



Rocky Mountain Greenway

**Supporting a Federal
Grant Application to
Connect Trails to Rocky
Flats National Wildlife
Refuge**

Boulder City Council
May 3, 2016

Tonight's Purpose

- Brief overview of Rocky Mountain Greenway
- Introduction to grant application
- City of Boulder participation (OSMP)
- Process if grant funds are awarded
- Proposed conditions on City of Boulder funding
- Options for moving forward

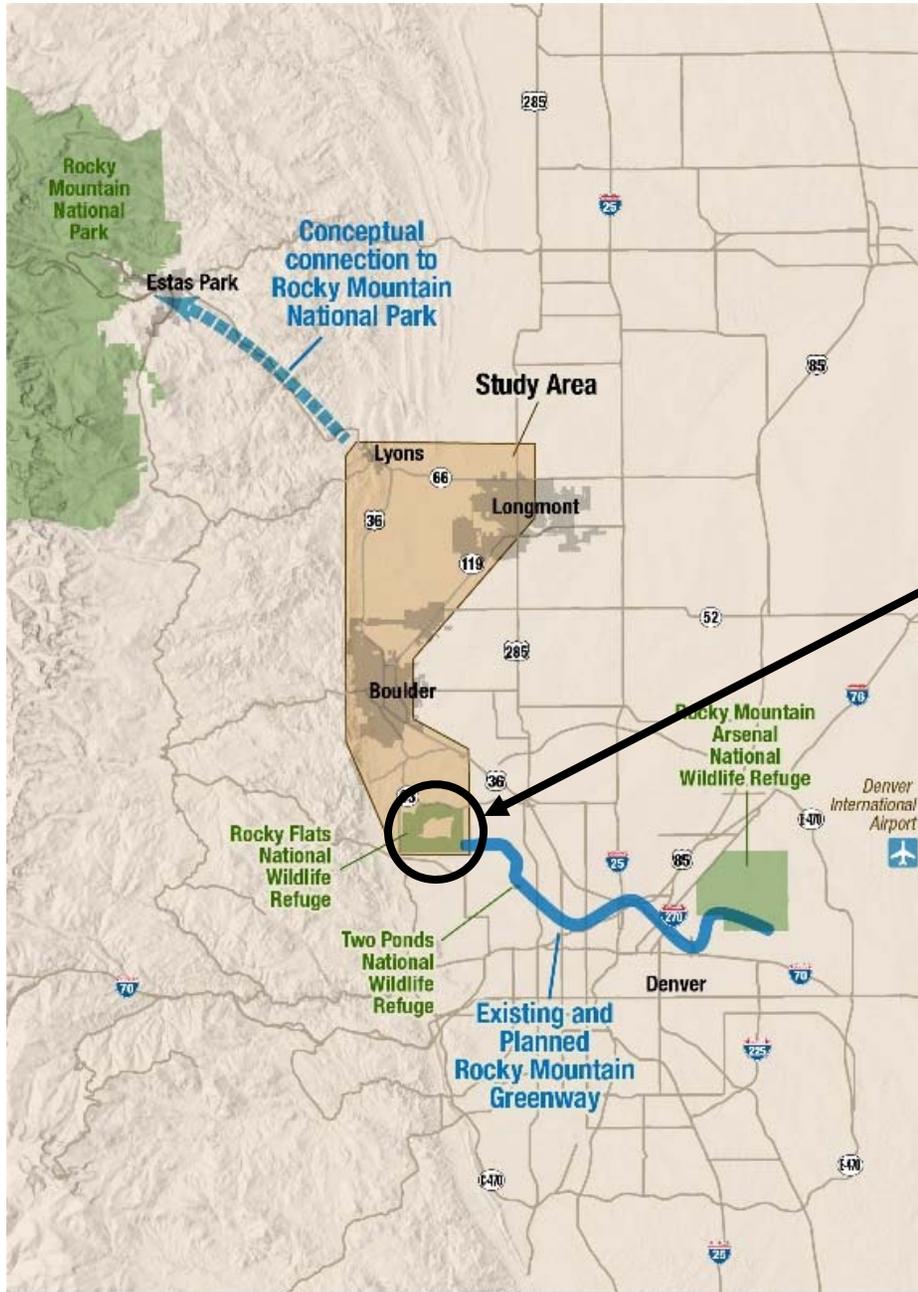


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National & Statewide Context

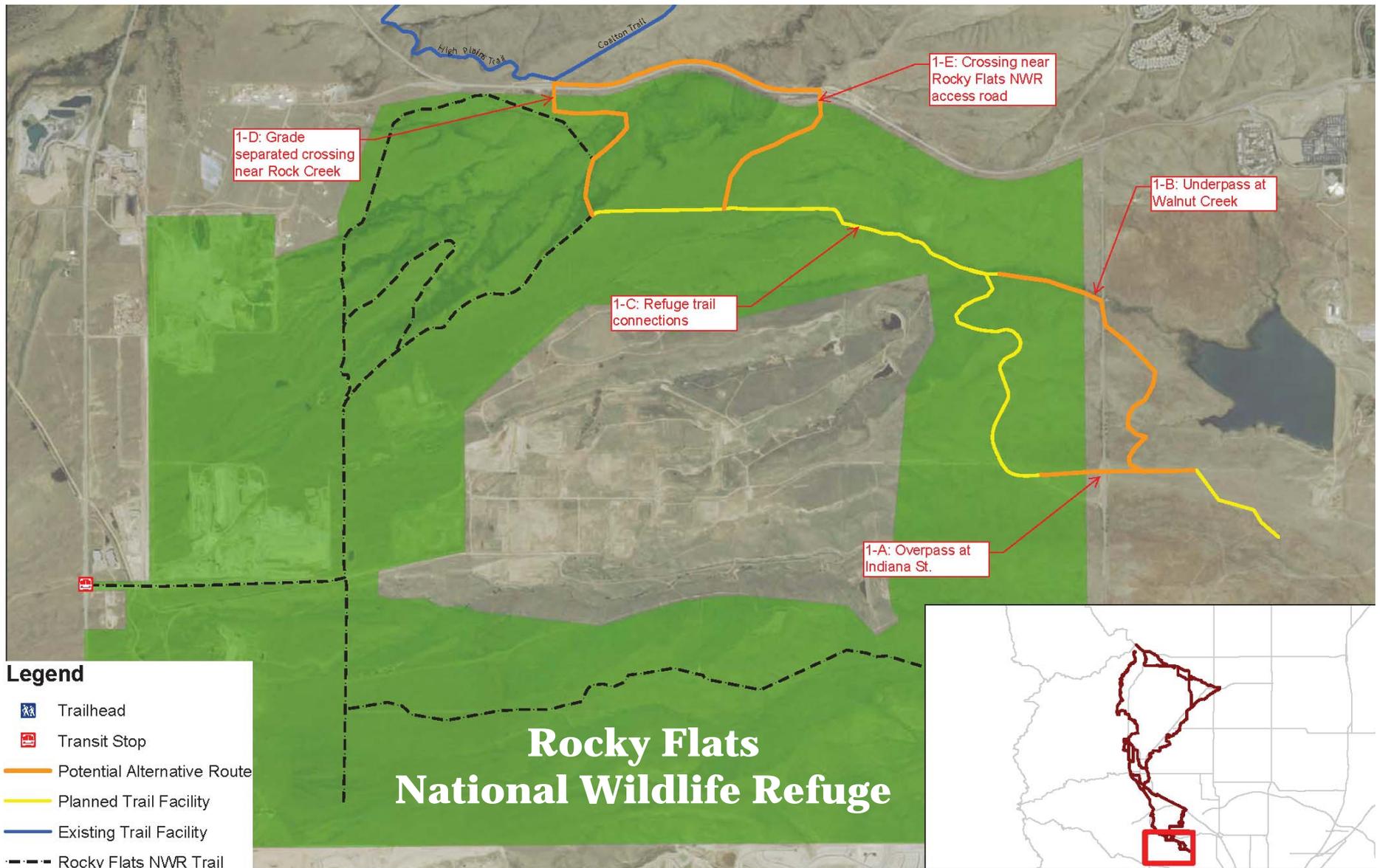


- Part of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative introduced in 2011
- First introduced by former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper

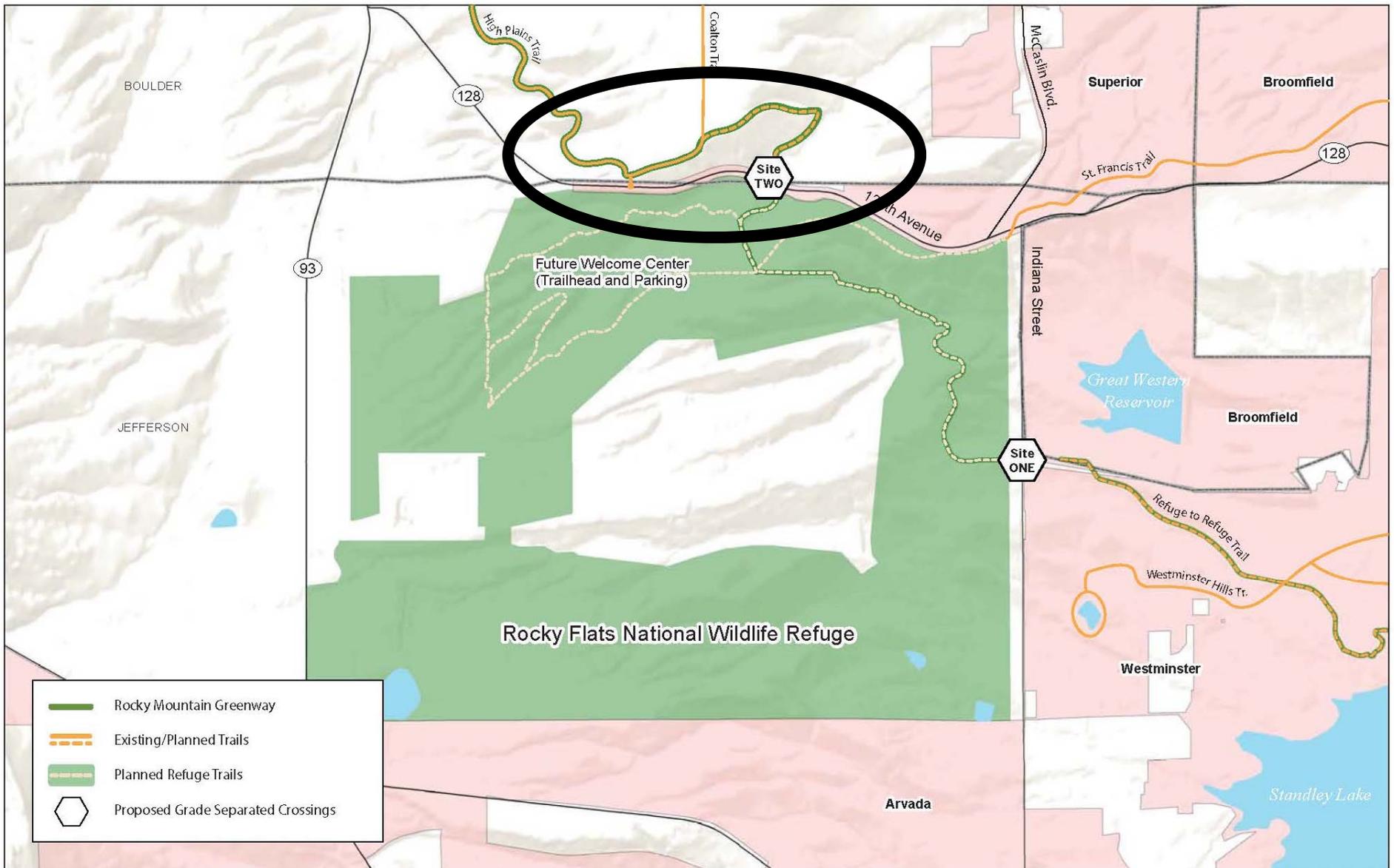


Collaborative Grant Application to Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

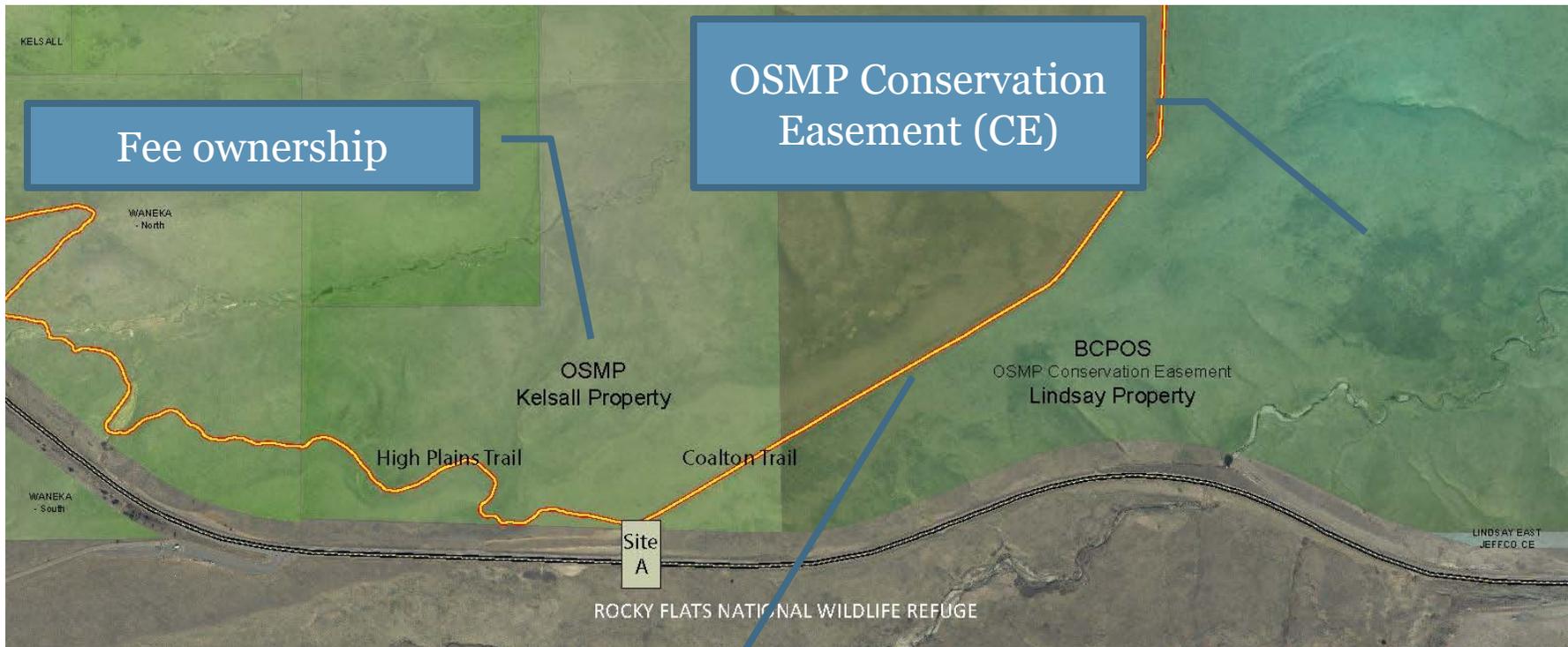
Feasibility Study by Federal Highways Administration



Grant: Connecting to Rocky Flats NWR along S.H. 128

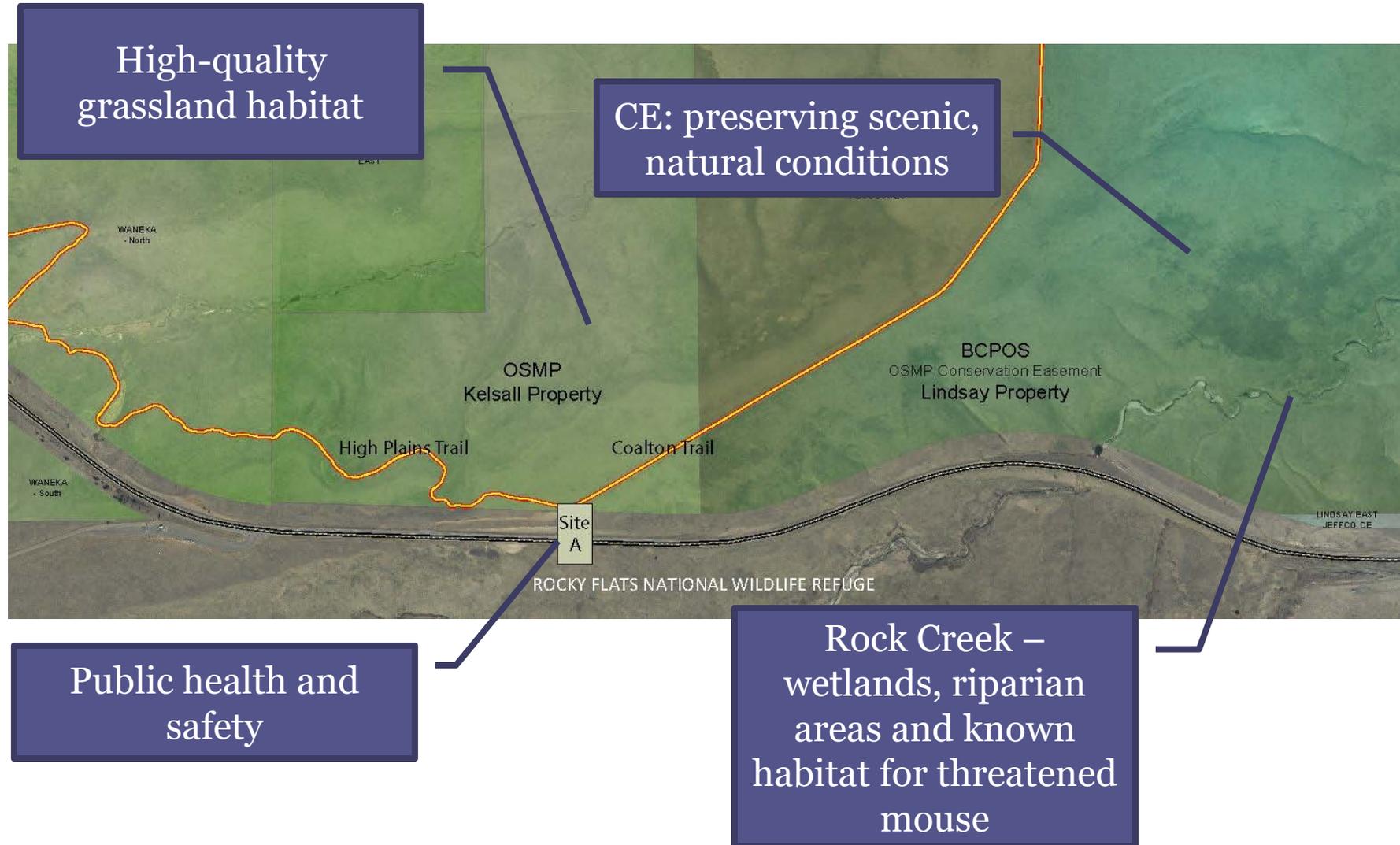


OSMP Participation: Property Management



Coalton Trail – joint management with BCPOS

OSMP Participation: Resources



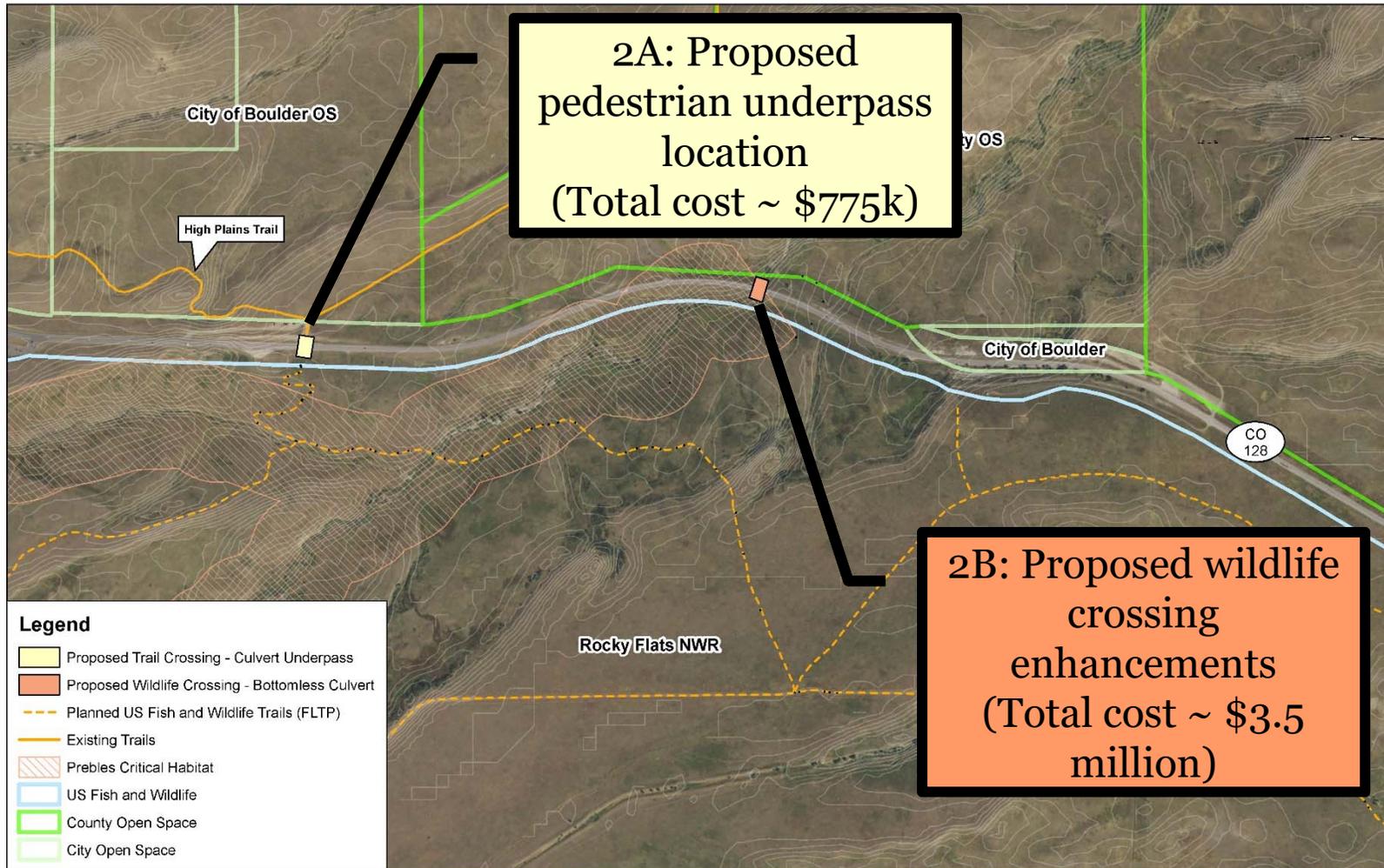
OSMP Participation: Visitor Experience

- Family-friendly
- Quality recreation experience for communities along the greenway
- Balance of visitor infrastructure, resource protection and public safety

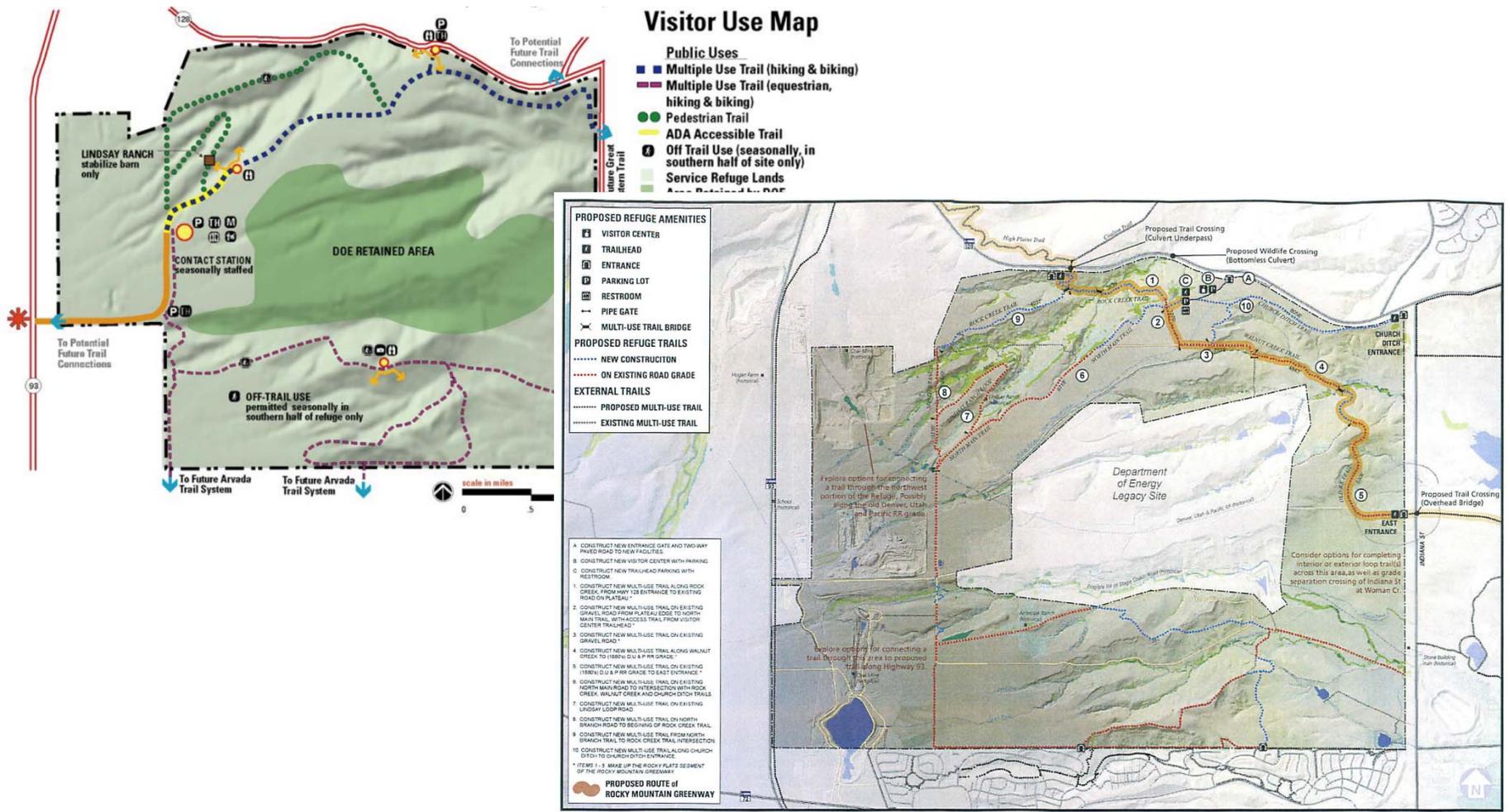


Refining the Grant Proposal

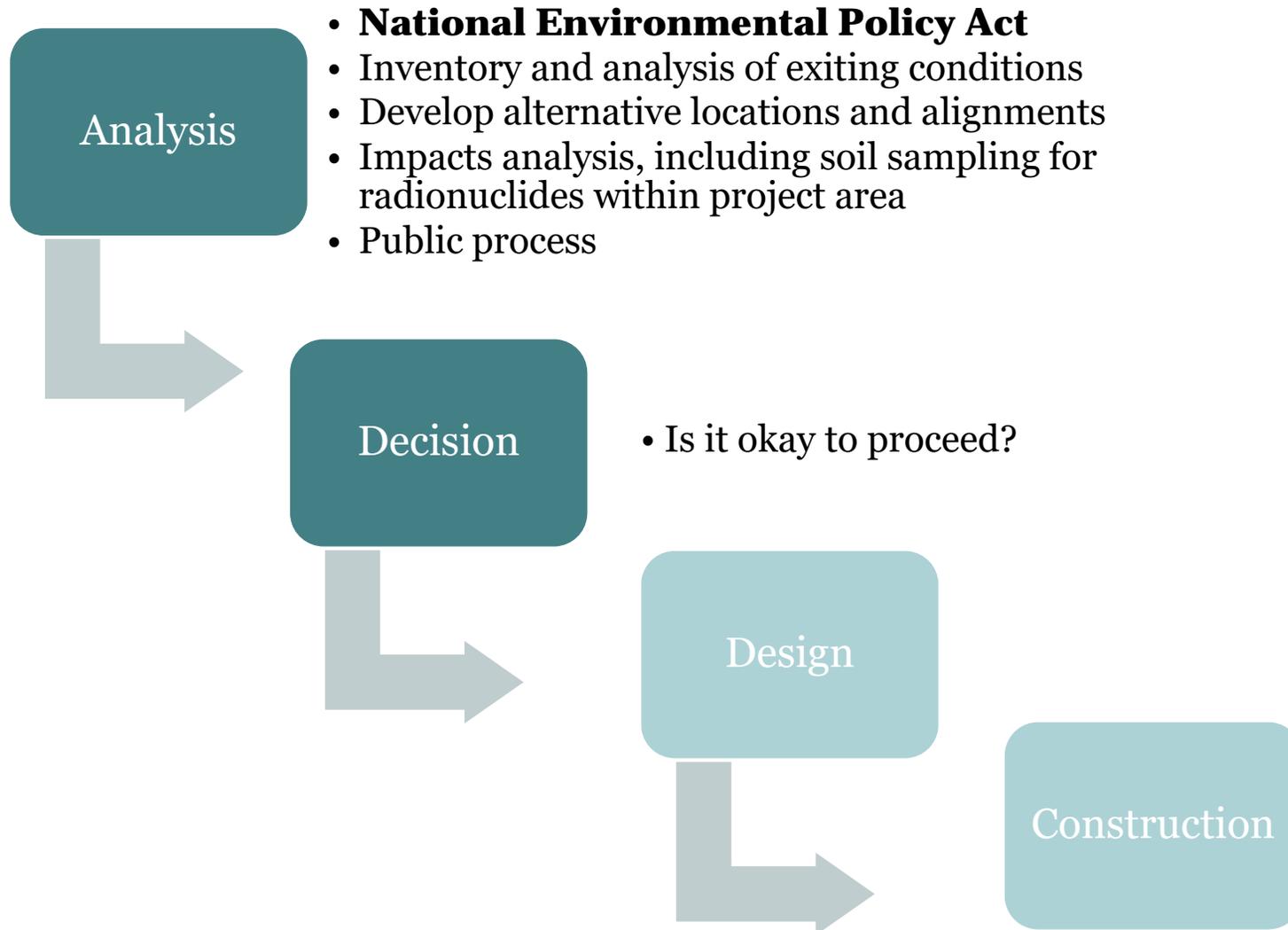
Rocky Mountain Greenway - Site 2 Detail
CO HWY-128 Crossing

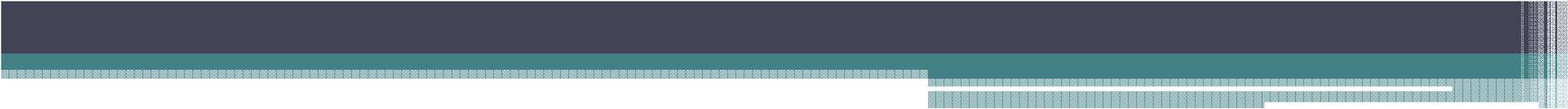


Beyond the Grant: Trails on Rocky Flats NWR



If federal grant funds are awarded...

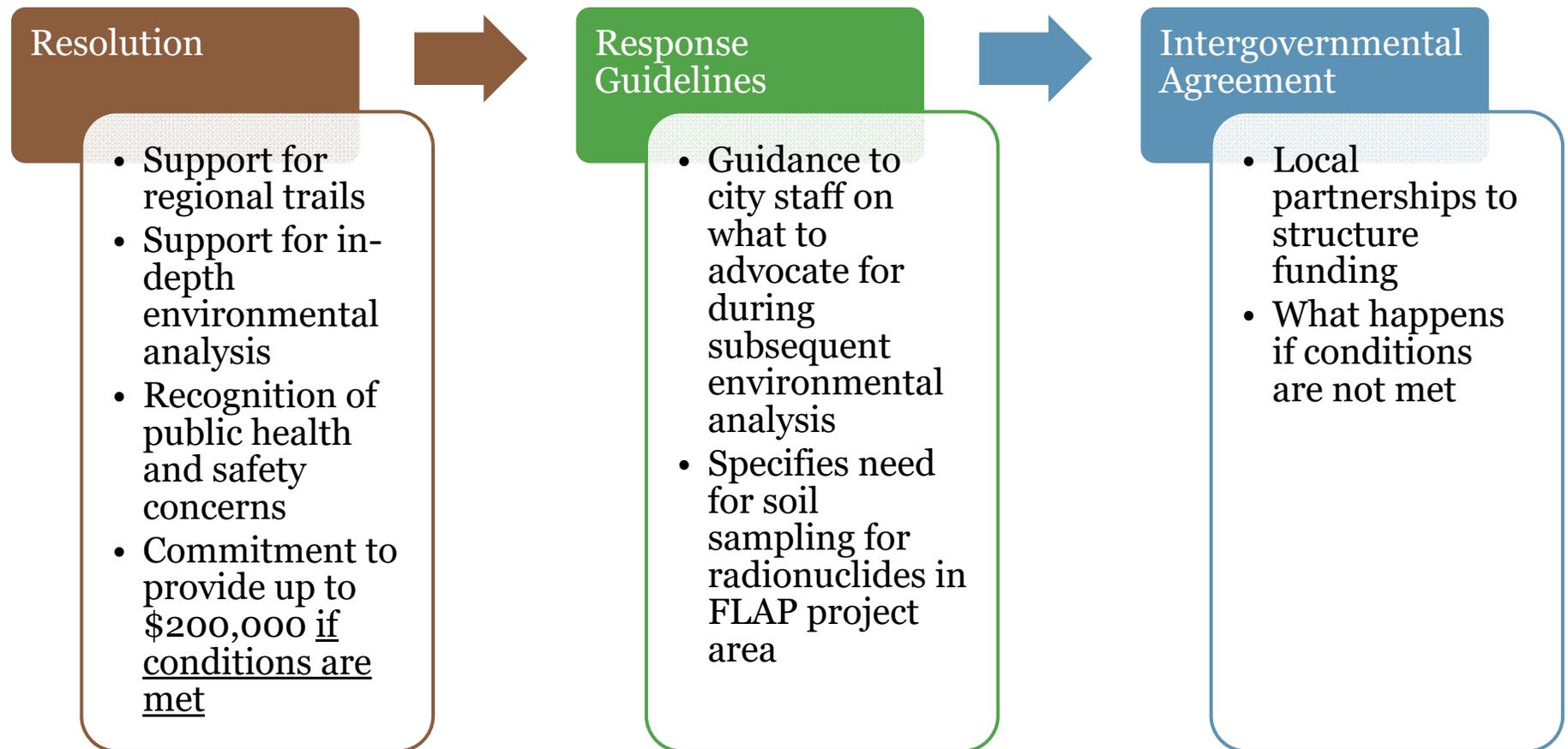


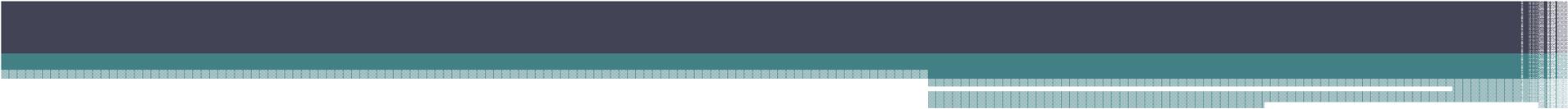


Potential Local Funding Contributions

- City of Boulder, Boulder County, Arvada, Westminster and Jefferson County would contribute local match for SH 128 crossing(s) only
- City contribution would not exceed \$200,000
- Local match would leverage ~\$3-4 million in federal funds

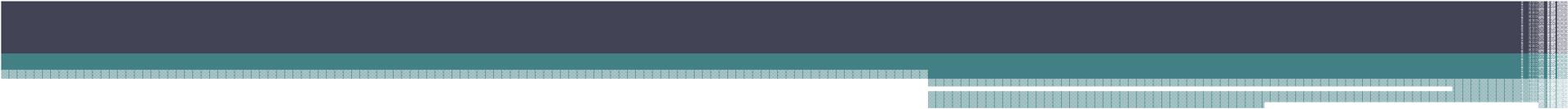
Proposed Format for Structuring City Support





Proposed Conditions on City Funding

- Not to exceed \$200,000
- Support from other local partners
- Project compliance with response guidelines, such as:
 - Thorough NEPA and public process
 - Satisfactory results from soil sampling
 - IGA



Recommended motion to support FLAP application through resolution

Motion to approve Resolution No. 1182 **conditionally** supporting a federal grant application by Jefferson County to fund planning, design and construction of up to two underpasses and trail segments to connect Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge with adjacent City of Boulder and Boulder County trails north of State Highway 128 **and approving the accompanying response guidelines.**

Questions?

Thank you.

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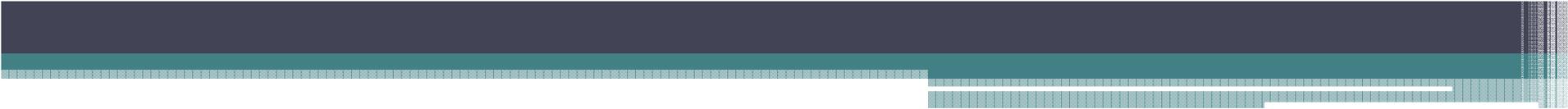
Options for City Council

Support current
FLAP application
(resolution now)

Letter of support
now; resolution
later

Reject
supporting FLAP
application





Alternate motion to support FLAP application through letter of support

Motion to permit Open Space and Mountain Parks Director to issue a letter of support for a federal grant application by Jefferson County to fund planning, design and construction of up to two underpasses and trail segments to connect Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge with adjacent City of Boulder and Boulder County trails north of State Highway 128, conditioned on successful passage of a resolution following the results of CERCLA sampling.