

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

**Topic: Evergreen Park & Recreation District - Deed to Kittredge Park
JCOSD24-13**

Presented by: Hillary Merritt, Deputy Director, Open Space

Date: 10/15/2024

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

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Issue:

Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) proposes to convey the 1.581-acre Kittredge Park to the Evergreen Park & Recreation District (EPRD).

Background:

JCOS acquired Kittredge Park in 1986 and since then has leased it to EPRD. For decades, park visitors have recreated down to and within Bear Creek on the south side of the park. JCOS recently settled a legal dispute regarding access to portions of the land located south of the park and completed a land exchange to clearly delineate boundaries between park property lying north of Bear Creek and private property lying south of Bear Creek.

Discussion:

Rather than amending the lease agreement to include these newly acquired portions of the park, and exclude the conveyed portions, the parties have agreed to terminate the lease agreement and JCOS will deed the entirety of Kittredge Park to EPRD, enabling the expansion of the park's trail system, and providing increased access to Bear Creek. The Jeffco Open Space Reverter will be placed on the Property to ensure it is used exclusively for park and open space purposes.

Fiscal Impact: yes no

Revenue Limits Impact: yes no

SPA Review: Support, no concern.

County Attorney Review: Anne Kelson, reviewed October 1, 2024

Facilities Review: Support, no concern.

BIT Review: Support, no concern.

Fleet Review: Support, no concern.

Human Resources Review (new FTE only): N/A

Recommendations:

That the Board of County Commissioners consider the recommendation made by JCOS Staff and the Open Space Advisory Committee in Resolution #24-15, approving the termination of the Lease Agreement and conveyance of Kittredge Park to EPRD and authorize execution of the required documents at a future hearing.

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