

# Project Fact Sheet

## Blodgett Open Space Master and Management Plan

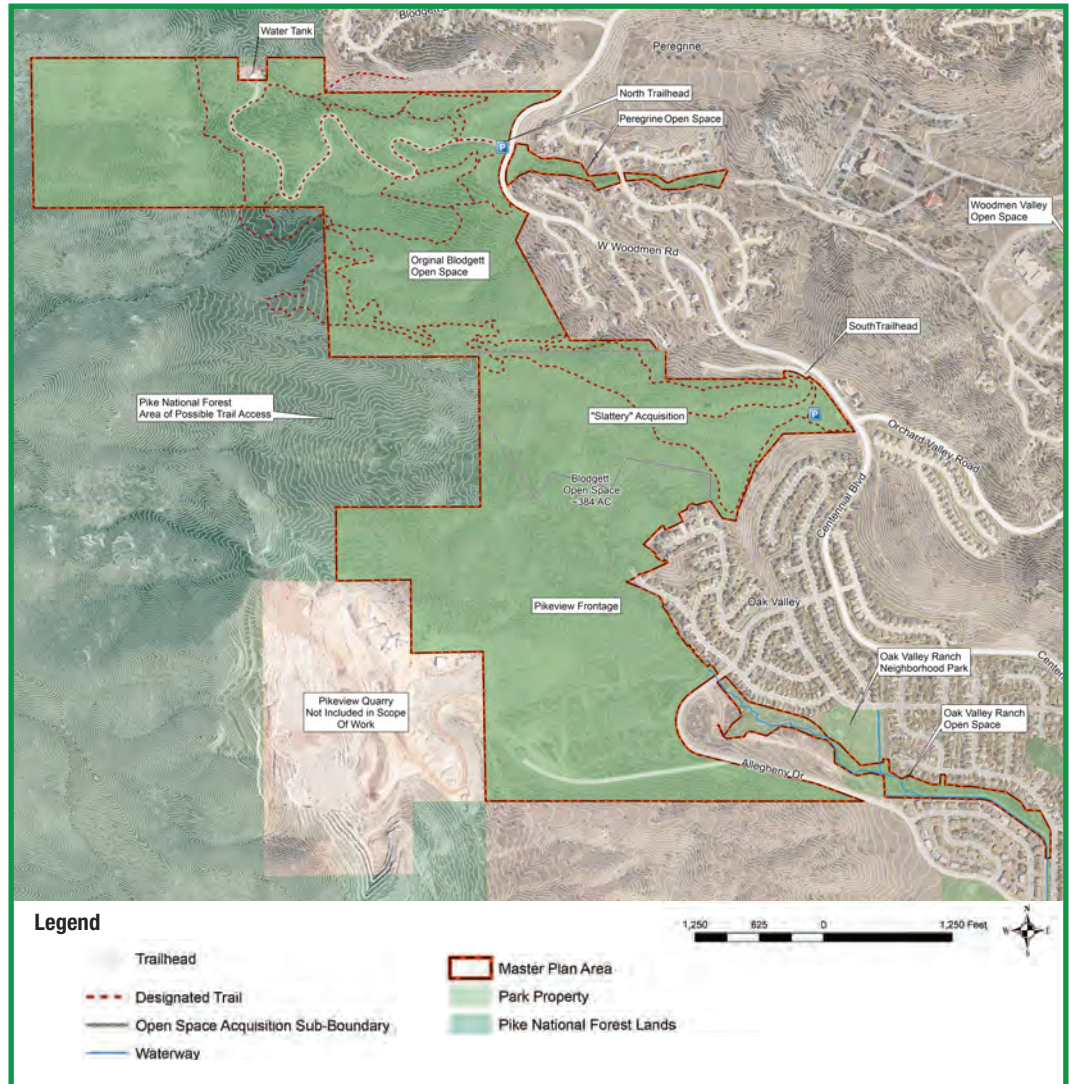


### About the Project

A master and management plan process is underway to enhance and protect Blodgett Open Space. The 384-acre Blodgett Open Space (Project Study Area - 700AC) is in the foothills of the Front Range and consists of trails and wildlife habitat neighboring the Pikes National Forest.

Using community input to be collected through an extensive community engagement process, the final master and management plan will effectively strike a balance between the need to protect and maintain the Open Space's ecologic and natural resource integrity with the need to serve the ever-expanding base of current and future users.

As part of the process, the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department will work closely with the community to identify and prioritize how to improve, program, and manage this land to best meet the needs of Colorado Springs residents both now and in the future.



### Background

The original Blodgett Open Space land was purchased through the City of Colorado Springs Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) program and funding in March 2001. A second acquisition to the southeast was incorporated in 2018, bringing in a second parking lot and trail access location. Most recently in 2021, additional land was acquired to extend the land further south, with boundaries along the Pikeview Quarry and Allegheny Road.

► For more information on the background, please visit [coloradosprings.gov/blodgett](https://coloradosprings.gov/blodgett).

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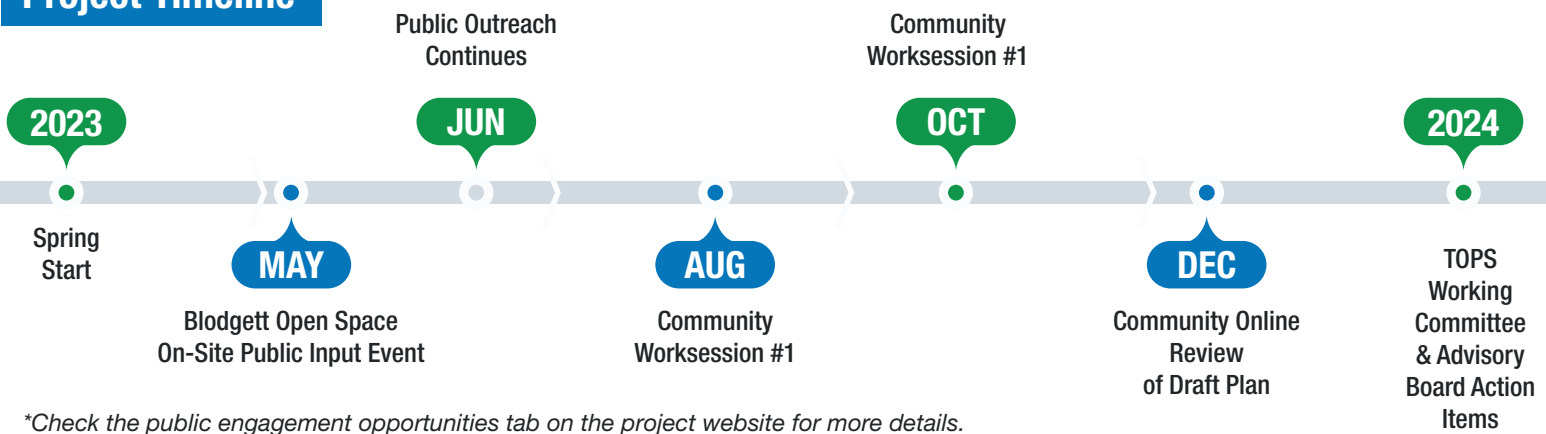
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### Project Goals and Objectives

- Expand Blodgett Open Space's foothills to mountain experience with opportunities to enjoy diverse ecosystems, multiple watersheds, rejuvenating burn areas, diverse recreational opportunities, access to regional trails, and connections to recreation adventures in the adjacent Pike National Forest.
- Identify problems and develop remedies that will protect the open space and the visitor experience.
- Protect the open space's cultural integrity and restore its natural resources, making it possible to encourage continued enjoyment while sustaining the open space for future generations.
- Create a trail system integrating equitable access for visitors.
- Take an integrated approach to protecting and planning for the future of this open space, as well as the adjacent City designated open space properties,.Establish a shared vision with adjacent land managers to consider the larger landscape conditions.
- Provide engagement opportunities fostering a community-wide culture of stewardship and ownership for Blodgett Open Space.

### Project Timeline\*



\*Check the public engagement opportunities tab on the project website for more details.

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#### Visit the Project Website

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