

Letter of Intent
Waterview 2020 Sketch Plan Amendment

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Site Information:

The Waterview Sketch Plan was most recently amended in late 2018. That amendment addressed changes in land use for parcels P-17 and P-18. This proposed amendment to the Waterview Sketch Plan is focused specifically to the two parcels at the northeast corner of Bradley Road and Powers Boulevard; Parcels P-14 and P-15, and the P-17 parcel on the southeast corner of Bradley Road and Powers Boulevard.

Parcels P-14 and P-15 are currently proposed as Industrial and Commercial uses respectively. The proposed uses identified in the requested Sketch Plan Amendment keep the Industrial and Commercial uses, however, the acreages have been adjusted primarily to

include an area of new Single-Family Residential land use under new parcel P-19. This application is for changing 52.9 acres of the Industrial to Single-Family Residential and 16.1 acres of Commercial to Single-Family Residential. This would change the use acreage of the 81.9 acres to 26.0 acres of Industrial and 34.6 acres to 22.1 acres of Commercial, allowing for 68.4 acres of Single-Family Residential.

Parcel P-17 is currently zoned as Commercial use. In addition to reconfiguring Parcel P-17 to reflect changes consistent with the development of Parcel P-18, the proposed use identified in the requested Sketch Plan Amendment changes 5.2 acres from Commercial to Multi-Family Residential land use under new parcel P-21.

The Industrial area of P-14 is wholly contained within the APZ-1 Airport overlay area while the Commercial area of P-15 includes the remaining area of the APZ-1 Airport overlay area as commercial with some additional area to the east included to accommodate the full movement access.

The Commercial area of P-17 continues to include all of the APZ-1 Airport overlay area as commercial with some additional area to the east included to accommodate the full movement access.

The legal description of the area North of Bradley Road (P-14, P-15 and P-19) is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (WATERVIEW NORTH – PARCELS P-14, P-15 & P-19)

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PORTION OF SECTION 8 AND SECTION 9, BOTH IN TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9;

THENCE S00°19'32"E ON THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SAID SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 1404.24 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BRADLEY ROAD AS RECORDED IN BOOK 5307 AT PAGE 1472 OF THE RECORDS OF SAID EL PASO COUNTY;

THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) COURSES ARE ON SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF POWESRS BOULEVARD DESCRIBED IN SAID BOOK 5307 AT PAGE 1472 (NOW HIGHWAY 21):

- 1) THENCE S89°30'29"W A DISTANCE OF 4.29 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT;
- 2) THENCE ON SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2969.79 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 785.85 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 15°09'41", WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S81°55'38"W A DISTANCE OF 783.56 FEET;
- 3) THENCE S74°20'48"W A DISTANCE OF 952.02 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT;

4) THENCE ON SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2759.79 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 625.43 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 12°59'05", WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S80°50'19"W A DISTANCE OF 624.10 FEET;

5) THENCE S87°19'53"W A DISTANCE OF 64.33 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT;

6) THENCE ON SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 150.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 216.56 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 82°43'14", WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 51°18'28" W A DISTANCE OF 198.24 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT;

7) THENCE ON SAID CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2105.00 FEET; AN ARC LENGTH OF 2947.69 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 80°13'57", WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N50°03'51"W A DISTANCE OF 2712.68 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE NE ¼ OF SAID SECTION 8;

THENCE N89°34'04"E ON SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1967.80 FEET TO THE NE CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8;

THENCE S89°51'23"E ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NW ¼ OF SAID SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 2636.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL CONTAINS 5,075,954 SQUARE FEET OR 116.528 ACRES MORE OR LESS

The legal description of the area south of Bradley Road (P-21) is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PORTION OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 65th P.M., EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9;

THENCE S00°19'32"E, ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SAID SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 1613.76 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF BRADLEY ROAD AS RECORDED IN BOOK 5307 AT PAGE 1472 OF THE RECORDS OF SAID EL PASO COUNTY AND A POINT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT:

THE FOLLOWING 2 COURSES ARE ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF BRADLEY ROAD.

- 1) THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT, WITH A RADIUS OF 2759.79 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 15°09'41", 730.29' ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE;
- 2) THENCE S74°20'48"W A DISTANCE OF 385.54 FEET ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION:

THENCE S15°39'12"E A DISTANCE OF 470.00 FEET;

THENCE S74°20'48"W A DISTANCE OF 484.60 FEET;

THENCE N15°39'12"W A DISTANCE OF 470.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF BRADLEY ROAD AS RECORDED IN BOOK 5307 AT PAGE 1472 OF THE RECORDS OF SAID EL PASO COUNTY;

THENCE N74°20'48"E A DISTANCE OF 484.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

THE ABOVE TRACT OF LAND CONTAINS 5.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

The legal description of the area at the southeast corner of Bradley Road & Powers Blvd. (P-17) is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PORTION OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9;

THENCE S00°19'32"E ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SAID SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 1613.76 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY R.O.W LINE OF BRADLEY ROAD AS RECORDED IN BOOK 5307 AT PAGE 1472 OF THE RECORDS OF SAID EL PASO COUNTY;

THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) COURSES ARE ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BRADLEY ROAD.

- 1) THENCE S89°30'29"W A DISTANCE OF 3.78 FEET ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT:
- 2) THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT, WITH A RADIUS OF 2759.79', A DELTA ANGLE OF 15°09'41", 730.29' FEET ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE;
- 3) THENCE S74°20'48"W A DISTANCE OF 870.14' ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE; TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION:

THENCE S15°39'12"E A DISTANCE OF 470.00';

THENCE S74°20'48"W A DISTANCE OF 40.87 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 410.00 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 52°19'12", 374.39 FEET;

THENCE 522°01'36"W A DISTANCE OF 538.11 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT;

THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 260.00 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 13°32'53", 61.48 FEET;

THENCE N90°00'00"W A DISTANCE OF 515.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF POWERS BOULEVARD AS RECORDED IN BOOK 5307 AT PAGE 1472 OF THE RECORDS OF SAID EL PASO COUNTY;

THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES ARE ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF POWERS BOULEVARD.

- 1) THENCE N00°29'11.0"W A DISTANCE OF 1123.41 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT;
- 2) THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 150.00 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 87°49'03", AN ARC LENGTH OF 229.90 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BRADLEY ROAD AS RECORDED IN BOOK 5307 AT PAGE 1472 OF THE RECORDS OF SAID EL PASO COUNTY;

THE FOLLOWING 3 COURSES ARE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BRADLEY ROAD;

- 1) THENCE N87°19'53"E A DISTANCE OF 53.06 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT;
- 2) THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 2969.84 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 12'59'04", AN ARC LENGTH OF 673.03 FEET;
- 3) THENCE N74°20'48"E A DISTANCE OF 81.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

THE ABOVE TRACT OF LAND CONTAINS 1007559.31 SQUARE FEET OR 23.13 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

The proposed Commercial acreage for parcel P-17 has decreased to allow for the creation of Parcel P-21. The proposed density for parcel P-21 is 12 du/ac allowing for a maximum of 60 units. The proposed Industrial and Commercial acreage for parcels P-14 and P-15 has decreased to allow for the creation of Parcel P-19. The proposed density range for parcel P-19 is 6-20 du/ac allowing for a maximum of 850 units; an average density of 12.4 du/ac.

Request and Reason:

To approve an Amendment to the Waterview Sketch Plan. This approval will allow the inclusion of two (2) new parcels with Single- and Multi-Family Residential uses. This letter serves as a request to receive El Paso County approval of the Sketch Plan Amendment for this site.

El Paso County Policy Plan

The proposed Sketch Plan Amendment is in conformance with the County Policy Plan based on the following Policy analysis:

Policy 6.1.3: Encourage new development which is contiguous and compatible with previously developed areas in terms of factors such as density, land use and access.

This application meets this policy by maintaining density and land use within the parameters of the adjacent proposed residential properties approved; the accompanying applications proposes similar densities as previously approved and similar commercial uses while matching the adjacent residential properties to the east approved by the City of

Colorado Springs. Access will be from Bradley Road via Powers Boulevard. Capacity of these roads is addressed in the accompanying TIS.

Policy 6.1.6: Direct development toward areas where the necessary urban-level supporting facilities and services are available or will be developed concurrently.

This application meets this policy by taking advantage of existing urban supporting facilities provided by Widefield Water and Sanitation District. Service will be provided based on a recently approved inclusion agreement with this District. Water and Sewer service will be provided by extending water and sewer lines from the development currently underway on Parcel P-18.

Policy 10.1.2: Carefully consider the impacts that proposed new developments will have on the viability of existing and proposed water and wastewater system

The Widefield Water and Sanitation District has indicated the ability to serve the property as well as the State Engineers Office from previous reviews. The proposed project is within the service boundary of the Widefield Water and Sanitation District; an inclusion agreement has recently been approved.

Policy 10.2.2: Carefully consider the availability of water and wastewater services prior to approving new development.

The Widefield Water and Sanitation District has indicated the ability to serve the property as well as the State Engineers Office from previous reviews. The proposed project is within the service boundary of the Widefield Water and Sanitation District; an inclusion agreement was approved in 2015. Water and Sewer service will be provided by extending water and sewer lines from the development currently underway on Parcel P-18.

El Paso County Land Development Code

The proposed Sketch Plan Amendment is in conformance with the El Paso County Land Development Code based on the following Code analysis:

Land Development Code Section 5.3.5(B): This request meets the criteria for approval outlined in Section 5.3.5(B) of the El Paso County Land Development Code by the following:

- The application is in general conformance with the County Master Plan and previous county approvals.
- The proposed Land Use and Zone District is compatible with the existing and permitted land uses in the area.
- The site is suitable for the intended use.

Land Development Code Section 7.2.1(D)(1)(c): This request meets the criteria for approval outlined in Section 7.2.1(D)(1)(c) of the El Paso County Land Development Code by the following:

- The application for Sketch Plan Amendment is in general conformance with goals, objectives and policies of the County Master Plan.
- The Sketch Plan Amendment is compatible with existing and proposed land uses within and adjacent to the sketch plan area.
- The water supply report provides sufficient information to identify probable compliance with the water supply standards; Widefield Water and Sanitation District is the provider. Water lines will be extended from the development currently underway on Parcel P-18.
- The proposed sewage disposal is to be provided by the Widefield Water and Sanitation District.
- Adequate drainage solutions are provided and follow MDDP and DBPS recommendations.
- Necessary services (police, recreation, utilities) have been provided and will continue to be provided by Widefield Water and Sanitation District, El Paso County Sherriff and parks, City of Colorado Springs (gas) and Mountain View Electric (electricity). Access to the site will be from Bradley Road.
- Fire Protection will be provided by the Security Fire Protection District. The property is within the Security Fire Protection District boundaries.
- Soils and geological hazards will not prohibit the subdivision and/or can be mitigated.
- The subdivision will be designed to protect or enhance the natural resources and landforms on site, particularly views to Pikes Peak.
- Offsite impacts are minimal and will be mitigated as part of construction.
- Adequate public facilities and infrastructure are provided or will be extended.
- The proposed Amendment meets all other El Paso County criteria.
- No mineral extraction is planned for this site.

County Water Master Plan

The proposed subdivision satisfies the following policies of the County Water Master Plan:

Policy 5.2.4: Encourage the locating of new development where it can take advantage of existing or proposed water supply projects that would allow shared infrastructure costs.

The proposed subdivision is located within the service area of the Widefield Water and Sanitation District (WWSD). Service will be provided based on a recently approved inclusion agreement with this District. Water and Sewer service will be provided by extending water and sewer lines from south of Bradley Road. A Will Serve Letter is provided noting the District's ability to the serve the proposed development in an efficient manor with the current infrastructure provided with extension as noted above.

Policy 5.5.1: Discourage individual wells for new subdivisions with 2.5 acre or smaller average lot sizes, especially in the near-surface aquifers, when there is a reasonable opportunity to connect to an existing central system, alternatively, or construct a new central water supply system when economies of scale to do so can be achieved.

The proposed subdivision is located within the service area of the Widefield Water and Sanitation District (WWSD). A Will Serve Letter is provided noting the District's ability to serve the proposed development in an efficient manor with the current infrastructure.

Policy 6.0.1: Continue to require documentation of the adequacy or sufficiency of water, as appropriate for proposed development.

An appropriate Will Serve Letter is provided noting the WWSD's ability to serve the proposed development in an efficient manor with the current infrastructure and noting their current capacity to serve.

The project is located within Region 7, Fountain Area, and is projected to be the largest growth area in El Paso County. Specifically, the Water Master Plan states:

Region 7 could experience the largest demand growth in the County by 2060. Areas projected to develop by 2040 are located south of Fountain on the north and south sides of Link Road. Areas northwest of Fountain along the east and west sides of Marksheffel Road are also expected to grow by then, as well as the area south of Fountain on the west side of I-25. Directly west of Fountain, areas north and south of Squirrel Creek Road are expected to grow by 2060. One large development is expected south of Fountain by 2060, along the west side of I-25. Another is expected in the northeast corner of Region 7, along both sides of Bradley Road.

Full Build out of the Widefield Water and Sanitation District is expected in the 2040 to 2060 time frame. The Water Resources Report indicates that the District has sufficient water supply to meet the expected need to full build out. Region 7 has a current water supply of 15,376 acre-feet per year and a current demand of 10,141 acre-feet per year. The 2040 water supply is project to be 25,241 acre-feet per year and the demand is projected to be 15,846 acre-feet. As stated in the water resources report, this development is projected to need 437 acre-feet of water per year.

The District currently incorporates a 15% reserve into future planning. Based on the needs, current supply and reserve the District has sufficient water to meet the needs expected now and into the future.

A Will Serve letter has been provided by WWSD, the water system that serves Waterview North and all WWSD is classified as a Public Water System and meets all CDPHE applicable requirements.

The water system uses a combination of groundwater and renewable sources and is part of the southern delivery system. There are multiple pressure zones within the WWSD system served by both gravity and pumped systems. Waterview North is in the highest pumped pressure zone.

Highway 94 Small Area Plan

The Waterview Sketch Plan is located within Sub-Area 4-Colorado Centre of the Highway 94 Small Area Plan. The Waterview Sketch Plan Amendment meets the Goals as follows:

Goal 1 Guide growth in a manner that respects the emerging needs of the community and enhances the existing rural character.

This Goal and subsequent objectives/policies is met by locating the development within an existing previously approved Sketch Plan and within a previously determined service area for Widefield Water and Sanitation District; utilities have been extended to the south side of Bradley Road. Open Space is provided to the north by the City of Colorado Springs Airport and to the southwest by transferring property from the Waterview Sketch Plan ownership to Bluestem Prairie Open Space.

Goal 2 Achieve a desirable and efficient use of the land while enhancing the physical environment through functional and compatible land use configurations.

This Goal and subsequent objectives/policies is met by selecting land uses to compliment the neighboring facilities including the Colorado Springs Airport; all industrial/commercial uses are located within and near the APZ Zones while residential uses are further east and take advantage of the Open Space in the Peak Innovation Park Master Plan. Grading is held to a minimum while at the same time enhancing views to the west and southwest. Future plans include building and landscape arrangements per the airport recommendations and shared parking scenarios are being considered for commercial and multifamily development.

The development will be within an existing previously approved Sketch Plan. Access is focused on Bradley road at previously approved access points. The commercial and Industrial proposed uses are focused at the Bradley Road and Powers Boulevard Corridors within a ¼ mile of an existing Intersection with Bradley Road. All urban residential land uses access within a ½ mile distance from Bradley Road.

Community service costs are addressed effectively by using Widefield Water and Sanitation District, Mountain View Electric and CSU Gas all of which have recently updated facilities in the area for service. The site has been annexed into the Security Fire Protection District taxing area.

Open Space is provided to the north by the City of Colorado Springs Airport and to the southwest by transferring property from the Waterview Sketch Plan ownership to the Bluestem Prairie Open Space.

The proposed development is outside the 3-mile interference radius to Schriever AFB for radio frequency; the development may enhance the AFB by providing additional near by residential opportunities as well as potential support facilities within the Industrial and Commercial properties.

The Waterview Development has worked closely with the Colorado Springs Airport concerning development recommendations and has been commended for providing residential opportunities near the airport to support Peak Innovation Park development where residential uses are not permitted.

The Industrial proposed use within the APZ area and adjacent to Powers Boulevard provide opportunity for hard to locate businesses. Screening is planned as appropriate for allowed uses in this area. If cellular uses are considered, they will be located per County and Airport guidance.

Goal 3. Ensure that residential development is appropriate for the Planning Area

The proposed residential areas are being planned to provide transition from Commercial areas to residential areas through use of lot density and buffering. Residential areas are taking advantage of the Peak Innovation Park Opens Spaces. While avoiding the APZ areas as required for residential development, guidelines for building placement and buffering from the airport will be employed. This residential development will provide employees of the Peak Innovation Park nearby affordable housing opportunities.

Goal 4. Ensure commercial development is appropriate for the Planning Area

Proposed Commercial Development is located within or near the APZ area and focused on the Bradley Road Powers Boulevard intersection with direct access to Bradley Road at an existing intersection. This commercial development will provide both local and regional services and may provide support business opportunities near to Schriever AFB.

Goal 5. Ensure that any proposed light industrial development is appropriate for the Planning Area

Proposed Industrial Development is located within the APZ area and focused on the Bradley Road Powers Boulevard intersection with direct access to Bradley Road at an existing intersection. This industrial development will provide regional services and may provide support business opportunities near to Schriever AFB.

Goal 6. Ensure that any proposed heavy industrial development is appropriate for the Planning Area

Heavy industrial uses are not anticipated for this area, but could be considered with appropriate buffering and screening.

Goal 7. Enhance agricultural operations within the Planning Area

Agricultural uses have been limited in this area for some time, however, the introduction of commercial and industrial development could provide opportunities for agricultural businesses to serve agricultural land use further to the east or south.

Goal 8. Develop a well-integrated multi-modal transportation system

The development has access to Bradley Road at two previously approved access points. Traffic analysis will incorporate recommendations and guidance from previously approved transportation reports as well as Highway 94 Master Plan recommendations. The City has proposed a trail along Powers Boulevard and the County has proposed a trail along Bradley Road; this development will participate in the enhancement of this trail and provide access for enhancement of the development.

Goal 9. Promote the efficient, timely, and economical provision of public facilities and services in a manner which best sustains a safe, healthful, and enjoyable environment respectful of the community context.

Public services are being provided by Widefield Water and Sanitation District through extension of existing service lines. CSU Gas has recently increased service to this area (costs being shared by this development) and existing Mountain View electrical facilities are being extended underground through the development as construction commences. The area has been annexed into the Security Fire Protection District for taxing and service purposes. Screening and buffering will be major considerations moving forward.

Goal 10. Ensure the viability of proposed central water and wastewater services

The Waterview Development has worked with the Widefield Water and Sanitation District for years planning extension for services to this area. Services have been extended to the south side of Bradley Road over the last 2 years.

Goal 11. Provide or promote the efficient provision of law enforcement concurrent with population growth

The Waterview Development would welcome locating a sheriff's substation in the area. To date discussions have not resulted in the need or request.

Goal 12. Promote the efficient provision of fire protection concurrent with population growth

The development area is within the Security Fire Protection District. Preliminary discussions concerning an additional fire station have occurred with no final decisions as of yet.

Goal 13. Facilitate the adequate provision of Kindergarten through Grade 12 educational facilities

Waterview developers have met with Widefield School District on several occasions to discuss school sites. To date no school sites have been requested.

Goal 14. Provide or facilitate a well connected system of parks, trails, and open spaces

There are city and county trails planned for the area. Waterview development welcomes the opportunity to provide conductivity to these trails and the adjoining open spaces of the Bluestem Prairie Open Space (Originally part of Waterview) and the Peak Innovation park Open Space.

Goal 15. Retain and enhance the visual character and human environment of the Planning Area

The Waterview development recognizes the tremendous asset in the view of Pikes Peak and the view of Big Johnson Reservoir. This view corridor will be enhanced and not hindered through out the design of the project.

Goal 16. Protect and preserve significant historic, cultural, archaeological, and paleontological resources within the Planning Area

No historic, cultural, archaeological, and paleontological resources have been identified within the area. If they are found moving forward all effort will be made to preserve and enhance for the public the findings.

Goal 17. Recognize and respect geologic conditions.

The site has been studied by way of a Soils and Geologic Hazards Report. All recommendations will be followed. There are no hazards on site.

Goal 18. Ensure sensitivity to the community context during the extraction of mineral deposits

There are no mineral deposits identified on site.

Goal 19. Effectively manage waterways

There are no waterways onsite. Downstream waterways will be protected by following El Paso County ECM guidance.

Goal 20. Maintain high air quality

All activities that could effect air quality will be permitted by appropriate authorities.

Goal 21. Recognize the utility of vegetation to control soil erosion sediments

Vegetation will be used when ever possible to provide erosion control; grass lines swales, vegetation growth in detention facilities, etc.

Goal 22. Promote a healthy diversity of flora and fauna in the Planning Area

A Wildlife Study has been prepared to provide development guidance. Natural vegetation will be used in open spaces and drainage facilities.

Goal 23. Maintain an updated inventory of community resources

Development proposals including this Sketch Plan Amendment and future documents will provide information to be included in the inventory.

Goal 24. Increase governmental cooperation to avoid duplication of services and coordinate planning efforts

Multiple government agencies are consulted when preparing development documentation and during the review process.

Goal 25. Resolve nuisances and regulatory violations in the Planning Area

The developer will participate in any enforcement inspections moving forward with construction.

Existing and Proposed Facilities:

The site currently is vacant. Proposed services in the development include the following:

- Water/Sewer-Widefield Water and Sanitation District
- Electric Service-Mountain View Electric and City of Colorado Springs
- Natural Gas Service – City of Colorado Springs
- Telephone Service – Century Link
- Fire Protection – Security Fire Protection District

The applicant anticipates county approval of Water Quality and Sufficiency at Preliminary Plan approval.

Offsite Improvements

Extension of Water and Sewer lines from the development currently underway on Parcel P-18.

Impact Identification:

Wildlife

Preexisting wildlife habitats and migration routes are noted for the usual prairie animals. This site has existing Bradley Road to the south and Powers Boulevard to the west. Wildlife impact to the area has already occurred due to these existing roads. A wildlife study was commissioned and completed and has been submitted as part of the Preliminary Plan submittal and can be reviewed as part of that land use application.

Colorado Springs Airport

The applicant has met with Colorado Springs Airport staff to discuss the Waterview Sketch Plan Amendment particularly concerning the east half of the application. The primary discussion point concerning the application had to do with the Airports plans to upgrade their landing lights for the east runway; the east runway is roughly in line with Powers Boulevard immediately, the alignment goes through Parcel P-14, is immediately west of Parcel P-15 and approximately 600 ft. west of proposed Parcel P-19. Parcel P-19 is between 15 degrees and 45 degrees out of the alignment of the runway. The new lighting system will be more powerful than the existing system and the airport is concerned that the strobe function of the lighting system could be detected in the development.

The airport indicated that the following steps could be taken to mitigate any effects from the strobe runway lighting:

1. Installation of landscaping (evergreen) and/or other barriers (berming/fencing) perpendicular to the runway.
2. Orientation of housing to account for runway lights.
3. Addition of plat notes indicating proximity to the airport.

The applicant notes the following in coordination with airport concerns.

1. The applicant will be installing, fencing and landscaping adjacent to the airport boundary on the north and west boundary of Parcel P-19, the proposed residential development. This somewhat perpendicular to the runway, at the higher elevations of the development, and in coordination with El Paso County, will emphasis evergreen trees.
2. The applicant will continue to consider the airport concerns as development progresses particularly in reducing the potential effects of the runway lighting by placement of landscaping and house orientation internal to the residential development.

3. The following language, suggested by the Airport Staff, will be incorporated on the plat in coordination with El Paso County review and approval:

The development and its occupants may be impacted by air illumination or approach lighting systems that use medium and high-intensity lights to guide aircraft to the runway centerline used for navigation or flight in air.

In addition to the above the applicant would like to state the following concerning mitigation of the runway lighting:

1. The proposed residential development in Parcel P-19 is 1/3 to 1/2 mile from the end of the runway and east of the runway alignment by 15 to 45 degrees.
2. The existing terrain works in favor of the development in that north of Bradley Road, between the development and the airport, is a hill in excess of 60 ft. that can help mitigate any effect of the runway lighting. In addition, the residential development slopes away from the airport and drops an additional 70 to 120 ft. below the hill elevation.

The final thoughts passed on by the airport staff included support of the Waterview development, particularly the residential development, in that the airport is implementing commercial development on the southern reaches of the airport property just north of Powers Boulevard and believed simultaneous residential development in Waterview would bring synergy to south central El Paso County.