



## Open Space Advisory Board – Spring 2026 Recommendation Meeting

**Where:**

Riverdale Regional Park  
9755 Henderson Road  
Brighton, Colorado 80601  
(First building on your left as you enter the park)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Rooms

**When:**

May 27, 2026

**Time:**

6:00 p.m.

To Join Virtually:

**Microsoft Teams meeting**

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## **Agenda May 27, 2026 Spring 2026 Recommendation Meeting**

### **I. Call to Order**

### **II. Roll Call**

Mark Stickel  
Chilisa Shorten  
Janene Feist  
Marc Volland  
Paul Orland  
Sandra Wolfe

### **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **IV Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 29, 2026, Presentation Meeting**

### **V. Update on Fund Balance**

Funds Available: \$20,822,755.51

Funds Requested: \$12,141,849.00

- Full Grant Requests: \$11,976,199.00
- Mini Grant Requests: \$165,650.00

Fund balance if OSAB recommends funding for all projects \$8,680,906.51

### **VI. Review of Grant Applications Scoring**

#### **Scoring Order of Full Applications**

1. Adams County – Water Rights Acquisition, \$3,430,000.00
2. Thornton – Water Wise Drought Defense, \$1,179,150.00
3. Bird Conservancy of the Rockies - Prairie partnerships: connecting people to nature from the grasslands to the cities, \$710,000.00

4. Commerce City – Commerce City Open Space Management, \$60,000.00
5. Strasburg Parks and Recreation – Pee Wee Sports Field, \$117,865.00
6. Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation – Carroll Butts Park Phase II, \$2,870,000.00
7. Westminster – Vogel Pond Open Space Area Management Plan, \$52,500.00
8. Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges - Nature Play at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, \$918,547.00
9. Town of Bennett – Civic Center Park Ball Field Maintenance Equipment Dedicated Hybrid/Electric System, \$70,000.00
10. Bennett Parks and Recreation District – Security for Safety, \$63,000.00
11. Northglenn – Parks Barn Electrification Project, Request: \$183,546.00
12. Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation – Ballfield Concessions & Restroom Improvements, \$945,000.00
13. Northglenn – Larson Glenn Mini Pitch Project, \$134,520.00
14. Thornton - Sports Courts and Safety Reports, \$1,242,071.00

**Mini Grants** - *The funds requested did not exceed 2 percent of the total available funds. Therefore, mini grants did not require scoring this cycle.*

1. Thornton – Beat the Heat – Take a Seat, \$25,000.00
2. Brighton – Park Rules and Informational Signage, \$25,000.00
3. North Metro Little League - NMLL Field Upgrades and Equipment - Northwest Open Space, \$17,150.00
4. Adams County - Natural Heritage Survey for Adams County, \$17,500.00
5. Westminster– Grit at Irving Street Community Garden, \$25,000.00
6. Bennett Parks and recreation District – Welcome Desk, \$23,100.00
7. Strasburg Parks and Recreation District- USA 250 Community Mural, \$7,900.00
8. Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation District – Bell Roth Park Shade Structure, \$25,000.00

## **VII. Confirm Ranking and Discuss Funding Strategy**

- a. Mini Grants
- b. Full Applications

## **IX. Funding Discussion**

- a. Formal recommendations
- b. Vote

## **IX. Public Comment**

*(Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker)*

## **X. Break**

## **XI. Matters from the Board**

## **XII. Matters from the Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Arts Department**

### **a. OSAB Vacancy(s)**

Cities' Rotation per Bylaws:

Arvada, Aurora, Bennett, Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster

To apply:

<https://adamscountyco.gov/our-county/elected-officials/board-of-county-commissioners/citizen-advisory-boards-and-commissions/>

Contact: Erica Hannah, Clerk to the Board: [EHannah@adamscountyco.gov](mailto:EHannah@adamscountyco.gov)

## **XIII. Adjourn**

**EXHIBIT A**

Applicant	Project Name	Active/Passive/Mini	Total Project Cost	Funding Request	Funding Request %	OSAB Funding Recommendation	Funding Request %
ADAMS COUNTY	WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION	Passive	\$4,900,000.00	\$3,430,000.00	70.00%		0.00%
THORNTON	WATER WISE DROUGHT DEFENSE	PASSIVE edited request amount to 70%	\$1,684,500.00	\$1,179,150.00	70.00%		0.00%
BIRD CONSERVANCY OF THE ROCKIES	PRAIRIE PARTNERSHIPS:CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE FROM THE GRASSLANDS TO THE CITIES	PASSIVE	\$1,142,250.00	\$710,000.00	62.16%		0.00%
COMMERCE CITY	COMMERCE CITY OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT	PASSIVE	\$120,000.00	\$60,000.00	50.00%		0.00%
STRASBURG PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	PEE WEE SPORTS FIELD	ACTIVE	\$169,433.00	\$117,865.00	69.56%		0.00%
HYLAND HILLS	CARROLL BUTTS PARK PHASE II	ACTIVE	\$4,100,000.00	\$2,870,000.00	70.00%		0.00%
WESTMINSTER	VOGEL POND OPEN SPACE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN	PASSIVE	\$75,000.00	\$52,500.00	70.00%		0.00%
FRIENDS OF THE FRONT RANGE WILDLIFE REFUGES	NATURE PLAY AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	ACTIVE	\$1,393,212.00	\$918,547.00	65.93%		0.00%
BENNETT	CIVIC CENTER PARK BALL FIELD MAINTENACE EQUIPMENT DEDICATED HYBRID/ELECTRIC SYSTEM	ACTIVE	\$100,000.00	\$70,000.00	70.00%		0.00%
BENNETT PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	SECURITY FOR SAFETY	ACTIVE	\$90,000.00	\$63,000.00	70.00%		0.00%
NORTHGLENN	PARKS BARN ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT	PASSIVE	\$414,250.00	\$183,546.00	44.31%		0.00%
HYLAND HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	BALLFIELD CONSESSIONS & RESTROOMS IMPROVEMENTS	ACTIVE	\$1,350,000.00	\$945,000.00	70.00%		0.00%
NORTHGLENN	LARSON GLENN MINI-PITCH PROJECT	ACTIVE	\$244,100.00	\$134,520.00	55.11%		0.00%
THORNTON	SPORTS COURTS AND SAFETY REPORTS	ACTIVE	\$1,774,388.00	\$1,242,071.00	70.00%		0.00%
THORNTON	BEAT THE HEAT - TAKE A SEAT	MINI	\$56,125.51	\$25,000.00	44.54%		0.00%
BRIGHTON	PARK RULES AND INFORMATIONAL SIGNAGE	MINI	\$48,600.00	\$25,000.00	51.44%		0.00%
NORTH METRO LITTLE LEAGUE	NMLL Field Upgrades and Equipment - Northwest Open Space	MINI	\$25,000.00	\$17,150.00	68.60%		0.00%
ADAMS COUNTY	NATURAL HERITAGE SURVEY FOR ADAMS COUNTY	MINI	\$25,000.00	\$17,500.00	70.00%		0.00%
WESTMINSTER	GRIT AT IRVING STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN	MINI	\$35,715.00	\$25,000.00	70.00%		0.00%
BENNETT PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	WELCOME DESK	MINI	\$33,000.00	\$23,100.00	70.00%		0.00%
STRASBURG PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	USA 250 COMMUNITY MURAL	MINI edited request amount to 70%	\$11,400.00	\$7,900.00	69.30%		0.00%
HYLAND HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	BELL ROTH PARK SHADE SHELTER	MINI	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	50.00%		0.00%
				<b>\$12,141,849.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	

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