

Conifer Area Council - Trails Team

Barkley Road Project

Objectives

Challenges

Costs



Conifer Area Council - Who We Are

501 (c) (3) non-profit made up entirely of volunteers

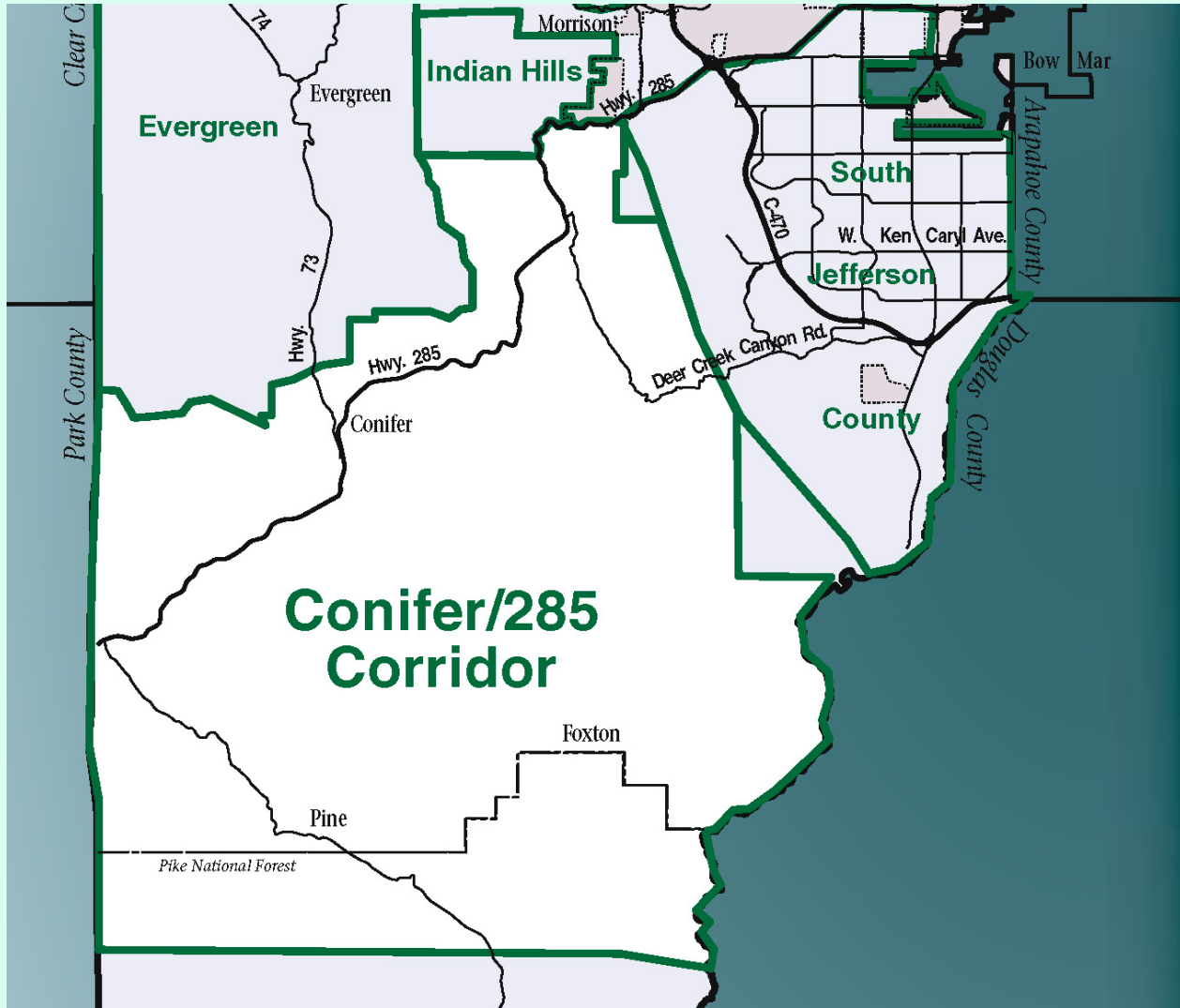
Rooted in a grass roots effort begun in 1997 to work on an update of the original 285 Corridor Plan that had been adopted in 1987.

With:

- Community members serving on various Study/Action teams.
- A Board of Directors of 8 community members.
- Professional advisors.



Conifer Area Council - The Area We Serve



Conifer Area Council

Mission

“To work as a broad based group to provide a forum to identify and address community issues.”

Core Values

INCLUSIVE

NON-PARTISAN

HONEST

POSITIVE

CREATIVE

TRANSPARENT

ACCOUNTABLE



Conifer Area Council - Things that we do

Educate and Communicate

Quarterly Town Hall Meetings

Email updates

Development updates

Facilitate

Special community meetings

Community events-recently "Elevation Celebration"

Identify & Address Issues

Community issues

Community surveys

Formation of Study/Action Teams



Conifer Area Council - Study Action Teams

● *Trails*

● *Community Vision*

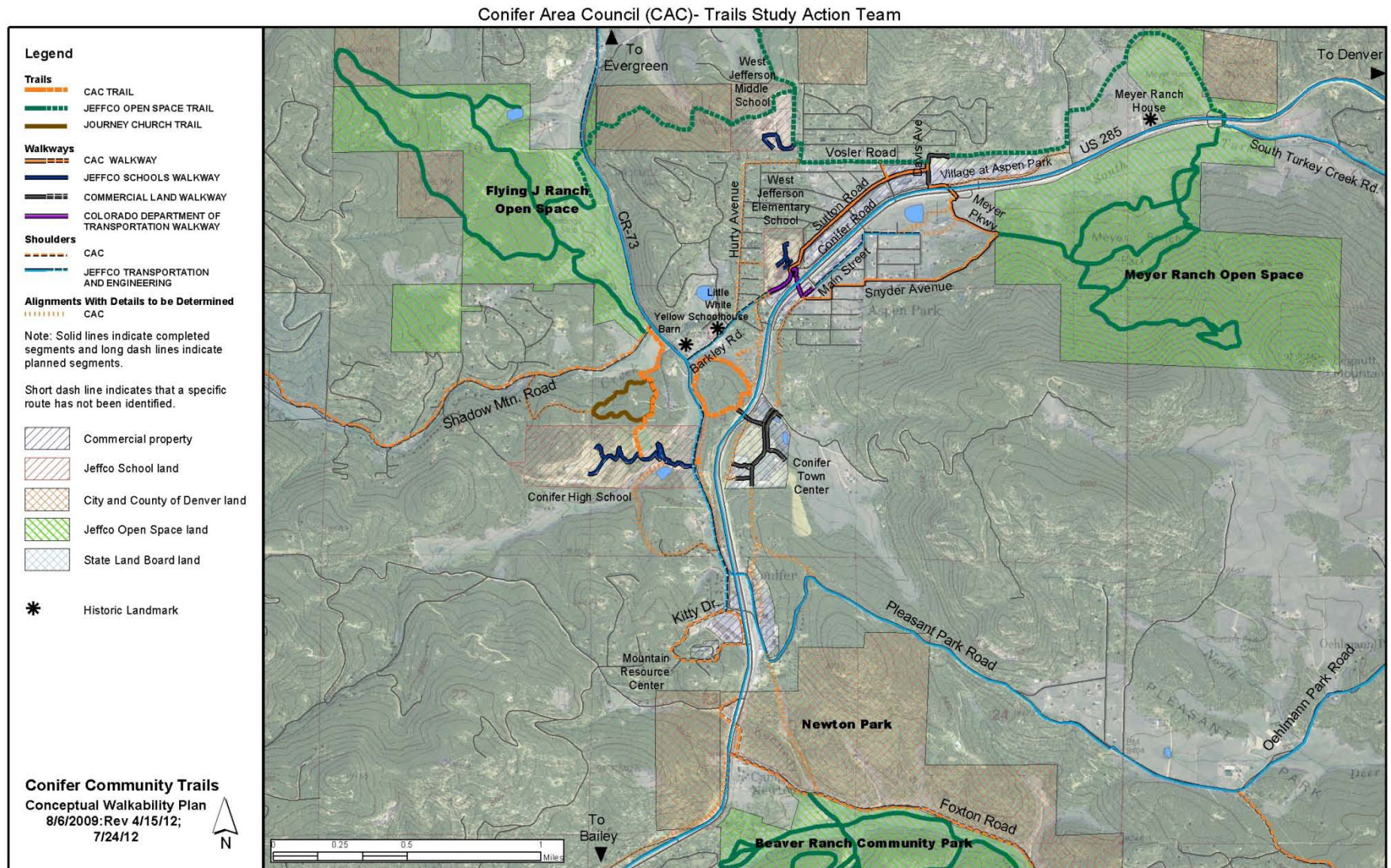


Trails Team

- The 2006 Survey identified that “Trails” is a high priority for our community.
- Residents clearly indicated that they want better non-motorized mobility connecting schools, parks, commercial areas, and residential areas.
- CAC responded in November 2006 by forming the Trails Study/Action Team to respond to this desire by the community.
- Provide safe pedestrian and bicycle mobility throughout the community.



Trails Team - Vision of Core Conifer Trails



Trails Team-Accomplishments

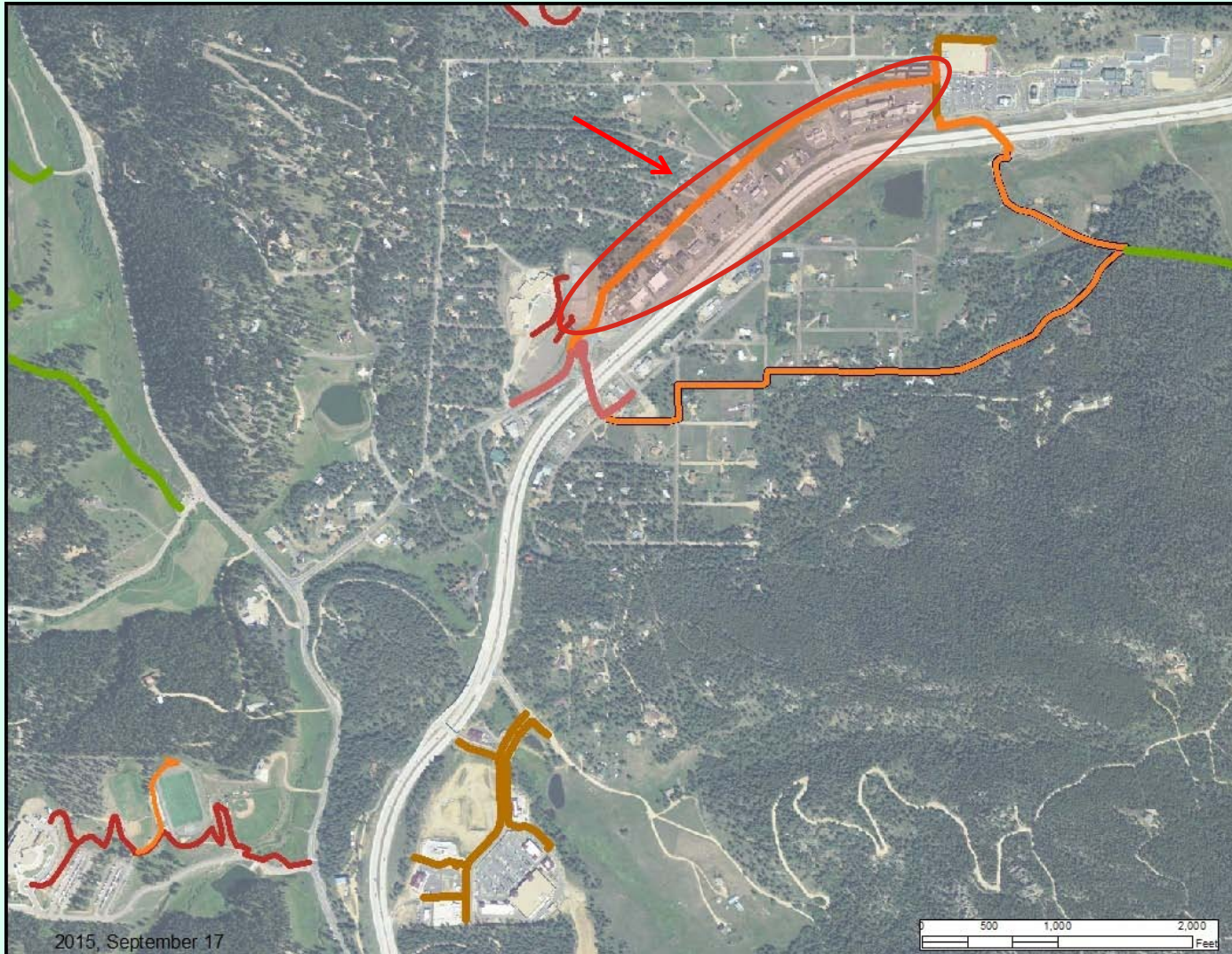
● *Sutton Road Trail*

● *285 Connection and Core Loop*



Sutton Road Trail:

Pedestrian Mobility and Safety Issue



Sutton Road Trail:



Before



After



Sutton Road Trail: A Sense of Community



285 Connection and Core Loop: Connect the Community



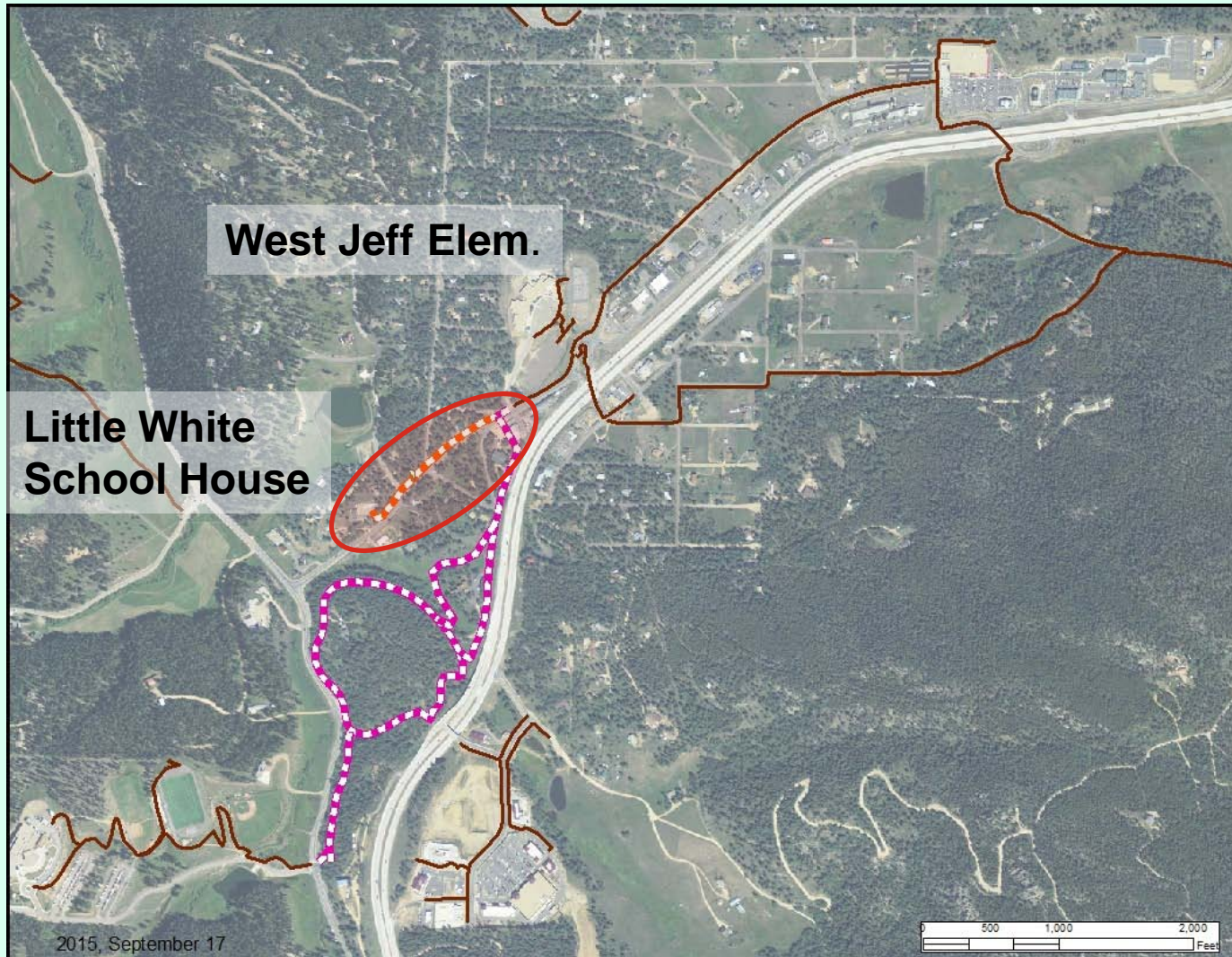
Trails Team – New Projects

- *Barkley Road Trail*
- *West Jeff Elementary School to Conifer High School Connection*

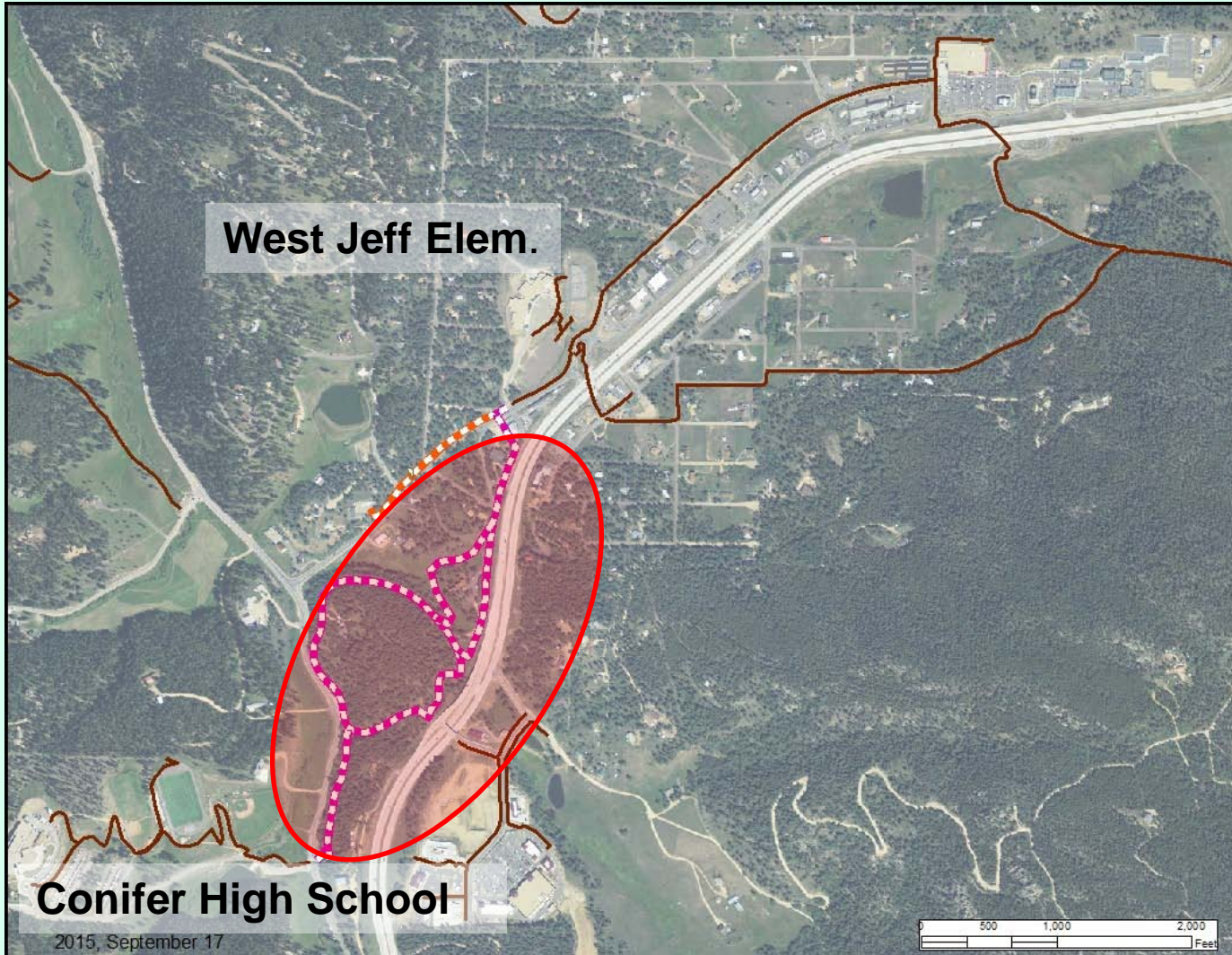


Barkley Road Trail:

Pedestrian Mobility and Safety



West Jeff Elementary School to High School Connection: Connect the Community



Barkley Road Trail:



**Little White
School House-
Conifer Museum**



Barkley Road Trail - Objectives

- Include Little White Schoolhouse Museum in the Community Trail System
- Create a safe route from West Jeff Elementary School to Museum
- Provide a crosswalk across Barkley at Albo
- Create the first segment of connection from Core Loop to Conifer High School



Barkley Road Trail



West Jefferson

Little White
School House-
Conifer Museum



Barkley Road Trail – Already a Social Trail



Barkley Road Trail



Barkley Road Trail - Challenges

- Right-of-Way limitations
- Design and Engineering
- Costs

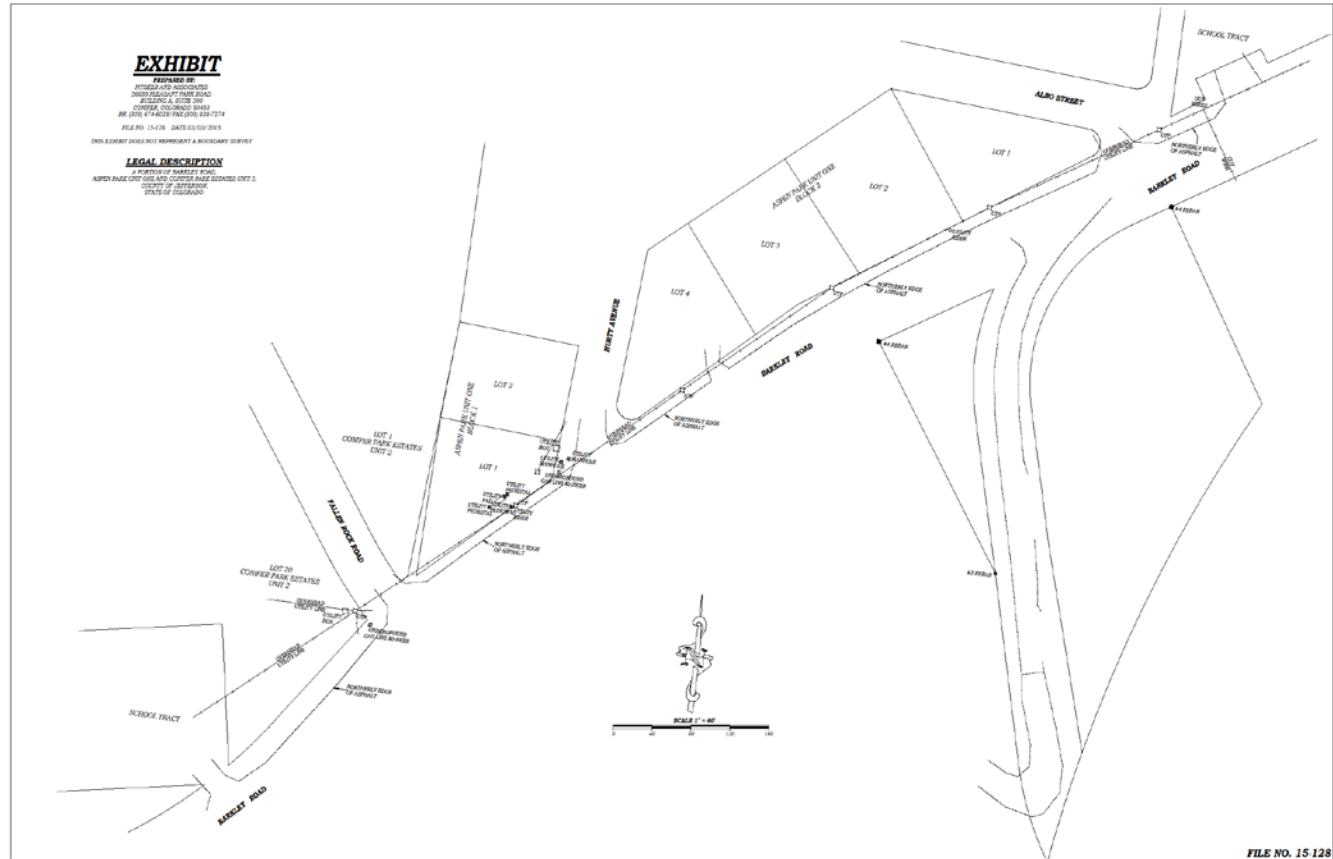


Barkley Road Trail – Rights-of Way

- Alignment follows County Roads



Barkley Road Trail – Rights-of Way



- Acquired a survey of the alignment: 8-16 feet available.
- Much of this is drainage ditch.
- Much of existing social trail may be on private property.



Barkley Road Trail – Rights-of Way



Barkley Road Trail – Rights-of Way



- It appears that utility easements cross private property along proposed route.



Barkley Road Trail – Design and Engineering

Anticipated Design Features

- A crusher-fines trail, 4 feet wide.
- One crossing of Barkley Road at Albo Street.
- Crossings of Albo Street, Hurty Avenue and Fallen Rock Road.
- Concrete landings on both sides of each intersection.
- Possible changes to drainage.
- Possible fencing or railing where there is a steep embankment down to drainage



Barkley Road Trail – Segments

- West Jefferson Elementary to Albo Street and Barkley Road Crossing
 - Important junction of two trail links.
 - Should have a safe pedestrian crossing.
 - WJE uses Conifer Community Church as its evacuation center.
 - Conifer Community Church uses WJE as parking overflow.
 - Barkley Road is a major “collector” connecting US highway 285 to CO Highway 73.
 - May require sight improvements.
 - ROW shared by JeffCo Roads and JeffCo Schools, is this correct?



Barkley Road Trail – Segments

- Cross-walk for Barkley similar to that across CO Highway 73 or those across Bergen Parkway near the Buchanan Recreation Center



Barkley Road Trail – Segments

● Albo Street to Hurty Avenue

- Has a well-defined existing social trail
- Only 1-2 feet of ROW between edge and drainage ditch
- Property is currently for sale
- Concerned that a new owner might fence off the social trail, forcing pedestrian traffic onto Barkley Road



Barkley Road Trail – Segments

- Hurty Avenue to Fallen Rock Road
 - Available ROW is too narrow.
 - Social trail may be entirely on private land.
 - Utilities may need wider access for service vehicles.
 - Hurty Avenue/ Barkley Road intersection drainage will require redesign.
 - Fallen Rock Road crossing; east side is a steep drop and will require a ramp.
 - Crossing requires 24 feet of asphalt.



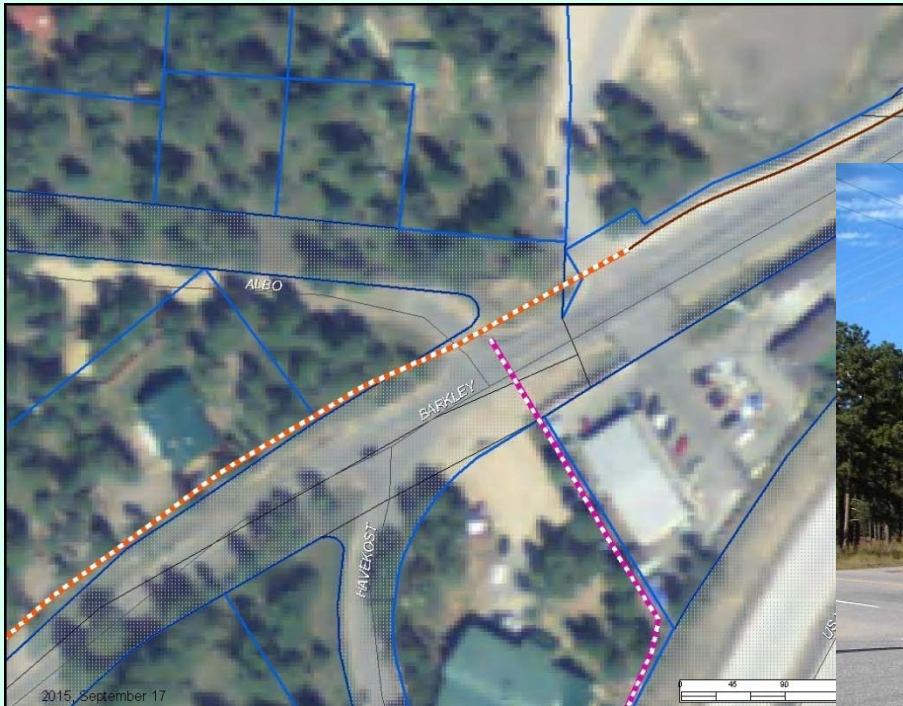
Barkley Road Trail – Segments

- Fallen Rock Road to Little White School House Museum
 - ROW may be wide enough but appears to extend beyond fence .
 - Very steep drop to Barkley Road drainage ditch, may require railing.



Barkley Road Trail – Construction Plan

- First Priority is the Barkley Road crossing at Albo.
- Conifer Community Church “triangle”, starts connection toward Conifer High School.



Barkley Road Trail – Costs

Anticipated to Include (but not limited to!):

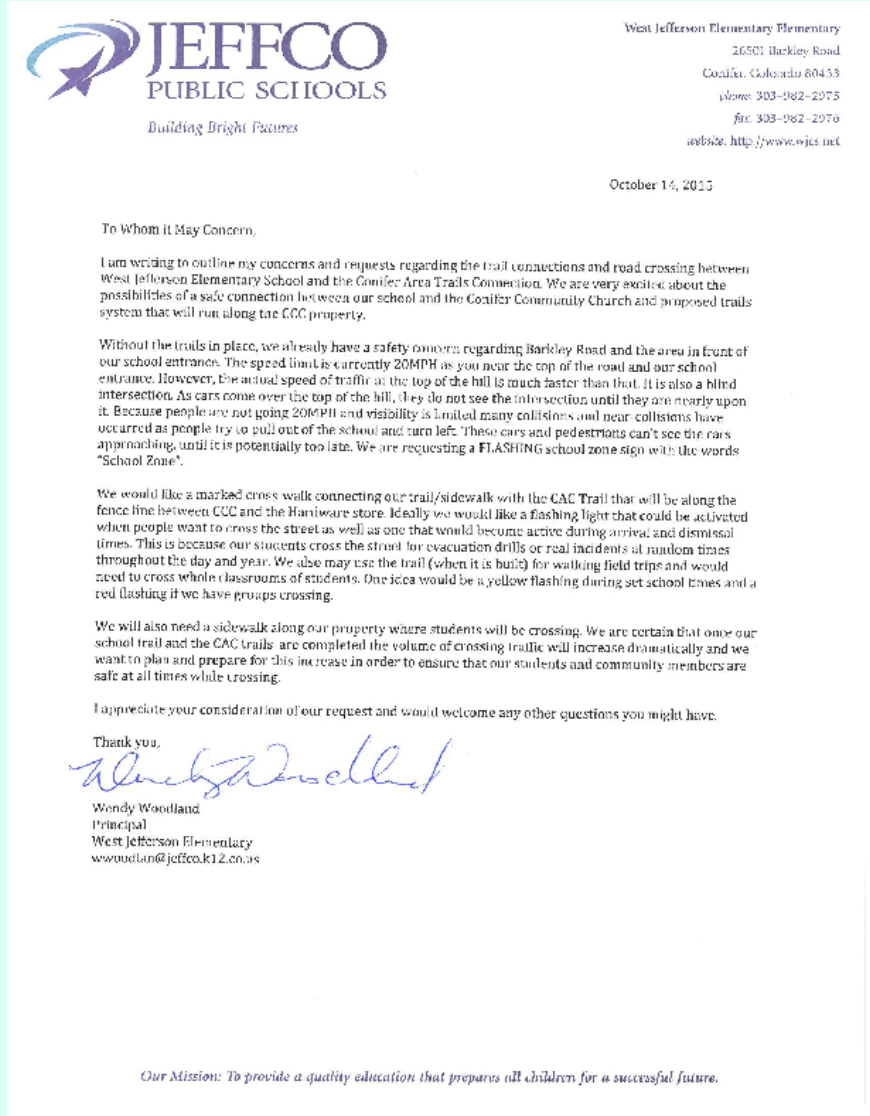
- Design and Engineering
- Trail
- Street crossings
- Railing
- Drainage
- Each landing could cost upwards of \$30,000



Barkley Road Trail – Support

● West Jefferson Elementary School.

- Are developing an on-site trail that this will tie in to.
- Will use for access to Little White School House.



Barkley Road Trail – Support

● Conifer Historical Society

- Accessibility
- Visibility



Conifer Historical Society and Museum
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October 19, 2015

Peter Durkman
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Dear Peter:

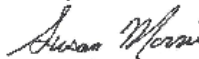
The Board of Directors of the Conifer Historical Society and Museum strongly supports the proposed trail from West Jeff Elementary School to the Little White Schoolhouse. Barkley Road has steep shoulders and unless a trail is defined, walking will continue to be precarious.

The Conifer Historical Society was formed in 2006 and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in January of 2009. In short, our mission is to preserve and share the history of the Conifer area. In 2012, the Jefferson County School District purchased the Conifer Junction School property and gave the deed to the Conifer Historical Society. The school has been in almost continuous use since it opened in 1923. We now have a facility where we can offer exhibits, lectures special events.

The students at West Jeff Elementary School and other members of our community are within walking distance of a nationally recognized historic landmark. In 2014 our applications were accepted for both the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties and National Register of Historic Places. The Conifer Historical Society and Museum will continue to maintain the buildings and provide a place to preserve and share the history of the Conifer area with our community. Safe walking access along Barkley Road is very important to students and adults.

If you have any questions, please call me at 303.697.0871.

Sincerely,


Susan Morris
President

2015 Board of Directors

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Directors: Carla Mink, Jodi Hummel, Tom Laubis, Jean Lamberti, George Hummel*



Barkley Road Trail – Support

Other Interests

● Conifer Community Church

- Agreed to allow trail to cross their property.

● St Laurence Episcopal Church

- Have expressed interest to host part of the trail.

● Colorado Department of Transportation

- Demonstrated willingness to work with us to develop trail on CDOT Right-of-Way.

● Confer Heights Property

- Rezoning called for a trail easement at time of platting.



Trails Team- What We Are Asking For

- Continued County support
- Guidance
- Design work for Barkley Road crossing
- Assistance with Right-of-Way determinations and negotiations



Trails Team- Acknowledge Ongoing Help From:

- Transportation and Engineering Department
- Road and Bridge
- Open Space

