

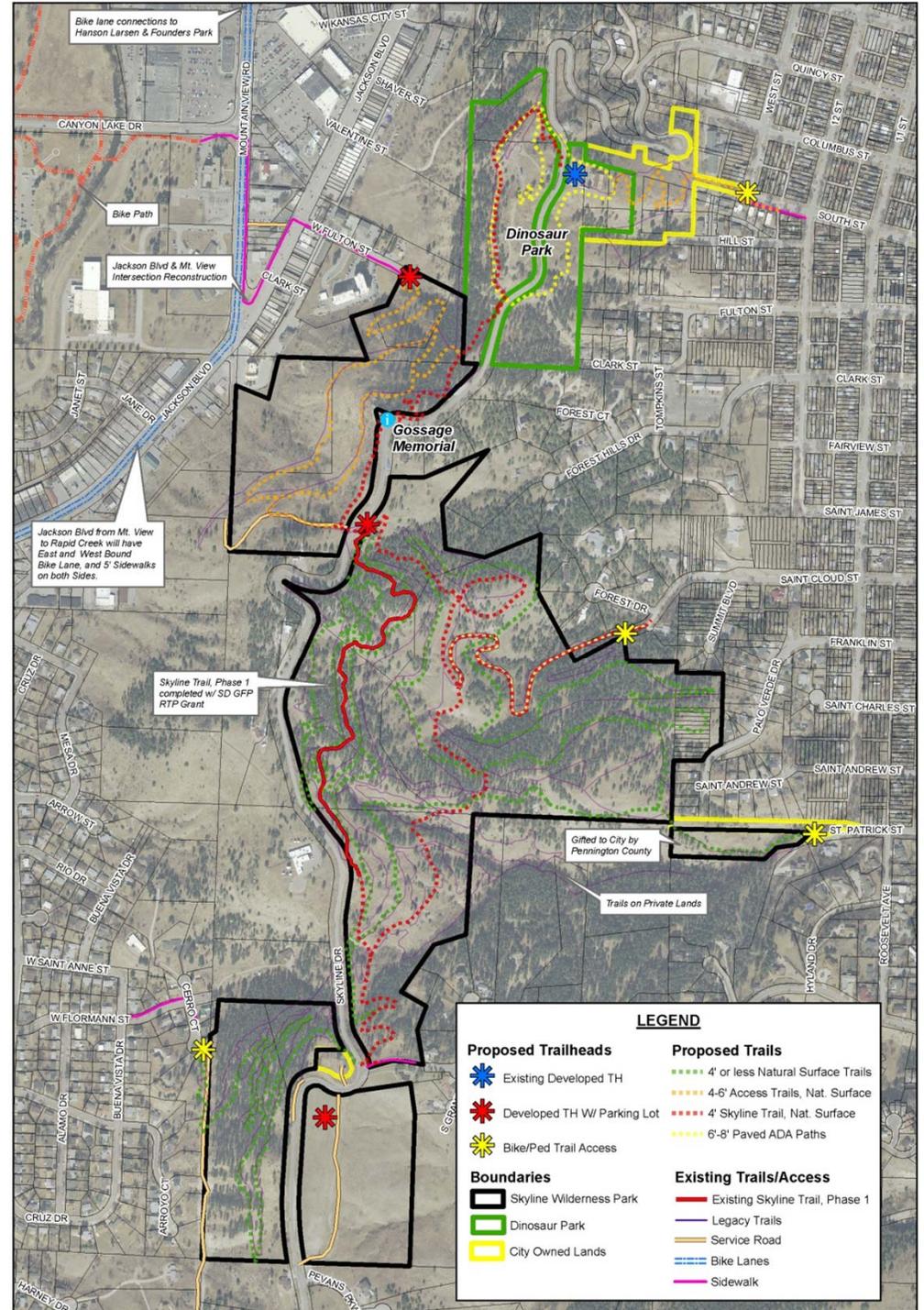


SKYLINE WILDERNESS PARK

2013 Vision Fund Project

Vision Fund Project Master Plan

Revised from 2009
Skyline Wilderness Park
Trails Master Plan by Eastin Outdoors



Project Background

◀ Sponsors:

- **Black Hills Runners Club**
- **Black Hills Mountain Bike Association**

◀ Goals of Project

- **Increase public access**
- **Increase recreational opportunities**
 - **Implement the Skyline Wilderness Trail Master Plan**
 - Create a defined Trail System
 - Create defined Public Access Points

◀ Why?

- In 2007, Skyline Drive Preservation, Inc. secured & donated the majority of land to the City to **preserve this urban wilderness for public recreation**
- No defined trail system exists
- Access is limited
- Erosion and sustainability need to be addressed

Community Benefits

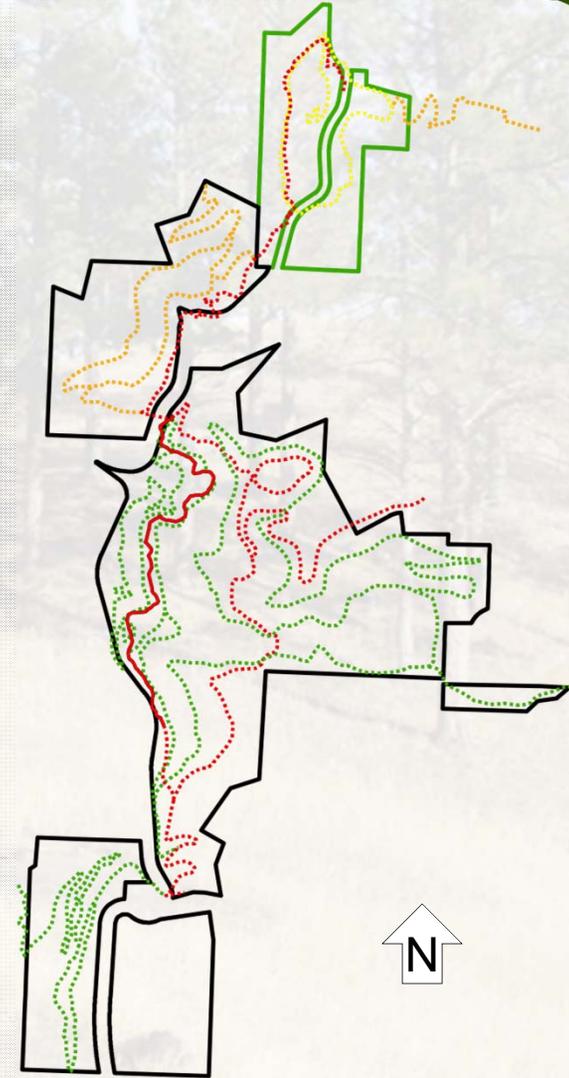
◀ This project is categorized as:

- **Civic Improvement**
 - Enhances quality of life, property values, public health
 - Environmental Preservation of “Urban Wilderness”
- **Economic Development**
 - Active outdoor recreation – Promotes Tourism
 - Ex. Dinosaur Park Visitor Center
 - Appeals to relocating businesses & residents
- **Municipal Infrastructure**
 - New recreational trails for Public Use
 - New parking & access points for Public Use

Project Focus – 1 of 2

TRAILS & ACCESSIBILITY

- ◀ Create a defined 10 mile trail system
 - PUBLIC PARK w/ recreational opportunities
 - SIGNAGE: Boundary ID, Wayfinding, Interpretive
 - Utilize existing trails (where feasible)
- ◀ Accommodate EMS & FIRE Access
- ◀ Eliminate trails on private property
- ◀ Reduce redundancy
- ◀ Reclaim sensitive areas
- ◀ Mitigate erosion



Skyline, Phase 1 - Complete



Project Focus – 2 of 2

TRAILHEADS AND PARK ACCESS

◀ Provide Public Access

- Maintain a natural state of urban wilderness



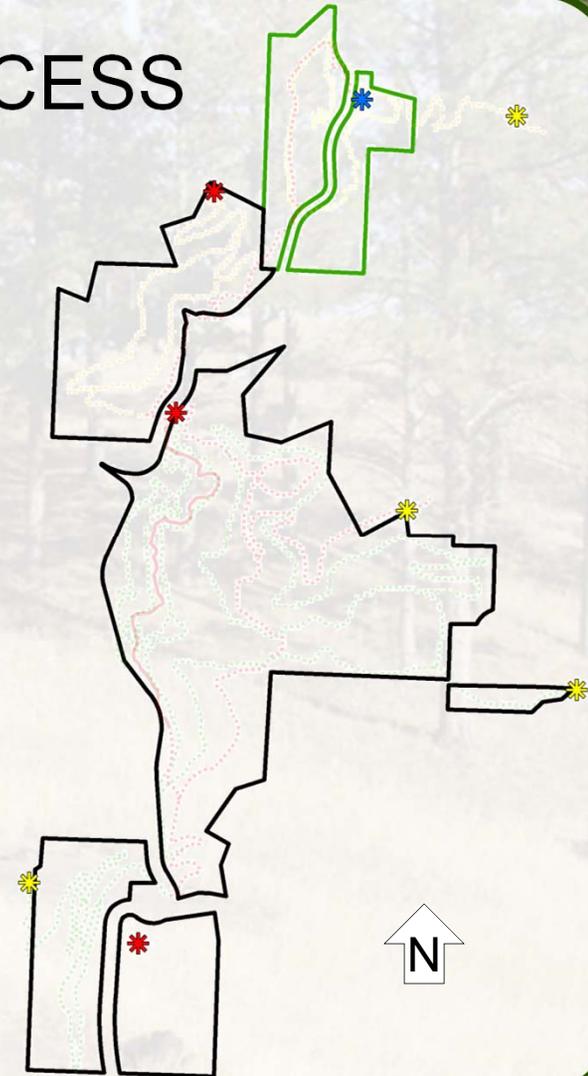
3 Trailheads w/ Parking

- Fulton Street
- Flormann Street
- Petrified Forest, Skyline Drive



4 Bike/Pedestrian Only Trailheads

- Cerro Court
- South Street
- St. Patrick Street
- St. Cloud Street



TRAILHEAD #1 – FULTON ST.

Proposed Site Improvements:

- 25+ Car Parking Lot
 - Landscape Screening
 - Restroom Facility
 - Trailhead Signage
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- ◀ Easily Accessible from Westside
 - ◀ Close to apartments and local restaurants/hotels/bike shops
 - ◀ Close proximity to bike path, HLMP, & Greenway
 - ◀ Safe access for vehicles & pedestrians with existing signalized intersection
 - ◀ Future bike lanes on Jackson Boulevard
 - ◀ Ample room for parking area with limited site modifications



TRAILHEAD #2 - FLORMANN ST.

Proposed Site Improvements:

- 25-50 Car Parking Lot
- Trailhead Signage
- Crosswalks
- Landscape Screening

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- ◀ Provides Vehicle Access from Skyline Dr. & South
 - ◀ Anchors trail system on the south end of the Park
 - ◀ Sightlines for safe interaction of vehicles & pedestrians
 - ◀ Ample room for parking area with limited site modifications
 - ◀ Eliminates shoulder parking at adjacent overlook

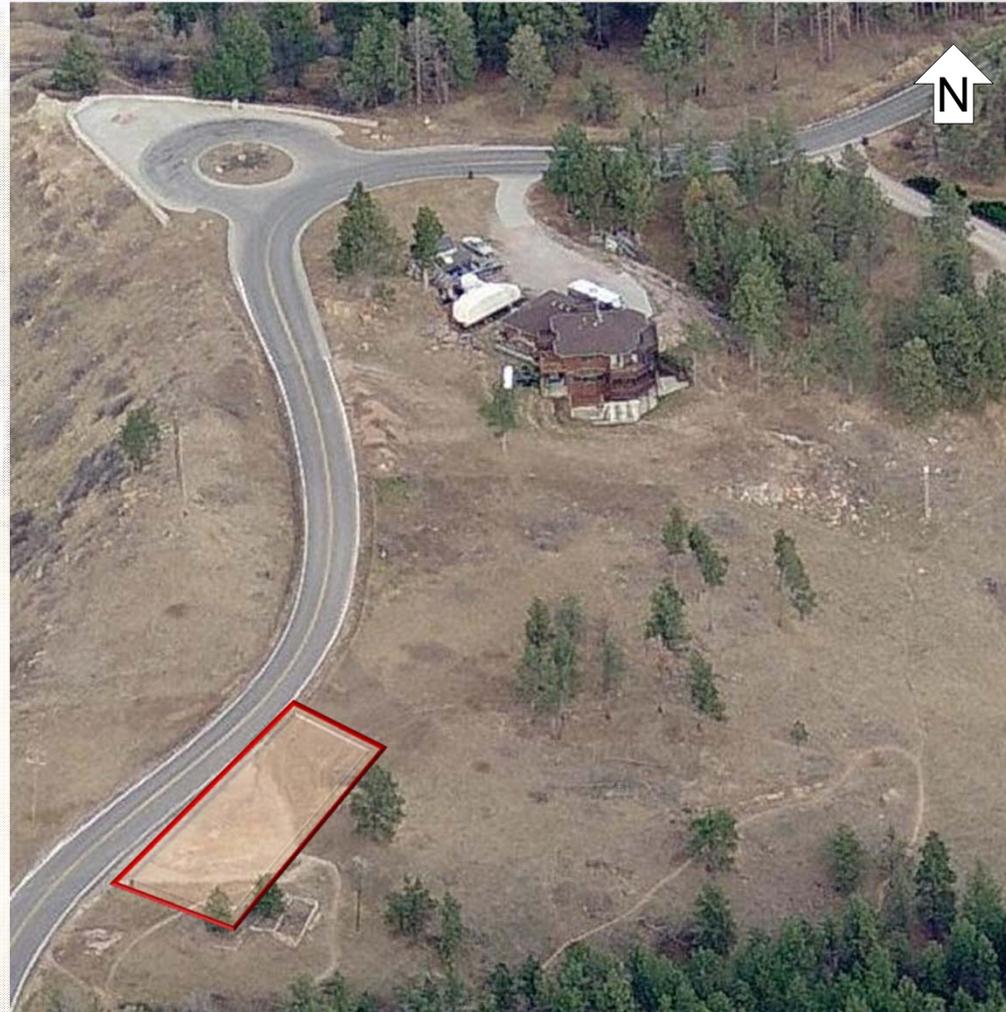


TRAILHEAD #3 – PETRIFIED FOREST

Proposed Site Improvements:

- 10-20 Car Parking Lot
- Trailhead Signage
- Crosswalk
- Screening from Residences

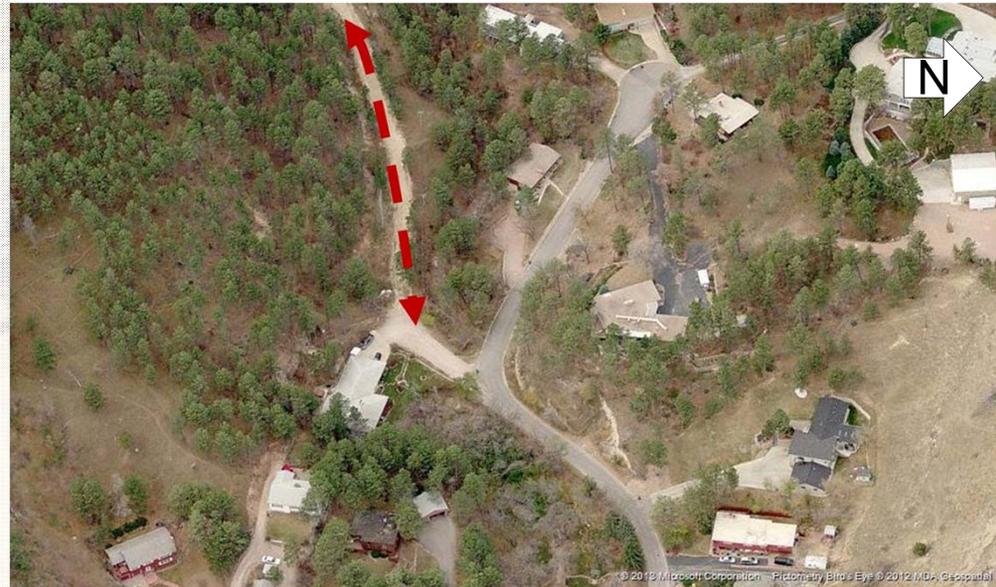
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- ◀ Improves existing parking area
 - ◀ Reduces congestion at Dino Visitor Center (overflow)
 - ◀ Increases public access to unique features
 - Petrified trees
 - Gossage Memorial & Scenic Overlook



TRAILHEAD #4 - ST.CLOUD ST.

Proposed Site Improvements:

- New Vehicle & Pedestrian Access Gate
 - Trailhead Signage
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- ◀ Utilizes existing service road
 - ◀ Provides easy EMS/Fire access
 - ◀ Serves West Blvd neighborhood & West Blvd & 9th St bike routes
 - ◀ Direct access to Amphitheater & major trail area



TRAILHEAD #5 – CERRO CT.

Proposed Site Improvements:

- New Vehicle & Pedestrian Access Gate
 - Trailhead Signage
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- ◀ Utilizes existing service road
 - ◀ Serves adjacent neighborhoods
 - ◀ Easy EMS/Fire access to heavily wooded/secluded parkland
 - ◀ Ties into proposed signed shared roadway on West Flormann Street



TRAILHEAD #6 – SOUTH ST.

Proposed Site Improvements:

- Trailhead Signage
 - Trail & Sidewalks additions
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- ◀ Utilizes existing unused road ROW
 - ◀ Provides easy access to Dino Park & Visitor Center
 - ◀ Serves West Blvd neighborhood & West Blvd & 9th St bike routes



TRAILHEAD #7 – ST PATRICK ST.

Proposed Site Improvements:

- New Vehicle & Pedestrian Access Gate
- Trailhead Signage
- Trail Addition
- Drainage Crossing

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- ◀ Land Acquired from Pennington County in 2013
 - ◀ Provides Access to Southeast West Blvd neighborhood
 - ◀ Allows EMS/Fire Access to remote parkland
 - ◀ Will reduce trail use on private property



COST ESTIMATES

◀ TRAILHEAD DEVELOPMENT

- Fulton St.
- Flormann St.
- Petrified Forest
- Cerro Ct.
- St. Cloud St.
- South St.
- St. Patrick St.

= \$510,000

◀ TRAIL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

- Skyline Trail – Phase 2
- Fulton St. Access
- South St. Access
- Cerro Ct. Area
- St. Patrick St. Access
- Amphitheater Area
- Reclamation

= \$419,000

= **\$929,000**

◀ *Available Funding:*

◀ *Vision Fund (2013)* \$912,625

◀ *Parks & Rec CIP* 16,975

\$929,600

**No additional funding requested*

TIMELINE

◀ TRAILHEAD DEVELOPMENT

- 7 Trailheads

RFP posted	May 15, 2013
Contract Signed	July 1, 2013
Design/Planning	Dec. 1, 2013
Bid Project	Jan 15, 2014
Construction Start	April 1, 2014
Completion	August 1, 2014

◀ TRAIL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

- 10 Mile System

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Questions?

