

Open Space and Trails Mini-Survey Results

Fall 2008

Question 1:

About how many visits have you made in the last 12 months to Broomfield's open space?

- 195 responses*
- 14,658 visits

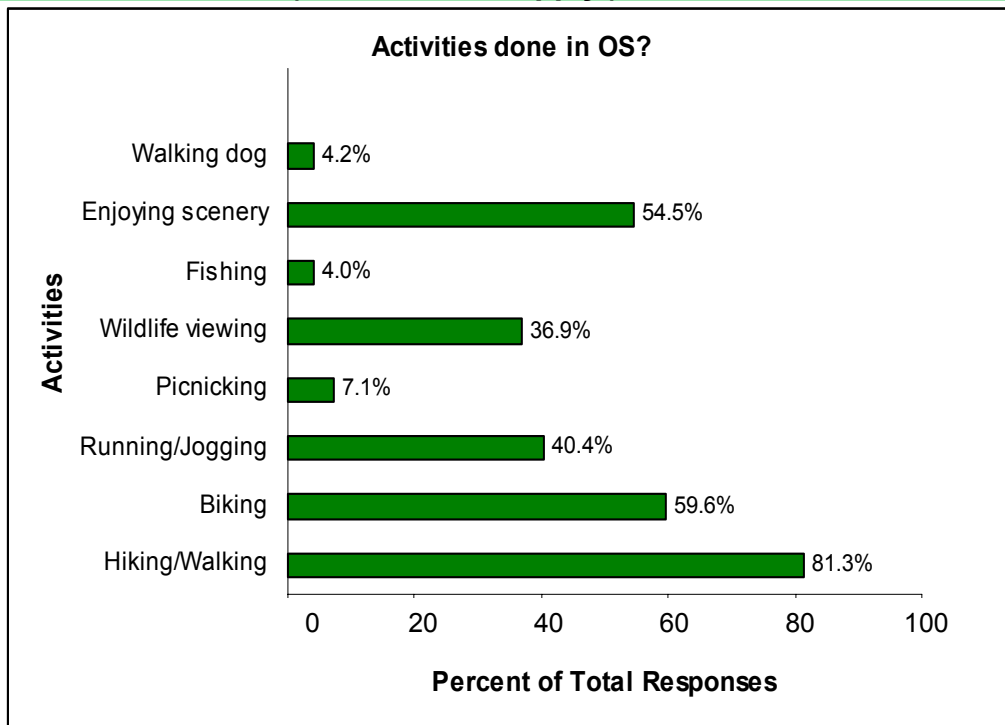
<u>Number of visits made</u>	<u>Number of Responses</u>
25 or under	64
26 to 50	30
51 to 100	24
100 or more	31

*Balance of responses were not given as numbers, e.g., “dozens”, “too many to count,” “lots and lots,” etc.

Average = 75 visits yearly per respondent

Question 2:

Which of the following activities do you do when visiting Broomfield's open space and trails areas? (Check all that apply.)



Responses for “Other Activities” (each reply given only once):

- Occasional biking
- Picking up trash, holding nature walks
- Astronomy
- Running
- Walking with kids in stroller
- Getting away from daily hustle and bustle; like a mini-vacation
- Snowshoeing, cross country skiing, collecting dead and dry foliage for arrangements
- 4th of July fireworks
- Bicycle commuting

Question 3:
What do you currently enjoy most about Broomfield’s public open space?
Please indicate each item’s importance level: 9 = Very Important
3 = Somewhat Important 1 = Not important

The items rated Very Important, in descending order, were:

Item	Number of Responses	Percentage (%)
Trail system	176	87.6
Aesthetics and views	158	79.8
Open space buffers to break up manmade development	157	79.3
Peace & quiet	148	75.5
Ponds and reservoirs	121	61.7
Native shrubs, trees, and grasses	111	56.9
Wildlife viewing	107	54.6
Variety of topography	110	56.4

(See complete listing of “additional comments” for question 3 at the end of the survey results.)

Question 4: Do you have any concerns about the quality of Broomfield’s open space?

71.7% Yes
 32.3% No

Question 5: If you answered YES to Question 4, please indicate how important you feel it is that the City and County of Broomfield devote more effort to addressing each item through public education or staff resources. 9 = Very Important 3 = Somewhat Important 1 = Not important

*The items rated **Very Important**, in descending order, were:*

Item	Number of Responses	Percentage (%)
Provision of dog waste stations	72	53.5
Pickup of dog waste	71	52.6
Removal of litter	67	50.4
Trail signage indicating public access and trail use rules	63	47.7
Dog off-leash when leashes are required in all areas except dog park	60	46.2
Trail maintenance	59	44.7
On-site map indicating trail miles	54	40.6

The items rated **Somewhat Important**, in descending order, were:

Item	Number of Responses	Percentage (%)
Noxious weed management	67	50.8
Availability of trailhead parking	66	50.0
Provision of trash cans	64	48.9
Signage identifying the site as public open space	58	44.3
Conflicts among users (walkers, runners, bikers, dog walkers)	58	43.9
Wildlife management	55	41.0
On-site map indicating trail miles	54	40.6
Removal of yard waste, such as grass clippings deposited on the open space by adjacent homeowners	52	39.7

(See complete listing of “additional comments” for question 5 at the end of the survey results.)

Question 6: Any additional comments about Broomfield’s open space and trails that you would like to add to help us do a better job for the community?

(See complete listing of “additional comments” for question 6 at the end of the survey results.)

Question 7: How old are you?

<u>Age</u>	<u>Number of Responses</u>
25 years and under	3
26 to 40 years	66
41 to 60 years	99
60 years and over	25

Question 8: Male or Female?

60.2% Male
39.8% Female

Question 9: If you reside in Broomfield, how long have you lived here?

83 respondents (43.0%) =	5 years or less
76 respondents (39.4%) =	15 years or less
34 respondents (17.6%) =	More than 15 years

Verbatim Responses—*Please note that no changes have been made to the responses to address grammar and spelling. The information is presented directly from the web site survey.*

Question 3:

What do you currently enjoy most about Broomfield's public open space (additional comments)?

- The more natural the area, the more wildlife we can attract so I like undisturbed areas
- Open space with Voice and Sight Dog Tag program similar to that in Boulder would be good. Reservoir or lake with recreational activities (row/paddle boats and beach) would be good too.
- I commute by bicycle everywhere I go, using the open space trail network. My family's favorite thing is to explore where every trail leads and to find ways to travel places without taking roads.
- I'm a 41 year resident of Broomfield and I find it embarrassing that Westminster has more Open Space than we do. Broomfield is a much nicer city than our southern neighbor, but I wish we had the wonderful, wilderness spaces that they do.
- Preserving animal habitat is the most important!
- Areas without artificial lighting that disrupt astronomy and wildlife
- enjoy watching others enjoy the outdoors listening to the crunch of unpaved trails underfoot
- cleanliness
- I wish there were more trees at the Broomfield Commons. It needs more variety. The city could use some public tennis courts and basketball courts.
- Many of the people I know strongly prefer the "natural" open space with dirt/gravel trails, prairie dogs, etc. over the more urban concrete trails, although those are still preferable over nothing
- It provides our hillside backyard with a grand view of the Front Range. All our guests are enthralled with our unobstructed view and easy access to the open space via our back gate.
- I LOVE that Broomfield has such a large network of trails and open space. THANK YOU - we are lucky to live here.
- Our house backs to Broomfield County Commons and we love the open space! We enjoy watching the coyotes, prairie dogs and birds :)
- I've never understood the concept of creating open space for the sake of open space. If I live near an open space area and it's just a big empty grassy lot, then what's the point? I'd rather see a park there or something I can use - even if it is a 7-11.
- preservation of wildlife such as prairie dogs
- I like off leash trails where I can bike, because I can no longer walk very far

- Continued expansion of the trail system with soft surface trails in the "Open Space" areas should be a priority of Council. Planning of the linkage of the Ridgeview trail to the Rock Creek trail system through the Ruth Roberts (??) Open Space west of the Outlook should be done in cooperation with Boulder County so that when they bring the Rock Creek trail under Hiway 287, Broomfield will be able to link to that trail without years of delay and waiting for funding.
- Enhance bike trails from Anthem Ranch area to the open space areas
- Connections! There is no safe way for me to move from East Broomfield to Boulder without driving. I would LOVE a bike path so I can get to work. Additionally, wildlife benefits far more from connected corridors of open space than it does tiny pockets surrounded by houses.
- safety
- ease of getting to
- We, at Anthem Ranch would like better access to the Coal Creek Trail. The narrow lane going up the hill along (HWY/County Rd 7) to Lowell Blvd from Lafayette to is dangers.
- I want to be able to access the former Barbers Turkey property from the north via the trail system on a bicycle. In general accessing businesses via the trail system on a bike.
- I just enjoy getting away from the day and exercising. Broomfield has made this easy for me because my home development backs up to open space.
- wildlife habitat
- Safety of not having to ride my bicycle on public streets and highways for the most part.
- A good place to take the dogs and let them run off-leash.
- Coyotes are out of control.
- wish there were more trees, it gets hot out there walking
- I love the prairie dogs and the other animals that they support. Please stop killing them.
- wood like to see dog park

Question 5: Do you have any concerns about the quality of Broomfield's open space (additional comments)?

- Recycle bins are needed in more places around town
- The Sunset limitation (near the Stearn's lake area) is very harsh and limiting, esp. on short days. Please, please make it 10PM. My son & I were seriously harassed by an open space official - threatened with double fines, told we would get eaten by mountain lions, etc. This was about 2 years ago. I was infuriated.
- More interconnections between trails. More trails not relying on roadways.
- Broomfield's open space and trails are the number one reason we like living here and we take advantage of them regularly. In general they are well maintained and accessible. There are adequate doggie pick up and drop off stations and most people seem to use them.
- My only concern is the use of good judgment in prairie dog killings. Kristin told me it was policy to remove prairie dogs within 200 yards of homes, which seems rather excessive if the density is relatively low. Perhaps it would be both better for the environment and more humane to conduct elimination efforts based on population density rather than trying to kill every prairie dog within 200 yards of a home? Additionally, I would like to note that on 6/15/07 when a prairie dog

"removal" took place in Lac Amora open space, I personally observed the workers poisoning prairie dogs more than 600 yards from the nearest home, when I was told the policy was only if they were within 200 yards.

- I live near Plaster res. and the stream running from the golf course to Plaster has filled with silt-dirt from the construction west of Lowell. The flow is so low that the thing stinks in warmer weather. It had been said that the City was looking into the removal of silt and debris from Plaster, please consider extending that to the pond west of Lowell, INCLUDING the stream. It is so full of silt that the Muskrats have to walk, they can not swim. Also you took out the olive trees along the ditch and planted cottonwood trees, there is no food value to them. The year before you removed them I watched the pheasants come to the olives to feed... not now. We were told that the city wanted to leave all the dead trees in place to make a better habitat for the bird life, well you shot yourself in the foot when you removed their food source. There are more birds around than Ducks and Geese. Plaster Res. is a true Diamond in the rough, the view of the mountains is beautiful and every day we get more closed in, all the construction east of the high school, the new neighborhoods and all the people that want to have contact with nature, Plaster could be Broomfield's jewel in the open space network, and in the entire metro area.
- Dead ending open spaces at golf courses is a problem. It would be nice if they continued between greens or along the courses. I understand the obvious problem with this though.
- Not enough trails open to mountain bikes
- Maintain enough undeveloped open space so wildlife can (including carnivores) thrive
- I'm concerned about the coyotes in the park, I'm afraid to use the park early in the morning or at dusk.
- parking in the drop of circles when major events happen
- erosion of breeze covered trails by run-off after rains or after snow melt.
- I do not view ball parks, ordinary parks as open space. They are not natural and activities do not lend themselves to open space.
- I don't think the city/county should waste its resources on picking up after dogs or managing conflicts. Trail users should police themselves. If someone is truly in danger, they should carry a cell phone. As for litter - I think many people would be willing to volunteer to clean up the trails - I certainly would.
- Not allowing open space or reserves to be sold or developed on....please keep them intact.
- Too many dog owners do not pick up after their dogs and they let their dogs run off leash all along the Outlook subdivision's portion of the trail system.
- Prairie Dogs are a blight to all open space lands. Adequate control using ANY MEANS Necessary to control and/or eliminate prairie dogs is suggested (and preferred). Surrounding development have effectively removed any natural predator of prairie dogs.
- trail connections
- There has to be another way to manage prairie dog growth besides poisoning them!
- Horse riders rarely clean the trails after their horses defecate on the trail. I realize that horse poop is mostly organic material but I'm sick of having to walk around huge piles of it right in the middle of the trail. This is just as rude as dog owners not cleaning up after their pets but never seems to be addressed.

- They could use a little more parking at the Commons when they are having soccer games or big events.
- My biggest concern is making sure that the city and county of Broomfield actually does value open space that is as pristine as possible, respects the wildlife that is there, and does not develop or otherwise disturb the space. There are plenty of nice sidewalks and concrete trails with parks for those who prefer that, but the rest of us want to get as close to nature as we can while still living in the great town of Broomfield. I worry sometimes with all of the development and whiny city folks moving in that the city and county will undervalue their large, pristine open spaces. They are very, very important, not only to residents but also for many species of wildlife that don't have much other space given all the development over the last few years. I am very pleased to see that you are conducting this survey.
- We need more places where dogs are allowed off leash. There are VERY FEW places other than the dog park. Thank you.
- Broomfield should adopt a leash law similar to Boulder's, dogs off leash must be in sight of their owner and obey voice commands.
- access from northern areas
- I'm concerned about the potential molestation from off-leash dogs to the wildlife, and in some cases as a result, vice versa. Humans need to be reminded that the wildlife live in the open space, their dogs don't, and good outdoor manners apply. Also, I've learned from experience that just because an owner claims a dog is sweet and gentle, when off-leash, that is not always true. I've come across several dog walkers in the Lac Amora open space area who seem to believe open space, despite signs declaring otherwise, is an open invitation to allow the animal companion off the leash. Amazing the dirty look one can get from some, when one reminds them.
- Due to open space maintenance/improvements and general lack of quality soils, the vegetation in the open space is sparse. The City should consider 1) controlled burns to return the ecosystem/ vegetation to a secondary stage of succession, and 2) cross or drill seed with native grasses to reduce erosion and to improve soil quality, and 3) plant trees in the open space to encourage avian species. I'd suggest linden or catalpa trees that are very low maintenance and drought tolerant.
- At Broomfield County Commons people often walk their dogs off-leash and don't pickup after them. Some bikers ride too fast and make it hard for people walking to get out of the way.
- I am concerned that predators are not able to control the Prairie Dog Populations. It seems that the rodents are eating all the plant life in areas.
- I'm worried about train honking many times a day near Lac Amora open space ruining the atmosphere when the useless commuter rail line goes into operation. Say hi to the Mayor and City Council for being pigheads on this issue.
- There needs to be coyote control. I can't walk my dog anymore in open space because of coyote attacks lately.
- I frequently see large familys walking through the prairie dog community N/NW of Tom Frost Res at dusk. This is when many species of birds and mammals rely on prairie dogs as prey. Perhaps a couple of signs on the south side (unfenced) trail could keep people out of the more environmentally sensitive areas.
- Broomfield doesn't have ANY off leash trails. I would love a dog park like what Westminster/Boulder have where I can ride my bike and let my dogs run

- Public information of fishing available in Broomfield (e.g. it could be on the web) and what the fishing regulations are.
- I don't believe Broomfield can help the problem by allocating more resources and programs. The issue with CCOB Open Space and Trails is that OSPRT promotes sprawl in a growing community.
- Wildlife management specifically refers to prairie dogs and the negative impact they have on the open space by denuding grasses and their ever expanding colonies. I recommend a more aggressive approach to managing them including extermination and the use of barriers to limit their colonies such as at BCC. Also, see the comments above on continuing to fund expansion of the trail system to enable access to the Open Space.
- Prairie Dog Holes in the trails or right next to the trails!!!
- We need more trails that are connected to coal creek trail so we don't have to ride on route 7 from Anthem ranch
- This is a huge problem when I am riding my bike. Even slowing down and being careful, two loose dogs have caused me to fall by running in front of my bike.
- Access to coal creek trail from Anthem Ranch without going on highway
- No safe way to get to the Coal Creek Trail from Anthem Ranch
- Broomfield Commons has an area which seems to be farmland.
- I am concerned about coyotes in the open space. I have been followed closely by them even with a very large dog.
- It would be nice if there were trails that we could take all across the city without ever having to get on a major, busy street. For instance, I live in Northwest Broomfield and work in Interlocken. In order for me to ride my bike to work, I have to either cross major intersections or pick up my bike and carry it over train tracks. There should be more trail options for citizens to encourage them to walk and ride their bikes more.
- I find the areas near my home to be kept very clean and in good repair. The mile markers would be a nice addition.
- there are dogs off their leashes everywhere. I can't walk on there trails with my children because of it.
- People letting dogs run loose when a leash is required should have a reasonable expectation of receiving a ticket and fine. The same goes for people who do not pick up after their dog. The city should not have to supply bags, dog owners should bring their own (we have a dog and we do clean up).
- The dog issues are matters of personal responsibility on the part of the people. Regardless of City action, some people will never take responsibility. I believe the City is doing all it can to promote the taking of responsibility by the dog owners.
- We need more places to fish and they need to be managed for fishing. I good quality bass fishing lake that allows belly boats and inflatable poontoon boats. Catch and release fishing ponds managed for big bass and sun fish would be great.
- More Detailed maps of trails, showing how trails can be linked to travel throughout Broomfield, including the use of trails to run errands in the Broomfield area (i.e., how trails can be used to access shopping centers, etc.)
- Not enough open space
- For aesthetics, it is very important to me for the city to grow something in the dirt field open space by the county building. I would use those trails more often if there was something as simple wild grass growing there. It currently is like running on the moon.

- It would be nice to have some off leash dog areas other than the seasonal dust / mud bowl in Broomfield Commons. Boulder has the "green tag" program and we routinely travel to Boulder and other areas for off leash activities.
- Dogs off-leash are a huge problem!!! I see about a 50% non-compliance rate with this law. I have been attacked several times by dogs while riding a bike. Dogs off leash create a safety problem for cyclists, runners, the dog owners, wildlife, and the dogs themselves. Numerous calls Police Animal Control are answered with they "don't have the staff to patrol trails". Seems like they are turning a blind eye and it wouldn't take much for a single officer to get their message across with a directed enforcement program. Just stand behind a blind corner and write a bunch of tickets, the public will get the message.
- I am concerned about the reasons for installing additional fencing, the removal/destruction of prairie dogs and keeping the field plowed as dirt in the Broomfield Commons Open Space. The fences and field of dirt do not add to the beauty of the scenery. I am also concerned of these effects on the ecosystem. How does the reduction of prairie dogs in the open space affect the hawk/falcon/eagle /coyote populations in the area? How does the fencing affect the coyotes ability to hunt the prairie dogs? How does the field of dirt provide any habitat for wildlife?
- I'd really like to see an area dedicated to an off leash program for dogs much like Boulder's voice and sight control program. There is a need for something other than the current small area by the commons. It would be wonderful to allow responsible dogs owners a place to exercise their dogs outside the confines of a fenced in area. It works well in many parts of the world; I know we can make it work well here.
- Please keep protecting the open space and continuing to discourage open space development.
- THANK YOU FOR DONATING PRAIRIE DOGS TO WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
- More wildlife management of prairie dogs. They have their place but there are too many and they are destroying the landscape and vegetation. Look at the Dry Creek Trail (westminster) they have totally ruined that, it's a barren wasteland and not hospitable at all.
- Put up prairie dog fences for the people who claim to be bothered by them so they don't have to be killed. Educate people who don't like prairie dogs or coyotes on how they do no harm and won't eat their children or give them the plague. The critters are what makes the space interesting. I don't want a dead open space.
- have a dog park with a pond, like Louisville's
- destroy prairie dogs before they destroy public property.
- people let big dogs off leash, because they are not worried that anything would happen to them. The people with small dog are good, I guess they feel more responsible for the little ones.

Question 6: Any additional comments about Broomfield's open space and trails that you would like to add to help us do a better job for the community?

- My concern for open space relates to obtaining right of way versus build out. This philosophy was successfully applied by Broomfield when it obtained its water rights prior to build out of the city and county. Examples that come to mind would be obtaining right of way: behind Legacy High School to complete Lake

Link trail and along the power line easement to the west of Lowell Blvd in Anthem to connect with Boulder County open space in Lafayette. This would also make bike commuting to and from the Lafayette RTD station feasible.

- basically Broomfield has done a marvelous job in the provision and maintenance of green belt and open spaces - we must maintain this wonderful attribute of our city and its meaning to its city dwellers. This does not mean converting open space to ball fields and dog/pet latrines. The trails are wonderful at any time of day or year and it means so much to me personally to walk, to wonder and refresh. WONDERFUL JOB BROOMFIELD ADMINISTRATORS!!!
- commitment to keeping and adding open space is very much appreciated
- The sunrise to sunset rules for the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve/Rock Creek Farm Open Space are very restrictive to runners connecting from Broomfield to the Coalcreek trail corridor (especially during the winter).
- I appreciate your making open space a priority; it provides a reprieve to urban sprawl
- I strongly advocate the acquisition of more open space land
- Please help keep Broomfield spaces wild so we can keep the hawks, coyotes, fox, skunks, raccoons, etc.
- Just keep the space away from developers... bummer that 104th was paved from Dillon to hwy 42 (?) -- I know that's outside your concerns.
- My biggest issue with our great open space is prairie dog management. Without a management plan, the prairie dogs not only take over an area and devastate it, they move to other areas. This might not be a huge issue but those animals carry the plague so even walking around them can be dangerous. We need a plan that, yearly, manages prairie dogs out of each area. I live near 287 and miramonte and the open space near me is in danger of being taken over by prairie dogs.
- Broomfield has done an outstanding job maintaining the open space and trail systems here. We truly enjoy taking advantage of these.
- more trails!
- build more rolling trails
- Keep adding new trails!!! Signage could be improved. It might be nice to add a mileage chart of the trails so one would know how far they were committing to when embarking on a particular path.
- More Trees
- Please bury power lines adjacent to Lake Link Trail between Highway 287 and Outlook subdivision.
- I run routinely on the Cradleboard trail and trails at Rock Creek farms. Over the years I have had many, many encounters with inconsiderate dog owners and confrontations with their dogs. (Although this past year has been much better.) Routinely many folks leave their dogs off leash around Josh's Pond and the nearby trails. Apparently educated people conveniently forget how to read when it comes to seeing signs. Some dogs are very good off the leash. Given the chance, I will avoid a trail if I see a loose dog and its owner because I do not want an incident. Also, many dog owners pick up after their dogs. But this summer and fall, it seems fashionable to forget to pick up the doggy-bags. This network of trails is in need of repair too in some areas. There is a considerable amount of top-soil from the adjacent farm acreage which has blown onto the Cradleboard trail and it becomes thick mud after rain. The western trail head on Brainard Drive always is muddy after rain and snow. Two weeks ago I reported these issues to a ranger. But I have seen no action yet. I think

providing more dog parks will be essential to preserving the Rock Creek environment. I am worried that new residents of the condo development near Storage Tec will increasingly walk their dogs there and damage the nature surroundings more and more.

- Just keep adding more...the more open space we have the better!
- My main priority is being able to connect Broomfield OS trails to those of adjoining towns such that large loops are possible. The Rock Creek Trail is great, but doesn't (easily) connect between Holmberg and the trails near the Mall SW of US36. Similarly, a connection to the Coal Creek Trail would be very nice.
- I feel that trail systems are very important and add a great deal to the quality of life of many people by encouraging everyone to get out and exercise. Keep up the great work!
- What you have done is very nice. One thing I would like to see is a crew that pays attention to the signs that you put up. I have personally cleaned graffiti off of the Plaster Res. sign
- I would like more single track trails off of the main trails. In many places, these trails already exist. They are fun to ride and offer adventure to little kids that ride and play on them. I don't believe any of them are maintained other than by continuous travel by their users. The open spaces make this area the nicest place I've ever lived. In fact, all of our visitors can't believe how extensive the trail network is - and wish they even a fraction of what we have.
- Building a connector trail under USH 287 between Stearns Lake and the Lake Trail system would be fantastic
- I love the parks, I love the trails. I'd love more information about the distances of the trails. (Maybe a trail map?) I think bikers, hikers, dogs, etc get along well, even on busy days.
- The trails that are open are not true mountain bike trails. Mountain bike trails need to have technical obstacles. Mountain biking is a great outdoor sport that promotes health amongst the youth and pumps money into the local economy. On average a mountain biker will spend \$20 per month at a local bike shop. How much do you think a hiker spends?
- more explicit signs about the coyotes, especially when they have pups
- prairie dogs eruptions in the trails can not be controlled without controlling the prairie dogs.
- I would like to see more areas devoted to open space. I would love to see native plants encouraged in these areas. I also enjoy signage telling about native plants (the garden display near the City buildings was wonderful!)
- Thanks for the opportunity to complete a survey. That is why we like Broomfield because of the open space that we can enjoy and view wildlife. The animals were here first and need places to live without human interference!
- Police the trails and fine dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs and fine them when they do not leash their dogs.
- Please don't waste tax dollars on HO canisters to control ground hog population (hydrogen monoxide). My in-laws are from rural WY -- farming land -- and cyanide and other more lethal means are much more effective.
- Don't kill all the prairie dogs. The coyotes and hawks need something to eat (not pets).
- My personal feeling is that the trails system and open space planning is being handled very nicely by the committee. Congratulations!!
- We understand how expensive it is to acquire open space but personally don't believe we can have too much, whether it is truly open space or created for

recreational purposes. The more the better. We are thankful that slowly the trails are all beginning to connect but would love to see this happen fully. There are lots of examples of this on the east side of town. For example, in The Trails subdivision, a trail running north just dead ends. We would like to see it connect into the Broadlands where you can travel then west or east. We have little open space buffering up to 136th from 1-25 until the Common. That would be a great spot to develop and connect. Hope that one day you can ride a bike from the far east corner of the city down to the far west corner continuously. Please continue to connect all trails!

- The lack of off-leash areas is very frustrating. We are forced to drive to Boulder county to take our dogs off leash (they have been approved by the county as voice/sight controlled). Many of my neighbors feel it is disappointing how Broomfield doesn't allow dogs off leash in certain areas. We are buying a new home soon and won't buy in Broomfield because of the lack of approved space to let dogs off leash.
- More trail networking - would be nice to have continuous bike paths to all RTD park n rides.
- I would like to see many trees planted. I would like to see a more maps indicating mileage and routes. People like to know how far they walked, ran, or rode and fun routes.
- After a big rain, the gravel trails can get pretty rutted out, making them dangerous for biking. Spot maintenance after big storms would be good.
- One of the most important aspects to me is that open space areas include soft trails - not concrete.
- Please connect the Lake Trail where it dead ends on the west side of HWY 287
- I would like to see more single-track and/or dirt trails meant for mountain bikers. Gravel is great for running/walking, but is slick for bikers - accidents happen.
- Please do not pave any more or add concrete to any of the trails. Broomfield has a lot of sidewalks for people who want to walk on concrete. It is much harder on the feet and joints of those who jog on the trails, and it significantly distracts from the natural feeling of open space.
- I like the cement trails because they are plowed when it snows.
- I love having all the open spaces, and would love to have more interconnecting trails now rather than later.
- We've lived in Lac Amora for almost 24 years, and we LOVE the open space behind our house, plus all the improvements to the trails, placing of wild bird houses, improvements to Josh's Pond, and allowing the prairie dog community to thrive, rather than be poisoned. We especially like the link to the Rock Creek Farm Boulder County Park, which provides additional trails and wildlife enjoyment. Please continue the good work in acquiring open space and protecting it from the land developers. Humans need nature, even when they don't realize it consciously.
- Overall, I think the City does a very good job with the open space. 95 out of 100 visits I made were to the Lac Amora Open Space. My wife and I volunteer do the trash pickup for the park, open space and Miramonte street loop. For the most part, people are pretty good picking up after themselves. When I had a dog, I'd pick up 50 pounds of dog waste every couple of months in the three areas where my wife and I do the trash pickup. Now that I don't have a dog, I don't do that anymore. Allowing residents to spread grass clippings behind their fence in the open space will improve the soil conditions by returning nitrogen to

the soil, as long as the clippings are not so compacted that they can't decompose.

- i have recently logged over 1,000 miles on my bike on open space with the miles split between broomfield and boulder counties. I would dearly love for a trail to connect the two counties near the pumpkin farm on highway 287 and/or near the 470 interchange. I would be more than happy to answer additional questions or attend planning meetings if you would like more input. bruce butterfield 720-480-1277
- Your doing a GREAT job!! Please keep the coyotes and prairie dogs safe we love watching them. P.S. Is there anything you guys can do about getting the power lines on the south side of Broomfield County Commons buried? Thanks and Happy Holidays!
- Connection of trail with other cities in the area.
- Thank You For It, It is very important
- We have an opportunity to be one of the healthy community with the many mile of open space trails. People need to take advantage of this and get out & walk, bike, run. I hope that we can create more open space trails and that these trails throughout the community can find a way to connect themselves to other trail heads.
- Keep it open.
- I have small children, so my main priority is finding a place where I can take them and introduce them to the beauty of Colorado and they can walk on the trail and have fun. The more "natural" the setting, the better but they still need an easily accessible trail. Variety of topography is also really important (how many times can you look at Tom Frost Reservoir, anyway?) but I know there's only so much you can do about that.
- Distribute educational materials to homeowner adjacent to open space about living with and potential dangers of coyotes.
- Trail development has come along way in a short amount of time. Keep up the good work!
- It is wonderful to see so many people using the trails in Broomfield. I believe that it truly builds "community." It would be nice to see more connections between the trails so a runner or biker could travel an even greater distance.
- Please finish the Broomfield trail to connect Steele Park in Lac Amora to the Open Space a couple blocks west. I can't finish a full loop without it!
- Aspen Creek wetlands (East of Sheridan Blvd) had a relatively large pond 5 years ago. This allowed extensive use by water fowl. The pond is shrinking every year due to excessive cattails, weeds, natural grasses. The pond adds great aesthetics and effort should be made to increase the size of the pond and bring back the water fowl.
- Broomfield's open spaces are a great resource. Keep them as natural as possible. Thanks for making them a priority!
- Need to place a priority on connecting the hiking trail from Rock Creek Farm over to the east side of Hwy 287. Thanks.
- keep protecting our environment!
- We need an off leash dog park/open space
- Have new trails linked to existing trails in Broomfield as well as Lafayette (like the Coal Creek Trail)
- I'd like to see better linkage of trails around town, especially for biking

- Like the survey that helped develop the OSPRT, this survey is extremely flawed and biased. There is no control group with this survey and the questions are leading.
- The Open Space in Broomfield is outstanding and the Mayor, Council, and staff should be recognized for the great job they do in pursuit of the Master Plan guidelines related to Open Space in the community.
- I live in Anthem Ranch and would love a trail from our area to others in Broomfield as well as to Coal Creek.
- I am not for Open Space just for the sake of open space. I would like to see more strategic development of open space into suburban use. Having so much open space is perpetuating sprawl.
- Keep up the good work
- I recently moved to Anthem Ranch from Eagle Trace and enjoy the opportunities for hiking and biking. However, my new neighborhood needs a trail leading to the west connecting to the Coal Creek trail in Lafayette, possibly along the power line that lines up with South Boulder Road. I realize that most of this trail would be outside of Broomfield, but the city has a good record of doing projects in cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions.
- would like to see a trail from Lowell to Coal Creek Trail instead of having to take hwy 7
- I live in Anthem Ranch and am an avid biker - I could enjoy more of our surrounding trails if they were connected somehow without having to go on a highway. Example would be getting the "Coal Creek Bike Trail" without having to go out on Hwy 7. We have extensive bike paths in Anthem and it would be nice to connect all of them to Coal Creek.
- I live in Anthehm Ranch off of Highway 7. We could use an access trail to the Coal Creek Trail!
- All in all, I think you've done a very nice job! Thanks
- Better connection between open space areas. How about a trail connection between Anthem Ranch/Highlands to Coal Creek open space?
- continue to mandate developers actually give land vs. cash for future purchases!
- Broomfield should look at creating a community garden program along the lines of what exists in Boulder County (<http://www.growinggardens.org/english/about/mission.html>).
- You people do a great job with the open space. To me, these spaces are the gems of Broomfield County. Keep up the great work.
- I love the open space at the Commons Park. I spend much time there both on foot and on my bike.
- Very enjoyable
- Thanks for all the hard work. Our trail system is a real gem. Glad to see the final part of Lake Link Trail going in, connecting Crystal Pines to Country Estates. Connections to businesses is important since bike commuting and errand running allows me to leave the car in the garage.
- The new solar lights along the sidewalk that runs behind the apartments and Home Depot do not light up at night. Lights would be extremely helpful when walking during the winter.
- Please improve connectivity between existing trails. I would use them more if I could remain on a trail continuously for longer distances, rather than having to connect between short segments using sidewalks along busy streets.
- It isn't an "open space" issue, but it is a trail issue. You all have totally fallen down on intra and inter city trail development. Living in Westlake, I can use

trails, paths and bike lanes to get to only one place - City hall. Any other locations are on surface streets with no separation. You have an opportunity with the new development on 120th to create other travel options to a busy spot. Do something similar when you develop the reservoir. Also, I'm not a dog owner, so there may be something I am not aware of, but it would be great for them to have off leash areas and dog parks.

- I feel that adding open space and trails to Broomfield should be one of the top priorities for this city, and I would like to "thank you" for the job that has been done so far in this regard.
- You all do a GREAT job! Thank you! Maybe include a map of the open space and trails in the recreation services quarterly brochure. I read about events but have no idea where they are located when they are described just by name. (Like Joshua's pond, etc). I've tried looking up a map on the web-site but have had many difficulties.
- i always see coyotes at the broomfield commons loop...it really scares me!
- None
- Picking up trash has improved this past year. We would like to see the weeds mowed better along the trails and maybe more trash containers along the trails.
- get these dogs on their leashes people treat it like a joke.
- There is a portion of native landscaping between the Paul Derda Rec Center and Red Leaf that has native landscaping and I'd like to see that grassed to make a better transition than it is now.
- The city needs to focus on connecting existing trails to make bicycle travel more feasible. For example, it's been several years after the Flatiron Crossing mall was built and there still isn't a safe way to get there by bicycle. All it would take is to connect the paths near the Lac Amora subdivision to the bike underpass under 36, but bikers still have to either ride on busy streets with no shoulder or across two train tracks.
- The trail system as it is being developed is magnificent. Hugeatta boy to the openspace and trails department. Please don't let the pressure to develop the space get to you.
- I think it is important for Broomfield to buy and preserve open space before it is too late - development is happening so quickly
- Keep up the good work. I am looking forward to the time that I will be able to bike without using any motor vehicle areas. I absolutely love the underpasses on Sheridan and Lowell and others -- they are very helpful in terms of safety.
- I think that it's tragic with all the open space Broomfield has there is not one place I can take my dog for a hike or run and have her off leash. Westminster is light-years ahead of Broomfield with their dog park/trail system at 105th and Simms.
- I'm tired of the wasteful plowing under the open space fields. Let them grow back to the natural grasses even if it is weeds. The city does not know or is getting poor advice on this practice.
- Need more connector trails between open space areas
- Please work with Lafayette to complete the trail through the open space by HWY 287 to the Rock Creek trail. With the price of gas, this is really becoming an urgent need.
- Encouraging users to clean up after themselves and their pets is important, as is proper pet (via owner) etiquette. But over regulation and super strict policing will create an uninviting environment.
- not enough open space

- I live in Pulte/Anthem Ranch community at Lowell and highway 7. I am disappointed there is no way to access open space trails in this area nor any way to connect to an open space trail.
- I've loved seeing the addition of trails and the attempt the city is making to improve open space and park areas. Keep doing that! Thanks.
- Overall, we really enjoy Broomfield's open space and trails - I know that it is popular, but I think that the "ball fields" at Broomfield Commons should be limited to their current size. I'm sure that Broomfield uses more than its share of water resources given the number of golf courses and ball fields that we have for such a small area.
- I would love to see the trail near Lafayette actually connect to the trail behind the Good Samaritan Hospital. It would give better walking and biking access to the hospital and soon to come shopping area from Broomfield.
- Keep adding more!
- I really love the trails we have hiked in Broomfield and think they are well maintained. I only wish that there would be a few more trash cans or stations to throw away dog waste.
- Thank you for all of your hard work. Maybe have a monthly community trash round up @ the commons. Supply the trash bags and have people get involved.
- You do a great job of keeping them clean. I am afraid you will change the zoning and take what open space we have away. Please never ever do that know matter how much money someone might offer. I think you keep the trails very nice. And I might add, I am glad you are making people keep their property up too. I moved here because I liked the way the neighborhoods look. I need my open space! Thank you for the great job you have been doing.
- More trash cans on the north side of the trails in the Commons. When coming from Midway going around the lake the last trash can on the trail is at the trail head on Lowell, no other trash can provided on the trail to the north and east unless you go off the trail to the Rec Center
- You already do a superb job.
- The trail system is very ad-hoc, it would be nice if more trails connected, including to other towns and open space systems.
- Overall, I think the open space is in great shape. I don't see many problems and I visit many of the areas. People are responsibly using and helping maintain these areas. I see limited trash and people that I encounter always seem to be friendly and enjoying the beauty of the areas that we have around Broomfield County. Thank you!!
- I am very proud to live less than a block from an open space trail and within 2 blocks of a park overlooking open space. Please keep up the great work!
- Broomfield is growing rapidly and our council members seem to care more about neighborhoods and tax revenue from retail. Need to preserve open space and native habitat in order to keep Broomfield a desirable city for attracting new residents and preserving our property value. PLEASE consider the long term impact of open space over retail tax revenue.
- The dog leash law being enforced is a huge issue for me - I can count more dogs off leash than on when walking on the trail and as a result, one of my dogs has been bit several times. I now have small children I would like to take on the trail but am hesitant to until the leash law is enforced.
- Prairie dogs! Prairie dogs are a part of the environment but in these OS areas they are unchecked and totally denuding the environment of vegetation other than weeds. They are destroying it! Their populations need to be reduced

exponentially. I am all for having them there, but in manageable numbers that is sustainable and in balance with nature.

- 3 comments. I don't think we should "manage" wildlife. The coyotes and vultures and foxes and hawks are all part of our ecosystem and we should make sure they have habitats. We should not control, limit, relocate these animals. They are a part of living on the front range. The second is on the "trails" themselves. I know you are proud of the "trail" system, but what Broomfield mostly has is a bunch of sidewalks that run through areas. I run marathons and I go to Westminster to do most of my training. They have crushed gravel and dirt trails for long stretches, only using sidewalks at underpasses. I would think the cost to install would be much less if you use crushed gravel/dirt paths on the Trail Link system. My neighborhood already has sidewalks on the streets I can walk on if I want a super flat surface. A trail system of real trails can be used by walkers, runners, most bikers and provides more of a natural environment with a softer surface. Third, the maps and links on the trail system on the web page are not very good. If you look at the Westminster web page for the Big Dry Creek, you have a nice long trail with clear mileage charts on the web page and maps and info that are broken down section by section. It is very helpful. We should try to imitate their web page info. I am happy to provide more feedback. My name is Randy Brogle randy.brogle@level3.com or 720 888 6927. Thanks.
- I'm afraid of the off-leash dogs and would like it if the police would warn the people who let their dogs run wild in the open spaces. I have to carry pepper spray because of the dogs.
- have a dog park with a pond, like Louisville's
- I don't agree with the prairie dog policies of the city. I think the master plan for the management of prairie dogs needs to be modernized. They need to have more space to live. That's what according to my survey almost all people say I talk to.
- trail map and connectivity of trails