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**River's Edge  
Natural Area**









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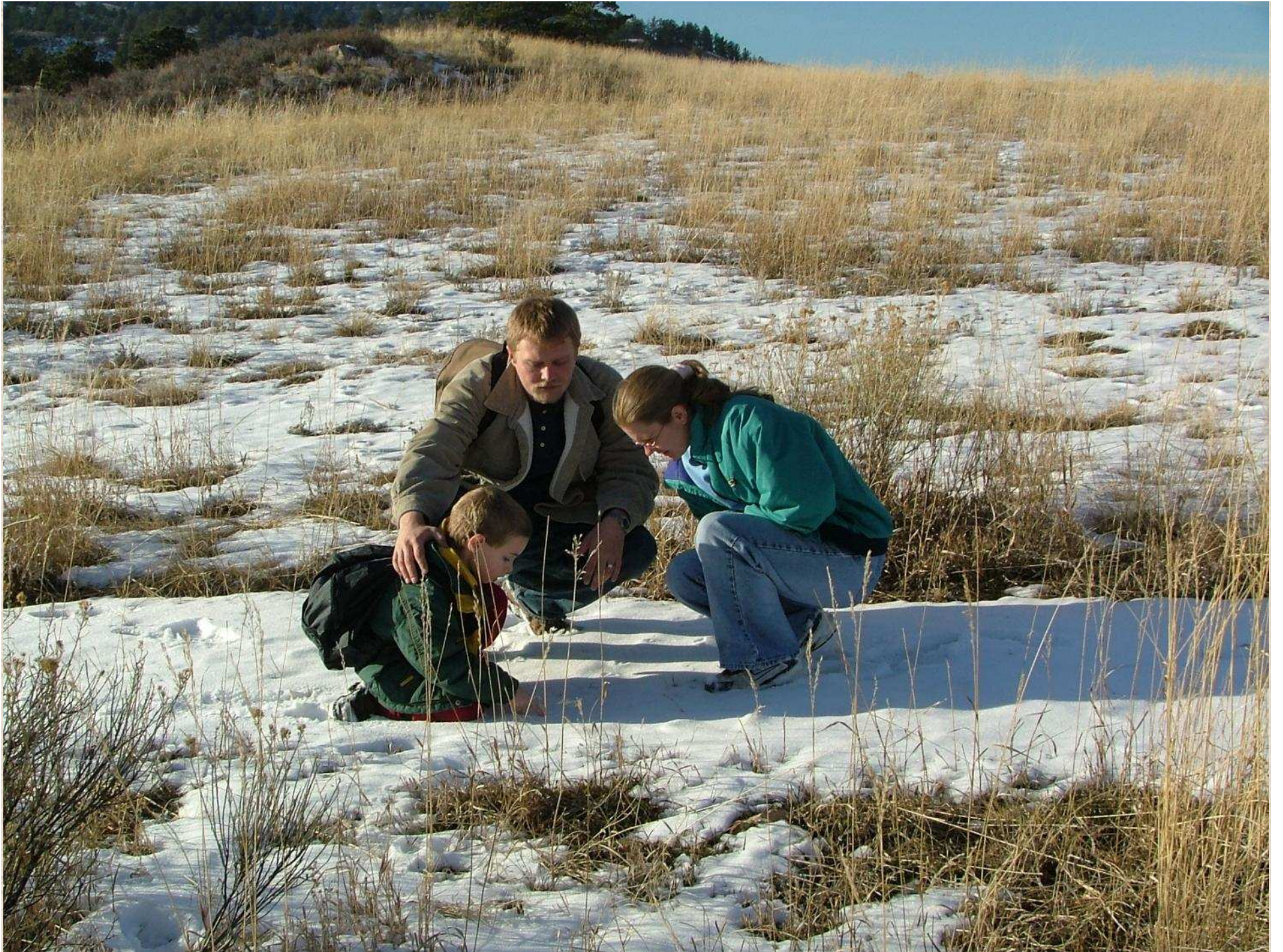
**Fort Collins tax initiatives funded land acquisitions along the foothills and Poudre River.**





## Reservoir Ridge Natural Area











# Maxwell Natural Area



# 1992

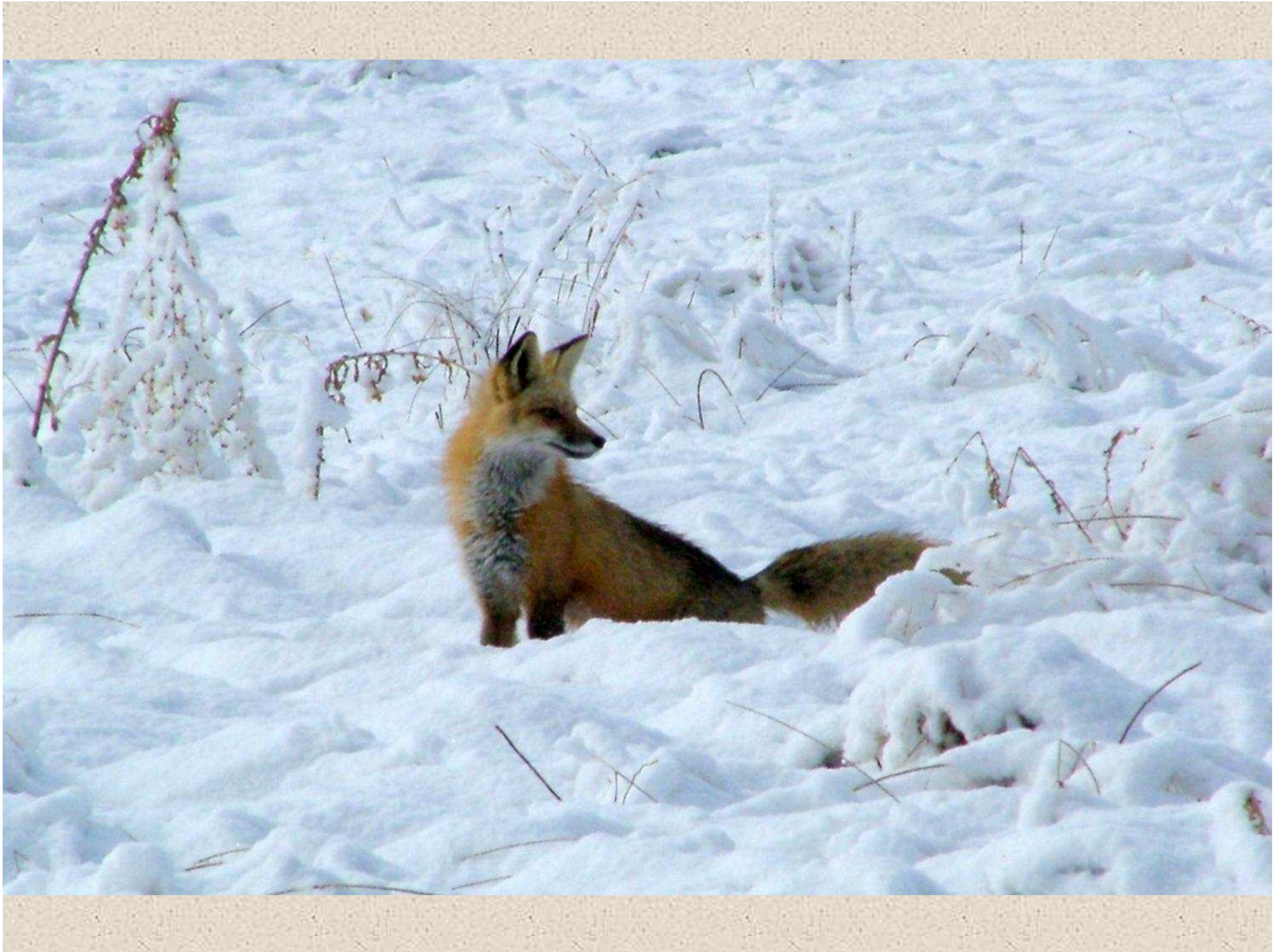
**Citizen-initiated ballot measure created the *Natural Areas Program* and funded conservation and stewardship for five years.**













**BOBCAT RIDGE**



# McMurry Natural Area





# 1995

**Larimer County voters passed a ¼ cent sales tax for open space.**

**Revenues were distributed to the municipalities based on population. This supported Fort Collins Natural Areas operations and maintenance until 2003.**













*Gustav Swanson*  
*Natural Area*

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Duluth, Minnesota







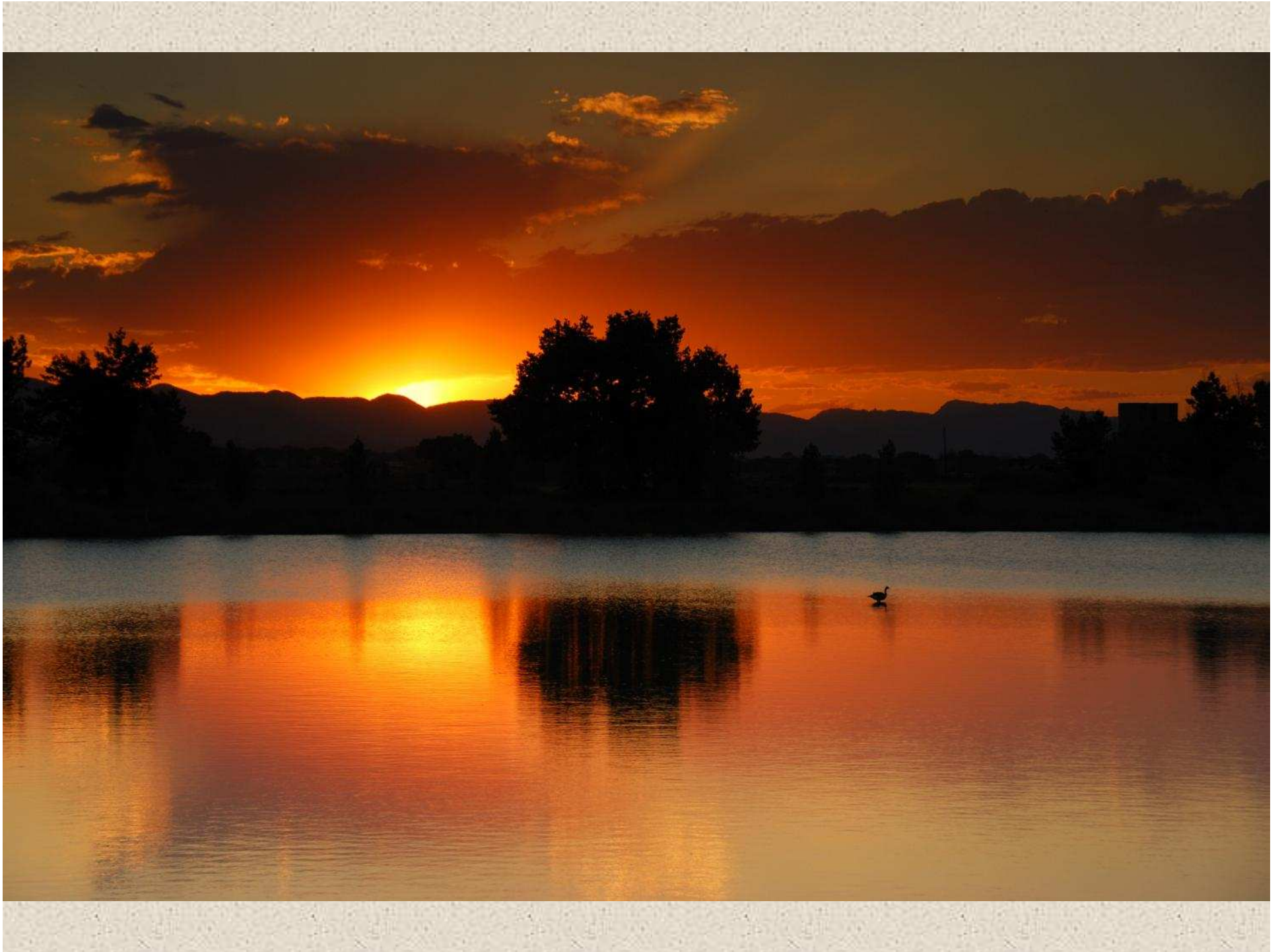




# 1997

**Natural areas and trails funding was extended through 2005 with the *Building Community Choices* tax measure in Fort Collins.**



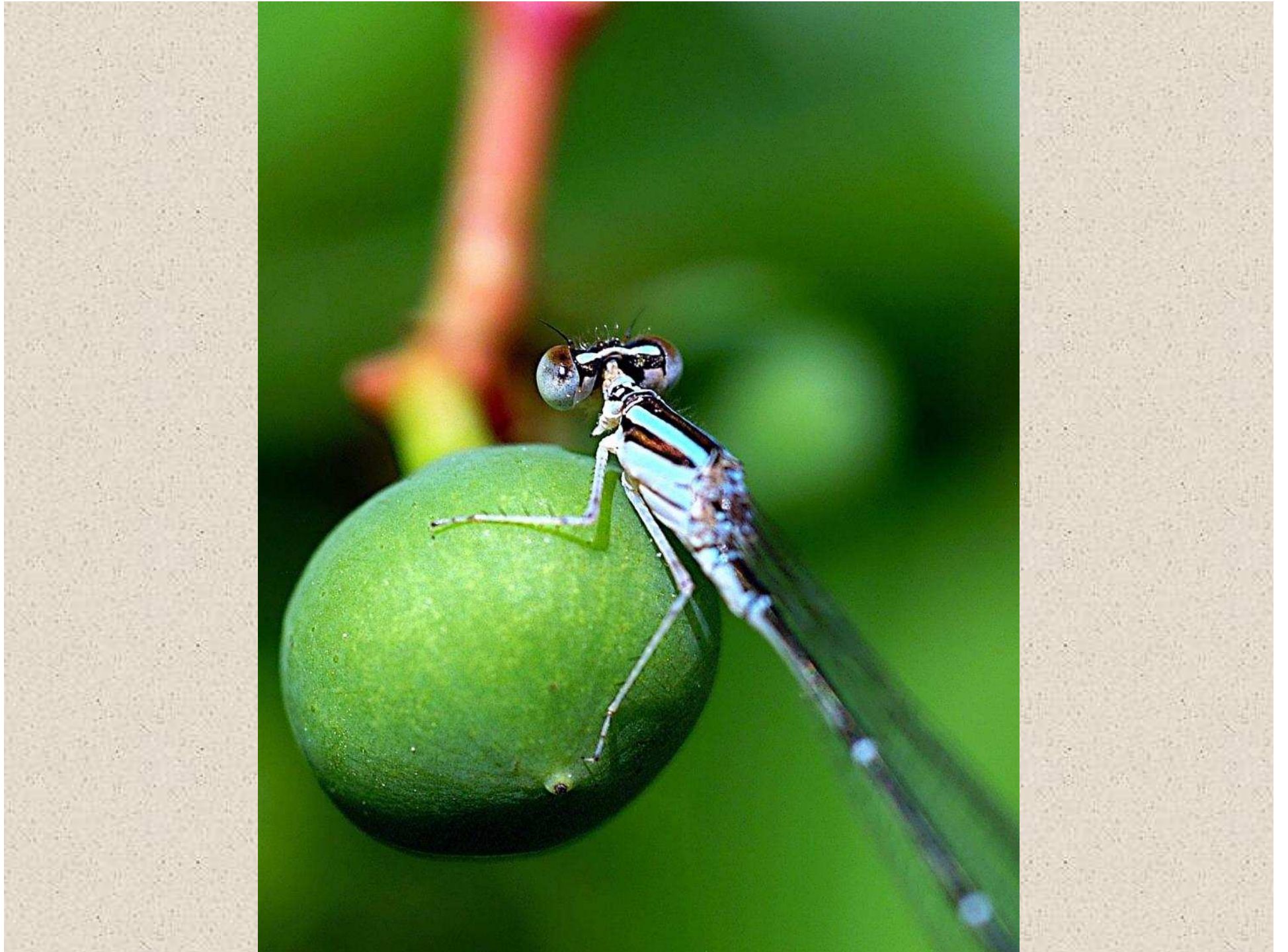


**Riverbend Ponds  
Natural Area**













# 1999

**Larimer County citizens extend funding for open space and natural areas until 2018.**







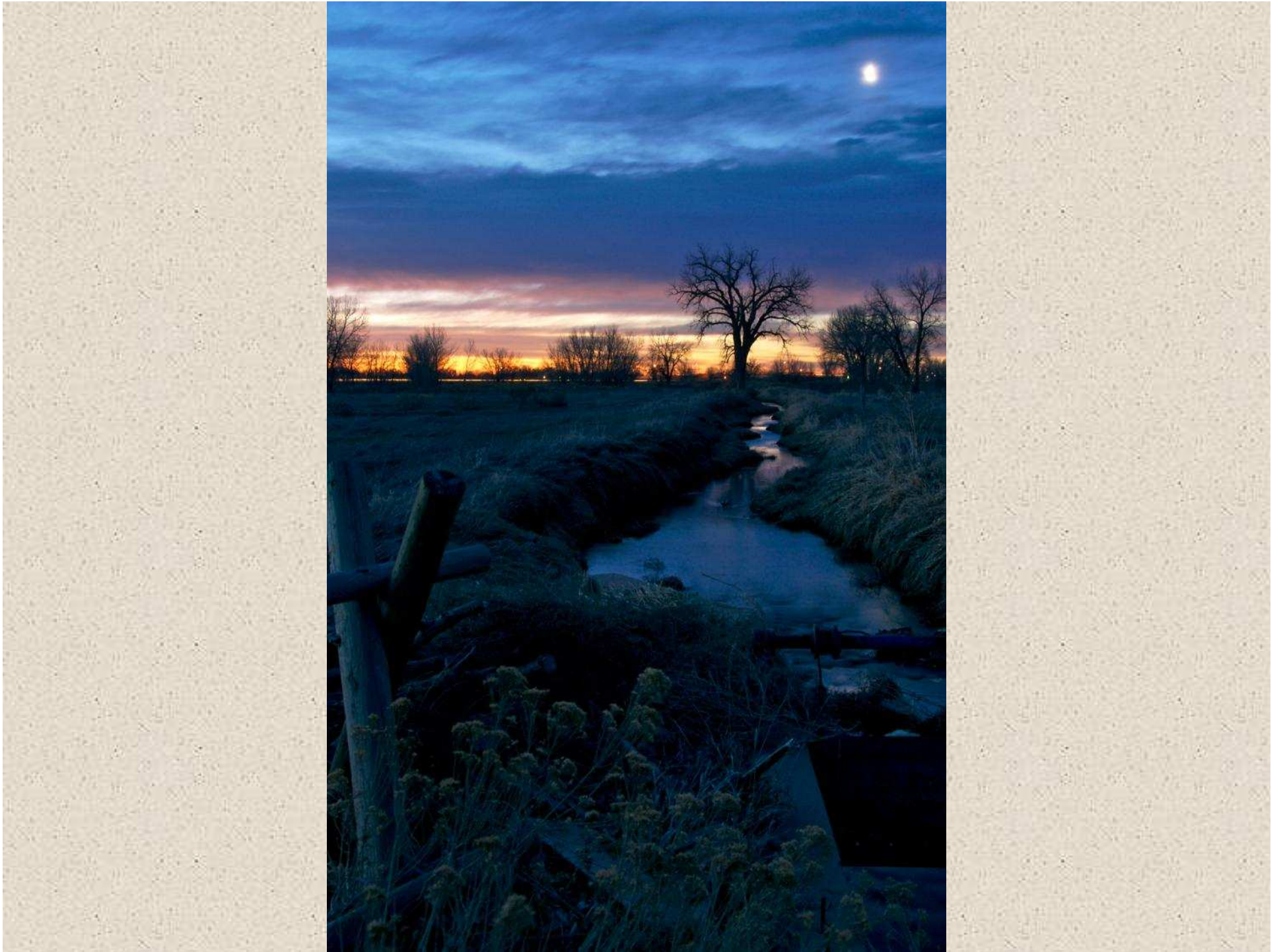










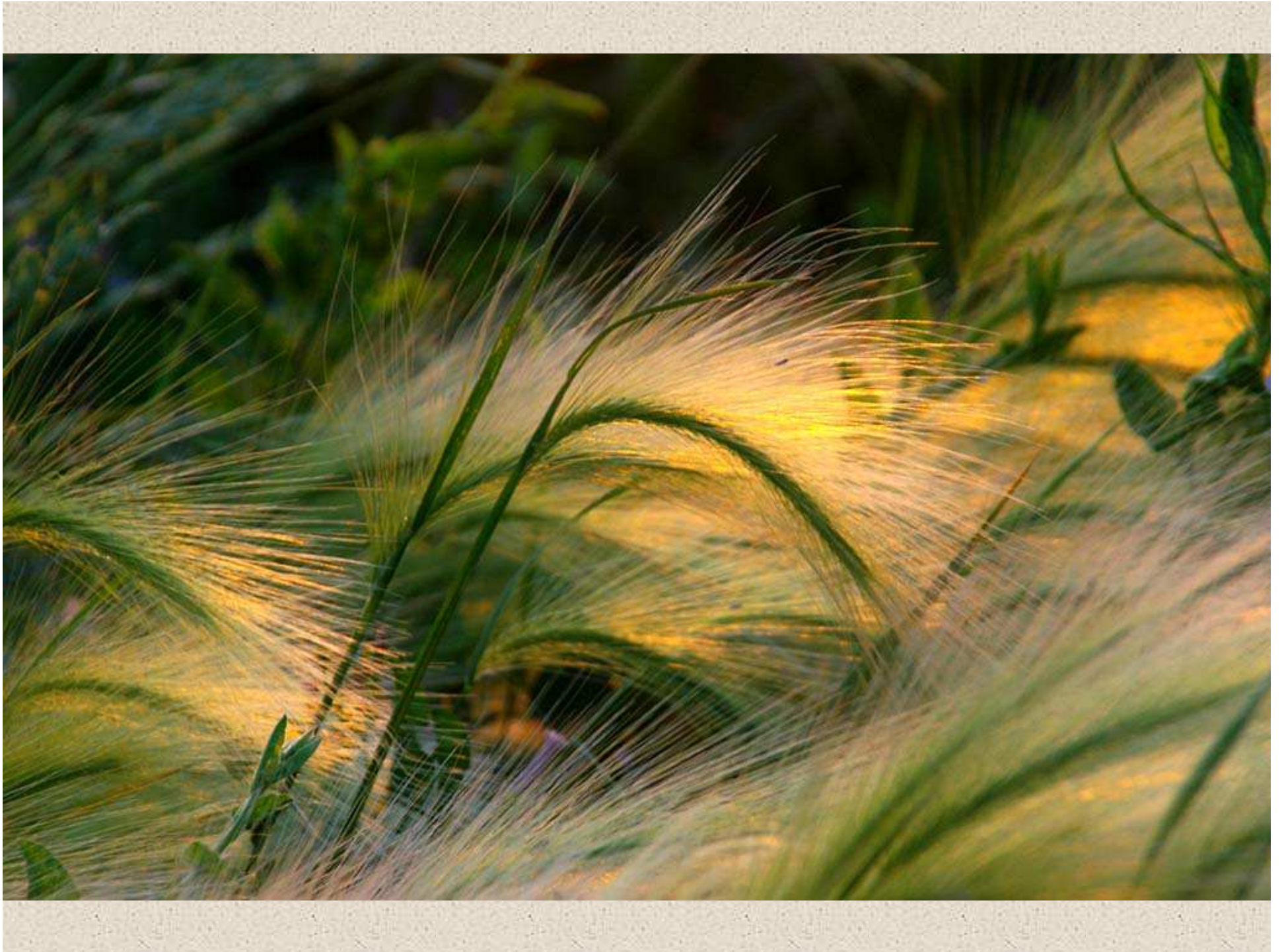


# 2002

**Fort Collins voters extended Natural Areas funding until 2030 with the citizen-initiated *Open Space Yes!* ballot measure.**

**The tax focuses on conservation of lands locally, regionally, and within community separators.**









**Colina Mariposa  
Natural Area**

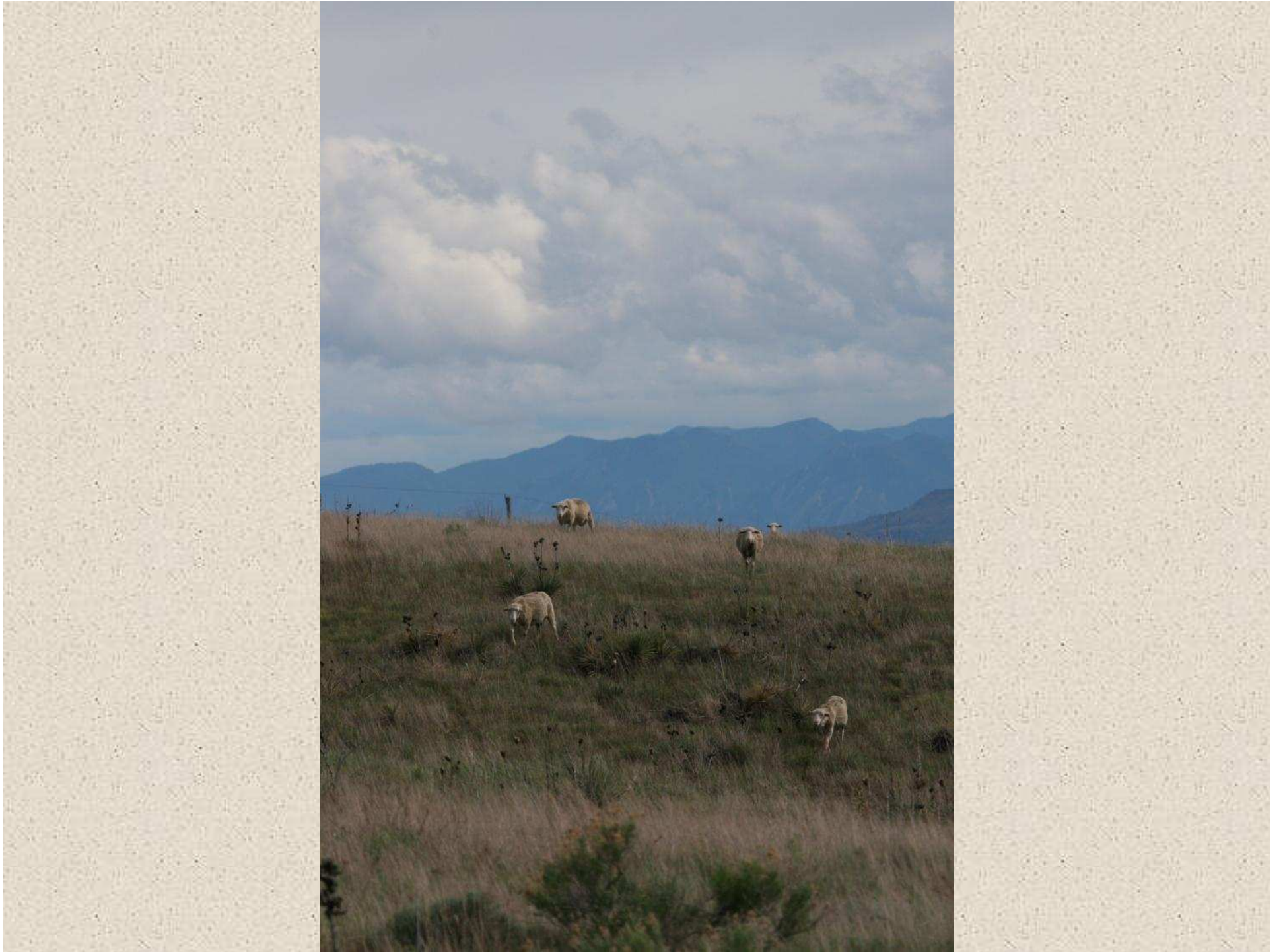








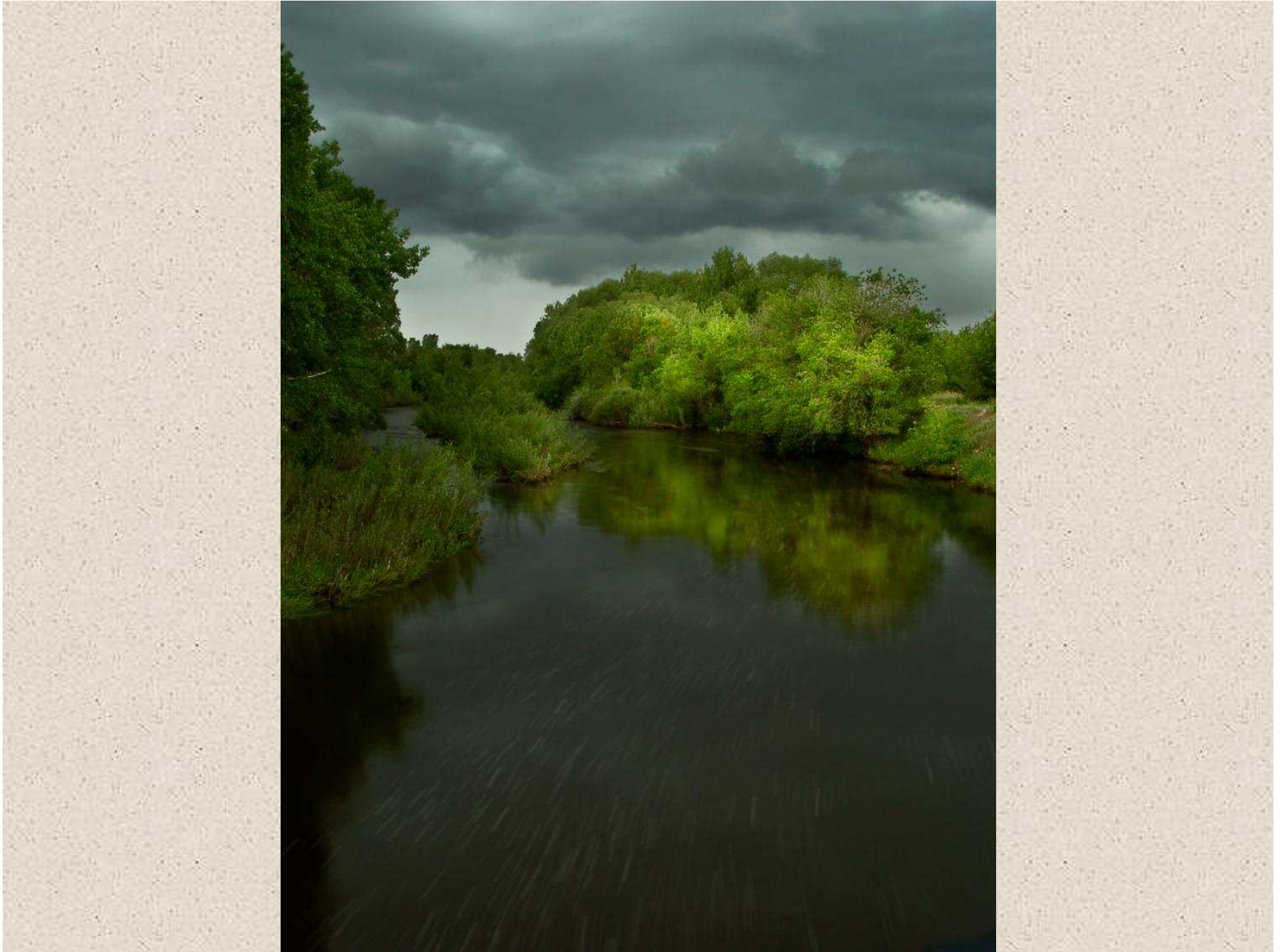




# 2012

**To date the Natural Areas Department has conserved 42,000 acres and actively manages 35,000 acres of natural areas.**







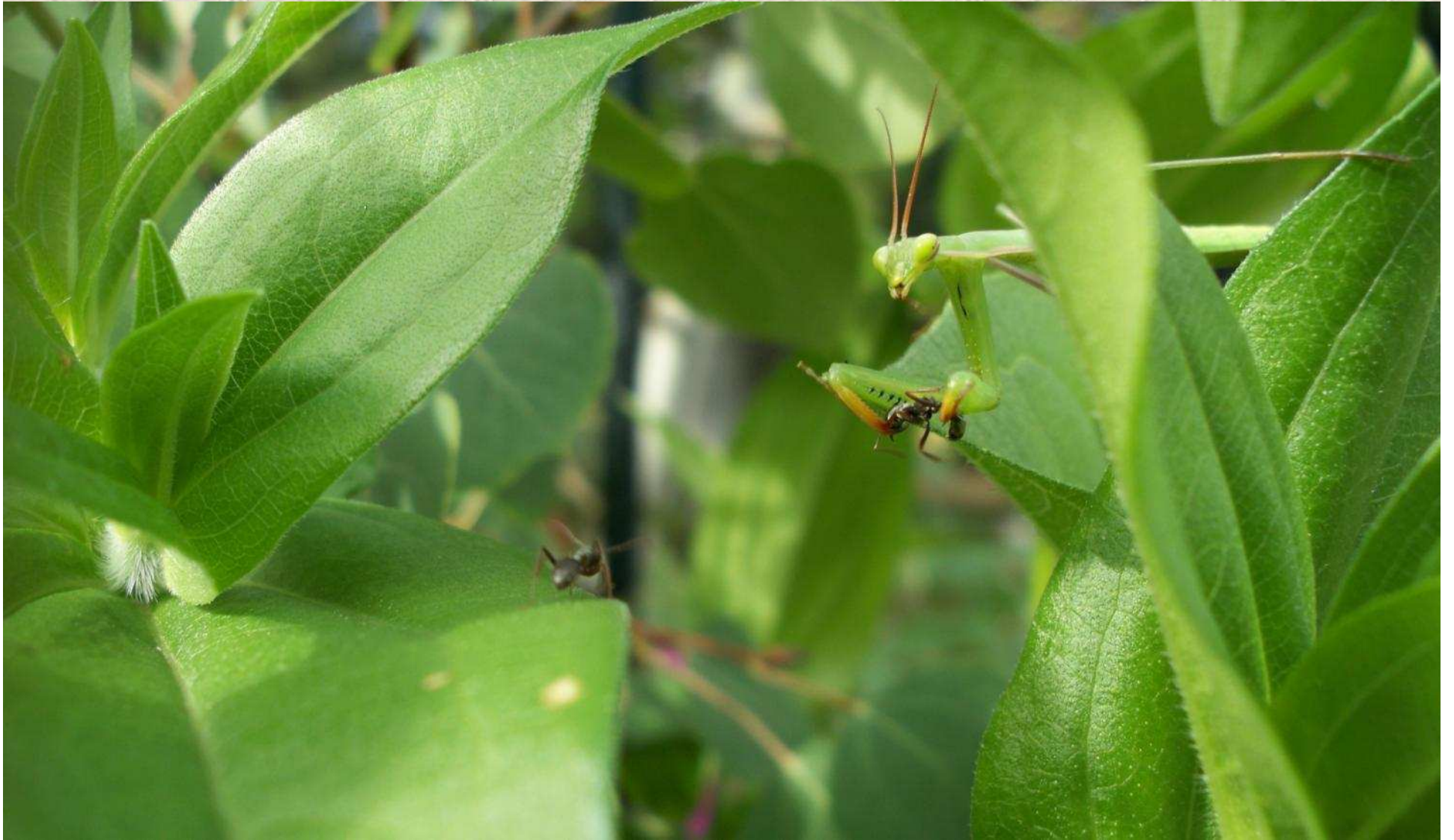












# **Thank You Voters!**

**Your support of citizen-initiated sales taxes make land conservation and visitor services possible.**













**Kingfisher Point  
Natural Area**



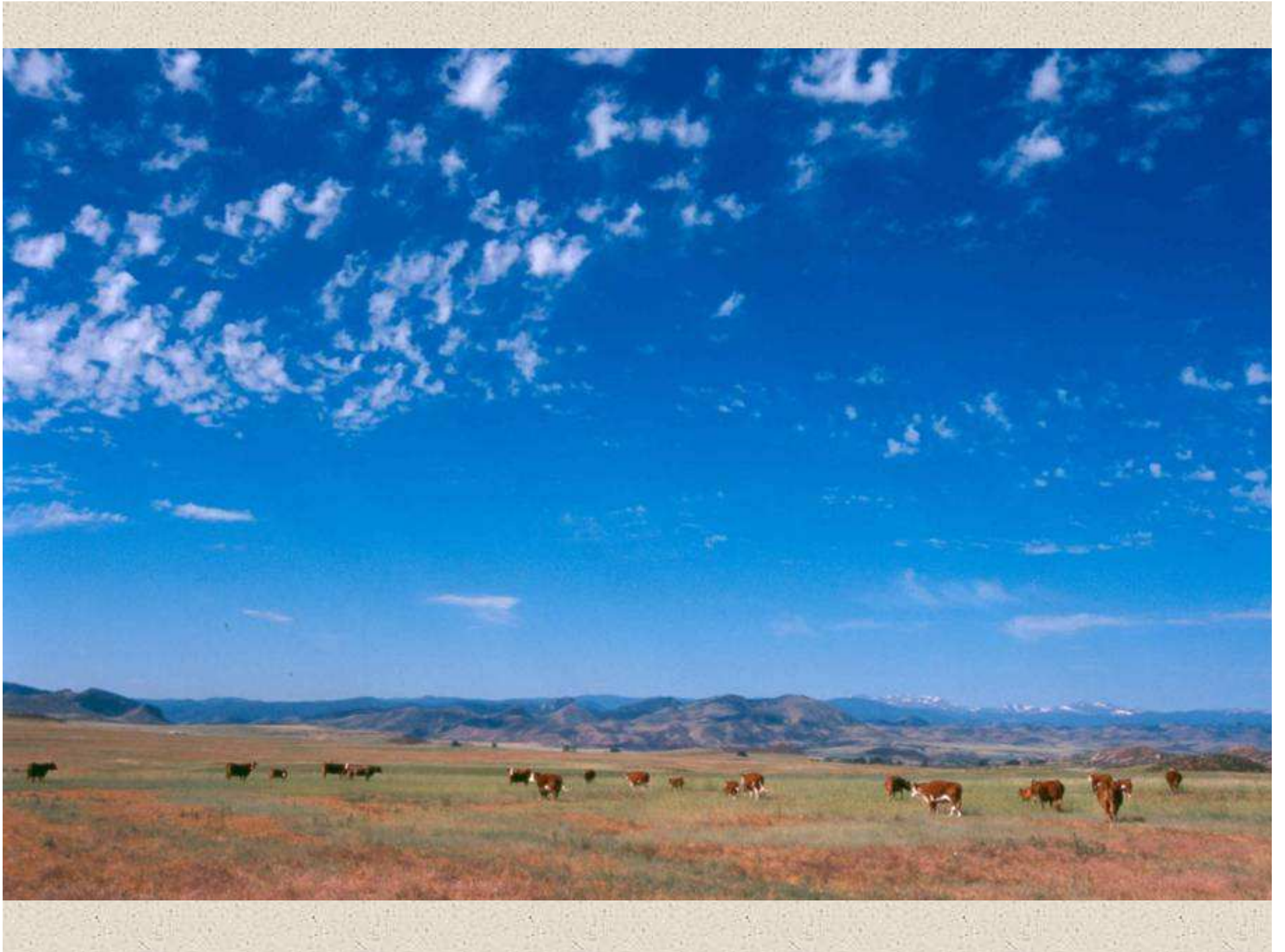






# Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Natural Areas!











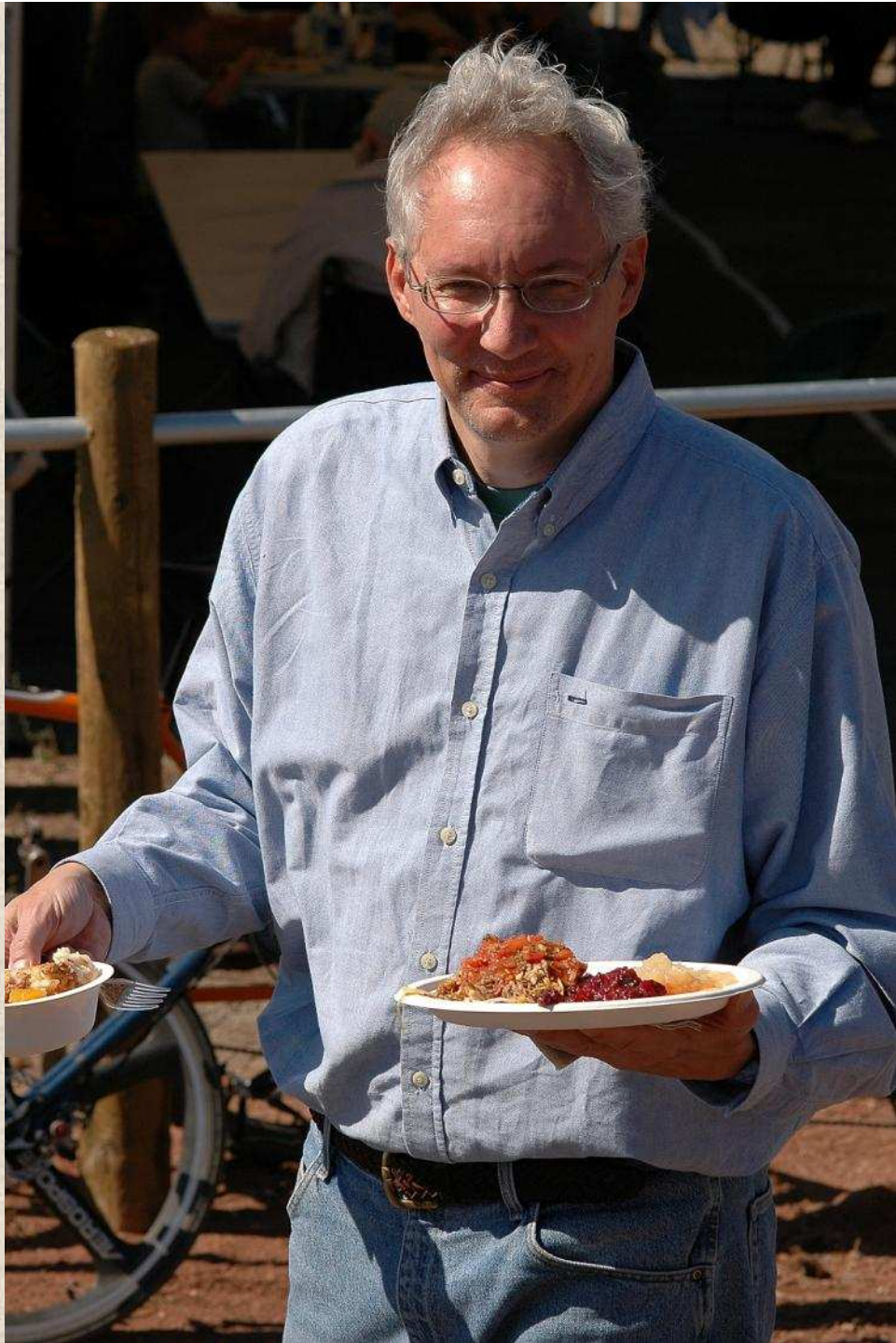




# **Thank You Citizen Heroes!**

**We honor everyone that initiated and campaigned for the sales taxes that make land conservation and visitor services possible.**





**Fischer  
Natural Area**

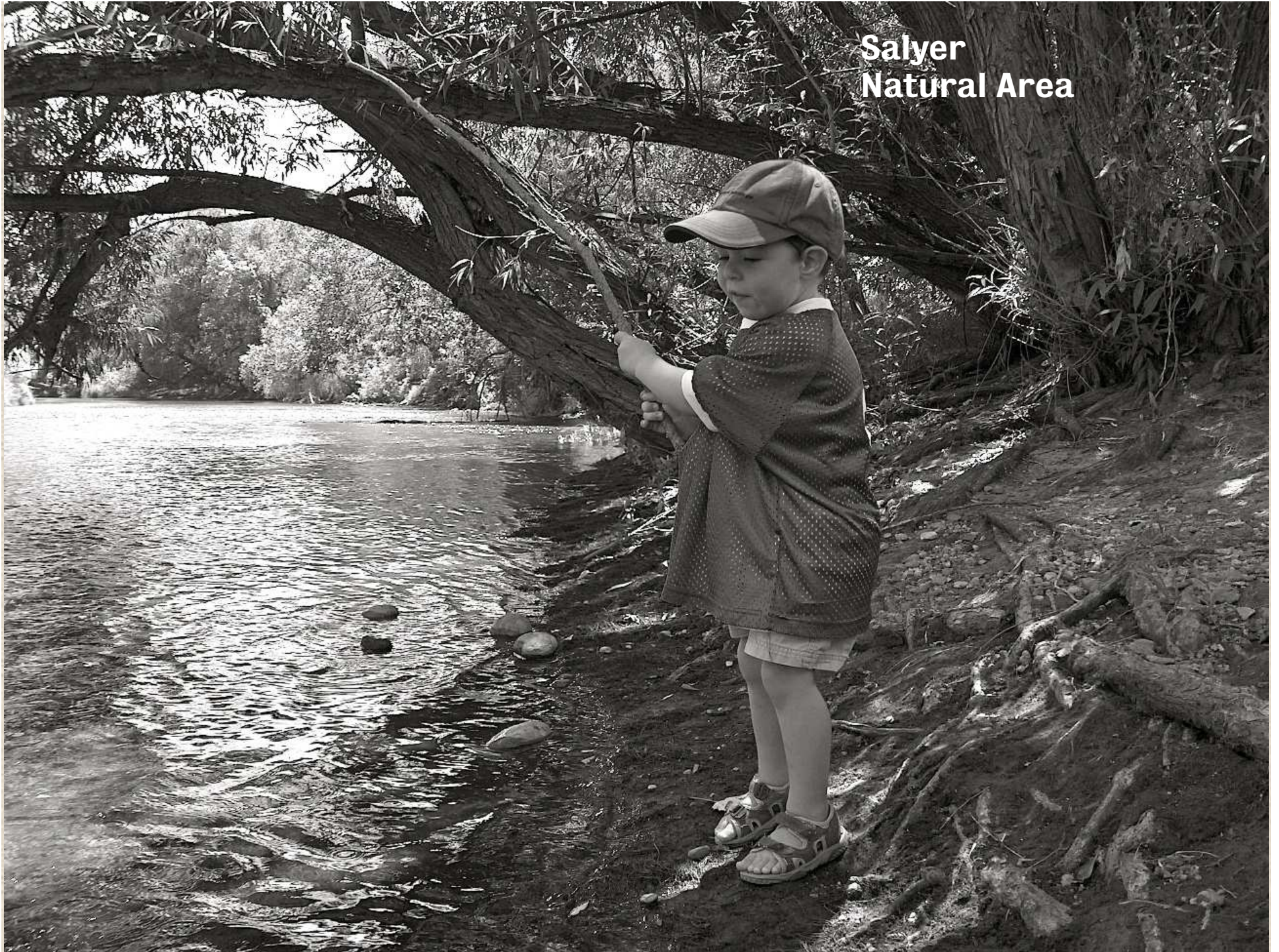








**Salyer  
Natural Area**



**Gateway  
Natural Area**







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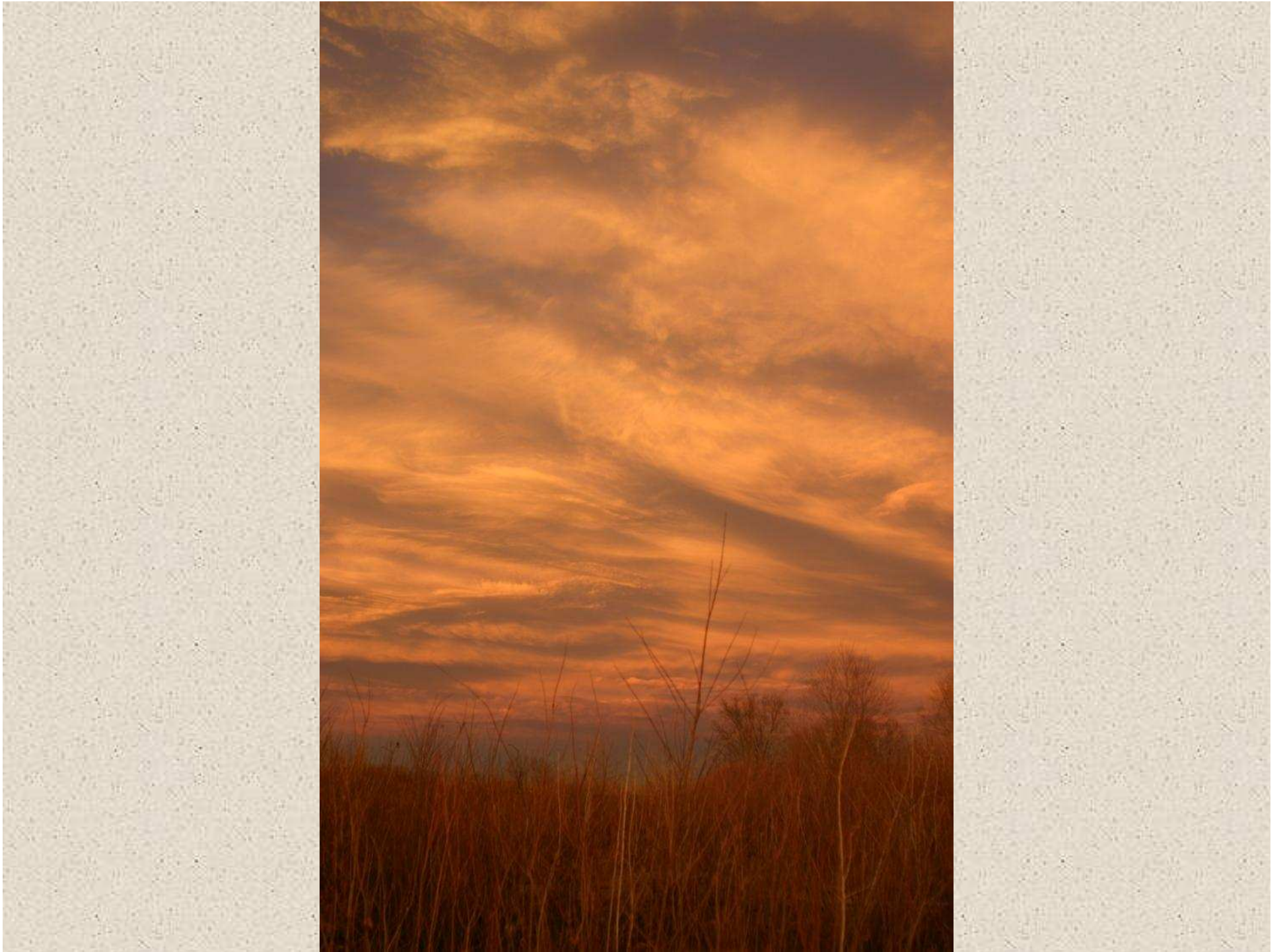














# **Thank You Volunteers!**

**Over 1,000 people each year share their time with the Natural Areas Department. The accomplishments of the last 20 years would not be possible without you!**







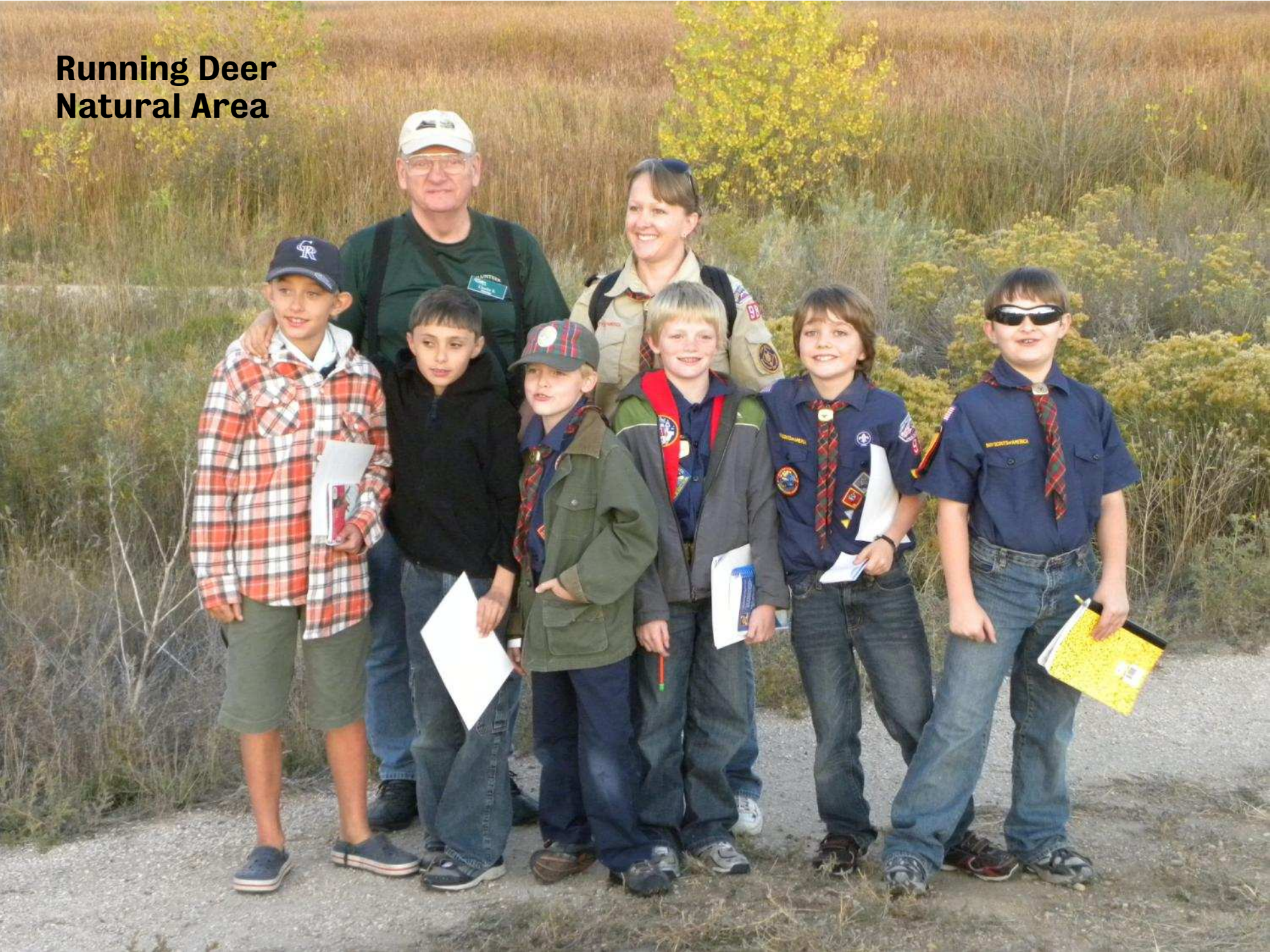








**Running Deer  
Natural Area**



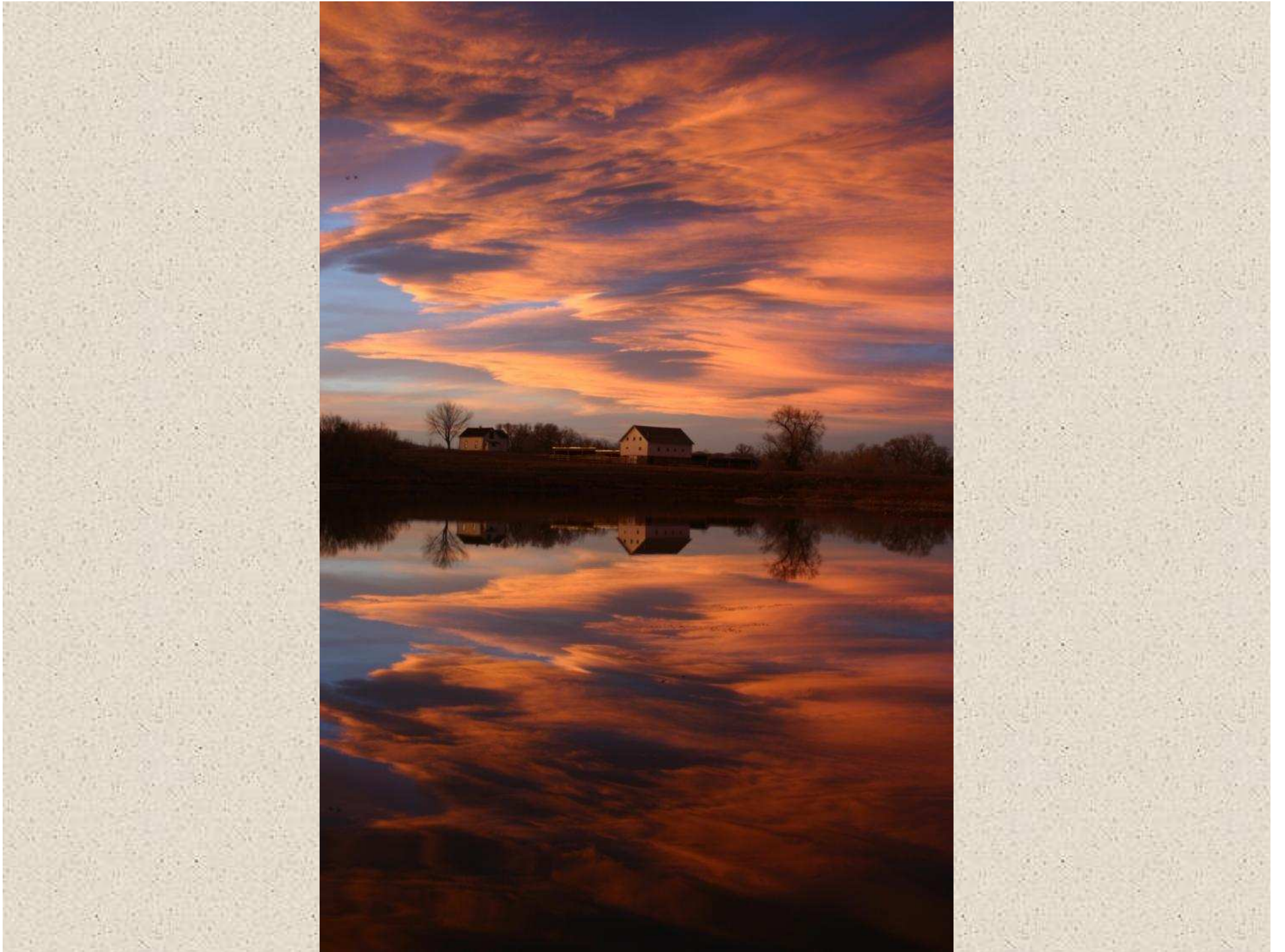




# **Thank You Staff!**

**Talented Natural Areas Department employees are dedicated to natural areas conservation, recreation and stewardship.**

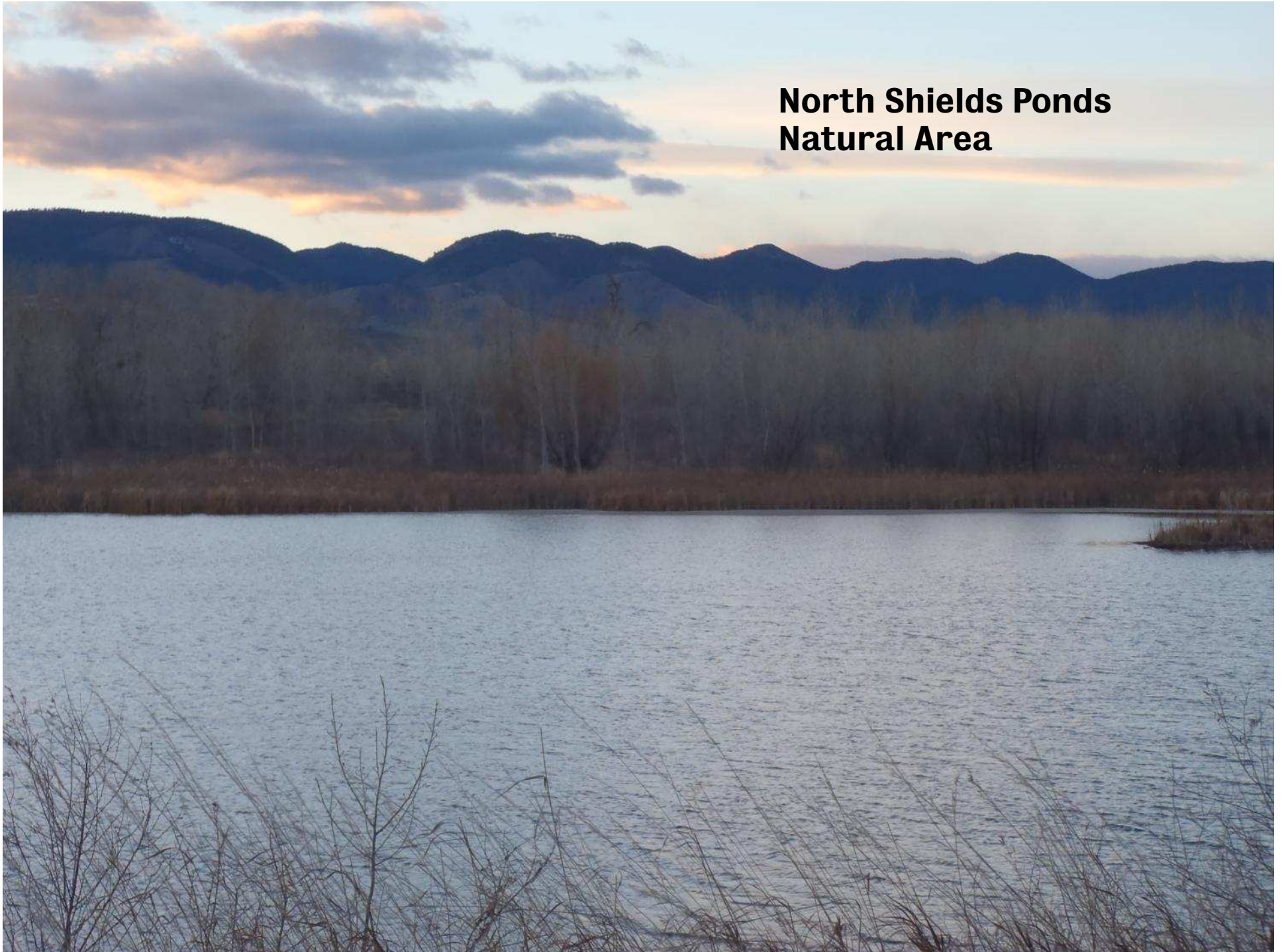








**North Shields Ponds  
Natural Area**

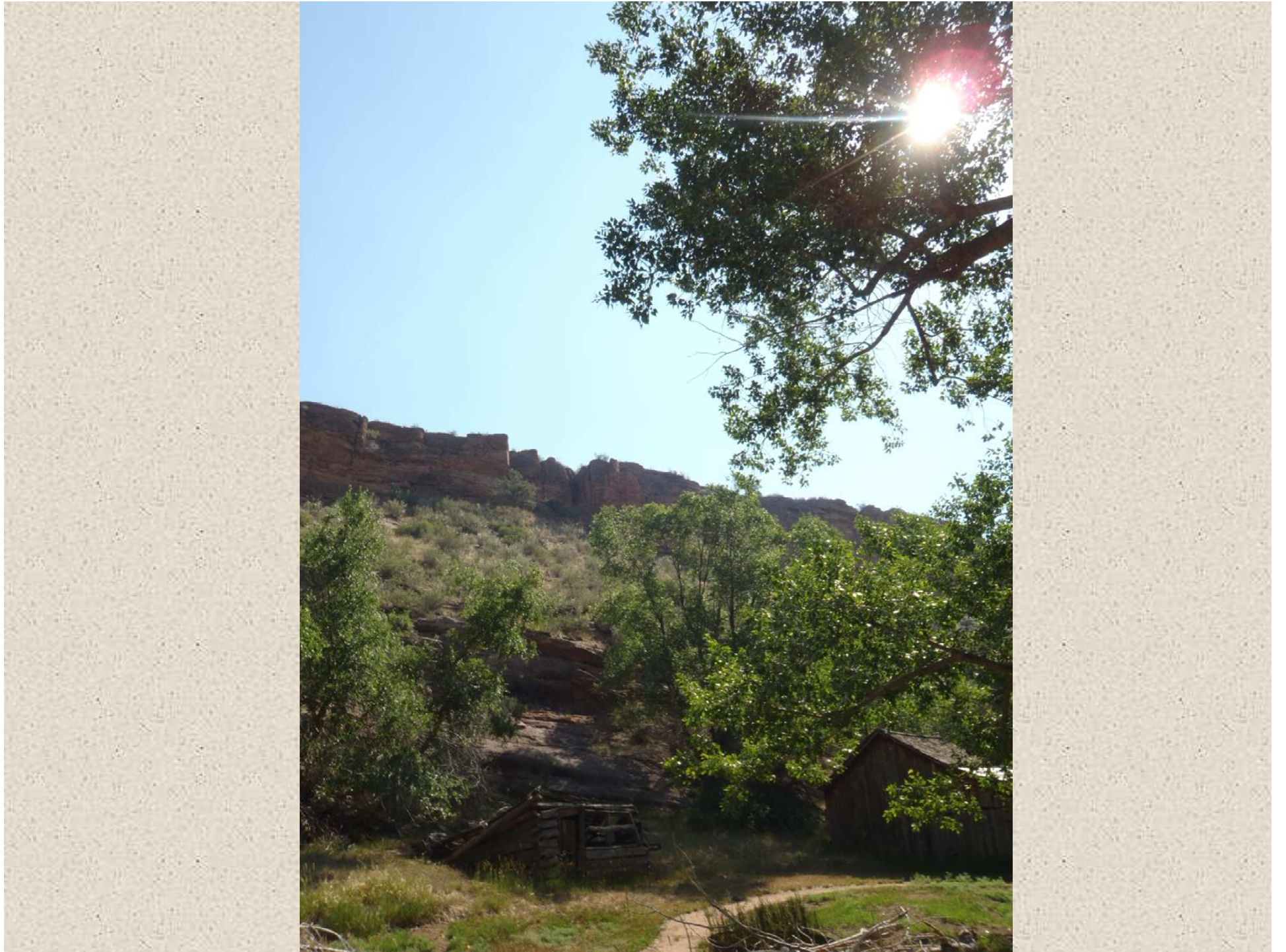






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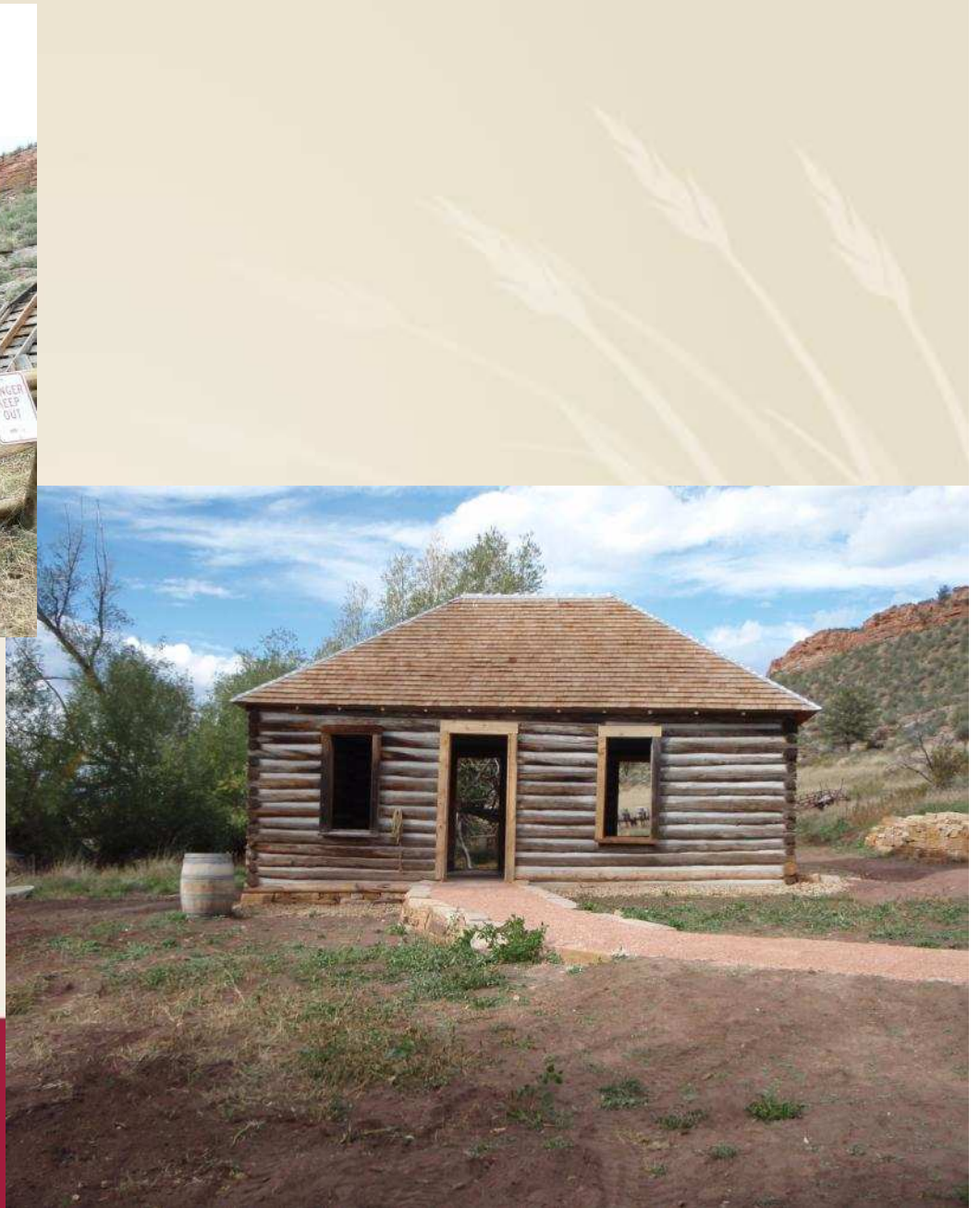




**Magpie Meander  
Natural Area**



















# Thank You Partners!

Partnerships with organizations such as *Larimer County Natural Resources*, and *Great Outdoors Colorado* leverage sales tax funds and make even more conservation, recreation, and stewardship possible.





**Eagle View  
Natural Area**

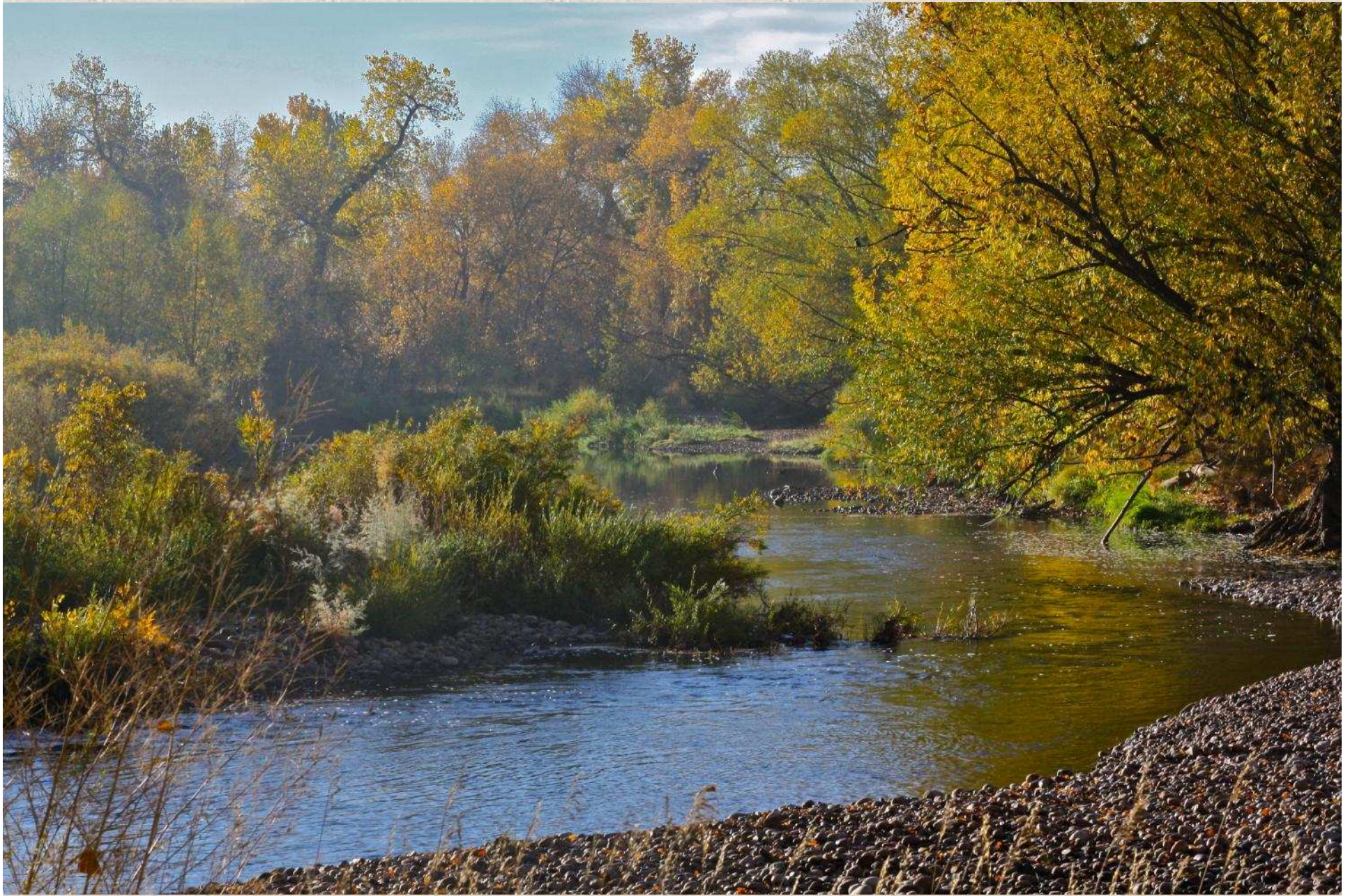








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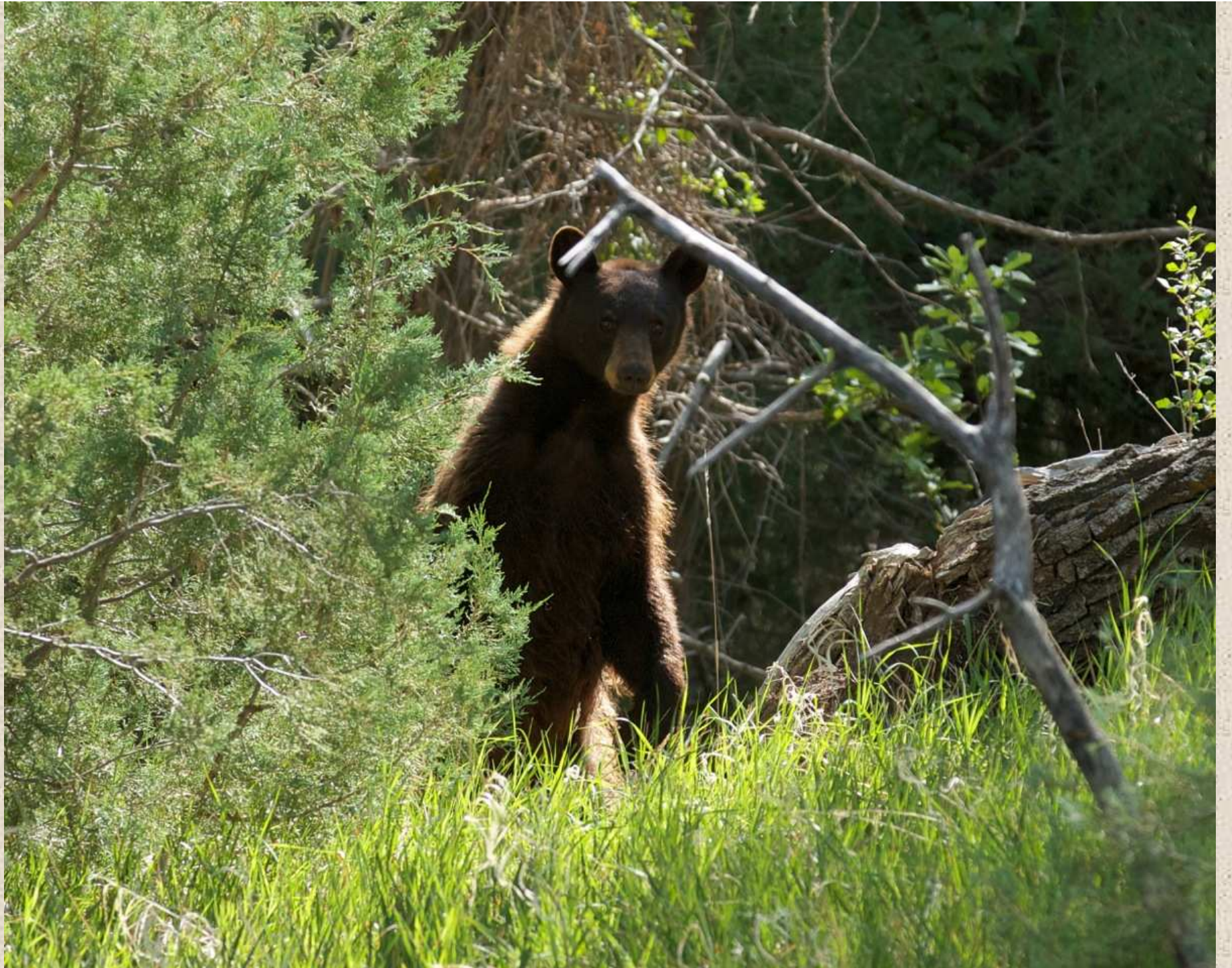


















**Cattail Chorus  
Natural Area**





# **Thank You Leaders!**

**Leaders such as City Council, the City Management Team, the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board and others support natural area conservation, recreation and stewardship.**

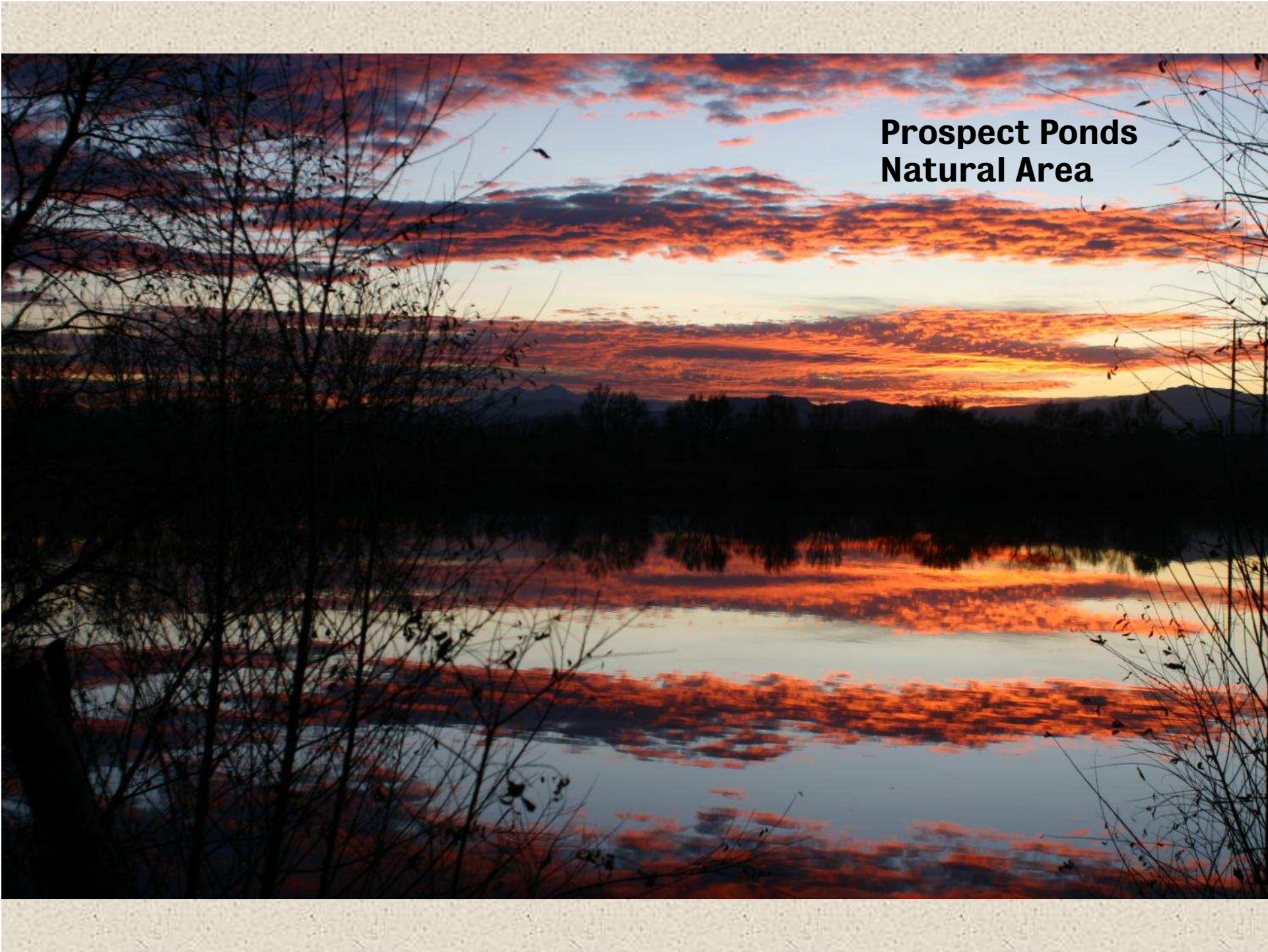






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**Prospect Ponds  
Natural Area**

















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## The Foothills Trail

This trailhead is the western end of the Foothills Trail, which stretches from here to Paradise Normal. The trailhead is located in the western end of the Foothills Trail, which stretches from here to Paradise Normal. The trailhead is located in the western end of the Foothills Trail, which stretches from here to Paradise Normal.



Legend

- Foothills Trail
- Other Trails
- Reservoir
- Paradise Normal
- Other Landmarks

## Reservoir Ridge Natural Area

### This place is special!

Reservoir Ridge is home to significant native plant communities and diverse wildlife. Here, you'll find:

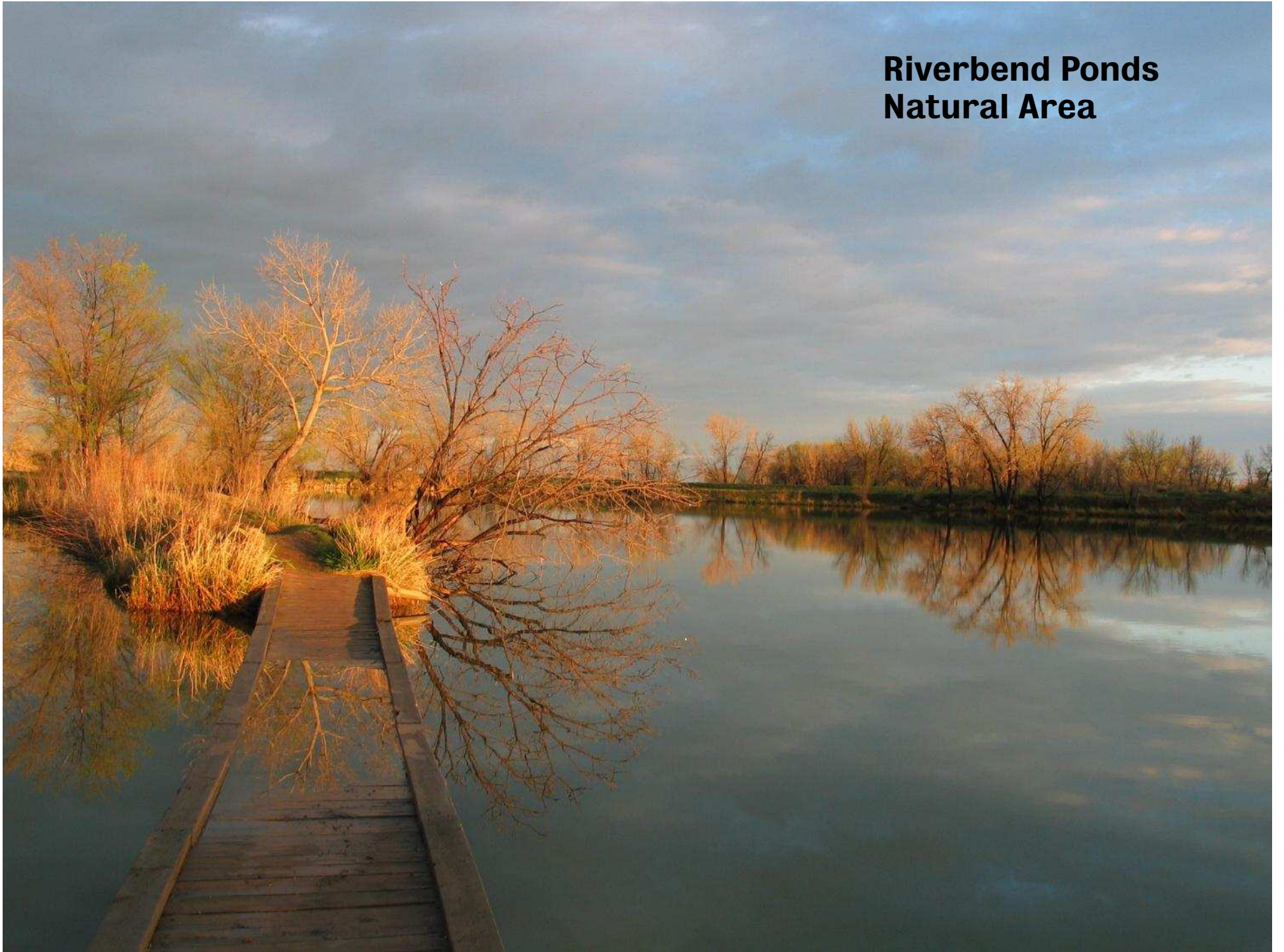
- 21 species of grasses
- 23 species of trees and shrubs
- more than 100 species of birds
- more than 100 species of insects
- more than 100 species of mammals
- more than 100 species of reptiles and amphibians
- more than 100 species of fish







**Riverbend Ponds  
Natural Area**





## GUSTAV SWANSON Natural Area

**Natural Area Regulations**  
The following is a list of the most commonly violated regulations in the Natural Area.  
**Effective 10/1/2018**

- 1. No off-trail travel
- 2. No littering
- 3. No alcohol or drugs
- 4. No firearms
- 5. No hunting
- 6. No fishing
- 7. No feeding wildlife
- 8. No smoking
- 9. No pets
- 10. No vehicles
- 11. No campfires
- 12. No fires
- 13. No fires
- 14. No fires
- 15. No fires
- 16. No fires
- 17. No fires
- 18. No fires
- 19. No fires
- 20. No fires

This list of rules is not intended to be a complete list of all rules. For a complete list of rules, please refer to the Natural Area Regulations brochure.

Leash law  
strictly  
enforced

Natural Area  
Open Every Day  
Sun to 11pm

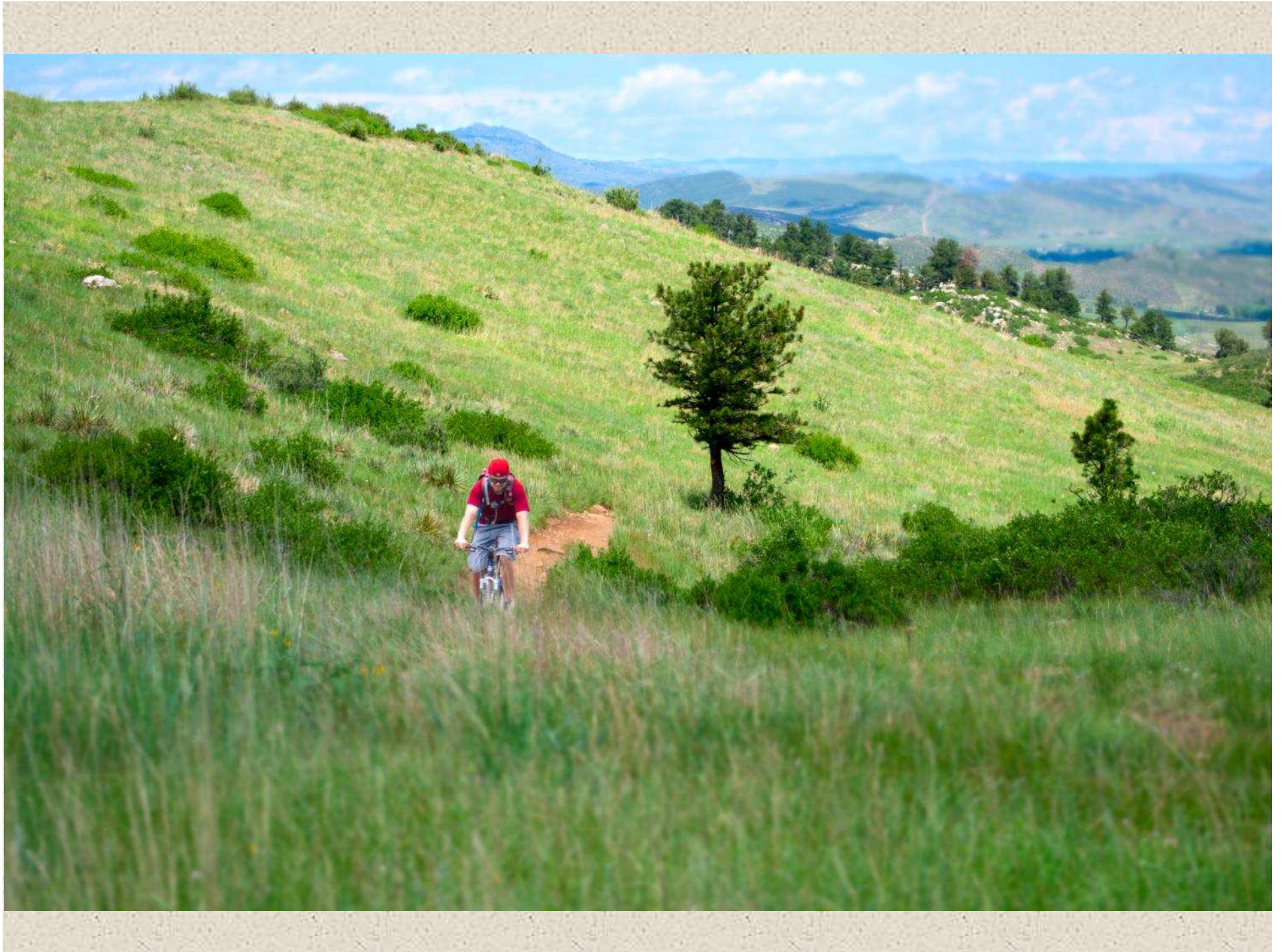
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**Cathy Fromme Prairie  
Natural Area  
Opened in 1998**





**Arapaho Bend Natural Area  
Opened in 1999**



**Cottonwood Hollow  
Natural Area  
Opened in 2000**



**Coyote Ridge Natural Area  
Opened in 2000**



**Running Deer Natural Area  
Opened in 2002**



**Fossil Creek Reservoir  
Regional Open Space  
Opened in 2004**



**Bobcat Ridge Natural Area  
Opened in 2006**

A hiker wearing a wide-brimmed hat, a green t-shirt, blue shorts, and a backpack is walking on a dirt trail. The hiker is using two trekking poles. The background features a vast, open landscape with rolling hills and a large, bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The foreground is a mix of dry grass and green shrubs.

**Soapstone Prairie Natural Area  
Opened in 2009**

**Pelican Marsh Natural Area  
Opened in 2012**







**Udall Natural Area  
Opened in 2012**

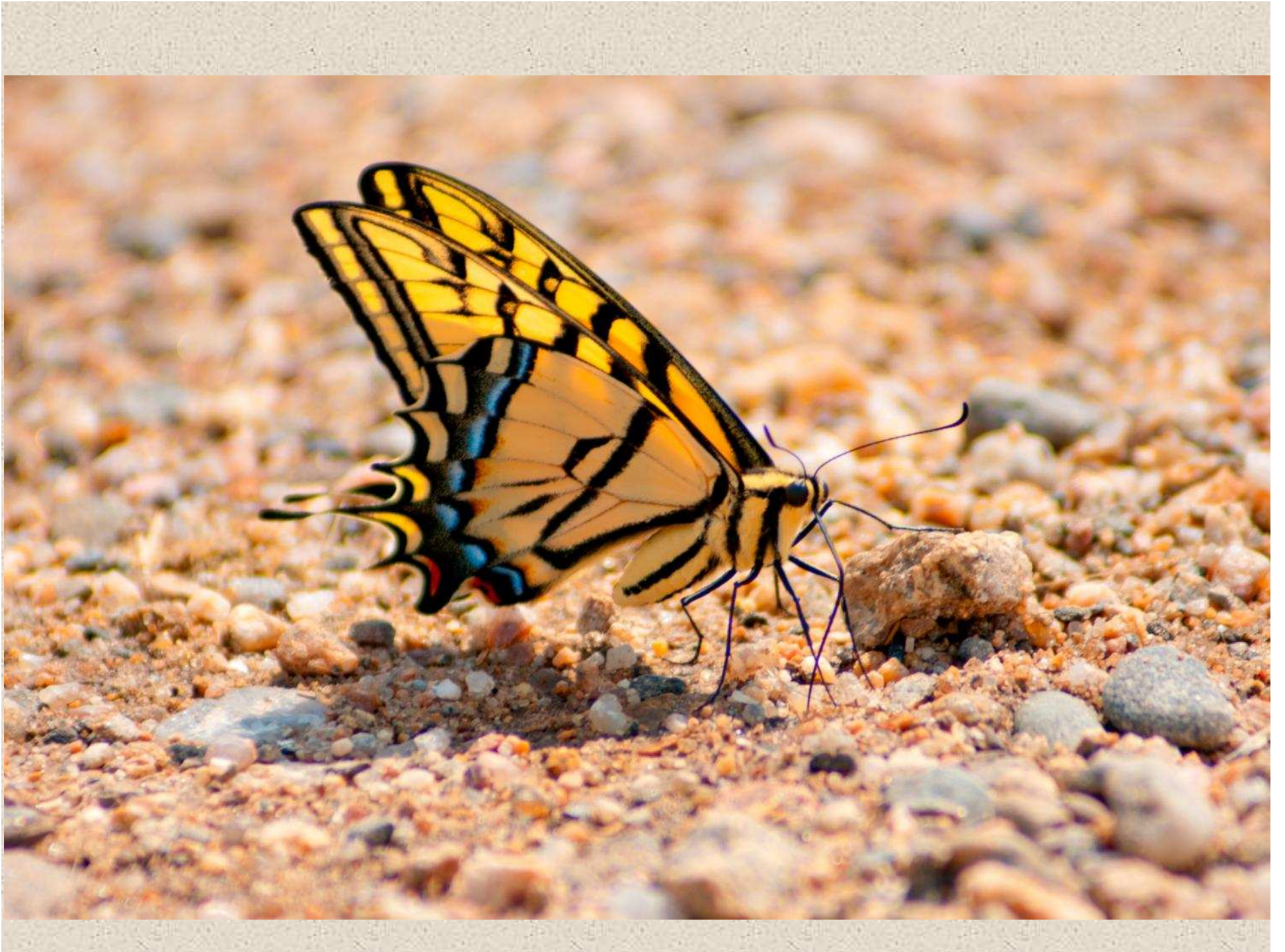












**Butterfly Woods  
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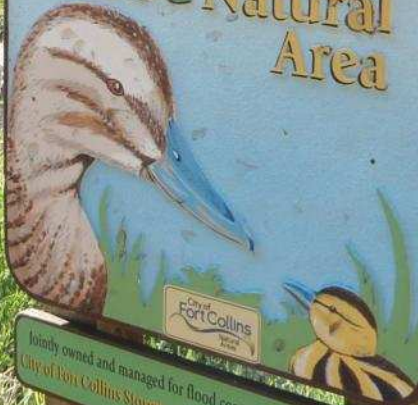


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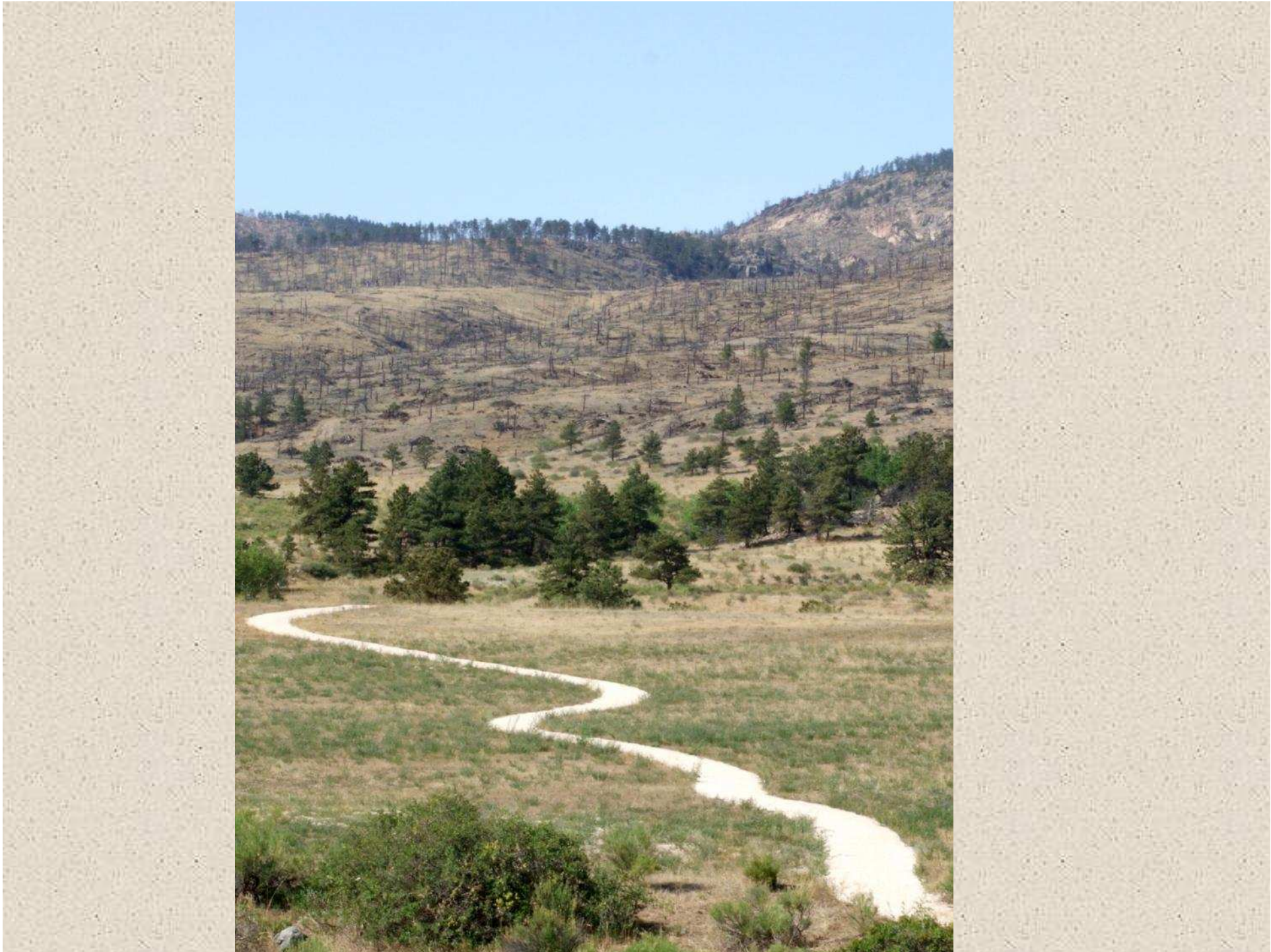


# Mallard's Nest Natural Area



City of Fort Collins  
Jointly owned and managed for flood control and wildlife habitat by  
City of Fort Collins Stormwater Utility and Natural Areas Program











**Springer  
Natural Area**





















**Redtail Grove  
Natural Area**





**Williams**  
Natural Area

Fort Collins

**Redwing Marsh  
Natural Area**











**Prairie Dog Meadow  
Natural Area**









## The Coterie Natural Area





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MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

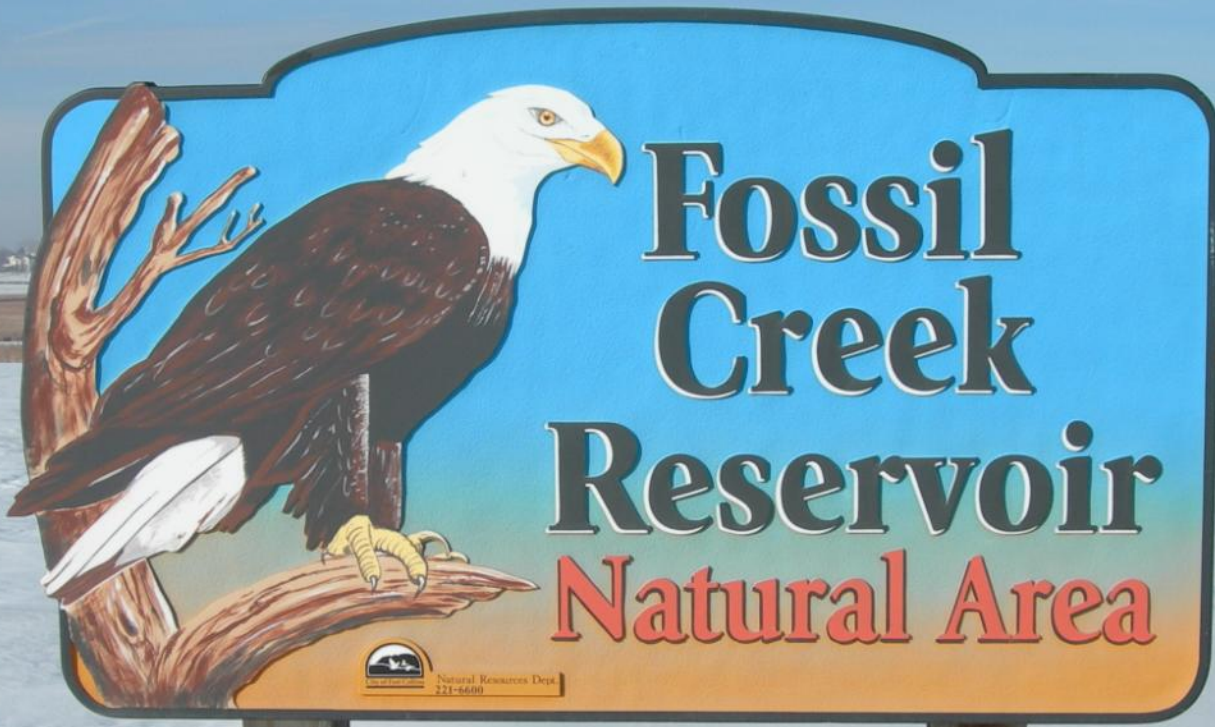
### Share The Trails

All trail users yield to horses.  
Bikers yield to hikers.  
The downhill biker yields to the uphill biker.



Trail Country  
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*In Cooperation with*  
**North Poudre Irrigation Company**





**Two Creeks  
Natural Area**

















