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# News Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Public Input Meetings for the Lafayette Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan to be held September 25-27

**Lafayette**, **Colo** September 6, 2012 - The City of Lafayette is conducting a Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST) needs assessment as part of a project to update the City's PROST Comprehensive Plan. The needs assessment exercise will provide a preliminary evaluation of the City's current needs and demands, expected growth, and potential impacts on future services related to open space, parks, recreation, and trails.

A series of community meetings will be held September 25-27 to gather public input for the needs assessment. All city residents, business owners, open space and trails advocates, sports groups, recreation enthusiasts, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend to share ideas. The public is invited to attend <u>any</u> meeting scheduled.

Public Focus Groups & Meetings - Topic Areas	Time	Location
Tuesday, September 25th		
		Angevine Middle School,
Youth and Schools Focus Group	4-5:30 pm	1150 West South Boulder Road
		Senior Service Center,
Recreation, Sports, and Aquatics Focus Group	7-8:30 pm	103 South Iowa Avenue
Wednesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>		
Seniors Focus Group	1-2:30 pm	Senior Service Center
Parks, Open Space, & Trails Focus Group	4-5:30 pm	Senior Service Center
General Public Meeting	7-8:30 pm	Senior Service Center
Thursday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>		
		City Hall, Council Chambers,
Business and Alternative Providers Focus Group	8-9:30 am	1290 South Public Road
		Starkey Building,
Latino Focus Group	3-4:30 pm	309 S. Public Road
Note - all focus groups and the general public meeting are open to the public, but focus groups will		
include a focus on the identified topic.		

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GreenPlay, LLC, a nationally-recognized parks and recreation management consulting firm headquartered in Lafayette, will oversee and facilitate the process. Any questions regarding the public meetings can be directed to the Parks, Open Space and Golf Department at 303-665-5588 x 3610.

### Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Master Plan Vision

The City of Layette is poised to refresh its Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan and the previously separate Open Space Master Plan, into one comprehensive Master Plan. In the last ten years, the City has matured substantially. Planning and policy documents from the early 2000s are geared for a city in high-growth mode. This new Master Plan can redirect parks and recreation planning and construction toward infill development, ongoing conservation of open space lands, and the appropriate redevelopment and maintenance of already developed property and facilities within the City. Additionally, the City seeks strong community input that takes into account the economic potential within the city, equity for the community's diverse demographics, staff input, health and wellness opportunities, walkability, and alternative modes of transportation.

### **Great Outdoors Colorado Planning Grant**

In June this year, the City of Lafayette received \$75,000 to fund master plan project from Great Outdoors Colorado to help fund the creation of a new Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) master plan.

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