



PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: May 7 th , 2019
SUBJECT: Lowell Ponds State Wildlife Area
FROM: Byron Fanning and Marc Pedrucci
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Parks & Open Space
HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON: 2/13/2018
AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of County Commissioners approves a resolution accepting a Quit Claim Deed from the Colorado Department of Transportation to take on ownership and management of Lowell Ponds.

BACKGROUND:

Lowell Ponds State Wildlife Area is a 43-acre property located between Lowell Blvd. and Tennyson St. directly south of I-76. The property is owned by CDOT, and has been leased to the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife (CDPW) since 1985 for a fishing and wildlife observation area as part of a 99 year lease. It contains three ponds that resulted from gravel mining, and is primarily used by the public for fishing access. CDPW contacted Adams County and Hyland Hills Park & Rec District in 2017 to inform us that they would be terminating the lease with CDOT to cease management of the property, and to see if the county and/or Hyland Hills would be interested in taking over management of the property. The Parks and Open Space Department (POSD) and Hyland Hills staff agreed that it is important to continue to have Lowell Ponds open to the public and actively managed so that it remains an asset to county residents. The Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution of intent to accept a quitclaim deed on Lowell Ponds on February 19, 2019.

This resolution formally accepts the quitclaim deed for Lowell Ponds.

In anticipation of taking over management of Lowell Ponds in 2019, a one-time project was submitted and approved in the 2019 Budget for basic maintenance and repairs for the Lowell Ponds site in the amount of \$200,000.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

Parks & Open Space, CDOT

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Quitclaim Deed

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please check if there is no fiscal impact ☐. If there is fiscal impact, please fully complete the section below.

Fund: 27**Cost Center: 6107**

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Revenue:			
Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget:			
Total Revenues:			

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:	7820	61071918	\$200,000
Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure:			
Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Total Expenditures:			\$200,000

New FTEs requested: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Future Amendment Needed: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Additional Note: