

Mountains to Plains Zone

Community Feedback Report

Data in this report is from the spring 2022 feedback form and community conversations in English and Spanish regarding the [Mountains to Plains Zone Update](#).

Key Feedback Themes at Soapstone Prairie:

- Protecting natural habitats while maintaining and increasing recreation opportunities.
- Celebrating Soapstone Prairie's unique qualities.
- Engaging the community in management practices.

Natural Area Goals:

 1 CONSERVE LANDS & WATER	 2 ECOSYSTEM HEALTH & RESILIENCE
 3 EDUCATION & APPROPRIATE RECREATION	 4 STEWARD PUBLIC RESOURCES

278
Responses



Common Questions & Concerns:

Why are dogs not allowed?

Dogs are not allowed to protect the many wildlife species that live at Soapstone Prairie. Several species at Soapstone Prairie are especially sensitive. Dogs can cause disruptions in wildlife behaviors like feeding, reproduction, and resting.

Will Natural Areas build more trails?

No new trails are planned beyond the existing 44-mile network at this time. Natural Areas will be identifying ways to provide regional trail connectivity and improving existing trails through new signage, maintenance, and ADA accessibility.

Will Natural Areas enhance accessibility?

Natural Areas plans to lower brochure boxes, provide hand sanitizer, add ADA picnic tables, and make other enhancements we learned about from the community at Soapstone Prairie and at other natural areas.

Please shorten the Zone Updates

Future Zone Updates will have an executive summary.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts!

The feedback portal is always open at www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/feedback.

Reasons Soapstone Prairie is Enjoyed

- #1 Trail Network
- #2 Views and Habitat
- #3 Community Buffer

Barriers to visiting Soapstone Prairie

- #1 Not nearby
- #2 Lack of free time
- #3 No dog policy



"I am so grateful for the birds and the animals, that they have a space to breathe and be."
-Soapstone Prairie visitor

To learn more visit <https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/mountains-to-plains-zone>

About the Feedback:






Input was collected in English and Spanish through web-based and paper forms, online and at events, March-June 2022. Outreach included:

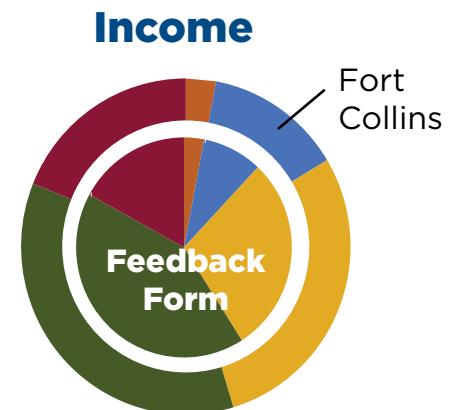
- Irish Elementary Day of the Child
- Kestrel Fields Drop-In
- Poudre River Drop-In
- Soapstone Prairie Drop-In
- Consultant-led Accessibility Assessment at Soapstone Prairie
- Natural Areas E-news
- Land Conservation and Stewardship Board
- Social Media
- Trailhead Signs
- Mailing to Neighbors
- Volunteer Coffee Talk
- Presentations to Poudre School District Teachers and a PSD English Language Learners Group








Feedback Demographics

The Natural Areas Department strives to conduct inclusive public engagement that matches the demographics of our community, and is always evolving its processes to meet this goal. The demographics of the 278 respondents were generally older, wealthier, and more educated than the general population. Nine percent of feedback form respondents self-identified their ethnicity as hispanic/latinx compared with 14% city-wide.

Household Income		Feedback Form	Fort Collins
Less than \$10K per year		3%	2.5%
\$10K-\$34.9K per year		9%	11.4%
\$35K-\$74.9K per year		29%	24.5%
\$75K-\$149.9K per year		42%	30.3%
\$150K+ per year		17%	16.8%



Race		Feedback Form	Fort Collins
American Indian/Alaska Native		0.7%	0.9%
Asian		0.4%	3.6%
Black/African American		0.4%	1.5%
Two or more races/Other		6.9%	13.2%
White		91.6%	80.8%

