

Stratton Open Space Management Plan



Community Workshop, October 20, 2015

Community Workshop

Tonight's Agenda

1. Opening and Background
2. Existing Conditions
3. Issues Review/Group Work
4. Wrap-Up/Next Steps



Opening & Project Background

- Introductions
- Background – Why is this plan needed?



Opening & Project Background

Definitions

- Master Plan vs. Management Plan
- TOPS Ordinance/restrictions
- Conservation easement/restrictions



Opening & Project Background

Project Givens

- City is responsible for management; all elements of the plan must conform with rules and regulations
- Subject to requirements of TOPS Ordinance
- Respect terms of existing easements and conservation easement
- Implementation will occur as funding allows
- Recommendations related to CSU reservoir must be consistent with existing codes, rules, and regulations.
- CSU will continue to access land and water at South Suburban Reservoir
- Public encouraged to develop the plan; all voices are equal
- Recommended plan will be approved by the P&R Advisory Board

See handout for specific language

Opening & Project Background

Public Involvement Process Steps

October 20, 2015

Step #1: Identify issues: learn about existing conditions on the property and identify community issues and concerns

We are here

November 10, 2015

Step #2: Review, discuss and evaluate possible management approaches

January 12, 2016

Step #3: Review and respond to a Draft Management Plan

Community Workshop

Meeting Ground Rules

- ✓ Say what you think
- ✓ Make sure that everyone in your group has an equal chance to voice his or her perspective
- ✓ Listen carefully and with respect to the opinions and beliefs of others
- ✓ Be open to compromise

Existing Conditions

Natural Resources – *Issues and Observations*

Vegetation Management

- Several invasive species
- Six problem species identified
- Persistent threat to native plant communities

Wildlife Habitat Protection

- Promoting native habitat
- Maintaining intact habitat blocks



Existing Conditions

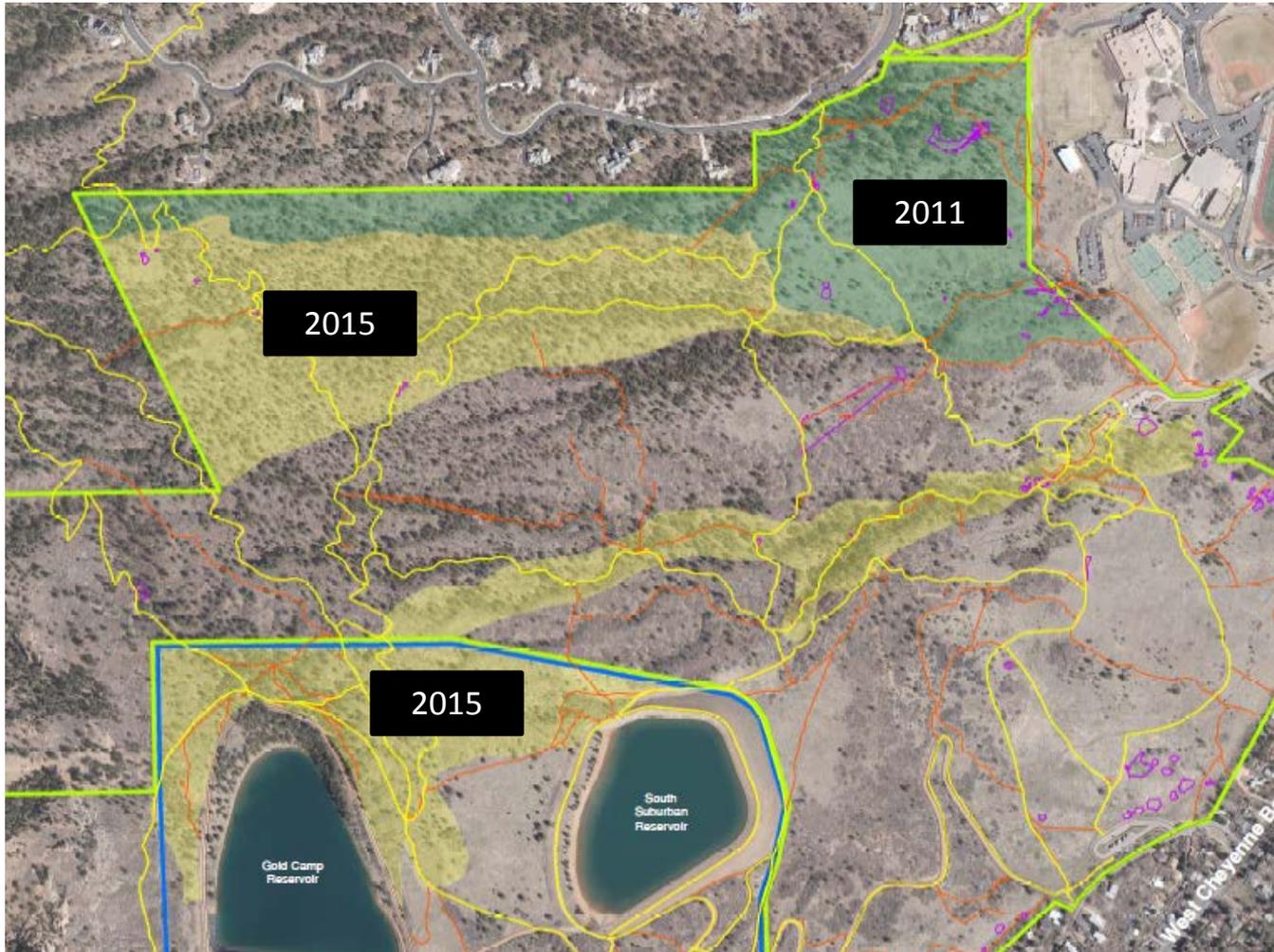
Natural Resources – *Issues and Observations*

Forest Management

- Composition and Structure
 - Without fire, naturally trends toward dense “dog-hair” pine
 - Strategies include thinning, patch cuts, disease control



Existing Conditions



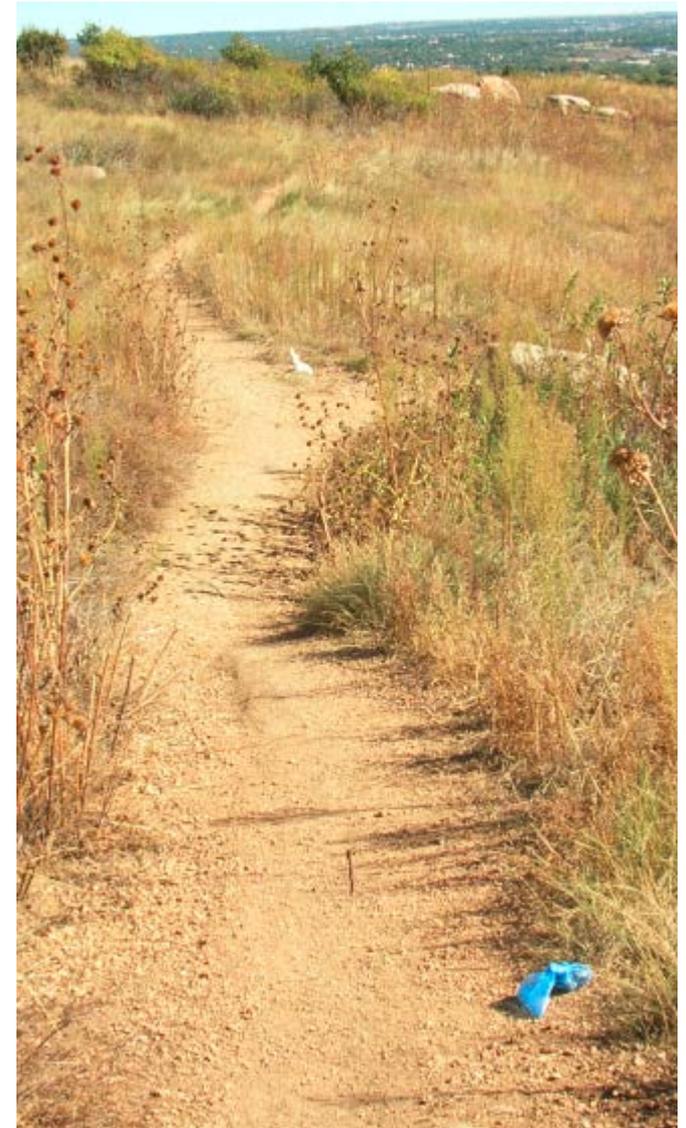
Forest
management
projects:
Completed in 2011
More planned for 2015

Existing Conditions

Visitor Use – *Issues and Observations*

Dog Management

- Off-leash dog use
- South Suburban Reservoir
- Dog waste



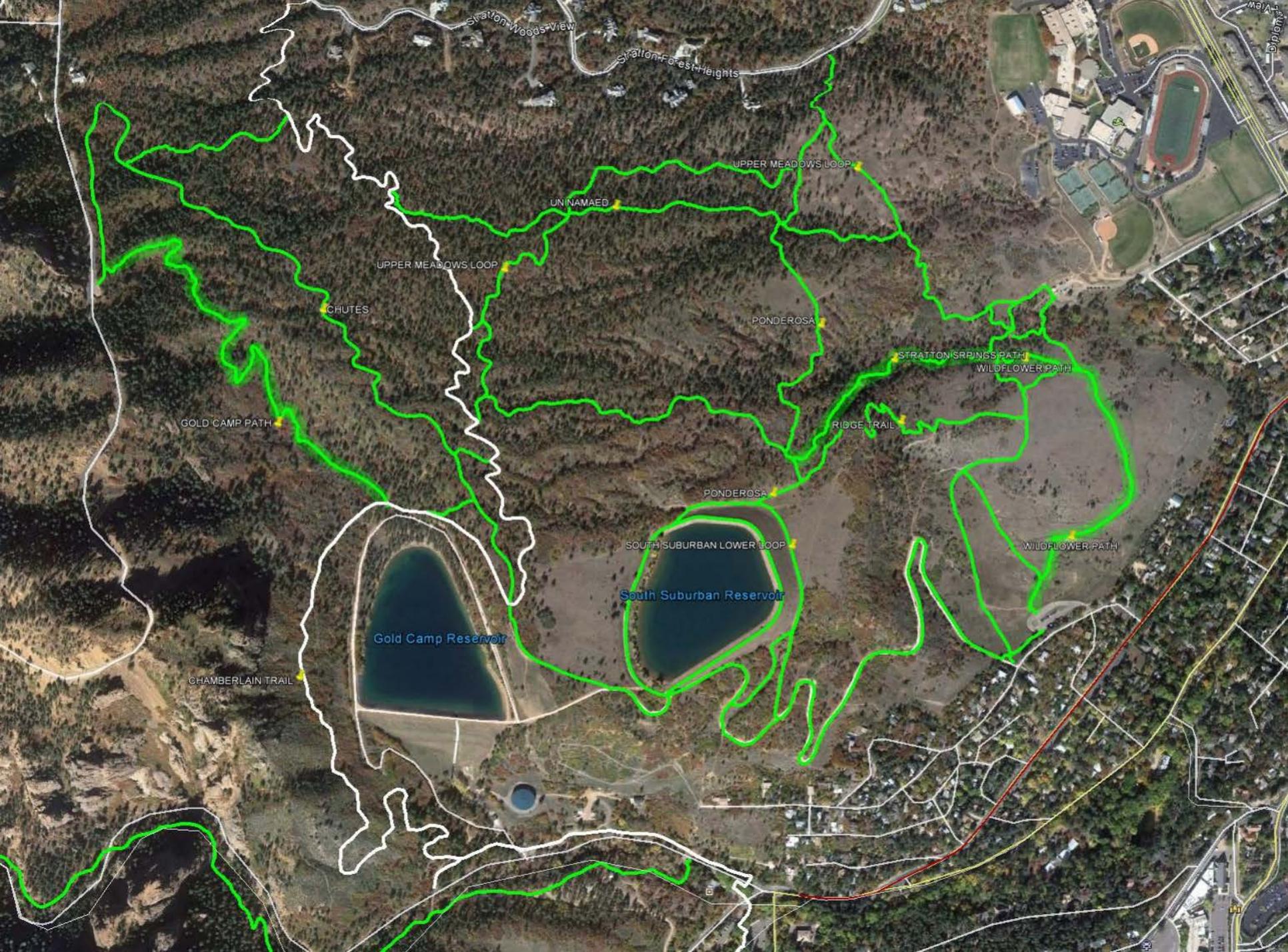
Existing Conditions

Visitor Use – *Issues and Observations*

Trail Management

- Designated (system) trails
- Social (non-system) trails
- Trail condition and maintenance
- Trail location and connections





Stratton Woods View

Stratton Forest Heights

UPPER MEADOWS LOOP

UNINAMAED

UPPER MEADOWS LOOP

CHUTES

PONDEROSA

STRATTON SPRINGS PATH

WILDFLOWER PATH

GOLD CAMP PATH

RIDGE TRAIL

PONDEROSA

SOUTH SUBURBAN LOWER LOOP

WILDFLOWER PATH

Gold Camp Reservoir

South Suburban Reservoir

CHAMBERLAIN TRAIL

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Existing Conditions

Visitor Use – *Issues and Observations*

Signage

- Trail signs and wayfinding
- Trail use signs
- Reservoir use rules
- Dog and dog waste regulations



Existing Conditions

Visitor Use – *Issues and Observations*

Visitor Experience

- “Wildness” and character of the property
- Balancing preservation and visitor use
- Trail use designations
- Permitted uses (reservoir access and special events)
- Trailhead parking



Small Group Instructions

Task #1

- Review list, then discuss whether there are any issue categories your group believes are missing from the list
- Discuss each issue raised by group members; if group agrees that an issue category should be on the list, put it on your group response form

Task #2

- After you've completed identifying any missing issue categories, talk through which of those categories are of most importance to your group. List the two issues of most importance to your group on your group response form.
- Now focus on **WHY** each of the two issues is most important to your group, and put those reasons on your group response form

Task #3

- Please choose a member of your group to provide a brief verbal summary once all groups have finished

Next Steps

- Please fill out your individual response form
- Look for results from tonight's meeting on the City website (address on your agenda)
- Next meeting: 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, same place
- Please be sure to sign in tonight if you would like to receive email updates

Thank you for your participation!