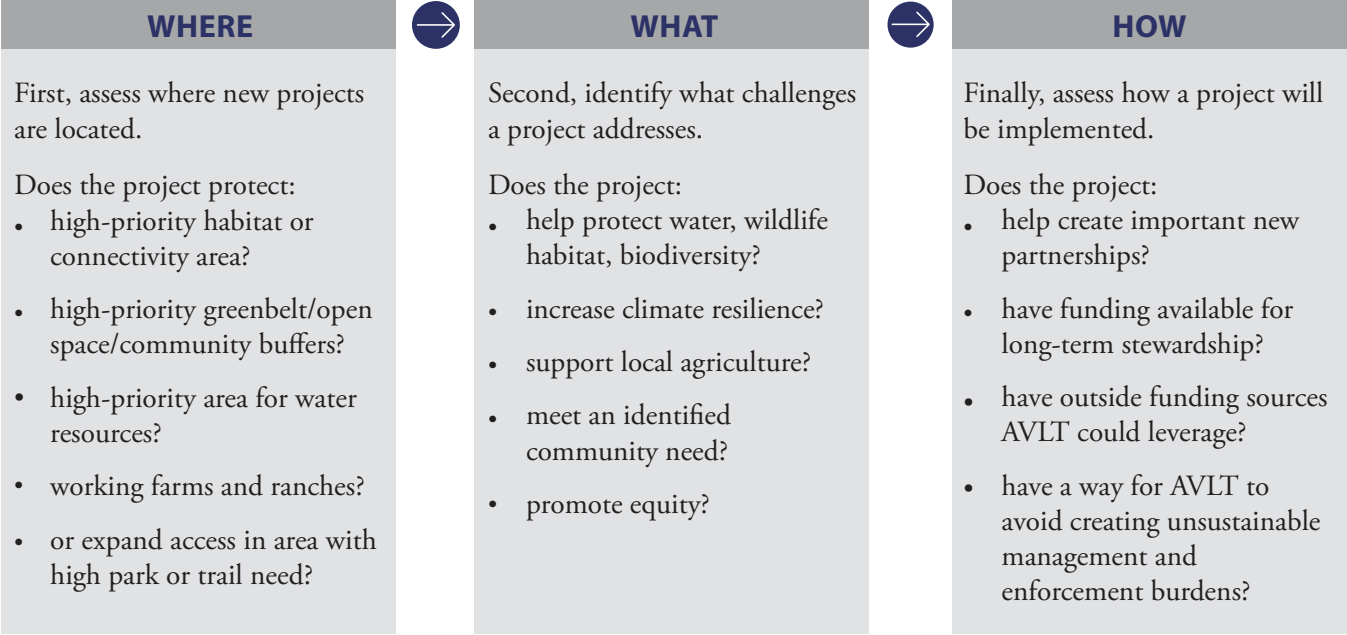


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Change is not bad and it is also inevitable. Our role is to understand it, adapt, and use information to the best of our ability to help forecast and predict how that can be to our advantage. You can make your own future by harnessing change.

- Richard Shaw, Community Planner and AVL Board Member

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The stewards need to be part of the solution. I come from a community of farmers. We are very comfortable in nature and honoring mother earth.

- Alex Sánchez, Executive Director, Voces Unidas de las Montañas

YOUR INVITATION

YOUR ROLE IN THIS PLAN

As a community-supported conservation organization, people like you have helped Aspen Valley Land Trust conserve over 69 square miles of land in Western Colorado since 1967. With this Strategic Conservation Plan and with your support, we can improve climate resilience and protect important wildlife habitat, biodiversity, open space, water, and working lands, protecting quality of life for all in the community. We can also help create more community connections to the land for the benefit of all.

Together, we can create the future you want to see for these valleys.

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

- Share your ideas and suggestions
- Become an AVLТ supporter or Sustaining Member
- Volunteer with us
- Consider conserving your land
- Learn more! Visit avlt.org/strategic-conservation to check out links, resources, and updated data

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Silt: Jeff Layman, Town Manager
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**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership's "Flight and Free-Fall Capital of Colorado" Proposal

PROCEDURE: Information Item

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: The Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership (CRVEDP) is a coalition of regional stakeholders dedicated to building community and regional prosperity throughout Western Garfield County. The Town of Silt participates in this partnership. Among other things, CRVEDP is focused on cultivating an affordable and innovative economic landscape ideal for good-paying jobs, entrepreneurial ecosystems and opportunities for upward mobility.

The Partnership, through the person of Evan Zislis of the Aspen Institute, has put forth a proposal to develop a concept of becoming the first "Flight and Free-Fall Capital of Colorado", utilizing infrastructure that already exists.

Evan will provide a 10-15 minute presentation to the Board of Trustees on some details about the proposal and ask the Board to give some feedback along on the lines of the attached survey form.

For more information, you may go to the "Draft" CRVEDP website at <https://evan014.wixsite.com/crvedp>.

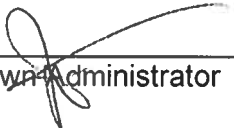
ORIGINATED BY: Jeff Layman

PRESENTED BY: Evan Zislis

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: CRVEDP Survey Form


TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW [] YES [x] NO INITIALS

SUBMITTED BY:



Jeff Layman, Town Administrator

REVIEWED BY:



Sheila McIntyre, Town Clerk

FOCUS 1: PROFESSIONAL RESCUER TRAINING (Leveraging Existing Regional Assets, Priorities & Relationships)



US Military Pararescuer Training



Wildland Firefighter Training

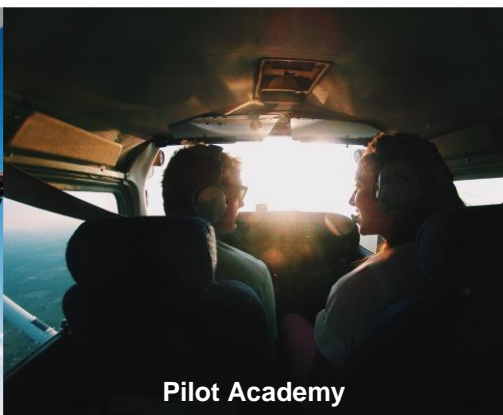


Aviation Firefighter Training

FOCUS 2: TOURISM & CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS (Recruiting New Aviation Professionals & Institutions to the Region)



"Air Sports" Tourism



Pilot Academy



Aviation Mechanic Training

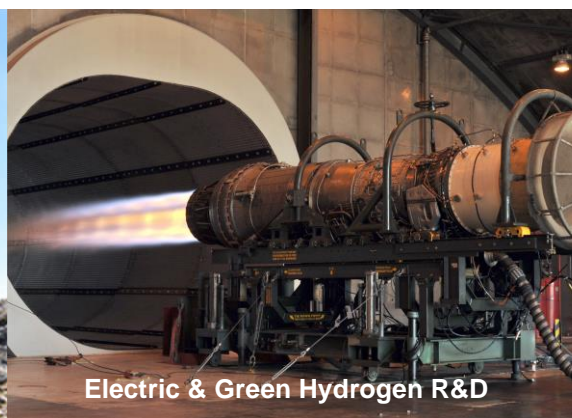
FOCUS 3: EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING & RENEWABLE PROPULSION R&D (Developing Job Opportunities)



Light Aviation Manufacturing



Safety Equipment Manufacturing



Electric & Green Hydrogen R&D

FOCUS 4: LONG-TERM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Focus on Quality of Life for Residents & Guests to the Region)



Base Village Neighborhoods



Social Services



Transportation Hubs

CRVEDP SURVEY

Age: ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-35 ☐ 36-45 ☐ 46-55 ☐ 56-65 ☐ 66-75 ☐ 76-85 ☐ 86-95 ☐ 96+

Updated: Q1 2023

Race/Ethnicity: ☐ White ☐ Latino/Latinx/Hispanic ☐ African American

☐ Asian/Pacific Islander ☐ Native American ☐ Other: _____

My permanent **residence** is:

☐ Parachute ☐ Battlement Mesa ☐ Rifle ☐ Silt ☐ New Castle ☐ Other: _____

I **understand** the proposal to develop the regional economy with a focus on aviation-related industries. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Overall, I **support** developing an aviation-focused economy in West Garfield County. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Briefly, why or why not?

I think the **benefits** of developing an aviation-focused economy in West Garfield County could include: (Check all that apply.)

☐ New Good-Paying Jobs

☐ Career Advancement in Aviation & Aerospace

☐ Attract Young Professionals Excited about the Industry

☐ Community Development with New Services & Amenities

☐ Other:

☐ Opportunity to Attract International Business to the Region

☐ Opportunity to Support US Military Training

☐ Opportunity to Support Wildland Firefighter Training

☐ Opportunity to Support Renewable Energy R&D

I think the **challenges** of developing an aviation-focused economy in West Garfield County could include: (Check all that apply.)

☐ Not Enough Affordable Workforce Housing

☐ Not Enough Aviation Professionals in the Region Now

☐ Noise Pollution Associated with Aviation-Related Activity

☐ Losing the “Rural Integrity” of Our Regional Communities

☐ Other:

☐ Too Many People (Sprawl, Congestion, Tourism, etc.)

☐ Too Many Vehicles -- Regional Traffic & Limited Parking

☐ Environmental Impacts on Landscape, Watershed & Wildlife

☐ Increase Risk of Accidents / Hazards Associated with Aviation

With appropriate restrictions and strict industry enforcement, I support **exploration** of regional economic development, including:

☐ US Military Training☐ Wildland Firefighter Training☐ Aviation Pilot Firefighter Training☐ Smokejumper Firefighter Training☐ Pilot Academy (Private/Commercial)☐ Aviation-Specific Mechanic School

☐ Sky Diving☐ Parasailing☐ Paramotor☐ Hang-gliding☐ Hot Air Ballooning☐ Aviation Tours

☐ Light Manufacturing☐ Electric Propulsion Aviation☐ Hydrogen Propulsion Aviation☐ Expos, Demonstrations & Festivals☐ Flight Research & Development☐ Next-Generation Aviation Tech

☐ Workforce Housing☐ Rapid Bus System☐ Childcare/Preschool☐ Regenerative Ag☐ “AgTech” Food☐ Mixed-Use “Villages”

☐ Other:

Additional Comments:

**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, GRANTING A CABLE SYSTEM FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF COLORADO (*staff requests a continuance to February 13, 2023*)

PROCEDURE: (Public Hearing, Action item, Information Item) Public hearing

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: Staff and Comcast are still working together to complete this franchise agreement. Staff asks that the Board grant the continuance of Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023 to the February 13, 2023 meeting in an effort to bring back this document in its final form.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING DATE: N/A

ORDINANCE SECOND READING DATE: N/A

ORIGINATED BY: Attorney Sawyer

PRESENTED BY: Staff

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW ☐ YES ☒ NO **INITIALS** _____

SUBMITTED BY:


Sheila M. McIntyre, Town Clerk

REVIEWED BY:


Jeff Layman, Town Administrator

Town of Silt Finance Report

Month: December 2023 (100% of year has elapsed)

General Fund

Revenue	\$ 4,819,769	119%
Expenditures	\$ 3,712,339	80%

General Fund Revenue

Sales Tax:	\$ 1,480,762	132%
Use Tax:	\$ 544,178	145%

Funds Report

Water/Wastewater:

Revenue	\$ 3,048,642	108%
Expense	\$ 2,847,080	75%

Irrigation:

Revenue	\$ 316,339	94%
Expense	\$ 391,320	93%

Silt Housing Authority:

Revenue	\$ 258,681	109%
Expense	\$ 226,553	93%

Investments

Cash:	8,305,150
Checking:	127,727 ANB
Money Market:	4,566,071 ANB
CSafe 01	512,823 CSafe
CSafe 02	1,542,687 CSafe
Csafe 03	605,340 CSafe
ColoTrust Gen Fund	36,612 ColoTrust
ColoTrust W/WW	823,562 ColoTrust
ColoTrust Housing	120,381 ColoTrust
Utilities Cash Clearing:	(3,362)
Returned Check Clearing:	308
W/WW Reserved Cash:	(27,000)

Town of Silt Monthly Financial / Cash Flow Report

December 2022 (100% of the Year has elapsed)

Fund	YTD Revenues	Budgeted Revenues	%	YTD Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	%	Revenues over/under Expenses	Current Fund Balance
General Fund	4,819,769	4,036,035	119.4%	3,712,339	4,664,155	79.6%	1,107,430	5,121,811
Conservation Trust Fund	49,217	40,075	122.8%	58,829	60,000	98.0%	-9,612	115,177
Water & Wastewater Fund	3,048,642	2,817,590	108.2%	2,847,080	3,780,580	75.3%	201,562	2,880,885
Irrigation Fund	316,339	338,200	93.5%	362,613	391,320	92.7%	-46,274	417,419
Victim Assistance Fund	12,437	9,250	134.5%	20,295	25,300	80.2%	-7,858	47,913
Beautification Fund	131,658	55,030	239.2%	144,324	145,000	99.5%	-12,666	236,117
Park Impact Fund	78,944	58,050	136.0%	0	55,000	0.0%	78,944	160,027
Construction Impact Fund	51,415	30,000	171.4%	0	50,000	0.0%	51,415	128,449
Silt Housing Authority	258,681	238,350	108.5%	226,553	244,480	92.7%	32,128	236,194
Economic Devel. Revolving	18,703	17,000	110.0%	14,274	16,535	86.3%	4,429	48,753
Total	8,785,805	7,639,580		7,386,307	9,432,370		1,399,498	9,392,745

	YTD Revenue	% of Budget
Sales Tax	1,480,762	131.9%
Use Tax	544,178	145.1%

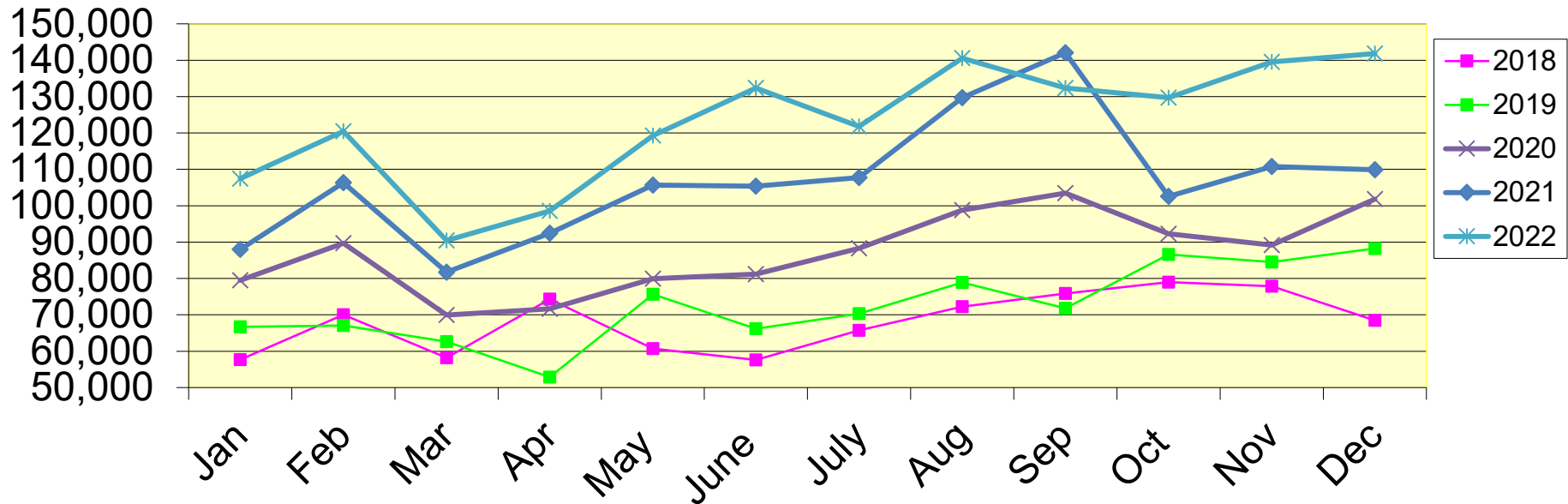
	YTD Revenue	% of Budget
Trash Service Fees	453,299	114.5%
Water Service Fees	871,136	104.5%
Wastewater Service Fees	1,112,754	111.3%
Irrigation Fees	255,627	102.3%

Town of Silt

Month Town Received Funds

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	increase/ decrease %
2018	57,660	70,030	58,182	74,318	60,672	57,601	65,718	72,248	75,837	78,986	77,830	68,435	817,517	12.57
2019	66,667	67,063	62,651	52,890	75,666	66,144	70,293	78,867	71,805	86,548	84,521	88,243	871,358	6.59
2020	79,495	89,702	69,937	71,613	79,900	81,218	88,277	98,766	103,464	92,270	89,183	101,808	1,045,633	20
2021	87,992	106,303	81,733	92,390	105,699	105,337	107,768	129,723	142,057	102,590	110,788	109,873	1,282,253	22.63
2022	107,452	120,470	90,424	98,562	119,243	132,384	121,773	140,529	132,355	129,730	139,522	141,817	1,474,261	15

Sales Tax Collected 2018-2021



Y-T-D		Total
592,266	2018	817,517
612,046	2019	871,358
762,372	2020	1,045,633
959,002	2021	1,282,253
1,063,192	2022	1,474,261

*** \$81,291 from October 2020 tax was remitted by mistake. This amount was deducted from the remittance for the month of January 2021. I have posted numbers in those respective months that reflect the actual/real revenues for comparison purposes.

TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING

The Silt Planning and Zoning Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Roll call	Present	Chair Lindsey Williams Vice-Chair Joelle Dorse Commissioner Robert Doty Commissioner Michael Bertaux Commissioner Charlienna Chancey Commissioner Jennifer Stepisnik
	Absent	Commissioner Eddie Aragon

Also present were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Planner Mark Chain, Community Development Manager Nicole Centeno and Attorney Mike Sawyer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the October 4, 2022 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Bertaux made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Doty seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – There were no agenda changes.

Special Use Permit for Sunlight Foursquare Church. 701 Main St.

Planner Chain introduced this agenda item. He noted that it was a Special Use Permit for the purpose of establishing a church/place of worship in the Towns B-1 Zone District at 701 Main Street. He noted this was a public hearing and that the Commission's charge was to make a recommendation to the Board. The Board is the final decision-making body.

Planner Chain went over the background for the site, including surrounding zoning. He also noted that two special use permits had been approved for the property in the last couple of years. Planner Chain explained that this application was different than most other applications that

the Commission considers, because the U.S. Congress had enacted what is called the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons act (RLUIPA). He stated that normally land-use laws are strictly based on state and local codes but that Congress has passed legislation in order to further the intent of the First Amendment. In essence, he noted that a municipality must treat a place of worship the same as they would a similar, secular use that is permitted in that zone district. He informed the Commission that in this particular case the Town must treat a church the same as "fraternal organizations, civic calls, and nonprofit lodges" for the purposes of reviewing this application.

Planner Chain went over details of the property and the applicant's description of their request, including how they would operate in the first year assuming approval, a more extensive plan for years 1 through 5 and finally long-term concepts. In the long-term, the applicant intends to utilize the eastern portion of the building for classrooms and as a meeting area, open to the public and for public events including various town groups and incorporating perhaps a cooperative relationship with Wild Coffee (AKA Misty's).

Planner Chain reviewed the application from the framework of the comprehensive plan general policies and goals, noted pertinent municipal code sections and summarized the review criteria for the Planning Commission for approval of special use permits. He recommended approval with the conditions as noted in the staff report.

Chair Williams opened up the discussion for questions related to Planner Chain's presentation. Commissioner Bertaux had a question about parking.

The applicant then made their presentation. Pastor Aaron Masimer, presented the information for the Church. Masimer noted that the church has been operating in Glenwood Springs for approximately 10 years but the congregation felt it was time for them to move. He noted that many of the church participants had moved further down valley, to the Silt and Rifle area. The group felt that they wanted local space to make the church more a part of the community and where they would operate more than just on Sunday.

The owner, Francis Candlin, then asked to be recognized. She thanked the Community Development Department for its presentation. She said that when she bought the property there was not a lot of activity in the downtown area. She did note that Skip's market had been located there. She says things seem better now that the downtown improvements have been installed and that the downtown area should be celebrated. She says that she knows a lot of business people and she thinks that the church in this location could be a step in the direction of making this a more vital downtown area. She said in the past some of the potential renters for the site just couldn't make it financially. She thought what the church was proposing could help the downtown area.

Commissioner Williams asked if any Commission members had questions or comments. Commissioner Bertaux asked what would be happening with Legacy Funeral Home. Pastor Masimer noted that there was a lease until at least the end of June. There was also a question about how many people are part of the congregation. Masimer noted that there were about 80 members of the community and they may have up to 50 people attending at one time. He said that if the special use permit is approved there is a contract to buy both of the lots – one with the building as well as the one at the southwest corner of the block (now vacant).

Commissioner Doty welcomed Pastor Masimer and the church. There was discussion about outreach with the senior center, particularly the night usage and pedestrian crossings. It was also noted that some people use the subject property for parking at night, for example, as

overflow parking for the Miners Claim. Pastor Masimer said they would like to purchase the property to serve the community. They don't want to take away from the type of use that already occurs in the area. Commissioner Doty hopes that the church and community uses can work out together over time.

Commissioner Chancey noted the outreach and the intent to create space for others. There was also some discussion about youth programming, and Masimer noted that this may occur on the south side of the building and that it also may require some fencing.

Chair Williams thought that community outreach and cooperation with some of the community groups would make this beneficial to the town. Pastor Masimer hopes this will occur and noted that during the Christmas tree lighting they will/can have open bathrooms for public use, and help to this nature for other events as well. There was a question about whether the church would be requiring a fee or if much of the usage would be for free or low cost. Masimer thought that any fee would be nominal, just to try to help cover the cost but most importantly the facilities.

Commissioner Williams opened the hearing at 7:21 PM. Amy Perrin, realtor for the property, thanked the Commission for working with this group and noted that there have been dramatic changes in the real estate market recently, especially with commercial. She thought that this group could help be a benefit for downtown Silt. The public hearing closed at 7:24 PM.

Commissioner Bertaux made a motion to recommend approval of the special use permit for the Sonlight Foursquare Church at 701 Main with Staff Finding and Conditions. Second by Commissioner Dorsey; the Motion Passed Unanimously. Conditions Are Noted below:

- 1) That all statements made by the applicant both in the application and in any meetings before the Planning and Zoning Commission be considered conditions of approval, unless modified in any subsequent conditions.
- 2) That the applicant obtain a building permit for all improvements within the structure as necessary over time.

Reimbursement Update

It was noted that proposed reimbursement for attending a commission meeting was \$50. Commissioner Bertaux thought that perhaps this should be raised slightly. He also noted that if a Commissioner prepares for the meeting, but that it gets canceled for some unforeseen reason, perhaps the Commissioners should still be paid.

Chair Williams said that she would like to see what the situation is in New Castle and Rifle. Her initial comment was to be not in favor of increasing the amount because there are enough issues facing the Town, such as building a new water plant. There was also quick discussion about what should happen related to compensation if a meeting is canceled.

Planning Update

Planner Chain quickly went over the status of some projects, including the fact that the Commission would probably be seeing a site plan review for a townhome development at its January 2023 meeting.

Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Bertaux asked about the status of the I-70 Pedestrian Overpass and whether that would be near the water treatment plant. It was noted that the pedestrian facility is about 20% designed right now though there is not quite enough in the budget to bring that up to 30% design status. The town will continue working with the CDOT Intermountain Regional Planning Commission to bring this forward for new funding.

Those noted that the water treatment facility was in a tough spot. There is a dire need for an overhaul and that this project as presently conceived could cost up to \$28 million. It was noted that there was an open house on this project on December 19 to be held between 5:30 and 9:30 PM.

There was a quick question about whether the Commission was going to try to stick with one meeting a month. It was thought that one meeting a month was appropriate, unless there was a dire need or unforeseen need for a second meeting.

Commissioner Williams wanted to welcome new Commissioner Stepisnik

Adjournment

Commissioner Bertaux made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Doty seconded the motion, and adjourned the meeting 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Chain

Mark Chain
Planner

Approved by the Planning Commission

Lindsey K Williams

Lindsey Williams
Chair



January 6, 2023

News You Can Use

Town of Silt Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Public Meeting

We want your input!

January 9, 2023 – 6:00PM to 7:00PM • Town Hall-231 North 7th St., Silt, Colorado

- Inform citizens of the rationale for the improvements
- Methods to fund the estimated cost of \$28M
- New system will be a pretreatment and filtration system

The project needs assessment is available for public review at Silt Town Hall or on www.townofsilt.org



For more information contact Trey Fanner, Public Works Director @ 970 876 2153

Silt Water Treatment Plant Improvements Public Meeting Planned

At its November 28 Board meeting, Trustees heard from Patrick Radabaugh, an engineer with Dewberry Engineers, local engineer Tony Zancanella, who is the Town's contract WTP Operator and the Town's financial consultant, Jim Mann, that the proposed water treatment plant will cost close to \$28 M. The average customer bill was thought to increase from the current \$45 per month to as much as \$170 per month.

After the presentation, the Trustees were clear with the consultants and staff that the price for the improvements was too high and directed that efforts be made to reduce the scope and price of the project. Continued work by staff and its consultants have whittled that estimate to around an average \$100 increase per customer. The work continues.

An open house was held last Monday, December 19 from 5:30-7:30 at the Silt Town Center to inform citizens and solicit public input regarding the Town of Silt Water Treatment Plant's Project Needs Assessment (PNA). The PNA is a report that discusses the rationale for the project. The report has been submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to qualify the Town of Silt for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan.

Click below to link to a presentation given by Patrick Radabaugh, an engineer with Dewberry, the Town's consulting and design engineers on the project and James Mann, with UMB Bank, who is contracted to provide financial modeling for the project. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQxOwhFJgpI>

An additional Public Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9 from 6-7 PM at Silt Town Hall to inform citizens of the rationale for the improvement, the methods to fund the estimated \$28 M cost and a description of the new pretreatment

and filtration system. The public will then be encouraged to provide feedback on the project. Town Staff and engineers will be on hand meeting to discuss the plan and accept feedback.

Silt citizens, merchants and any other interested persons are invited to attend. The format for the meeting will be formal presentation followed by public comment. It should be noted that the Town of Silt Board of Trustees meeting will follow immediately after the water plant Public Meeting where public comment will be taken, as well.

For more than a year, Silt's Board of Trustees has been receiving information about its aging and struggling water treatment plant. In February 2022, the Town engaged Dewberry engineers to study both the water and wastewater plants. It found critical problems with the water plant that should be addressed sooner than later.

In October, the Town contracted with Dewberry to develop a plan to improve water in Silt and to shepherd the Town through the labyrinth of financial and regulatory hurdles to get the work engineered, designed, scheduled, built and paid for. As part of the same process, the Town contracted with James Mann, with the Public Finance section of UMB Bank, to assist with financing.

In the meantime, the Town will continue with its loan application with the State of Colorado's water resources authority, the gatekeeper of the Federal Government's new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds. The Town intends to tap these funds to the extent it can for this project.

The Town anticipates hosting addition public meetings on the plant and the need for improvements after March 3, when the State will make a recommendation as to the funding amount to be loaned and the loan forgiveness package to be offered.

The PNA details the need for improvements to the Town of Silt Water Treatment Plant. The current plan is to replace the existing membrane filtration system with a new pretreatment and filtration system that will improve the reliability of treatment, improve treatment for taste and odor, increase potable water system resilience, and accommodate future growth.

Mejoras en la Planta de Tratamiento de Agua de la Ciudad de Silt

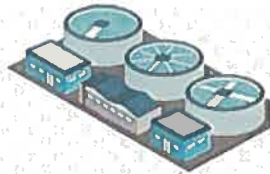
reunion publica

¡Queremos tu Opinión!

9 de enero de 2023 - 6:00PM to 7:00PM - Town Hall-231 North 7th St., Silt, Colorado

- Informar a los ciudadanos de la justificación de las mejoras.
- Métodos para financiar el costo estimado de \$28M
- El nuevo sistema será un sistema de pretatamiento y filtración

La evaluación de las necesidades del proyecto está disponible para revisión pública en Silt Town Hall o en www.townofsilt.org.



Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Trey Kinney, Director de Obras Públicas al 970-876-2353

Reunión pública par Mejoras de la planta de tratamiento de agua

En reunión de la Junta del 28 de Noviembre, los Fideicomisarios escucharon a Patrick Radabaugh, un ingeniero de Dewberry Engineers, el ingeniero local Tony Zancanella, quien es el Operador de WTP del contrato del Pueblo y el consultor financiero del Pueblo, Jim Mann, que la planta de tratamiento de agua propuesta costará cerca de \$28 millones. La factura promedio de un cliente puede pasar de los actuales \$45 por mes hasta \$170 por mes.

Después de la presentación, los Fideicomisarios fueron claros con los consultores y el personal que el precio de las mejoras eran demasiado alto y ordenaron que se hicieran esfuerzos para reducir el alcance y el precio del proyecto.

Continuado por el personal y sus consultores, han reducido esa estimación a alrededor de un aumento promedio de \$ 100 por cliente. El trabajo continúa.

El pasado lunes 19 de Diciembre se llevó a cabo una jornada de puertas abiertas de 5:30 a 7:30 en el Silt Town Center para informar a los ciudadanos y solicitar la opinión pública sobre la Evaluación de necesidades del proyecto (PNA, por sus siglas en inglés) de la planta de tratamiento de agua de Silt. El PNA es un informe que analiza la justificación del proyecto. El informe se envió al Departamento de Salud Pública y Medio Ambiente de Colorado (CDPHE) para calificar al Pueblo de Silt para un Préstamo del Fondo Rotatorio Estatal (SRF).

Haga clic a continuación para vincular una presentación dada por Patrick Radabaugh, un ingeniero de Dewberry, los ingenieros de consultoría y diseño de la ciudad en el proyecto y James Mann, con UMB Bank, quien está contratado para proporcionar modelos financieros para el proyecto. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQxOwhFJgpl>

Se llevará a cabo una reunión pública adicional el lunes 9 de enero de 6:00 p. m. a 7:00 p. m. en el Ayuntamiento de Silt para informar a los ciudadanos sobre la justificación de la mejora, los métodos para financiar el costo estimado de \$28 millones y una descripción del nuevo sistema de pretratamiento y filtración. . Luego se alentará al público a que proporcione comentarios sobre el proyecto. El personal de la ciudad y los ingenieros estarán disponibles para reunirse para discutir el plan y aceptar comentarios.

Se invita a asistir a los ciudadanos del limo, comerciantes y cualquier otra persona interesada. El formato de la reunión será una presentación formal seguida de comentarios públicos. Cabe señalar que la reunión de la Junta de Fideicomisarios del Pueblo de Silt seguirá inmediatamente después de la Reunión Pública de la planta de agua, donde también se recibirán comentarios del público.

Durante más de un año, la Junta Directiva de Silt ha estado recibiendo información sobre su planta de tratamiento de agua envejecida y con problemas. En febrero de 2022, el pueblo contrató a ingenieros de Dewberry para estudiar las plantas de agua y aguas residuales. Encontró problemas críticos con la planta de agua que deben abordarse más temprano que tarde.

En octubre, el Pueblo contrató a Dewberry para desarrollar un plan para mejorar el agua en Silt y guiar al Pueblo a través del laberinto de obstáculos financieros y reglamentarios para lograr que el trabajo se diseñara, programara, construyera y pagara. Como parte del mismo proceso, el Pueblo contrató a James Mann, de la sección de Finanzas Públicas de UMB Bank, para ayudar con el financiamiento.

Mientras tanto, el Pueblo continuará con su solicitud de préstamo con la autoridad de recursos hídricos del Estado de Colorado, el guardián de los fondos de la nueva Ley de Infraestructura Bipartidista (BIL, por sus siglas en inglés) del Gobierno Federal. El Pueblo tiene la intención de aprovechar estos fondos en la medida de lo posible para este proyecto.

El Pueblo anticipa celebrar reuniones públicas adicionales sobre la planta y la necesidad de mejoras después del 3 de marzo, cuando el Estado hará una recomendación sobre el monto de financiamiento que se prestará y el paquete de condonación de préstamos que se ofrecerá.

La PNA detalla la necesidad de mejoras en la Planta de Tratamiento de Agua de Lodos del Pueblo. El plan actual es reemplazar el sistema de filtración de membrana existente con un nuevo sistema de pretratamiento y filtración que mejorará la confiabilidad del tratamiento, mejorará el tratamiento del sabor y el olor, aumentará la resiliencia del sistema de agua potable y se adaptará al crecimiento futuro.

FREE WATER! Pushing Snow Onto Yards is Better Than Streets and Sidewalks!



Putting all of this new snow on your lawn has the benefit of watering your yard and having a healthy, green lawn in the Spring!

Besides, depositing snow from sidewalks and driveways into the public street is illegal under an ordinance passed in March 2020. Doing so creates icy bumps and less than ideal driving conditions for

you and your neighbors!

Those with questions should contact Public Works Director Trey Fonner at trey@townofsilt.org.

Knowing how to drive alongside and around snowplows helps reduce accidents for everyone on the road

- Don't follow too closely behind a snowplow; stay at least 200 feet behind it.
- Never pass a snowplow on the right.
- Be aware of where snowplows are.
- Don't drive through a snow cloud.
- Remember that the road in front of the plow is usually in much worse condition than the roadway behind the plow.
- During plowing operations, visibility can be reduced by blowing snow and plow operators may need time to stop or move over to avoid stranded vehicles.



Allow plenty of room when passing a snowplow.



January 13, 2023
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Water Plant Public Meeting



Proposed Water Treatment Plant Public Meeting

About 40 Silt residents participated in a Public Meeting at Silt Town Hall last Monday night. Dewberry Engineering's lead project engineer Pat Radabaugh presented to the assembly on the concerns and failures of the current plant and the proposed remedy. Several citizens spoke up about the plant and expressed concern about the proposed cost.

Silt Board of Trustees expressed concern, too, about the cost and told consultants and staff that it was too high. Later, during the Board meeting, Trustees told consultants and staff that they wanted a second opinion on the process and cost of the proposed plant. The design process is in the beginning phases and the \$28 M cost estimate is not a hard bid, explained Radabaugh. Within the next few weeks, the design team plans to have a contractor on-board who can help narrow down actual costs.

Public Tours of the Silt Water Treatment Plant (WTP)

The Town of Silt will host public tours of its water treatment plant over the next couple of weeks. Tours will be conducted on:

Wednesday, January 18 at 1 PM and 6 PM and

Wednesday, January 25 at 1 PM and 6 PM

The tours will be conducted by Public Works Director Trey Fonner and WTP Lead Operator Sara Flores. For space and safety purposes, tours will be limited to 10

persons and will require reservations. For reservations, please email Trey at trey@townofsilt.org. He will provide information on how to access the plant.

Should there be the demand, the Town will schedule additional tours, as necessary.

Town Issues Apology for Poor Wi-Fi at Town Center

Town Administrator Jeff Layman apologized this week to those Water Plant Public Meeting participants who tried to watch the meeting in the “overflow” room at the Silt Town Center. The connection was inadequate, was lost more than once and “buffered” frequently. The result was distracting to those in attendance and ineffective. Layman said that the problem will be fixed for future public meetings utilizing Town Center. In the meantime, a recording of the meeting is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/9A5hvo688Q8>

For those who have not yet seen it, a link to a presentation given by Patrick Radabaugh, an engineer with Dewberry, the Town’s consulting and design engineers on the project and James Mann, with UMB Bank, who is contracted to provide financial modeling for the project can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQxOwhFJgpl>.

Town of Silt Water Treatment Operator Achieves Highest Level State Certification



Silt Water Treatment Plant Operator Sara Flores has achieved the highest level of Colorado Certified Water Professional with her passing of her level A water treatment examination this week.

Water treatment exams and certifications are classified as D, C, B and A with A being highest level attainable. All certification levels require a minimum amount of hands-on experience AND a high school diploma (or equivalent) to be eligible to take an exam. To sit for the A exam, one must have around four years of experience working the water treatment field.

Sara has been with the Town of Silt for over three years and her dedication to the water plant resulted last year in her being promoted to Lead Operator. As such, Sara is responsible for collecting and testing water samples at the plant and throughout the Town’s water distribution system, regularly inspecting, cleaning and maintaining plant equipment, recording meter and gauge readings, analyzing operational data, handling and injecting chemicals into the system, monitoring and operating all of the purification and sanitizing equipment and most importantly

ensuring that all safety standards are met. Sara previously worked in water treatment for the Town of Carbondale.

Sara has lived in Silt for 21 years and has served as a Code Enforcement Officer and State Park Ranger, as well as working as a realtor and horse trainer, prior to landing in the water treatment world.

License Renewals Come with the New Year

Time to Renew Your Business and/or Contractor License!

It is that time of year again! The Town mailed out 2023 Business and Contractor License applications in November. If you own/operate a business or are a contractor within the Town of Silt, the Silt Municipal Code requires that you obtain a license. You can get a license application at Town Hall (231 N. 7th Street) or download an application from the Town's website at www.townofsilt.org.



Help us to help you become compliant and avoid a delay in opening your business or doing work within the Town. Should you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Department at 970-876-2353.

Senior or Disability Discounts Available

Discounted water rates are available through the Town by filling out a simple form and providing proof of age (65+) or benefits. To learn more, contact our Utility Billing Clerk Mary Cleator at 970-876-2353 X101