

Special Use Application Letter of Intent  
Haven Education

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Property Address: 5490 Burgess Road Colorado Springs, CO 80908  
Tax Schedule Number: 62130-00-037  
Zoning: RR-5

Haven Education is a Colorado Education 501(c)(3) non-profit. We are applying for a special use permit for our outdoor education program. Haven School is a microschool program focusing on art and science through nature. Haven meets thirty weeks of the year, four days a week. Thirty-five students attend on Monday/Wednesday and eighty students on Tuesday/Thursday.

The current infrastructure of the property is a house and barn which the school will update to meet code requirements including ADA compliance, parking, lighting, and signage. The property is 27.45 acres and will be developed to include a school garden with a greenhouse and workshop/classrooms in the barn for students to learn applied science, agricultural, and life skills.

Current property utilities are within the boundaries of Mountain View Electric and Black Hills Energy and are already connected. The property has two wells and septic systems that are currently functioning. The septic systems will be updated to meet the appropriate use requirements.

As the buildings are set back from the adjacent main road by a quarter mile driveway no traffic concerns are anticipated. The facility has a preexisting drive through that creates a natural entrance and exit. Parking is already paved onsite for enough parking spots for the required number of vehicles for a school. There are two staggered pick up and drop off times for the program with approximately 20-25 vehicles each. This will create a smooth traffic flow and limit increase in traffic on Burgess Rd.

### 5.3.2. Special Use

**Purpose.** *The purpose of the special use process is to address potential impacts of certain land uses on existing and allowed uses in the same neighborhood. The special use process considers the location, design, configuration, intensity, density, natural hazards and other relevant factors pertaining to the proposed use.*

Haven School is an eco conscious science and arts program focused on educating students in sustainable systems and vocational skills. We intentionally teach and practice neighborliness through community building and have created our program to blend into the natural surroundings without harmful impact on the ecosystem or neighborhood.

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**Applicability.** *No special use application shall be considered unless the underlying land is located within a particular zoning district which allows the proposed special use.*

The Property is currently zoned RR-5, Residential Rural District which allows for special use permitting.

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**Criteria.** *In approving a special use, the following criteria may be considered:*

*The special use is generally consistent with the applicable Master Plan:*

Haven School's Site Development plan demonstrates the consistency of the special use permit and purpose of the program.

*The special use will be in harmony with the character of the neighborhood, and will generally be compatible with the existing and allowable land uses in the surrounding area:*

Haven School is a collaborative nature education program that teaches sustainable systems, care for the environment, and vocational skills. There are currently several other small businesses in existence in the neighborhood and Haven contributes to the welfare of the community by offering part time classes to local families.

*The impact of the special use does not overburden or exceed the capacity of public facilities and services, or, in the alternative, the special use application demonstrates that it will provide adequate public facilities in a timely and efficient manner:*

Because Haven is a small part time program that only meets 30 weeks of the year, it will not exceed water or land use.

*The special use will not create unmitigated traffic congestion or traffic hazards in the surrounding area, and has adequate, legal access:*

A full traffic study has been conducted (submitted to county 8/28) and it is determined that the access is adequate and any additional traffic will not create congestion or hazards.

*The special use will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations regarding air, water, light, or noise pollution:*

Haven is an eco conscious program and takes care for the land seriously. Not only do we work hard to not create pollution, we actively participate in practices and systems that help decrease air, water, light, and noise pollution, such as green building, planting trees, and regenerative gardening.

*The special use will not otherwise be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the present or future residents of El Paso County:*

See above. It is also our goal to educate our students so that they are trained and equipped in sustainable practices so they will contribute to our community after they graduate.

*The special use conforms or will conform to all other applicable County rules, regulations or ordinances.*

We are happy to work alongside the County to ensure our site development plan is in keeping with applicable County rules, regulations or ordinances.