

El Paso County Park Advisory Board

Agenda Item Summary Form

Agenda Item Title: Sterling Ranch Filing No. 2 Final Plat

Agenda Date: August 8, 2018

Agenda Item Number:

Presenter: Ross Williams, Park Planner

Information: **Endorsement:** X

Background Information:

Request by N.E.S., Inc. on behalf of SR Land, LLC, for approval of the Sterling Ranch Filing No. 2 Final Plat, which includes 49 single-family residential lots on 49.64 acres. The property is currently zoned RS-5000, and is located along Vollmer Road, near the intersection of Vollmer Road and Glider Port Road.

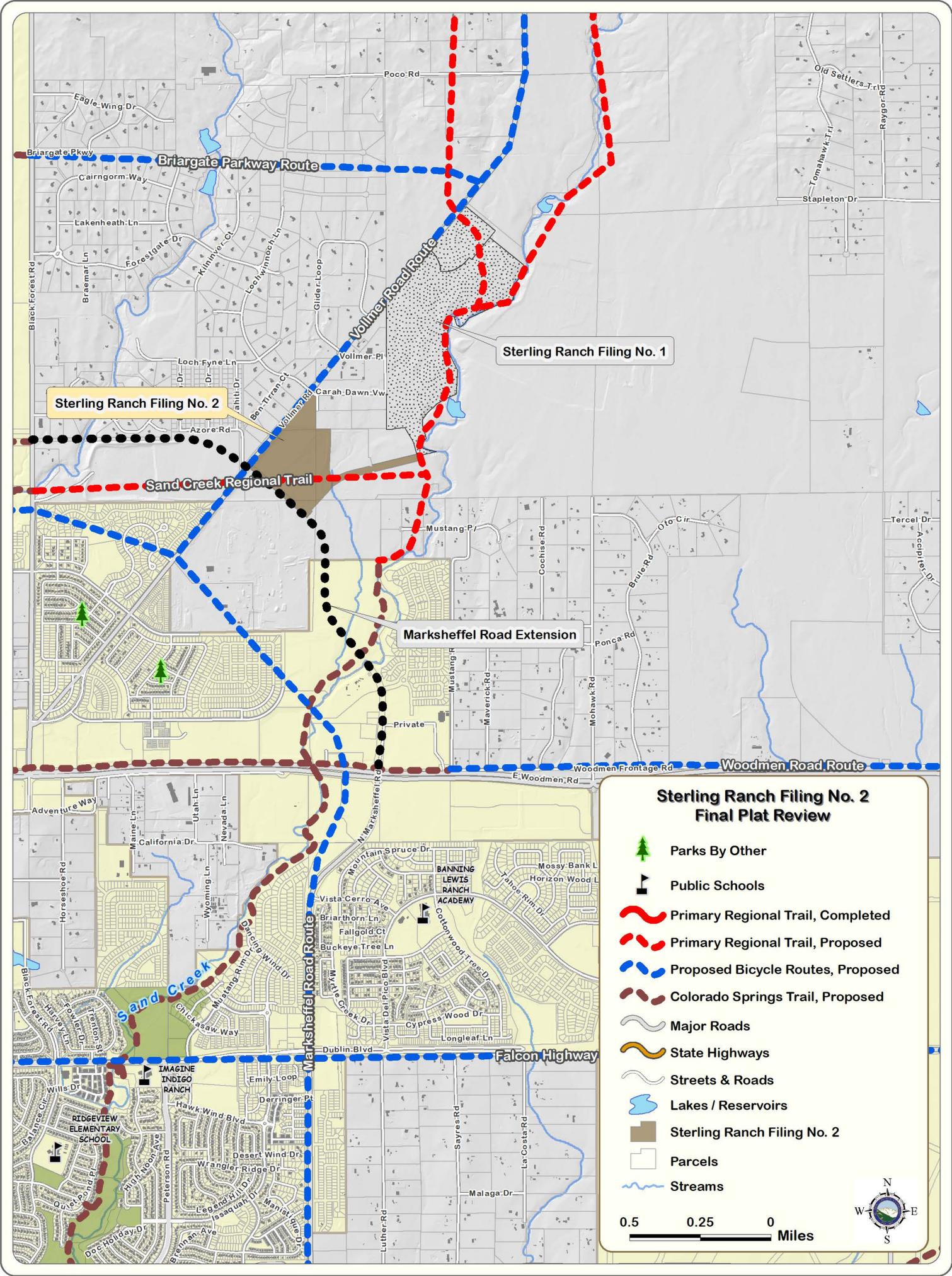
The 2013 El Paso County Parks Master Plan shows a branch of the Sand Creek Regional Trail impacted by this project. This branch, located along a proposed extension of Marksheffel Boulevard, will connect the primary alignment of the Sand Creek Regional Trail, located immediately east and adjacent the property along Sand Creek, to City of Colorado Springs trails located to the west of the project site. Furthermore, the proposed Vollmer Road Bicycle Route is located immediately west of the project location. A dedicated public right-of-way already exists along the aforementioned bicycle route, so no easement requests are necessary at that location; however, the applicant is advised that multi-modal transportation options will be developed within the rights-of-way in the future. The property is not located within any candidate open space land.

While the current application shows 6.86 acres of open space, dedicated to landscaping and utilities, the original Sterling Ranch Preliminary Plan, endorsed by the Park Advisory Board in April 2015, included 35 acres of open space, constituting 19.5% of the total project acreage. The El Paso County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioner summaries for the approval of the Sterling Ranch Preliminary Plan also added requirements for the dedication to El Paso County of a 25-foot wide regional trail corridor along Sand Creek for the construction, maintenance, and public access of the Sand Creek Primary Regional Trail. This trail easement, Instrument #218054786, was dedicated to El Paso County in May 2018.

Staff recommends that the developer install a 5-foot wide gravel trail adjacent to the sidewalk on the proposed extension of Marksheffel Road on the street side to accommodate equestrians who may be accessing the Sand Creek Regional Trail from locations to the west, as well as dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot wide trail easement for public access and maintenance of the trail. Staff also recommends fees in lieu of land dedication for regional and urban park purposes, the latter of which is required due to the fact that the original Preliminary Plan met the urban density requirements.

Recommended Motion:

Recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners that approval of Sterling Ranch Filing No. 2 Final Plat includes the following conditions: (1) recommend the developer install a 5-foot wide gravel trail adjacent the sidewalk along Marksheffel Road; (2) show on the Final Plat and dedicate to El Paso County a 25-foot trail easement along the north side of Marksheffel Road that allows for public access, as well as maintenance by El Paso County of the western branch of the Sand Creek Primary Regional Trail; (3) require fees in lieu of land dedication for regional park purposes in the amount of \$21,070 and urban park fees in the amount of \$13,328.



Sterling Ranch Filing No. 2

Sterling Ranch Filing No. 1

Marksheffel Road Extension

**Sterling Ranch Filing No. 2
Final Plat Review**

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-  Public Schools
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-  Primary Regional Trail, Proposed
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