



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 10, 2014

To: Bob Morasko, CEO of Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center

From: Michael Yerman, Community Development Director

RE: Salida River Trail GOCO Grant

Great Outdoors Colorado (“GOCO”) has recently announced that the City of Salida is a finalist for the Paths to Parks Grant Cycle for the construction of the Salida River Trail. The intent of this grant opportunity is to provide youth and families with increased opportunities for safe trail access to their local parks and open spaces. Providing free, safe, non-motorized access will encourage trail activity while increasing the exploration and use of existing outdoor opportunities. The City will be submitting the final grant application at the beginning of March. GOCO will be announcing grant recipients in the middle of June 2014.

The City of Salida is proposing the construction of the remaining Salida River Trail to connect the historic downtown with McCormick Park and Sands Lake. The project includes construction of a new trail from Sands Lake through Marvin Park. This section of trail will also include a new restroom facility, and upgrades to the parking lot at Marvin Park. The second section of trail construction will connect Riverside Park and McCormick Park by a trail along the river. The City is also applying for a Fishing is Fun grant to construct an in-river ADA fishing access in the Arkansas River adjacent to Sands Lake and to create an ADA parking area at Sands Lake. Attached are 3 maps showing the proposed project.

This proposed river trail extension will also connect directly to Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Campus (“HRRMC”) and perimeter trail. A past Fishing is Fun Grant created a safe connection across SH 291 from the Hospital to Sands Lake via the Mesa Lane Trail extension. The proposed River Trail will extend east to the Historic Downtown along the bank of the Arkansas River. This will provide the employees, guests and patients at the HRRMC a with safe multi-modal connection to the downtown and west to Frantz Lake.

The total estimated project cost for the Salida River Trail is \$520,000. This includes \$54,000 for a Fishing is Fun grant to improve ADA fishing access at Sands Lake along the River. The required local match for this project is 25% or \$130,000. The City has been meeting with different community organizations garnering both financial and in-kind support. At this time the City has reached out to these various organizations for support of the Salida River Trail project:

Salida Area Park Open Space and Trails
Salida Mountain Trails
Chaffee County
Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

Salida Business Alliance
Chaffee County Boys & Girls Clubs
Salida Running Club
Colligate Peaks Trout Unlimited
R-32-J School District
Valley to Valley Adult Day Care
Greater Arkansas River Nature Association

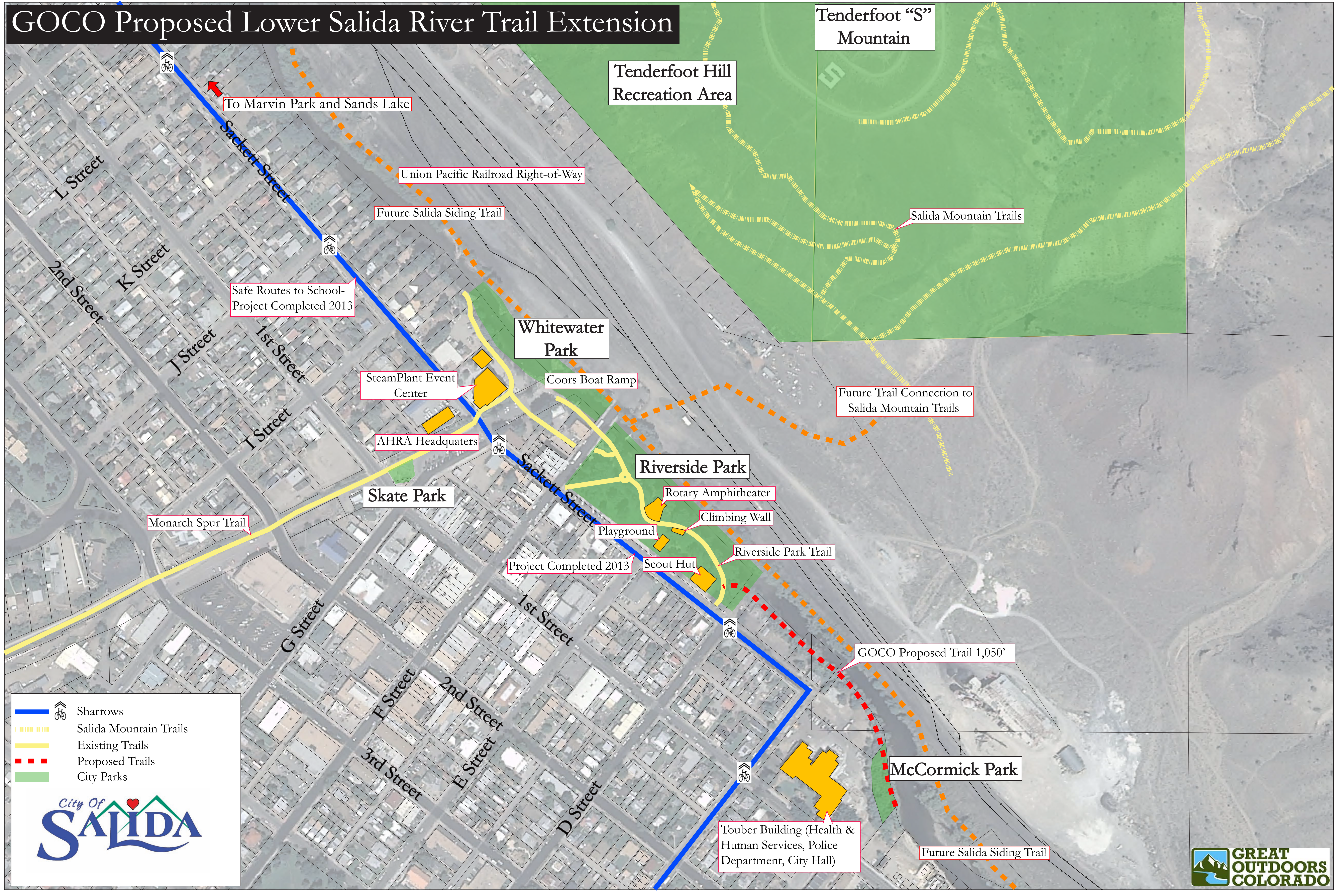
At this time the City of Salida is asking the HRRMC to consider a \$10,000 contribution to serve as a match for this grant. These funds would need to be allocated in 2015. I would be happy to present the project in its entirety to the Hospital Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (719)530-2631 or at Michael.Yerman@cityofsalida.com.

Sponsors we be recognized at trail kiosks and for a contribution of this magnitude the HRRMC will also be recognized through a dedication on a bench along the river.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this community endeavor.



GOCO Proposed Lower Salida River Trail Extension



To Marvin Park and Sands Lake

Tenderfoot Hill Recreation Area

Tenderfoot "S" Mountain

Union Pacific Railroad Right-of-Way

Future Salida Siding Trail

Salida Mountain Trails

Safe Routes to School-
Project Completed 2013

Whitewater Park

SteamPlant Event Center

Coors Boat Ramp

Future Trail Connection to Salida Mountain Trails

AHRA Headquarters

Riverside Park

Monarch Spur Trail

Skate Park

Rotary Amphitheater

Climbing Wall



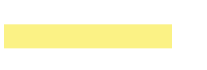


Playground

Riverside Park Trail

Project Completed 2013

Scout Hut

GOCO Proposed Trail 1,050'

-  Sharrows
-  Salida Mountain Trails
-  Existing Trails
-  Proposed Trails
-  City Parks



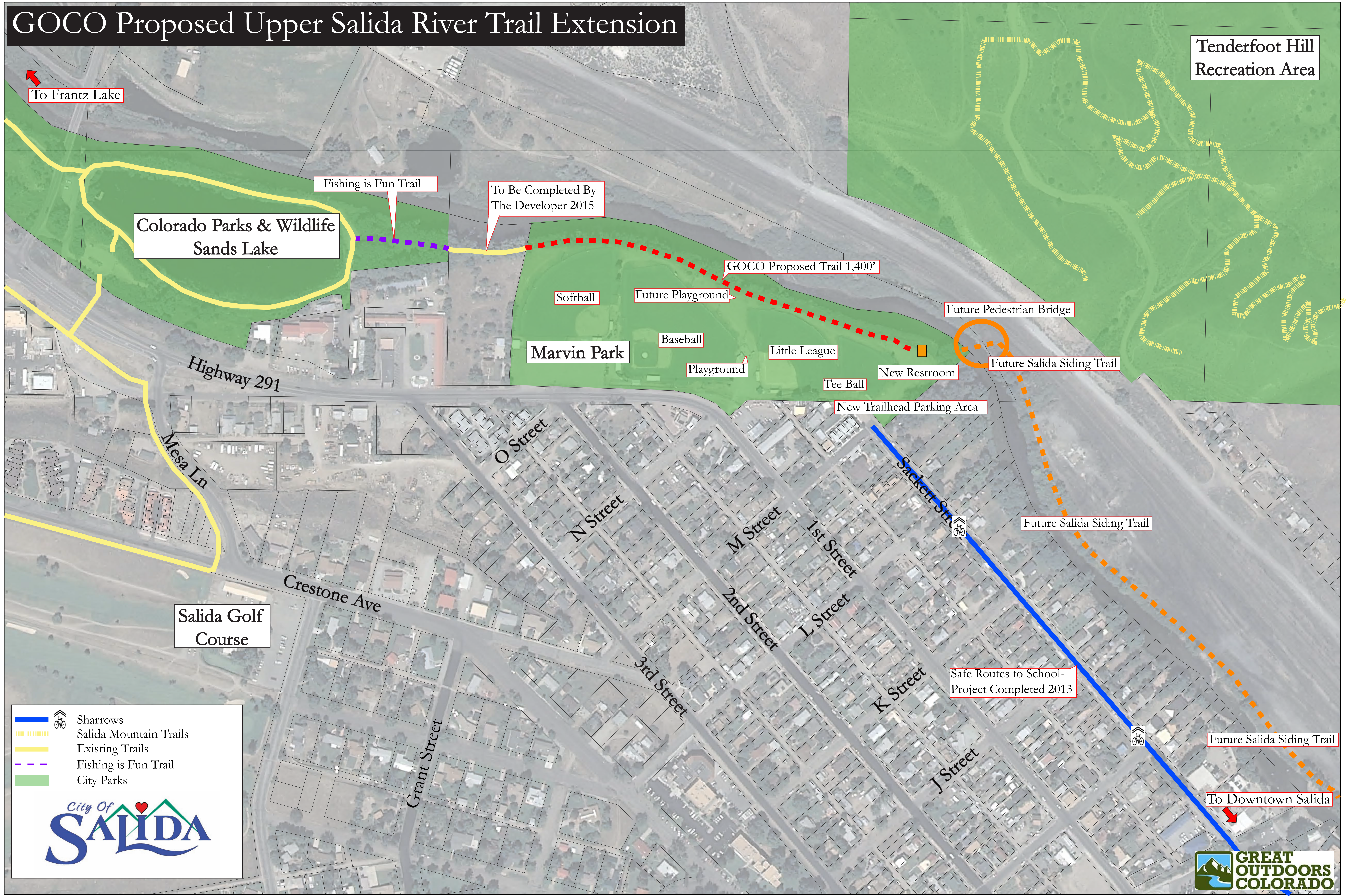
McCormick Park

Touber Building (Health & Human Services, Police Department, City Hall)

Future Salida Siding Trail



GOCO Proposed Upper Salida River Trail Extension



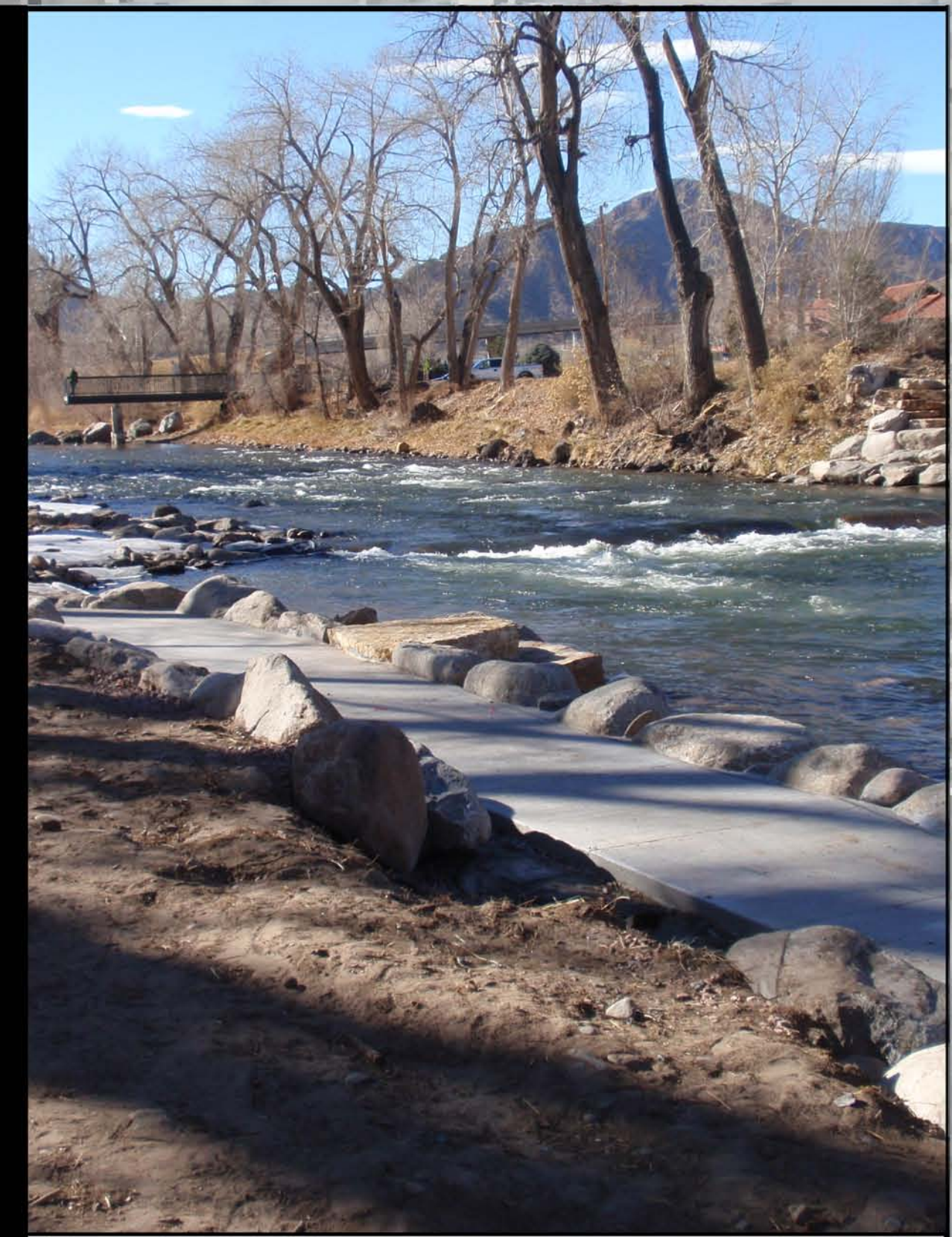
- Sharrows
- Salida Mountain Trails
- Existing Trails
- Fishing is Fun Trail
- City Parks



Sands Lake Fishing is Fun Grant Proposal



Proposed Location of New In-River ADA Access



In-River ADA Access Canon City

In-River Fish Habitat Improvements

Fishing is Fun Grant In-River Trail

GOCO River Trail



2 New Concrete ADA Parking Spaces

- Proposed Fishing Is Fun Trail
- Existing Trails
- GOCO River Trail
- Proposed ADA Fishing Access

