



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 4C

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: December 16, 2019

Staff Contact: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator
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Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Activities, projects, and grants throughout other areas managed by the Open Space Division.

Staff Summary: See below.

Agenda Action: Other/Presentation

Time Requested: 10 minutes

Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event

Staff is working with the local Carson City FFA chapter, students from Carson High School and the Director from River Wranglers to coach a small team of dedicated individuals through the FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event, which will take place in March 2020. This event provides competing students with an opportunity to gain awareness and demonstrate knowledge in areas that affect our air, soil and water. Competitors interpret data, use measuring devices in the field and work through real-life scenarios involving environmental threats in pursuit of scoring the highest as a team and individual. The Carson City FFA Chapter has not had a team compete in several years, so this is an excellent opportunity for Open Space staff and other agencies to engage students in real world professional development activities. Staff involvement includes teaching several hands-on lessons related to water quality testing, plant identification and GPS navigation.

Kings Canyon Road and Trailhead

Kings Canyon Road

On December 3, 2019, staff presented our grant application to the Recreational Trails Program Technical Review Committee for repair of the first two miles of road. The funding request was for \$142,000. The Notice of Funding Award should be released in early 2020. If awarded, construction will take place in the summer of 2020.

Kings Canyon / Waterfall Trailhead

In coordination with Public Works and a grant award from the Federal Lands Access Program, staff is working with Carson City Public Works on design of a new trailhead. It is anticipated that 70% design plans will be received in the December 2019.

Land Acquisition(s)

Clear Creek

No updates.

Previously (October 21, 2019): Staff is working with Nevada Land Trust to help facilitate the acquisition of 100+ acres owned by the State of Nevada. An appraisal is underway. After a value has been determined, staff will resume discussions with the State regarding funding options.

Hamm property acquisition

The Board of Supervisors passed a motion to officially name the property as the “Eagle View Open Space.”

Joost Land and Cattle Co.

The subject property includes two parcels consisting of approximately 100 acres located on the west side of Carson City along Ash Canyon Road and just south of the Ash Canyon water tanks. The property has been in the Joost Family for nearly 100 years. Ms. Karen Joost was the most recent owner/occupant. Unfortunately, Ms. Joost recently and suddenly passed away. Her family would like to carry forth her wishes for a conservation easement or some other land protection (development restriction) on the property. Staff from the Open Space Division and Public Works Department have met with the family and family attorney to initiate discussions on the options. The southern part of the property is on the Open Space Plan and Opportunities Map. The northern part of the property is the homestead. While it was not on the Open Space Plan and Opportunities Map, it is currently part of the discussion for a holistic plan.

Old Woods Ranch

Progress is going well with the family, and the grant application to the Forest Legacy Program will be transmitted to the Regional Office in October 2019 for their review.

Schulz Investments

The Schulz Investments properties include two parcels consisting of approximately 355 acres located along the north side of Highway 50 west. While identified on the Open Space Plan and Opportunities Map for protection, staff has not actively been working with the family on an acquisition plan. Rather, the preferred option would be acquisition by the U.S. Forest Service since they are the adjacent land owner/administrator. The family is researching options for limited development on the properties. Staff has provided comments on the proposals, including the desire to keep the hillside undeveloped and protect the scenic views between Carson City and Lake Tahoe.

Moffat Fire

Between August and November 2019, two separate fires have started on the slopes of Moffat Open Space, adjacent to the paved pathway that runs through the property. Both of these fires were small in size (less than one acre), however the frequency of the fires has suggested an anthropogenic cause. Later investigation by the Carson City Fire Department revealed that the most recent fire was intentionally started by juveniles, who have since been apprehended. Staff plan to treat the burned area with a pre-emergent herbicide this winter to prevent annual invasive establishment and will follow-up with a native seeding next fall.



August fire at the Moffat Open Space



November fire at Moffat Open Space

Personnel

AmeriCorps VISTA members:

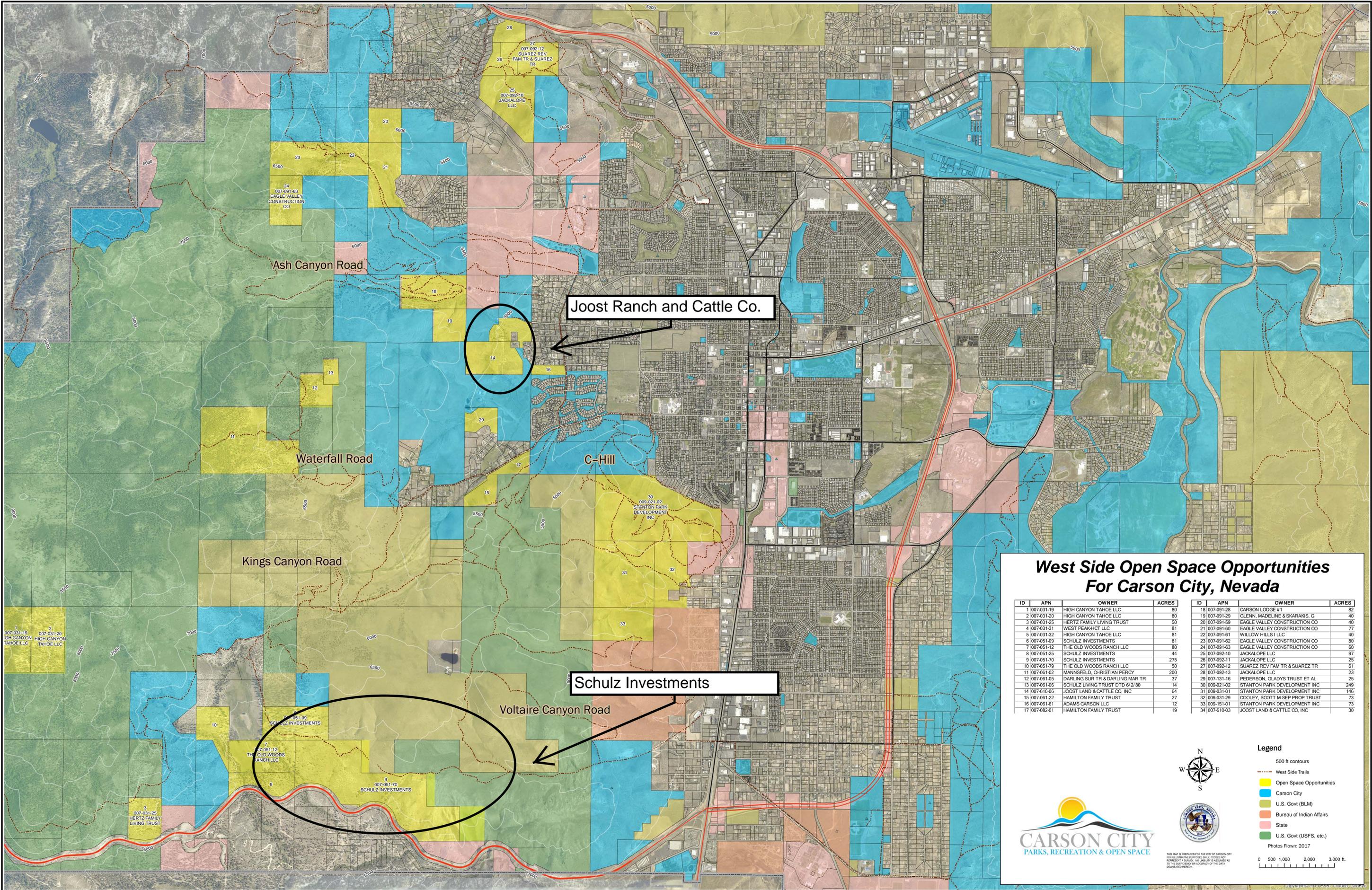
- Community Education Coordinator: position is currently vacant, recruitment is on-going.
- Marketing & Outreach Coordinator: position is currently vacant.
- Volunteer Coordinator: position has been filled by Mackenzie Gargano. She will start with the Department on Wednesday, December 11.

Prison Hill Recreation Area, 5th Street Trailhead

In early November, the PROS Department held an all staff workday to complete revegetation activities at Prison Hill, 5th Street Trailhead. Primarily, staff worked to seed roads that had been vertically mulched and decommissioned by the Great Basin Institute crews, as a final component of the Recreational Trail Program grant. In addition to seeding, staff also worked to install check dams made of straw bales in drainages as an erosion control measure. Together, with the help of the entire Department we were able to re-seed several acres.



PROS staff work to complete seeding along the decommissioned roads at 5th Street Trailhead



West Side Open Space Opportunities For Carson City, Nevada

ID	APN	OWNER	ACRES	ID	APN	OWNER	ACRES
1	007-031-19	HIGH CANYON TAHOE LLC	80	18	007-091-28	CARSON LODGE #1	82
2	007-031-20	HIGH CANYON TAHOE LLC	80	19	007-091-29	GLENN, MADELINE & SKARAKIS, G	40
3	007-031-25	HERTZ FAMILY LIVING TRUST	50	20	007-091-59	EAGLE VALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	40
4	007-031-31	WEST PEAKHT LLC	81	21	007-091-60	EAGLE VALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	77
5	007-031-32	HIGH CANYON TAHOE LLC	81	22	007-091-61	WILLOW HILLS I LLC	40
6	007-051-09	SCHULZ INVESTMENTS	81	23	007-091-62	EAGLE VALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	80
7	007-051-12	THE OLD WOODS RANCH LLC	80	24	007-091-63	EAGLE VALLEY CONSTRUCTION CO	60
8	007-051-25	SCHULZ INVESTMENTS	44	25	007-092-10	JACKALOPE LLC	97
9	007-051-70	SCHULZ INVESTMENTS	275	26	007-092-11	JACKALOPE LLC	25
10	007-051-79	THE OLD WOODS RANCH LLC	50	27	007-092-12	SUAREZ REV FAM TR & SUAREZ TR	61
11	007-061-02	MANNFELD, CHRISTIAN PERCY	200	28	007-092-13	JACKALOPE LLC	23
12	007-061-05	DARLING SUR TR & DARLING MAR TR	37	29	007-131-16	PEDERSON, GLADYS TRUST ET AL	25
13	007-061-06	SCHULZ LIVING TRUST DTD 6/2/80	14	30	009-021-02	STANTON PARK DEVELOPMENT INC	249
14	007-610-06	JOOST LAND & CATTLE CO, INC	64	31	009-031-01	STANTON PARK DEVELOPMENT INC	146
15	007-061-22	HAMILTON FAMILY TRUST	27	32	009-031-29	COOLEY, SCOTT M SEP PROP TRUST	73
16	007-061-61	ADAMS CARSON LLC	12	33	009-151-01	STANTON PARK DEVELOPMENT INC	73
17	007-082-01	HAMILTON FAMILY TRUST	19	34	007-610-03	JOOST LAND & CATTLE CO, INC	30



- Legend**
- 500 ft contours
 - West Side Trails
 - Open Space Opportunities
 - Carson City
 - U.S. Govt (BLM)
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - State
 - U.S. Govt (USFS, etc.)
 - Photos Flown: 2017



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