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Timestamp	Suggestions / Questions
05/08/2015 15:41	<p>please preserve this area as open space with trails for the benefit of residents and wildlife. a trail connection (dirt preferred like the farimont ditch trail!) between the bike path around the reservoir and pattrage open space would be wonderful. development of this area would be tragic as it's a real treasure for the area.</p> <p>thanks-</p>
05/09/2015 9:28	<p>I love the idea of a bike park, solar garden, and regional composting facility. I also think improving trails including single track mountain biking trails as well as hiking trails around the Blunn Resivoir would be highly utilized. Each of these uses very much compliment existing uses for the area I am opposed to the idea of a public shooting range as that would be far too noisy in what is currently a very peaceful environment. I am also opposed to the idea of using the space for police training. This is a public recreation space and should continue to be used for public recreation not for police training purposes.</p>
05/09/2015 16:04	<p>My husband and I live in the extreme western edge of the Spring Mesa sub-division and our home backs up to the Xcel utility easement and Pioneer Sand and Gravel. We have lived here for almost 6 years now. Previously we lived in the Shadow Mountain subdivision for 10 years. We love Arvada and have been impressed, for the most part, by how well the city is run.</p> <p>One of the things we most love about our home is how incredibly quiet it is out here. To the extent possible, we would like to preserve that quality of our neighborhood and are against a shooting range.</p> <p>Also, there is quite a bit of wildlife: many different kinds of birds (including bald eagles and great horned owls), many reptiles (including chorus frogs which inhabit the seasonal ponds just inside the eastern property line of Pioneer and not only delight us with their evening croaking, but also - I believe - help to keep the mosquito population under control), coyotes, and the occasional deer. Less desirable are the many rabbits (but they do provide hunting for the eagles and owls). We would like to see uses that are compatible with maintaining the wildlife.</p> <p>When we first moved here we were very concerned that noise from the Model Airplane Park would be a nuisance (we are quite close). However, it has not been an issue at all. In fact, we rather enjoy watching the planes on a nice day and like having it here.</p> <p>What has been a HUGE nuisance, however, is the prairie dogs. They are very invasive, very destructive of the natural habitat, and carry disease. I cannot imagine why Arvada would want to have a Prairie Dog habitat! Even our tree-hugging neighbor became alarmed when a house that sat between us was vacant for several months and the prairie dogs invaded the yard. There were at least 6 open mounds and when the new residents moved in they had to get a professional to remove them from the yard. When I called the City of Arvada to complain, I was told that these prairie dogs had been relocated from another spot to the open space off Leyden Road. I was dumbfounded that the City of Arvada would do something that (to me, anyway) was so stupid. They do not stay where you put them! They have migrated toward our subdivision and are a constant nuisance. Please, please rethink this idea. In my mind, having a prairie dog habitat is about as desirable as having a rat habitat.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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05/12/2015 16:02	I was unable to use the form on the https://arvada.org/blunn-pioneer-feedback webpage... but I wanted to share my thoughts with you on proposed uses include a bike park, solar garden, regional composting facility, public shooting range, trails, West Woods Golf Course expansion, police training facility, and the relocation of the Arvada Modelers and prairie dog preserve. I am an Arvada resident who lives in the West Woods area and I think it is excellent on all accounts. While I know that many will be scared/turned-off/etc. when they hear "public shooting range" but I believe this is a good use of the land and the decision makers should not be swayed by the few loud voices who disagree. Thanks.
05/12/2015 22:44	<p>I think a variety of equestrian trails is a must! And also a nice area for us to take our horses into the water. Also having more signs showing who yields to whom would be nice. Most people are good about it, however; some aren't and could cause the horses to startle.</p> <p>I also like the idea of a shooting range. It would be nice to have something close instead of having to go up into the mountains all the time.</p>
05/13/2015 6:11	1) Horse trails 2) Shooting range
05/13/2015 9:51	I like the idea of an out door shooting range & a prairie dog preserve. Please, NO MORE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT!!!!
05/14/2015 9:01	Would like to see trail system and shooting range. Would also like to see the airpark stay put.
05/14/2015 11:00	<p>Looks good</p> <p>As long as we are NOT building more homes, more multi-family dwellings, etc., I am thrilled.</p> <p>We have enough people in Arvada--need the green space to accommodate all these people, so delighted to see you are working on this. I know it will be good.</p>
05/15/2015 14:32	<p>Just wanted to throw my support behind the idea of a bike park facility like Valmont Bike Park in Boulder. I'd also be support of ideas that enhance our ability to mitigate flood risk and maintain adequate water supplies to our residents. As for the idea of a shooting range, that would be a tough one to sell to the community at large due to nothing more than the noise that would easily travel across wide open spaces to homes occupied by many young children who nap at all hours. A shooting range outdoors needs to be in a well wooded area where the sound would not travel to a residential area.</p> <p>Other ideas that would garner significant support would include an outdoor water facility for the town that is more "kid friendly" than most of the current options (Apex but outside) and additional field house space (since Apex Field House is always crazy busy - there has to be demand). The idea of alternative energy facilities are also intriguing.</p>
05/15/2015 15:01	I would like to see an outdoor pool facility in this area.
05/15/2015 15:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) will the police training facility be able to activate the lights and sirens. Its line of sight to many homes in the area. Lyden rock and spring Mesa. 2) Is there a plan for sound mitigation for the public shooting range? Again line of sight to the northern part of Spring mesa. 3) Will the Jefferson parkway have lights / light pollution along its rout? 4) Will there be sound barriers along the Jefferson path that run along Spring Mesa? 5) Is the Solar farm going to eliminate the trees that backup to spring mesa? 6) Will the Solar farm connect to the 250KV power lines? If so what kind of sound mitigation will be in place to resolve the increased corona noise from the junction? If not, what will be the path of the new power lines and what will be the voltage and MW rattooing?

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05/15/2015 15:55	<p>I heard there is a possibility of adding a community pool in the area rather than a shooting range. As a resident of the Trail Village / West Woods neighborhoods for 11 years, I am in huge support of the idea of a community pool, and adamantly opposed to a shooting range.</p> <p>The lack of outdoor pools in West Arvada (including private) is surprising given the number of families that live in the area. I feel this would be a wise use of the space.</p> <p>On the other hand, I feel locating a shooting range would be a horrible idea, especially given the number of families in the area. I understand this may be a case of NIMBY, but I don't think it is wise to spend taxpayer dollars on a project that is guaranteed to spark controversy on both sides. This would likely drag what should be an exciting time for West Arvada into a contentious debate over firearms and whether municipalities should even be involved in creating shooting ranges.</p> <p>So to sum it up, pool, awesome idea. 100% support. Shooting range, bad idea. 100% opposed.</p> <p>All of the other parts of the plan - like trails, outdoor rec, etc. totally down with those too.</p>
05/15/2015 16:10	<p>This is the first I've heard of developing this area. I enjoy running around Tucker Lake and spending time there with my dog, as I know lots of others do, as well. It is peaceful and less developed and I would hate to lose that.</p> <p>I think a community pool in this West Arvada area is a much needed resource to help build more of a community, as there is really no central place to congregate and meet your neighbors in this area. That said, I think the area behind the Apex Center makes the most sense for a community pool as it is centrally located, wide open, and already has the plumbing in place from the indoor pool.</p> <p>I think a solar garden would be fine. I am in support of alternative energy sources, but would like to know the impact on such a small area.</p> <p>I am completely against a shooting range. Again, people enjoy running up there, it is home to a lot of wildlife, and it is very close to the neighborhood. Too much noise!</p> <p>That said, there are birds and coyotes and other manner of wildlife that call that area home. Are you going to develop one of the few undeveloped areas east of highway 93 and force the coyotes even further into the neighborhood?! (P.S. I've even seen a bald eagle on the east side of Tucker Lake. Amazing!)</p> <p>Please consider the value of leaving this area as natural as possible.</p> <p>P.S. The golf course doesn't need more holes!</p>
05/15/2015 16:38	<p>I am totally against a shooting range, solar garden. I would prefer the space be trails, and bike trails. If needed for the water reservoir is fine as long as "yucky smelly" waste is not at this plant that would affect the smell or wildlife. I don't know why the city feels the need to develop all open space. THE police academy might be okay. But to reiterate, my vote if for open space, not developed other than trails for hiking and bikes.</p>

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05/15/2015 21:17	<p>Are you kidding me? It appears you have already decided. I'm sicken by looking at this map. We do not need or want a shooting range, the model park, and who wants those rodent to have so many acres. They are not wanted. Leave it as open space. We moved out here for the serenity. It was for the feel of a small community that was peaceful but close enough to the town/city for amenities. Please do not ruin this area with development. If this has been in the works for years (which it appears to be), you all have been very quiet about it. We purchases a house out here 4.5 years ago for the openness. We called the city to find out what was going to happen to the open space and were told there were no plans of develpment. So, are people liars or is it all about the all mighty dollar. I am very, very disappointed in these plans. Leave as open space, put in trails, expand water treatment. The rest is unnecessary. Are the city planners trying to make Arvada like Northglenn where it is land locked and has no open space?? Very disappointed in the people who run the city !!!!</p>
05/16/2015 9:33	<p>I live in Spring Mesa and know that many many families there would love a pool. There is no outdoor pool on the west side of arvada. It would be a great use of the space Thank you</p>
05/16/2015 15:51	<p>We live next to Tucker Lake and use it daily. We would like to see the trails stay the way they are - unpaved and a much more "natural" setting. We would also like to see a community pool vs. a shooting range. A pool will increase our sense of community as well as our home values.</p>
05/16/2015 15:59	<p>PLEASE DON'T USE THIS PRISTINE LAND FOR A FIREARMS RANGE, A POLICE TRAINING FACILITY OR MORE GOLF COURSE - 27 HOLES IS ENOUGH. ANY OF THE OTHER USES LISTED IN THE PROPOSAL FOR THE LAND IS FINE BY ME. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT</p>
05/17/2015 10:04	<p>I don't understand the purpose of the Westwoods Gold Course expansion. That area is currently a grassland area, providing habitat for many animals. In particular we notice a variety of birds in the area, especially Western Meadowlarks. It seems quite distant from the main golf course, and I don't think would support more than 1 or 2 additional holes. I also don't understand how the gold course expansion would be accessed. Where would the trail connecting the expansion to the other golf course holes be placed?</p>
05/17/2015 13:13	<p>I do not like the idea of the shooting range so close to homes and area water supplies.</p>
05/17/2015 16:40	<p>NO GUN RANGE!!! A swimming pool please! And did I mention NO GUNS!!!!!!!</p>
05/18/2015 20:25	<p>Future uses of this park should place emphasis on the current uses of this open space - hiking, bicycling. Additional uses should focus on golfing and swimming activities, golfing is consistent with current activity in the area. Swimming pool would meet the needs of young families in this area. A shooting range and modeling activities are not compatible with this area both of these activities would increase noise and be a nuisance.</p>
05/18/2015 20:46	<p>On behalf of the Arvada Golf Advisory Committee, I would like to request that approximately 18 acres be reserved for use by the West Woods Golf Club. The space would allow West Woods flexibility around expansion plans related to a clubhouse redesign/expansion currently in the design phase.</p>

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05/19/2015 11:07	We brought in Spring Mesa for the peace and quiet. The idea of having to listen to the crack of gun fire all day at the proposed shooting range threatens to compromise our quality of life. I urge the planning commission in the most emphatic way to exclude the public shooting range in the 30 year plan.
05/19/2015 11:56	I strongly support the proposed uses of the area as composting sites and solar gardens. I think these specific uses would be very beneficial for the community as a whole. Thank you for taking public comments.
05/19/2015 12:34	<p>Very excited to see the city providing a solar option and a way (finally) to compost! 40% of the food we grow ends up in the trash, and composting is one way to prevent that (buying only what we eat is another great way).</p> <p>Solar seems like one of the best options for Colorado energy going forward and solar farms seem like one of the best solutions, especially for those of us with tree shaded roofs.</p> <p>Thank you Arvada for making these much needed changes!</p>
05/19/2015 14:21	Leave the Disc golf course in place, they have been proven to be good neighbors and the land gets a lot of non - destructive use. If anything move the land fill from the area and reclaim it so it fits in with the rest of the beautiful open space, ball, fields, dog park, lakes, bike trails, etc. A dump in the middle of all that makes little aesthetic sense, I know its all about money but surely there must be a more fitting location? Maybe the Pioneer space has a whole or two that needs filled! Thank you.
05/19/2015 14:50	I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight, but would like to see the space use for enjoyment for all such as walking/biking trails and/or open space. With all the houses coming in this area, it is nice to have spaces to exercise and enjoy nature.
05/19/2015 16:17	Keep as a open natural park
05/19/2015 16:45	most of the plan looks great, but a pool would be nice.
05/19/2015 18:04	<p>My home backs up to Virgil across from the disc golf. I am in favor of leaving the disc golf and Westwoods Golf Course expansion.</p> <p>I am ABSOLUTELY NOT in favor of a public shooting range, solar garden or prairie dog preserve. This would not be good for the value of the homes in this area.</p> <p>I am ABSOLUTELY NOT in favor of the Jefferson Parkway cutting through the corner of the Rocky Flats land. We don't need any plutonium air particles spreading in our neighborhood.</p> <p>I would like to receive a map of the proposal plans as I will not be able to attend this meeting.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my opinions.</p>

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<p>05/19/2015 18:10</p>	<p>I am sorry I am unable to attend the meeting but I felt it more responsible not to spread my cold. I moved to this area because I thought Arvada did a good job planning and things were done ecstastically. I lived in Lakewood for 40 years and wanted out because of their lack of forward thinking. I have never been opposed to development as long as it is well planned, fits into the neighborhood and is done esthetically. That being said I am not opposed to some of what you are proposing but have concerns is this the best for the immediate neighbors or a throwing things in an area for the sack of doing so. My biggest concern is the "solar garden" what is the purpose of this, if it is to light the bike park I am opposed: the entire park area should be closed at DUSK. I am concerned as to the location of the prairie dog area so close to a residential neighbor with all the problems they bring with them, is this just an area for developers to dump prairie dogs? I know there is a segment of society that want to protect them, but again is this the best place. I am a retired Law Enforcement Agent and I honestly support the PD. However, do we really need what I will term a police firing range, I understand it will be open to the public the department is not that big and the one off of Rooney road is adequate. I thought Jefferson County Open Space was looking into a firing range for the public. I think there should be some coordination with them. As for the police pursuit course really with the State Police having a course so close is this really necessary or is a way for area PD's to share. I am sure the state with some money from Arvada PD to help fix and maintain there's would let them use it. If the city has this much money to spend on "toys" maybe you should add to your road budget and do some serious planning in and around the Indian and Lyden Rd. Finally, I see you still are hopeful of the Parkway, your efforts in this are not in the best interest of anyone and you should stop.</p>
<p>05/19/2015 18:10</p>	<p>Like others Arvada residents, we chose to live in and purchase our home in North West Arvada for the wild life, quiet setting and the beautiful open space.</p> <p>In Favor of expanding the "Bike Path", the "West Woods Golf Course Expansion - Swimming Pool" and the " Water Treatment Expansion" - as long as it is not a Waste Treatment Plant!</p> <p>Not in favor of the "Solar Farm" and the "Gun Range"!</p> <p>Let's set an "Example and Keep Arvada Beautiful"!</p>
<p>05/19/2015 19:41</p>	<p>We (my husband and I) like most elements of the plan, but don't understand the idea behind the golf course expansion. Our house backs up to the bike path that separates Westwoods from the golf course, so we assume that area would be impacted as well? We like having the current open meadow (where the golf course expansion is set to go) for the wild birds, and logistically, don't understand what the golf course wants to put there or how the would be a good location. We are really excited about the solar gardens and additional trails, though. And very sorry we couldn't make tonight's open house/meeting.</p>
<p>05/19/2015 20:29</p>	<p>The word I'd use to describe the Blunn Master Plan is this: disappointing. I can't believe the amount of uses envisioned for the space; I just think there are too many. I know I utilize Blunn Reservoir for scenic bike rides and walks, and think that incorporating additional shooting ranges, police facilities, solar gardens, compost stations, and the like will crowd the space and take away its inherent beauty. While I vehemently oppose the Jeffersonian Parkway, I understand that it's a done deal and will go through there, and that's very disheartening to me. While that use has to go through there, I don't see the need for a shooting range and police facility. This is our open space, and I don't want to see it taken up by Jefferson County.</p> <p>The two aspects I did like regarding the plan were the preservation of the teepee site, and the proposed bike park, though I'd like to see a smaller scale park than that of Valmont.</p> <p>All in all, I think there are too many proposed uses for this space and honestly would like to see it left as is.</p>

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05/19/2015 20:30	NO GUN RANGE/ POLICE TRAINING FACILITY. I don't want a gun range or a police facility in a park that my wife and kids frequently visit. Not a chance.
05/19/2015 20:52	<p>I attended the meeting tonight at RVH and like many of the neighborhood residents, I am not pleased with the proposed plans. This area is enjoyed and shared by hikers, cyclists, equestrians, frisbee golfers, dogs, horses and tons of wildlife.</p> <p>I feel the proposed plan would bring unwanted noise, traffic, changes to habitat and to the natural beauty of the area. I vehemently oppose the outdoor shooting range. I want to be able to enjoy the trails without the noise from a shooting range. I also do not want to hear shots fired daily from my house. These neighborhoods are peaceful, a huge reason why people buy property on the west side of town and this would effectively ruin that peace.</p> <p>I like the idea of adding in new trails, the bike park is a great idea, too. I'd also like to suggest a community pool, which would be a great benefit to the neighborhoods.</p> <p>I'll be at the next meeting on June 16th and hope to hear that the neighbor's concerns have been taken into account. I would like to see a survey that would be distributed to area residents on their ideas for use of this area.</p>
05/19/2015 21:37	<p>At the meeting 5/19/15: Needed more maps; got crowded. Needed to show horse trails and other trails How notify public when development is usurping trails? Suggest you investigate Cost of Community Services when working on plans. Please call the Jefferson Parkway what it really is: a TOLLWAY. PLlease repleat questions from audience, and have staff use microphones.</p>
05/20/2015 6:37	<p>I live in Spring Mesa...my home backs up to the open space where the proposed solar "garden" is going. Those of us on this side of 78th Dr. carefully chose these lots and paid a premium for these lots to back up to open space. Even though we were not thrilled about the power lines, they pale to how intrusive the plans for our NATURAL open space would be. I'm sure we could all do our own story boards as to the views, the wildlife, the audible sounds, and the peacefulness of our extended backyards. I had company over for dinner last week....we opened up the back door slider and just listened to the sounds of wildlife and the beauty of the misty evening....my company commented that it was just like camping in the woods. PLEASE (!!!) DO NOT put that gosh awful solar "garden" anywhere where it would destroy the quality of the lives of Spring Mesa neighbors and those lives of the inhabitants of our open space...deer, prairie dogs, coyotes, bald eagles, frogs, fox, owls, countless bird varieties, etc.</p>
05/20/2015 6:46	<p>PS to my previous message...I couldn't add anything else to it.</p> <p>As I stated in my first message regarding what we are currently experiencing with our open space....those are the sights and sounds that we want to hear and see...Mother Nature!.....NOT sights and sounds of 20 acres of solar panels or shooting ranges, or police training, or bike park...it was explained to me almost six years ago that the open space would remain open space with the exception that when Pioneer's lease was up, it would become a reservoir....that seemed to be okay...still nature without destroying the integrity of what and why we moved to Colorado and chose 78th Drive in Spring Mesa.</p>

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05/20/2015 6:49	<p>I miss the Rooney Road drop site for tree branches and I would support a compost drop site at the Blunn/Pioneer project site. I would also support the solar garden and I think it is a great option for those who would like to invest in solar but do not have a house or yard that will accommodate solar panels. I support all of the proposed uses of the Blunn/Pioneer site.</p> <p>Member of the Arvada Sustainability Advisory Committee</p>
05/20/2015 7:51	<p>As a resident of Leyden Rock, I believe we need to have a comercial zone over here for more restaurants/grocery stores. We have very little on thos side of town. I do enjoy the trail for running as well though. Would strongly dislike any gunfire from a shooting range or police training area around our residential area for obvious reasons (children, noise, dangerous, etc).</p>
05/20/2015 8:34	<p>Regarding the Blunn/Pioneer:</p> <p>If you are still interested in feedback, a community pool In lieu of the shooting range would be our family preference. We live on the west side of spring Mesa, and enjoy walking west of here and not hearing gunshots. We also have 3 small children and would love a community pool. Thank you for your time and attention!</p>
05/20/2015 8:57	<p>There is a large amount of unused land on the steep slopes north of the Arvada Reservoir - I wonder if it would be feasible to put the solar array on those south facing slopes.</p>
05/20/2015 9:00	<p>I think the proposed plan looks great. I think a public outdoor shooting range would be a valuable asset to the community.</p>
05/20/2015 10:41	<p>The solar garden is a great idea but would like to see it moved further away from the houses, perhaps further south and west? There are significant wetlands and trees in the current area it is slotted for on the map - this area contains an abundance of wildlife including: owl nest, hawk nest, countless other bird nests, thousands of frogs and tiger salamanders that are native to Colorado, snakes, lizards, coyotes, deer, etc. At a minimum we would like to see the existing trees and wetlands preserved - it is a relatively small portion of of the total area comprising approximately 4 or 5 acres max.</p>
05/20/2015 11:25	<p>I thought the presentation was good. The City is doing a good job trying to meet the desires of many different groups. I do not live in Arvada but I am a realtor that works the area often. I trailer my horse to Arvada often. I ride a bike.</p> <p>I thought the only good/smart public comment last night was about he Arvada modelers being good neighbors and to consider a sledding hill in the winter.</p> <p>I was surprised people objected to anything when the City is turning a rock Quarry into a park. the spot for the shooting range and police training center makes perfect sense in between 2 highways. When I grew up here there was an outdoor shooting range just west near the parking lot of White Ranch Park.</p> <p>Thanks for keeping the equestrians in mind when building trails.</p>
5/20/2015 17:21:50	<p>Westwoods is in dire need of a community pool. Please forget about a noisy and dangerous shooting range that only will be used by minimal people, and give us a pool that can be used by all. Thanks!</p>

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5/20/2015 17:28:09	<p>Thank you for the presentation last night at Ralston Valley High School. I am a homeowner in Spring Mesa. I may have more comprehensive feedback on the plan later, but I wanted to make sure I registered my biggest concerns now. I'm very concerned, and would like to voice my opposition to the outdoor shooting range and the solar garden. The outdoor shooting range will bring an unacceptable level of unnerving noise to the entire area; gunshots will be heard in Spring Mesa, West Woods, Leyden Rock, Leyden Ranch, Candelas and more communities. These are Arvada's newest communities. No one invested here in such a quiet and peaceful area to have it disturbed by an outdoor gun range. Not to mention the idea of errant bullets potentially traveling a mile or more raising the hazard of injury. The entire west part of Arvada is mostly residential; a gun range has no business there. The solar garden is a good idea provided that it does not cause sun reflection directly into the homes that line the west border of the community, or destroy the view that those homeowners paid a premium for.</p>
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<p>5/20/2015 18:41:42</p>	<p>I personally would like a pool or community center in place of the police facility and shooting range and/or additional open space development for the strong outdoor and equestrian families in the area. I'd like to see the project include more publically usable facilities that the currently allocated 21 acres (you have 1600...).</p> <p>Please see the feedback I left on our community Nextdoor board:</p> <p>My personal opinion from the meeting is that they have the best layout to incorporate the items selected, but I don't understand why those items were chosen as the winners. I'm disappointed that residents weren't deemed a stakeholder and included at the beginning. I also don't understand how a plan for 1600 acres (probably 300-500 usable/configurable after the new lake, existing lakes and open space) only includes 21 acres of public use land (bike park and shooting range). It seems to me that reclamation of mostly open, undeveloped and publically accessible lands should include more public use facilities.</p> <p>The shooting range is in the best place possible on the land but I worry about noise and unfortunately it's a very divisive facility which people either love or hate. I would prefer the facility was either indoors or something a larger percentage of the residents would use.</p> <p>The police already have facilities for shooting, driving and training and while I understand the desire to have them all centralized, the impact to an area that has been open for so long will be significant. As one commenter lamented last night, "you're putting 2 shooting ranges, an aggressive driving track and a highway behind my house, can you find any more noise makers to fit into the project? Perhaps a hurricane simulation facility?" (paraphrased) Overall I would change the allocation of the north-west corner of the project.</p> <p>The appeal of the area to me was that you're connected to the city but not in the city. The area is already seeing an explosion of population (because it's an awesome area) without the infrastructure to support it and this project would close the neighborhoods in while only allocating 21 acres for resident use.</p> <p>I personally would like a pool or community center in place of the police facility and shooting range and/or additional open space development for the strong outdoor and equestrian families in the area.</p> <p>As mentioned in the post, this feedback conduit is our ONLY avenue to get OUR suggestions considered. PLEASE USE IT. Please also use the community forums to share and discuss good ideas. I don't spend my day thinking about neighborhood or city planning and would welcome good ideas to champion. If we can coordinate our feedback such that it falls into specific and similar items, we'll have a much more powerful voice rather than if we submit a bunch of disparate random suggestions.</p>
<p>5/20/2015 19:21:58</p>	<p>An outdoor pool is needed in the area. I would be all for recreational pool. No on shooting range to close to residential areas</p>
<p>5/20/2015 19:31:46</p>	<p>We are longtime residents of the West Woods area and need to voice our concern over the proposed shooting range. We are strongly opposed to this being placed within the boundaries of this development plan!! Because it is an outdoor range, it will create constant noise and will disturb the quiet atmosphere that is a part of this area. It could even effect our property values, which is not acceptable. We have heard that a community pool has been proposed in place of a shooting range; this is an idea that the entire community is excited about, as it provides a positive activity for our residents and increases our property values. We sincerely hope that you are taking our community's viewpoints into account before moving forward with this project. Thank you -</p>
<p>5/20/2015 20:15:28</p>	<p>I do not want an outdoor shooting range anywhere near us! Seriously? This is the opposite of why we moved out here. There are so many kids out in this area. A pool or something more community minded is what is needed.</p>

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5/20/2015 21:03:45	Please, please, please do not put a shooting range in this open space. The noise will lower property values. An outdoor swimming pool, equestrian area, additional mountain bike areas would all be far preferable to the outdoor loving families that are drawn to this area.
5/20/2015 21:56:41	Please do not put in a shooting range this close to the housing. Many of us live here for the peace and quiet and the thought of hearing the sound of shooting throughout the day is upsetting and disturbing. My husband and I live in West Woods for access to bike trails and, therefore, we like the idea of a bike park with single-track trails. Thank you for your consideration.
5/20/2015 22:17:53	The major objection of the residents is the shooting range. I think this should be removed from the plan. And I don't really believe there is a high demand for this anyway, but rather a loud minority. Shooting ranges belong in large open spaces away from housing. The bike park should be expanded from the proposed size and rival the Valmont bike park. The neighbors won't object to that. It's an open space, enjoy the outdoors, no noise sort of activity. The rest I think is fine, even the golf course expansion, as long as it doesn't interfere with the trail that runs from the disk park up to Tucker Lake and Blunn. Thank you.
5/20/2015 23:54:37	<p>I wanted to express concern that the local citizens have not been properly involved with the planning of the Plunn/Pioneer project. The main issue is that this is mainly public land now, but the end result will be very little public use areas, while adding several projects that are not good for the local citizens. I understand we can't just have open space around us forever, but there needs to be more thought put into development of public land. I believe someone else in my neighborhood said it best with the following statement: "My personal opinion from the meeting is that they have the best layout to incorporate the items selected, but I don't understand why those items were chosen as the winners. I'm disappointed that residents weren't deemed a stakeholder and included at the beginning. I also don't understand how a plan for 1600 acres (probably 300-500 usable/configurable after the new lake, existing lakes and open space) only includes 21 acres of public use land (bike park and shooting range). It seems to me that reclamation of mostly open, undeveloped and publically accessible lands should include more public use facilities.</p> <p>The shooting range is in the best place possible on the land but I worry about noise and unfortunately it's a very divisive facility which people either love or hate. I would prefer the facility was either indoors or something a larger percentage of the residents would use.</p> <p>The police already have facilities for shooting, driving and training and while I understand the desire to have them all centralized, the impact to an area that has been open for so long will be significant. As one commenter lamented last night, "you're putting 2 shooting ranges, an aggressive driving track and a highway behind my house, can you find any more noise makers to fit into the project? Perhaps a hurricane simulation facility?" (paraphrased) Overall I would change the allocation of the north-west corner of the project.</p> <p>The appeal of the area to me was that you're connected to the city but not in the city. The area is already seeing an explosion of population (because it's an awesome area) without the infrastructure to support it and this project would close the neighborhoods in while only allocating 21 acres for resident use.</p> <p>I personally would like a pool or community center in place of the police facility and shooting range and/or additional open space development for the strong outdoor and equestrian families in the area.</p>
5/21/2015 11:24:06	<p>It would be nice if the area closest to the houses at the top of Spring Mesa would be designated as wildlife preserve/open space with only gravel trails. Any noisy, high traffic use should be close to highway 93 and 64th, away from houses.</p> <p>NO shooting range. That is very distressful to both residents and wildlife.</p> <p>With all the shooting the deer, coyotes, birds, etc. will be frightened away. Not real crazy about the planes so close either.</p>
5/21/2015 11:24:29	NO shooting range!!!

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5/21/2015 11:45:22	As a homeowner in the Spring Mesa area, we are very concerned about the noise levels produced by any shooting range either recreational or by a police training area. We vote no on shooting ranges.
5/21/2015 11:45:47	As a homeowner in the Spring Mesa area, we are very concerned about the noise levels produced by any shooting range either recreational or by a police training area. We vote no on shooting ranges.
5/21/2015 11:46:29	Who are the stakeholders for this project and how were they selected?
5/21/2015 11:47:17	NO solar farm. Too much glare which will reduce property values!
5/21/2015 13:58:47	I think a outdoor shooting range is very disruptive for those on the bike path nearby, model airplanes, being at the lake and constant sounds of gun fire near a quiet neighborhood. I am very much opposed to that. I would also prefer to see the model airplane strip be further away from the lake and bike path as well if possible but not as essential. I also am greatly opposed to seeing the golf course spill over to the opposite side of Virgil mostly because of the aesthetics of the area which is natural and free. it also provides great habitat for animals and golf courses should be confined more to the housing area. Otherwise, I feel the bike park would be GREAT resource for our community. I also like the idea of the area being for the community outdoor activities rather than having a police training facility, maybe there is another location for it? or maybe just hide it away? thanks for listening!
5/21/2015 14:45:00	For what it's worth, I think the outdoor shooting range proposed in this plan is counter to why those of us who live nearby CHOOSE to live nearby ... it's QUIET! By all accounts (and I married into a family of responsible gunowners who agree), we will get anything but quiet coming from this range. Please consider ALL stakeholders for this proposal. And I would like to think neighboring residents are among the most important to consider in this case. I can appreciate that change is a constant, and this area must change. But as residents, we would like to have a voice in how it changes. We have a lot invested in living here. And the voices in our house are saying a resounding "no" for the shooting range. Thank you for considering my comments.
5/21/2015 15:02:46	Please, please, please do NOT put an outdoor shooting range in this area. It is way too close to neighborhoods and the noise will be unbearable. Also, wouldn't it be a good idea to poll the people of the affected neighborhoods on what to include and what not to include. Thank you.
5/21/2015 15:23:59	I do like the way Arvada is planning ahead for this area. As a resident of Spring Mesa, though, I'm concerned about the noise and the fire danger of adding two shooting ranges (one public and one, I assume, as part of the police training area).The new highway will already be adding some noise and increased grassfire danger, and of course we've always had the Model Airpark (which I think is fun to watch), but we moved here in part for the peace and quiet and the rural atmosphere, and I dread the thought of having to listen to gunfire all day... Please consider the impact of ambient noise as you finalize the plans. Thank you.
5/21/2015 15:30:46	In the presentation on the city's website it was pointed out how beautiful this area is and "protecting what we have" was a stated goal. Preserving the natural beauty of this area would be my primary concern. I would prefer that the shooting range and bike park be located in another area of the city that has been designated for activities such as these that will generate both noise and crowds.
5/21/2015 15:38:23	I do not want a shooting range at this site! It will be very noisy and ruin the open space.

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5/21/2015 15:39:58	<p>I have read the master plan and received a recap of the May 19th meeting. I cannot express how strongly AGAINST a shooting range our family is. A facility such as this would cause significant noise and potential safety concerns to local residents. The entire reason we purchased a home in the northwest section of Arvada was because of the quiet, rural feel. Things like a bike park, trails, and a prairie dog preserve are complementary to what already exists here. There are plenty of shooting ranges in the Denver metro area. Cherry Creek St Park Family Shooting Range and the Golden Gun Club are not very far away and neither of them have homes in the proximity like the area you are proposing. It is a poor use of the space available and provides no real value to the area.</p>
5/21/2015 15:51:01	<p>Thank-you for starting the planning process and including the community. I appreciate the City's desire to save money and limit the amount of re-grading that is necessary. I have reviewed the documents online and attended the meeting on May 19, 2015. I have numerous comments/questions as discussed below:</p> <p>1.I live in the upper section of Spring Mesa. I can see the trees just west of the power lines from my windows. We moved to this area to enjoy the nature and the quiet. The current plan shows a solar array just west of the power lines. I have numerous concerns about this location. First, the aesthetic beauty will be destroyed. All the houses with views of nature will have views of solar panels. Will these solar panels reflect the sunlight back at our houses every morning? Also, if the wetland area is removed, where will all the water go? There is already a regular flooding problem near the west section of Yankee Court and Spring Mesa Park. Solar panels and lack of vegetation will negatively impact the problem. The geologic features that produce the water will not be removed when the area is scraped for panels. Please place the solar array in a different location, not adjacent to Spring Mesa.</p> <p>2.This wetland area just west of the power lines should be investigated with respect to the habitat it is providing. I have seen bald eagles in the area. To us in Spring Mesa it is a high value wetland area. It provides habitat and offers some flood control, as well as adding natural beauty. Will an environmental impact statement be completed? Has the area been examined with respect to the Corps of Engineer's definition of wetlands? Who has the water rights for this water? If water rights are required for the wetlands, wouldn't they also be required for the water storage structure? Couldn't both water features be on the same rights/permit? Please save the wetlands as natural beauty, flood control, and water storage.</p> <p>3.We can hear events at the Jeffco Sports Complex. We hear the planes from the Modeler's airport. I am quite sure we would hear an outdoor shooting range. Many people are recreating in the area on bikes, horses, with their dogs and children. The noise will be disconcerting to the adults and potentially cause accidents for the equestrians. The noise will scare wildlife. Please do not place any shooting ranges on the Blunn-Pioneer Property.</p> <p>4.Please save as much open space as possible. Water storage and open space are a nice combination for recreation and wildlife.</p> <p>Thank-you for your time. I look forward to seeing the revised plan at the meeting on June 16, 2015.</p>
5/21/2015 16:17:15	<p>In addition to my past comment, I want to add that the main project I am opposed to is the police training facility. I feel there are more "remote" locations that this can be done, while still being fairly close to the main cities. How about out east! There's plenty of room on the plain, but not much open space room that backs up right against the Rocky Mountains. I just feel that this is very "prime" land for the neighboring communities that does not need to be used for something like that which has such a high impact on the land and noise pollution. Once again, I am upset that the citizens were not allowed a seat at the planning table so to say, and furthermore am against the specific selection of the police training facility. Please let me know what we can do to be involved in this decision process which is taking away our public land.</p>

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5/21/2015 21:31:44	<p>I'm unable to attend the meetings due to work. I am against almost everything that is planned. Most of the items would disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood and destroy the habitats of the wildlife. Please reconsider your plan. I am totally against the shooting range, the modeler area, the fly over zone. I am not happy about the solar garden that can cause issues with the wildlife, and also the aesthetics of the area. I don't want the prairie dogs; we have enough rodents out here, why bring out more. The prairie dogs are a nasty animal. I'm not thinking there needs to be two more golf holes on the course. I think bike, equestrian, and walking trails are a good idea. Please keep the area open space to preserve the natural area for the people who purchased house out here in order to feel closer to nature instead of all the amenities that are not necessary. I beg you to totally reconsider. Please do trails, water treatment expansion, police training. But scrap the rest of the proposed ideas.</p>
5/21/2015 21:34:54	<p>I am pleading with you to not put a shooting range in Arvada. West Arvada can use so many other things more. A community pool would be a wonderful addition to our part of town. There are many neighborhoods located near the site that do not have pools. Please consider my plea. Thank you,</p>
5/22/2015 8:13:40	<p>I am very concerned about noise issues with the proposed plan for the blunn space. I support having facilities for the police to train. But seeing as how the Jeffco police force already have an existing shooting range, tactical driving course and facilities. localizing them is not only a waste of tax payers money but it will create an unpleasant noise pollution for residents of this area. One of the perks of living in Northwest Arvada is how peaceful and quiet it is. I enjoy being outside my home and hearing only nature. I'm also concerned that so little of the proposed plan includes changes for public use. If the land must be developed I would prefer to see something more of a community/Recc center/pool facilities that everyone in the community can benefit from. No public shooting range. No police station. No hurricane testing facilities. Please don't devalue our homes by adding these noise makes.</p>
5/22/2015 8:24:40	<p>I though the planners came up with a reasonable distribution of activities in the plan after considering and rejecting a number of scenarios.</p> <p>I have seen opposition to a couple of items in the local e-mails. The first is the shooting range. There was a post stating that it was 1/2 mi. from the residences. This in fact was the minimum but the plan calls for it to be 1.4 mi. from the nearest residence. I feel people are using mis-information to promote their view. I personally have no use for the shooting range and do not know the noise impact and think there needs to be more study on this.</p> <p>The second item is the relocation of the airpark. One neighbor stated it would definitely increase the noise in the neighborhood. This statement neglects the fact that it is already there so the noise would be the same (and not a loud as my neighbor's gas lawn mower). Also it has been there since 2001 (before Spring Mesa was built). The Arvada Modelers airpark is good and interesting "neighbor" and its dislocation by the Jefferson Parkway needs to be accommodated. The proposed location seems the best compromise. It is slightly close to some homes than the current site but on the other hand farther from other homes than the current site. One possible concern for the modelers is that the locations of the two runways is too close and they will interfere with each other. the current runways are 1/4 apart and angled differently. Placing them end to end as close as the diagram shows could cause problems.</p>
5/22/2015 14:51:48	<p>I've heard talk of a community pool at the Golf Course Club house. But heard there wasn't room. If the two proposed holes are added across Virgil Way, would that allow enough room around the club house to add a pool? thanks!</p>

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5/22/2015 16:04:59	<p>We are TOTALLY OPPOSED to both an outdoor shooting range and an outdoor officer training (driving) center. We TOTALLY FAVOR both a community recreational center (including a pool, if possible) and/or trails.</p> <p>As has been pointed out, this area of west Arvada (both incorporated and unincorporated) are known for larger lots/open space/ and most importantly quiet environment with less light pollution. You've already taken over the entire Leyden Lake area (and taken away all of these positive environmental factors). STOP trying to control the whole west side and do no ADDITIONAL HARM!!</p>
5/25/2015 21:45:34	<p>Thank you for holding the Public Meeting. I am fully in support of the Master Plan, especially the Solar Panels and Compost Transfer station. During the meeting there were several people concerned with the location of the Solar Panels. As I stated, I am fully in support of the Solar Panels, however I have a couple of questions/comments. Has a solar professional been contacted in regards to the location? Has Xcel been contacted in regards to the location? It is my understanding that the preliminary location is based on the Xcel easement. Can the solar panels be relocated far enough away from the adjacent neighborhood and still close enough to the easement to satisfy the neighbors and be economically feasible? In my profession I have seen solar panels installed near a reservoir in an unused area. Has that been considered for this application? Thank you for allowing public comment. Please consider the above questions/comments and my support of the Solar Panels and Compost Transfer station. Thank you.</p>
5/25/2015 21:55:05	<p>I attended the presentation at RVHS last week and am glad you are requesting feedback. In general I feel the stakeholders are more like special interest groups and the residents near this area are the stakeholders and am glad you are asking opinions at this point in the process.</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to the shooting range. At the meeting it was explained that one of the reasons having a shooting range in this area is currently people have to drive a good distance to get to a shooting site- people who want to ski also have to drive a good distance, this does not seem like a reasonable reason to place one here. It also seems in great opposition to Prairie dog Habitats, TeePee site preservation, open space, and neighborhoods. We were hiking near table mesa on the north loop today and sound carried so well we could hear a child's conversation in a back yard from 100 yards or more away. Imagine how many peoples lives will be impacted by the noise from a shooting range.</p> <p>I am in support of having a well trained and fit police and sheriff departments but I would encourage you to look very deep into the true necessity of having to consolidate training areas and that Arvada has to be the place for space for all of Jefferson County to train.</p> <p>A lake makes great sense, as well as open space around it. I do like the idea of solar energy area, compost transfer station and things that are good stewards of the land and environment. I would encourage you to keep the entire area as peaceful, natural and simple as you can.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
5/25/2015 23:32:37	<p>Dear Sirs:</p> <p>Here is my suggestion: Build the shooting facility! I'm not a gun nut, or right-wing wacko, but I recall the days when the Golden Gun Club and Table Mountain Gun Club were both within a ten minute drive of my home in Quaker Acres. Urban sprawl and political influence from anti-gun activists have curtailed my shooting to the point I rarely partake in an activity that was a weekly ritual at one point.</p> <p>I know the current climate of political correctness is far, far against such a position, but the threat of bodily harm via stray bullets would be of zero concern with a properly designed shooting range. As for the noise argument, I submit that in my personal experience the noise from barking dogs in my neighborhood is more of an issue today than that of "shots fired in the distance" would be for me.</p>

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5/26/2015 6:05:27	Rumour has it a possible shooting range, pool, police training, etc. Honestly I don't care what you put, except for a shooting range, I love this Northwest Quadrant of Arvada for it's country feel (unlike Aurora). Please no shooting range, please take that one off the table.
5/26/2015 7:12:50	Do you have any estimations on the percentage of residents who would use the shooting range? From what I've read on our NextDoor.com site, far more people have expressed concern over the noise than have expressed delight in adding this facility. Are there really people out there who are enthused about it being located so near homes?
5/26/2015 8:59:12	We attended the public meeting for the Blunn Pioneer master plan. We are big supporters of a bike park and would actually like to see the size of acreage increase. A bike park that can be friendly to all types of users, smaller and younger people as well as your larger community of users would be beneficial to the city of Arvada. Right now the city of Boulder brings in thousands of users to their bike park Valmont. Valmont is the host of one of the largest cyclo-cross racers in the US. This brings in tons of vendors, racers, spectators, and revenue to the city. Arvada has the opportunity to build from what Valmont has created and expand that. A small bike park doesn't allow these opportunities. Bikers often bring in high revenues, community and environmental support and funds that support the community. It's time the city of Arvada recognizes the potential this could bring for many years to come. Please consider more space for the bike park and keep our residents and bring others to Arvada. Thank you and thank you for the public meeting. April Paige
5/26/2015 10:33:09	Please consider an outdoor swimming pool in this area. The bike park is a great idea too . Thank you!
5/26/2015 11:14:00	I watched the video on the Blunn Pioneer website. It mentions numerous times how the goal is to protect the area for future enjoyment. I'm curious how a police facility accomplishes this goal. It also mentions that the primary goal is water storage and nearby activities should not degrade water quality. Are race tracks and shooting ranges in compliance with this goal?
5/26/2015 11:28:58	When relocating my family I chose the city of Arvada to purchase a home on the grounds that it offers many open space areas, parks, trails and a serene environment. I oppose the proposed plans for the Arvada Blunn Reservoir and 80th/ Leyden projects as those projects will decrease the amount of open space and have potential for disrupting the tranquil setting we live in today.
5/26/2015 14:57:12	Regarding Blunn Pioneer Master Plan, we have been residents of the Westwoods community for the past 17 years. It would so nice to see an out door community pool for this community. The Westwoods community if full of children and families of all ages and an outdoor swimming pool would be a wonderful addition to this community.

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5/26/2015 15:19:56	<p>I was at the meeting and submitted comments then, but wanted to make sure my feedback is received. I have strong objections to an outdoor shooting range. I do think it would create a noise problem. In general, I would like to preserve as much open space as possible. I would also be in favor of a neighborhood pool, but am not sure this is the right site for that.</p> <p>Thank-you for letting us give input on the matter -- it is appreciated.</p>
5/26/2015 15:24:41	<p>Please under NO Circumstances use this land for a shooting range!! Tails, a teepee historic park, bike park, general open space would all be welcome, as well as right of way for the Jefferson county highway. With many family neighborhoods nearby and continued growth expected over the coming decades, guns and a shooting range have no business in our backyard. If the police training facilities includes any form of outdoor shooting, then I would also suggest that is located elsewhere. However, if the training facility did NOT include the use of sirens or shooting, then it would be welcomed as we do want out police force well trained and to be leaders for other departments in the area.</p> <p>To sum up - open space/recreational use as number 1 option. Anything involving shooting is too close to residential and would have a negative impact on the area neighborhoods and future growth on this west side of Arvada.</p>
5/26/2015 15:30:23	<p>PLEASE NO SHOOTING RANGE!!</p> <p>Bike park and trails would be great, especially if tied into existing trial network. Golf course expansion would also be nice. Love the idea of a solar garden!!</p>
5/26/2015 15:51:18	<p>It would be wonderful to have an outdoor pool for the residents of WestWoods. I believe this would add to the appeal of the neighborhood and support property prices.</p> <p>A shooting range would result in a lowering of property values. http://www.ehow.com/list_7464580_property-impacted-presence-gun-clubs.html</p> <p>WestWoods property owners would be negatively impacted by a neighboring shooting range.</p>
5/26/2015 17:13:20	<p>i do not wish to have a gun range right next to the homes in west woods and the surrounding areas. We could use a water future park or pool!</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
5/26/2015 17:21:04	<p>I would love to have a mountain bike park/trail. I also think it is important to keep the teepee site. I think the solar farm is a good idea if it doesn't interfere with the current trail systems.</p>
5/26/2015 17:57:58	<p>Please leave Pattridge Park as is! This is one of the reasons we moved to Leyden Rock. Please leave as is for hiking, biking, walking! Open Space is Open Space.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
5/26/2015 19:10:41	<p>Hey- I like the looks of that master plan! But how much noise pollution would the shooting range add? And how about the police training facility? Those kind of concern me considering how many residential homes are in the area. I realize this area, until recently, was kind of considered the sticks, or the outer reaches of town. But now its a lot more like central Highlands Ranch. I'm not a fan of a shooting range or a police training facility so close to so many homes. Everything else looks like it could be pretty great. Thanks for reading!</p>
5/27/2015 6:54:17	<p>The next meeting is June 16 and the plan goes to the City Council on July 27. Will the public have an opportunity to see the exact plan that will be presented to City council?</p>

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<p>5/27/2015 8:54:35</p>	<p>My biggest concern for this space is the location of the solar garden. I am all for alternative sources of energy, but to locate it right where some of the few natural trees are located and right where there are seasonal ponds that support a wide abundance of wildlife, doesn't make sense to me. This is also right next to the handful of homes that back up to this land. With all of the undeveloped land in Arvada, there has to be a better location for this.</p> <p>My other concerns include the shooting range and the police training facility. Those two things, in my opinion, completely go against the idea of open space and that is how that land needs to stay. According to the EPA "Open space provides recreational areas for residents and helps to enhance the beauty and environmental quality of neighborhoods." http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/uep/openspace.html A shooting range and a police training facility would do none of those things. Once again, there is plenty of undeveloped land in Arvada that would be more suitable to residents and wildlife alike.</p> <p>Thank you for taking public feedback for this!</p>
<p>5/27/2015 9:03:40</p>	<p>As a resident of Leyden Rock, I oppose the outdoor shooting range and police track facility. This goes against the natural landscape of the area and will cause undue noise pollution. Also, Westwoods golf course can pound sand, that place is big enough and I am a golfer.</p> <p>I am in favor of a solar array only if it does not impact our friends over at Spring Mesa.</p> <p>Also, I would like to know why the 600 foot easement for Jefferson Parkway does not extend through the Leyden Rock subdivision? My wife and I were aware of the proposed highway when we built our house but the 600 foot easement should be maintained so we are not right on top of it. Thanks!</p>
<p>5/27/2015 9:05:05</p>	<p>Nice to see something happening in that area.</p> <p>The RC planes need to go away. They are annoying in the mornings to wake up to. The high pitch noise echos when they fly close to the neighborhood. They would be better along 93 where the police training center is located.</p> <p>The shooting range would be nice but worried about the noise it could cause. same possible issues as the RC planes. Indoor range with rifle range would work nicely.</p> <p>the bike park would be a nice addition along with the lake edge recreations and lake.</p> <p>The golf course expansion area looks good and the dog park expansion would be helpful and nice.</p> <p>The solar power station will be an eye sore. It should not be tucked up against the neighborhood. it should be put close to the other solar panel installed on 93.</p> <p>A community pool is a waste. There are plenty of pools surrounding to go to.</p>
<p>5/27/2015 9:29:52</p>	<p>Please consider a outdoor water park or pool.</p>
<p>5/27/2015 9:30:50</p>	<p>It would be nice to have a neighborhood outdoor pool.</p>

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5/27/2015 10:28:39	<p>Hello,</p> <p>We really enjoy the open space and quite that west Arvada affords, which is why most people live in this area. Please keep the development and recreational opportunities in keeping with these priorities. A dirt trail connection from Fairmont Ditch to Pattridge Open space would be fantastic. Paved trails are ok, but dirt is better. Otherwise, let's just leave the open space as it is for all to enjoy. Oh, and PLEASE don't allow guns or a shooting range in the area!!! We don't want the noise or the guns around our neighborhood.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
5/27/2015 10:33:01	<p>Questions:</p> <p>What was the original funding for the purchase of the Blunn Pioneer property. I recall it was Jefferson County Open Space?</p> <p>Has there been any evaluation on how the spring flows from Blunn Pioneer will change once a dam and lake are built on this site? Specifically will there be an impact to the spring feed green belt that runs through the Spring Mesa development.</p> <p>What is driving the need for solar panels?</p> <p>What is the pay back time frame on the solar panel array, and have decreased property values along the west side of Spring Mesa been factored in to the cost? Has the environmental damage to the habitat and aesthetics of the area been evaluated?</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <p>There is likely minimal or no economic value to the solar panels. To reduce impacts to the environment and aesthetics of this open space area, either drop the solar panels or at a minimum move them to the Pioneer sand and gravel site after they vacate the property.</p> <p>Move the fly zone of the model planes so the closest plane flight is at least as far away from existing houses as it is in the current location.</p>
5/27/2015 10:37:34	<p>Solar Farm should be moved further west as not to disturb the establish trees in that area.</p> <p>Very against a gun range in the Blunn Pioneer area.</p>
5/27/2015 14:35:50	<p>Please leave it alone. With the addition of all the new homes we don't need anymore congestion. Part of the reason I moved here was because of the vast open areas right by us.</p>
5/27/2015 14:46:25	<p>The addition of a public shooting range would be a welcome addition. Public rage funding assistance might be available through the CPW program, and coordination with clubs such as Arvada Rifle & Pistol (on McIntyre) might bring a wealth of ideas for safety and junior programs. A clean safe place to shoot for families encourages safe, responsible behavior.</p>
5/27/2015 19:29:16	<p>Definitely do not want any kind of shooting range.</p> <p>The idea of a solar complex would be fine.</p> <p>Preference is to keep as much open space as possible. More and more is disappearing.</p> <p>A community garden/farming area would be nice.</p>
5/27/2015 20:04:15	<p>A community pool would be great!</p>

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5/27/2015 20:36:29	<p>Please use the area for water, solar garden, and trails for walking and biking. More golf would be OK. No shooting range! Please! Those of us who live out here want peace and quiet. And no compost facility, as we do not need bad smells! Thanks!</p>
5/27/2015 20:56:25	<p>My comments are not direct at specific Spatial Studies, but rather are toward general considerations that apply broadly.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conflicts between model airplanes and equestrian uses need to be remembered. Model airplanes are likely to spook many horses and I think there should be adequate separation between their two highly desirable and traditional uses of the area. 2. As someone who has ridden horses in this area since the 1970s, I would like to see equestrian use be emphasized. I suspect that the existing equestrian trails would be retained and new connections added, but would appreciate more complete annotation of trails where equestrian use is envisioned. I also hope the current separation of paved trail and soft surface equestrian trail be maintained. 3. I would really like to see the dog park expanded more than seems to be envisioned in any of the current Spatial Studies. I have never gone to the dog park when it wasn't being used, and sometimes that use is too dense to be enjoyable. Please give us more acreage. The frisbee golf area seems to get much less use, yet it is larger. I would suggest a rebalancing of these areas. 4. Is it possible to put the solar array atop planned buildings in the police facility area or atop the water treatment plant? It seems a shame to use up good habitat with solar panels that could just as readily be atop buildings. On the ground, vegetation must be maintained, etc. 5. I am strongly against having a shooting range in the area. I think the planned uses and proximity of housing to the east makes a shooting range both obnoxious in terms of noise and unsafe. Guns, model planes, prairie dogs, dogs, and backyards seem a toxic mix to me. Please site the shooting range elsewhere in something like a narrow canyon where sound and potential stray shots will be contained. 6. I would suggest that you disseminate your future information more widely than you have done to date. I learned of this planning effort through a general posting on NextDoor. This was disappointing, given that I have lived here since 1975 and should be on any number of lists of interested citizens. <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your preliminary plans. Please add my name and email address to your list for future notifications.</p>
5/27/2015 21:14:51	<p>One additional comment:</p> <p>I would really prefer that the West Woods golf course not be expanded. The current setting, with a bench that overlooks Tucker Lake is a wonderful and peaceful place to observe waterfowl. Both the observational use of this spot, and the use of Tucker Lake as a loafing area by diverse and interesting duck species would be lost with the expansion of the golf course. Please don't spoil a good thing!!</p>
5/27/2015 21:48:12	<p>There are many things I like about this plan, I do have some concerns about. I believe my strongest concern is the noise level of the outdoor shooting range. I live near Tucker Lake in Spring Mesa and I can hear the traffic from Hwy 93 so I can imagine it will be very easy for the gunfire noise to travel eastward as well; it's not exactly a pleasant or relaxing sound and the benefit of living so far west in Arvada are the open quiet spaces. I am also concerned that the golf course expansion will impact the walking trails in that area of Tucker Lake; the map doesn't clearly show the impact. What impact will the prairie dog reserve have on the coyote packs that live in the area and to the surrounding neighborhood? I am in complete support of solar power, however I am sure those homeowners along that track of land slated for the solar garden will not be happy unless the panels are hidden from their gorgeous view of the mountains. Otherwise, I think the recreational open space use is a positive addition for area.</p>

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5/28/2015 7:42:49	<p>I LOVE the idea of a bike park in Arvada- we frequent the Valmont Bike Park and have commented that this would be a great asset for our city.</p> <p>I am not crazy about the idea of a shooting range so close to neighborhoods- would this be a public facility or a City- employee only facility. Who would be the managing authority?</p> <p>Keep up the great improvements and utilization/maintance of Arvada's open spaces!</p>
5/28/2015 8:27:09	<p>As residents of Quaker Acres, one of the things my family has most enjoyed living here is the open space around Tucker Lake and Arvada/Blunn. Especially with all the housing being built in this area, we'd like to see additional open space the city acquires improved with trails for pedestrians, equestrians, and cyclists and as much wildlife habitat preserved and/or created as possible.</p> <p>A bike park sounds like a complementary addition to the wonderful Ralston Creek paths. Expanding the golf course doesn't interest us, but if this is approved, please continue to integrate bird sanctuary and wildlife habitat in the design.</p> <p>A compost facility and solar garden are forward-thinking additions to plans for expanded drinking water reservoirs, responding to necessities. Though a shooting range would be convenient for many, the noise is a concern.</p> <p>I wonder, too, if relocating the hobby aircraft field and its noise would interfere with the nesting sites of the eagles and other raptors. I'm not against it as a possibility, but hope that caution on behalf of wildlife is a big factor in all the decisions on the use of the Blunn Pioneer land.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to offer feedback. We appreciate so much the work of the City & Community of Arvada.</p>
5/28/2015 11:12:52	<p>The shooting range would be a great addition to this part of the Metro area and would have lots of public use and support. The proposed location near Hwy 93 and Hwy 72 is a substantial distance away from homes. We live in Spring Mesa and would welcome it in the proposed location.</p>
5/28/2015 12:49:01	<p>We oppose the shooting range. The reason given for including it at the public meeting was to make it "convenient" and family friendly. The range would be a noise nuisance since gunshots carry for miles making it not so friendly to families living in the area. Shooting ranges should not be reduced to the level of a playground that is for the convenience of a community. The Second Amendment is necessary; however, the diligence with which one should observe it is equally necessary. Shooting should be remote from populated areas. Weapons now exist that can shoot for at least half a mile and it's only a matter of time before they can go significantly further.</p>
5/28/2015 14:46:35	<p>We would love to see a community pool happen in the area. I really do not want a gun range. Especially that close to the dog park. Thanks!</p>

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5/28/2015 18:25:04	I live in Trail Village Villas, across the street from the area. I strongly oppose any shooting range to be developed in this area. The increased traffic on 64 th Parkway and Virgil Way from the expansion of Leyden Rock and Candellas developments and expansion of W-470 (93) has already doubled the noise of our quiet community. You have just approved a 3 story senior living care facility on the other side of my house. We moved into this area because it was quiet and with the park on the other side of the street, we were lead to believe there would be no development there. Did you do any studies to see how the extra two golf holes would affect the wildlife of this area? Not to mention the amazingly busy bicycle traffic on the Ralston Creek trail and the reservoir loop? Apparently there is no limit to your desire to eliminate natural areas within your jurisdiction .
5/28/2015 18:25:44	I live in Trail Village Villas, across the street from the area. I strongly oppose any shooting range to be developed in this area. The increased traffic on 64 th Parkway and Virgil Way from the expansion of Leyden Rock and Candellas developments and expansion of W-470 (93) has already doubled the noise of our quiet community. You have just approved a 3 story senior living care facility on the other side of my house. We moved into this area because it was quiet and with the park on the other side of the street, we were lead to believe there would be no development there. Did you do any studies to see how the extra two golf holes would affect the wildlife of this area? Not to mention the amazingly busy bicycle traffic on the Ralston Creek trail and the reservoir loop? Apparently there is no limit to your desire to eliminate natural areas within your jurisdiction .
5/28/2015 19:50:29	Please consider the impact on our neighborhood and the anticipated noise levels that will be generated with a shooting range, and aero models club. I enjoy the peace and quite in this neighborhood. I hope you'll use good judgement and fair representation toward the established residents that occupy the homes on the east side of Virgil way. I support the bike park, solar garden, & golf course expansion.
5/28/2015 20:41:58	I live in Leyden Rock and really do not want to see a shooting range or police training center. I am in support of a bike park and recreational area. I think it is important to conserve and protect the natural space sorrounding us keeping it for outdoor recreation. Most of us moved to this area for that reason along with the peacefulness of the area- a shooting range will produce more notice then is wanted.
5/29/2015 6:38:59	I live in Spring Mesa and we moved to west Arvada for the beauty and serenity of backing up against open space and the foothills. The trees along the west edge of Spring mesa are gorgeous and I hope you will consider keeping those. A reservoir with trails and open space would be terrific. An open firing range would really kill the ambience. Listening to gun shots would really disturb the neighbors for miles around. I have a child and dog that would be affected by the noise. I would like to express my objection to that portion of the plan. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.
5/29/2015 9:49:40	I think that this will be well served as a recreational area. what you are proposing is fine with me. Also we never have enough water storage areas. you all have my vote.
5/29/2015 9:55:51	NO SHOOTING RANGE!!!!!! NO MORE HOUSES!!!!!! Solar is good!

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<p>5/29/2015 10:15:54</p>	<p>The best thing would be to try to leave the areas as undeveloped as much as possible. The idea of shooting range is appealing but would lead to (Pb) lead contamination of the nearby water resources. Surely there are some indoor commercial spaces being under utilized that we could re-purpose into a shooting range, i.e. all the strip malls along Ralston road. With the growth of our population the land should be utilized for natural water filtration and open space for urbanites to roam.</p> <p>The parcels of the soon to be built housing need to be re-zoned for mixed use. Commercial and light industry (urban farming) need to be forced into each development as it makes a walkable community. Also there must be more through roads in these neighborhoods to manage traffic flow. Where are the public transit hubs for these neighborhoods? The public needs to have access to alternate modes of transit as not every one is able bodied, of age to drive or wants to pay the excessive costs of automobile ownership.</p> <p>These parcel layouts are antiquated (1990s at best) for the needs of tomorrow and are the cause for bankrupt cities across our country. Currently Arvada is built for the car with \$1.1 billion worth of roads for a population of 111,000~. This practice is unsustainable and forces our city to be dependent on big government.</p> <p>I am volunteering to help this community, please reach out.</p>
<p>5/29/2015 15:31:35</p>	<p>The thought of listening to the incessant crack of gun fire all day at the proposed gun range make me nauseous. I plead with you in the most emphatic way to deny the gun range proposal. If I want to listen to that all day, I can move to Baltimore or Detroit.</p>
<p>5/29/2015 15:50:25</p>	<p>I would love to see an outdoor waterpark/pool. All of the outdoor water activities are on the east side of Arvada, so it would be nice to have something on the west side. Thanks for taking into consideration what the citizens would like.</p>
<p>5/29/2015 16:17:51</p>	<p>I have a 3yrs old and a 1 yr old and so do 5 other families just on my block alone. I mention this because West Arvada is no longer open wide , horse farm country anymore. Unfortunately Arvada, and Jefferson County have sold the crap out of every single square foot of land around here to developers . That said a shooting range would be a loud unnecessary addition to our neighborhood. I don't mind the bike park or the police training facility. ..but I would prefer a pool or heck even another school (which is desperately needed) over a shooting range. It's bad enough that this West Arvada area barely has any restaurant or other retail access, please think of more useful things for my neighborhood, that 85% of us can use, than a public shooting range for a fraction of the surrounding population to use.</p> <p>Sincerely, Westwoods Ranch Resident</p>
<p>5/29/2015 17:20:59</p>	<p>Please approve and build a public shooting range. All of the ones currently in and around Arvada are either private and all are expensive. A public facility such as this would be a welcomed addition to this community. Just do it, the sooner the better!</p>
<p>5/29/2015 17:47:33</p>	<p>I would really like to see a community pool. I have absolutely nothing against gun ownership but I think a range in this area would be too close to residences.</p>

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5/29/2015 23:54:21	I attended the open house and very much appreciate the opportunity to understand and evaluate the proposed plan. I am in favor of the highway 93 lakes and understand this necessity. The Arvada modelers are rather close to where I live now (in Spring Mesa, we back to the power lines) and these nice folks have never bothered us, my son enjoys watching the planes. They are great "neighbors". We can clearly see where the bike park is proposed to be and this is not a concern, mainly as it could be a very cool thing to have nearby and will not allow motorized bikes - a great thing. I have to be honest in that I am VERY opposed to a shooting range of any kind, and very honestly don't feel the reason of "convenience" and close accessibility is a good reason to develop an open shooting range in this area. There are plenty of places further out where folks can go. We have beautiful trails and the wildlife back there and the dogs, horses and peaceful western part of this area is beautiful. I BEG you to leave as much of it as natural as possible! Please! This is our dream home, not because of the house but because of this amazing, quiet location, neighborhood and peacefulness. The trees behind the power lines are fabulous and we wake to the birds singing and it's amazing. Please make the solar array go away and please keep things calm and quiet back there.....there's so much loudness and busy-ness in the world - I love coming home to the peace of this area, I love spending time outside in the stillness with my son, husband and dog. I know it may sound stupid, especially to those really looking to develop the area, this is our little piece of Colorado heaven and I would be crushed to see it torn apart. Thank you for listening.
5/30/2015 7:36:26	I LOVE the idea of a bike park or a public shooting range. These are two of the best ideas that I have ever heard. I look forward to seeing the final plan.
5/30/2015 7:37:40	I LOVE the idea of a bike park or a public shooting range. These are two of the best ideas that I have ever heard. I look forward to seeing the final plan.
5/30/2015 9:37:18	The composting facility appeals to me the most.
5/30/2015 14:12:09	Keep the open space. Tucker lake is very pleasant hike. Needs improved gravel walkways, and separate bike paths, to prevent mud after rains. Canadian geese and ducks use the winter lake also. Tucker lake could be used for canoes and sailing if available rental keyosk is created. Ice skating in winter also.
5/30/2015 17:09:58	First, the city of Arvada has already ruined my quality of life in the northwest corner. Multiple housing developments--Spring Mesa, Leyden Rock, Candela's--have increased the amount of traffic, over crowded schools, and vastly diminished open space. Not to mention a major highway coming through. The thought of more development truly makes me think about leaving. Second, why does any of this land need to be developed? Why can't Arvada take a page from Boulder and have open space that rings the city or at least have a buffer on the west side? Does this development generate revenue for the City of Arvada? Seems like development for the sake of development. Third, I know that in trying to fight the Spring Mesa development that the City of Arvada will proceed with development despite the interests of its citizens. Since I know that this development will proceed, I would like my voice to be heard. Don't expand the golf course. There are too many water sucking golf courses in the world and plus, it takes away the natural buffer around Blunn reservoir. This is the least appealing of all development options. In my community, there has been mention of a swimming pool. If this part of the expansion of the golf course clubhouse, it is another bad idea. A public pool at the golf course would only increase crowding at an already crowded golf course. A better idea would be to use some of the open space towards Leyden road and highway 93 to situate a public pool. Ultimately, my message is--let the land be.
5/30/2015 17:41:00	We live in spring Mesa. The 470 loop completion will increase our noise levels some as it is. Please no shooting range. We bought this property because it is quiet up here. Our weekends and evenings would not be the same if we're hearing gun shots instead of birds. The modelers have limited hours and I am not as bothered by them. I think Jefferson county has a police training facility. Why not use that? We don't want to see buildings and driving tracks. We want to see and hear nature.
5/30/2015 20:50:05	I like the plan as currently proposed. I especially like the shooting range & it's location.

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5/31/2015 6:46:43	i think this plan has a lot of great potential. Personally, I already hear shooting due to hunting on private land in the area. I don't see a reason for a shooting range so close to homes and business that will be heard for miles. The rest of the plan looks good. Thank you for being thoughtful about change, growth and land use.
5/31/2015 9:03:03	Love some of the ideas mentioned in the video. A bike park would be great for kids. A public shooting range is badly needed in this area. Gun clubs are too expensive for most people, and the next closest public range is at Cherry Creek. A safe environment to teach gun safety and practice target shooting would be terrific.
5/31/2015 10:52:09	What will happen to the dog park and disc golf park? Why must every inch of open space be cluttered with development?
5/31/2015 16:05:04	I live near this area and walk the trails around Tucker Lake and the reservoir almost every day. It is a crown jewel of open space - peaceful with beautiful views and lots of wildlife. Recently, we have even spotted bald eagles there. I urge the city to remember that many people live in and visit this area because it is relatively untouched - something that is becoming more and more rare in the city of Arvada. Please consider leaving this area alone as an antidote to the explosion of growth in northwest Arvada. If that is not possible, the most problematic part of the plan is the shooting range. It will disturb all of the people who use that area as well as nearby neighborhoods.
5/31/2015 16:06:08	The plan is a good one. I have a question about solar panels, do they actually pay for themselves or will they require a subsidy either federal, state or city. My comment on the shooting range; after visiting a number of outdoor shooting ranges in the 70 mile radius, I am impressed with the way sound is not an issue with a well designed range. Therefore I fully support that facility.
5/31/2015 16:26:44	While I do not have enough information to really make an intelligent and well-thought response regarding the expansion possibilities of Blunn/Pioneer areas, I have to say that what needs to be on the Arvada City Council agenda is more foresight rather than reaction to poor planning! I have been in Arvada since 1978. I have lived in Olde Town, at 80th and Simms, near Ward and 52nd and now reside in Sunrise Ridge. One common continual issue is the overall sloth with which the city of Arvada sets plans in motion. Right now, building near hwy 93, Leyden Ranch and further north on the Indiana corridor DEMAND more facilities and some road improvements. Indiana is at a crawl during rush hours, and yet when I contact city hall, I am told that until there are enough complaints OR fatalities on that road, the plans are currently static. Furthermore, with so many building permits being issued and tax revenues filling the Arvada coffers, why on earth is the King Soppers facility at 64th and McIntyre the ONLY grocery store, banking area, gas station serving those far further north and/or west!?! The corridor of 64th Avenue is often a C-470 mini-me and Highway 93 has the space yet with much of it's driving area being confined to 2 lanes, the "rush" hour is an oxymoron. Arvada must learn to learn - they've grown exponentially and yet services, roadways and basic conveniences that lend to a quality of life that brings people to the west burbs is becoming laughable. Rather than fuss and plan where prairie dogs and solar gardens will be placed, can we first get some appropriate lifestyle enhancements in place first? Long ago, when the 5 Parks region was being developed, there were plans on those books for a grocery store anchoring a convenience center that would benefit all of those persons on the north end of the 64th corridor - particularly where Leyden, 5 Park and the developments on the northwest corner of 88th and Indiana could access. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!!!! It only took what, some 20 odd years to improve 72nd Avenue to the east?? can we do things a wee bit fast so that those of us who desire (and pay for) a quality of life, will actually get a chance to enjoy same without thinking we're in mini version of L.A.?? Let's be proactive Arvada - no reactive. If Highlands Ranch could do it in the 80s, surely someone on the board could have foresight for the next decade. So: road improvements (notable Indiana, 80th Ave from Indiana to Wadsworth and Hwy 93). Grocery stores and other consumer conveniences. THEN worry about rodent housing and solar/gun parks!
5/31/2015 19:16:45	Per our review of the Blunn Pioneer Plan, it came to our attention the area is to include a shooting range. We reside in Spring Mesa which is a very peaceful community and we are highly opposed to the shooting range. We would like to see the plan include an outdoor pool complex of some sort.

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5/31/2015 19:42:43	<p>A solar garden that grows food for those in need sounds wonderful, as does a bike park.</p> <p>Less-than-ideal: a prairie dog colony and a shooting range.</p> <p>Thanks for the chance to weigh in!</p>
5/31/2015 21:09:04	<p>I would like to go on record as opposing any outdoor shooting range in the neighborhood.</p>
5/31/2015 22:42:54	<p>As a property owner and resident of the Trails West subdivision, I strongly oppose the proposed uses of the Blunn Reservoir areas for Prairie Dog preserve and an outdoor shooting range.</p> <p>Particularly to the outdoor shooting range, this would create a noise nuisance and would affect the tranquility of the Reservoir area and create an extraordinary level of noise pollution .</p> <p>I'm not sure why a prairie dog preserve is under consideration. Prairie Dogs would become problematic for the surrounding communities. While I am certain the hawks and rattle snakes would enjoy this edible increasing prairie dog population; the residents of Arvada would eventually find the preserve an incredible waste of land and expense with potential health exposures.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
5/31/2015 23:13:15	<p>A pool would be great! It is something that is really needed. No shooting range please. The solar garden is also not on my list of thing we need. Thanks for listening!</p>
5/31/2015 23:14:06	<p>A pool would be great! It is something that is really needed. No shooting range please. The solar garden is also not on my list of thing we need. Thanks for listening!</p>
6/1/2015 2:11:39	<p>Arvada needs to get with the program and start to accommodate all the newcomers to west arvada. Please consider an outdoor pool / mini water park. The bike park at apex is constantly packed with kids, therefore,this Pool would allow the outlet For these kids and give them something to do. Thanks!</p>
6/1/2015 10:09:37	<p>Expand dog park.</p>
6/1/2015 10:16:11	<p>As owners of a home in Field Stone, we strongly resist any proposed shooting ranges or police training facilities. We moved here for the peace and quiet. The last thing we want to hear are gun shots and police sirens. Those type of facilities should be located in remote or commercial areas. Not our back yards.</p>
6/1/2015 11:53:12	<p>I do like the peace and quiet of the area but I realize that progress and change will happen. In regards to that thought I like the preliminary concept plan. I am a shooter and understand the concerns that many people have in regards to the safety and noise of a range. However, by putting it on the opposite side of the interstate with the police facilities I believe will drown out any noise that either activity will create. It looks like you did some good soul searching and division of activities for many different types of outdoor people.Congratulations, on a well thought out plan.</p>

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6/1/2015 12:05:22	<p>I appreciate all the hard work that went into generating this plan. Please accept this feedback:</p> <p>Please respect our request for quite and peace in this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please, no shooting range <p>We have an abundance of public and private shooting ranges in the area already, and 15M sq. miles of national forrest. There are ample pplaces that are easy and accessible for the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please, no race track <p>The police have an excellent facility on south table mountain, and it is difficult to understand why Arvada should take the burden of building a regional police training facility.</p>
6/1/2015 14:37:03	<p>Please do not put noisy and dangerous things in this quiet, quiet neighborhood, things like shooting ranges and police academies. Shouldn't these things be out of people's earshot. My niece lives near a shooting range in SC and a bullet came in her house and would have killed her if she were sitting at her desk-she works from home and it happened on a Saturday. This is just pure craziness. Thank you.</p>
6/1/2015 14:42:15	<p>I am a resident of Spring Mesa and am voicing my opinion that I do not want to see an outdoor shooting range anywhere close to my neighborhood. A shooting range ranges concerns of noise and safety. Our neighborhoods in this part of Arvada would be better served with an outdoor swimming pool and other open space type public areas. Not noise making facilities unlikely to be used by the neighborhoods. This includes the police driving/shooting range.</p>
6/1/2015 15:19:07	<p>I fail to see what benefit an open shooting range adds to the city of Arvada other than forcing residents that make up that area having to suffer through the nuisance of listening to gun fire. I have no problem with gun advocates wanting a place to shoot their guns just not anywhere near where people live. I respect their rights to shoot guns so please have enough respect that most people don't want to hear that peace riddling sound it would force on us. As for the police training plans, that are not truly needed, I believe there is a greater need to spend our tax dollars like on road expansion or a public pool. Arvada should strive to continue to be an area people desire to live rather than destroy it with the over development of projects that aren't actually wanted by the people that live here.</p>
6/1/2015 16:10:51	<p>NO shooting range PLEASE. Noise is not good for any of us.</p>

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6/1/2015 18:07:10	<p>I attended the May public meeting at RV High School. It did seem like a lot of the initial planning was done with regional groups representing special interests rather than communities surrounding the property. At this first opportunity for the public to comment, it appeared several groups already had established favor with planners, and were already represented on the map. This process should include the public during idea generation. If you were to survey the neighboring communities (which are expanding at an extremely rapid rate) you would identify uses that would help alleviate the population pressure created by all the new developments to the North (Candelas, Leyden Ridge, etc), and the proposed freeway. More hiking and open nature trails, bike and equestrian paths are important to keep this area feeling open. I am in favor of the bike park proposed. I also support a nature park around the new reserve with signs/markers for kid's education and field trips. This dual-use might help justify keeping some areas natural and pristine. I also support other community uses, such as a community pool, community garden, etc. Again, involve and survey those most likely to heavily use the space.</p> <p>Although I am not opposed to a shooting range up in a remote area, I am NOT in favor of a shooting range so close a populated area, upwind where sound will travel. Such a range would serve a very small population, many who don't even live nearby, and would anger nearby residents.</p> <p>I am also not in favor of using this precious space for a regional police training development. The spokesperson shared that several buildings, another shooting range and a high-speed track would be in their plan. Again, it is to serve all Jeffco police departments, not just Arvada's. This is a large project just looking for any land. My vote is to keep this precious land open and available to the public to use.</p> <p>I do support a community solar installation, if the power is available for the community to subscribe to. I'm not sure if the best location was selected. I do hope someone can help share the benefits of this installation to the community. No one at the meeting could speak about the ways community members might be able to subscribe to the solar benefits, and I overheard one spokesperson giving misleading information about the benefits serving only the power company. Again, community education is needed because the parks manager and the landscape company representing the plans both were not informed about the community benefits.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
6/1/2015 19:22:53	<p>As residents of Eldorado Estates for the last 16 years and 4th generation Colorado natives, we do not want a shooting range, regional police training facility with a high speed track. We would rather this land be utilized for the whole community in a more natural way that would benefit our lives as well as the lives of future generations. The noise that these would contribute would definitely disturb the harmony and balance to the area. This land is unique and we believe that it could offer more to the community if it were utilized much more with nature.</p>
6/1/2015 20:24:21	<p>Living in Spring Mesa for the last 5 years has been a wonderful experience. We appreciate the quiet, the views and recreational opportunities. We strongly support the concept of an overall plan for the future use of the Blunn area. It should be consistent with the values that brought people to this area. Therefore the proposed space for re-locating the Arvada Modelers and trails is very appropriate. I strongly support providing for the expansion of the golf course. If the bike trails are non-motorized and not lighted I support that also. I don't think we should introduce the noise associated with police training facility and a gun range. A solar park, given proper orientation would be a wonderfully environmentally responsible project. Finally I don't see introducing prairie dogs as a desirable activity near residential area.</p>

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6/2/2015 10:26:02	<p>I am a resident of Spring Mesa, and would like to comment on the proposed use of the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan. I love the idea of a bike park, solar garden, regional composting facility, trails, West Woods Golf Course expansion, and the relocation of the Arvada Modelers and prairie dog preserve. I feel any of those would be a good addition to the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>I am opposed to the idea of a shooting range, or a policy training reserve, if it involved shooting firearms. There are too many surrounding neighborhoods, and hearing the incessant crack of guns all day would be too much to bear. We, and many of our neighbors, moved here specifically because it's quiet and peaceful. I read a comment from a resident stating that suppressors could be used, and that might be an option, only if it was required for everyone to use them.</p> <p>I personally am a fan of shooting ranges, and believe they are necessary and give citizens a safe place to learn to handle firearms, but only if they are located in remote places, where homeowners, retail owners and businesses are not affected by the noise.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Jill L Yates</p>
6/2/2015 10:29:11	<p>please do NOT consider a shooting range. it is a beautiful peaceful area out there that has attracted us to this area. dont disturb it. A bike park would be a lovely idea for use of the area. but NO to a shooting range. Lets not encourage it in this area.</p>
6/2/2015 17:52:19	<p>I'm in full support of a shooting range, bike park, police training area and the modelers fly park.</p> <p>These amenities to the community would make Arvada an even more desirable place to live.</p> <p>The prairie dog park isn't the greatest idea, but if populations were enforced it could be tolerable.</p> <p>Would also like to see Tucker lake maintained a little better and maybe stock it for fishing.</p> <p>Lived in Arvada for 17 years and we love to hike, bike, fish and walk this open space. The people behind this master plan have some great ideas!</p>
6/2/2015 19:04:31	<p>I like the plan overall but do not like a shooting range. The noise would be unbearable. Let's keep as much wildlife around as possible.</p>
6/2/2015 21:34:44	<p>Is there a document that describes the reasoning for each of the projects included in the Blunn-Pioneer Master Plan? I have looked at the slide presentation, but it doesn't provide the information. Without that, I can only comment that I would like the open space to include recreational activities that will not intrude (noise, light, traffic, dust) on the nearby residential areas or compete with similar commercial or public services. There is no information that indicates the cost-benefit analysis for building and sustaining the police training facility and the solar park. Is the prairie dog habitat part of an approved Colorado Parks and Wildlife project? Finally, I oppose outdoor shooting ranges. I had the misfortune of living near an outdoor range in the past and the light and noise (weapon firing, vehicles, people) impacted my quality of life.</p>

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6/3/2015 10:16:32	I don't disagree with the things included but question the layout. Why would you put the solar garden right behind houses with a nice view and not by the highway. Also the movement of the airfield towards the houses will be too close. Those do make a fair amount of noise where it is located today so that should be moved. I would recommend putting the lake closer to the houses and moving the solar garden near the highway. I would also move the airport on the other side where you have the police and move that over on the other side near the highway also.
6/3/2015 14:42:42	I would love an outdoor shooting range. This would be a great benefit if the community and the Arvada Police were to have week-end safety classes and cooperative training.
6/3/2015 15:16:02	I think the area should be left as open space for jogging/biking type activities or left as is. I believe that any suggested "improvements" should be limited in their impact to wildlife and nearby homes and residents.
6/3/2015 17:32:13	Those sound like good options - I like the trails and the possibility of a shooting range.
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6/4/2015 10:32:59	<p>I like the plan overall.</p> <p>Multit-use trails are the most important to us personally and the prospect of a bike park is very intriguing.</p> <p>I am not concerned about a well planned and run shooting range. I have been to many and what most people envision is not at all how they are designed and operated. Shooting options close to town would be nice and help to give an option to some who make a mess in the national forests with this activity (certainly not all). I would assume this could be a source of income perhaps for the city as well maybe with discounted memberships to residents...again which could be nice.</p> <p>We are impartial on the solar project but it sounds like a logical use of the land.</p> <p>I am a supporter of the "parkway" as I believe something...anything needs done in regards to traffic volumes with all the new development and regional north/south traffic on Ward, McIntyre and Indiana, primarily though Hwy 93 at peak times is a nightmare now as well. I am dismayed to hear that it appears that it may be initially a tollway as I believe this will make it a less appealing alternative and thereby may not reduce the traffic volumes as much as desired...but it's still necessary at this point. The growth has already occurred so it's time.</p> <p>I do also agree that Arvada will need to keep the prairie dog populations in check. There are neighbors dealing with this "on their own" via their own various methods as it is and it would be better to have a coordinated and managed effort. If a portion of land needs to be designated for this purpose where it can be managed that makes sense but where these populations border the developments (all arguments aside), the city will need to deal with it.</p>

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<p>6/4/2015 21:19:23</p>	<p>As a resident of a neighborhood adjacent to this site, I am frankly disgusted and disheartened at how little this plan offers nearby residents. We are a quiet residential community who are already facing a noise increase due to explosive construction and new roadways (Jefferson Parkway). We DO NOT need or want a nearby shooting range contributing to the noise pollution, not to mention safety concerns.</p> <p>I also am completely flummoxed about how a neighborhood/community pool is not even being considered in the plans. There are no nearby outdoor public pools, and not even any neighborhood pools in surrounding communities. Pools, playgrounds, and paths are the heart and soul of any community, increasing residents' quality of life and property values. Luckily we have terrific trails and plenty of nearby playgrounds already -- let's add a pool and really make this an attractive community for those looking for a new home!</p> <p>Did anyone ask the nearby residents for their opinion on the use of this space? Was any consideration given to those who have to live adjacent to this site? I cannot believe the neighbors were not considered a "stakeholder" from the beginning of these plans. I hope you rectify this oversight immediately by beginning a survey of the local residents to gather their input and opinions on this plan.</p> <p>As you can tell, I feel very strongly that my preferences as a citizen are being trampled by the whims and desires of the city. I really hope we can turn this around and you can make this a community-inclusive project before it is too late.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration in reading my comments.</p>
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<p>6/6/2015 6:59:00</p>	<p>I would be in favor of expanded bike trails, golf course and shooting range. It's my belief, based on what I know now, that there is enough land available to accommodate all of these things as well as the new reservoir.</p>
<p>6/6/2015 18:44:24</p>	<p>Like the golf course holes going across the street in order to expand the clubhouse! I think the Clubhouse rebuild is important!</p> <p>I'd love to see a Community Swimming Pool slated for this area as well. All the new communities are putting in pools and West Woods has always lacked that!</p> <p>NO on the shooting range!! Too much noise and don't believe it belongs in a neighborhood full of kids.</p> <p>NO on the prairie dog rescue.</p>
<p>6/6/2015 19:03:14</p>	<p>I have been a long time county resident of this area, but not an Arvada resident. I've seen a lot of change out here. Not all for the best. I'm not in favor of a shooting range/police training. Maybe Arvada Police can train at some other city's facility instead. I'm not in favor of the bike park out there. Put it over by Apex instead. I'm not seeing the logic in the Golf Course expansion. I like that Arvada is keeping their relationship with the model airplane crew. I like that Arvada is considering preserving the historic Indian site. In the past Arvada's track record there is sorely lacking. It is great that they are putting aside area for the Prairie Dogs. They are some of the original inhabitants here and deserve a home too. I like the idea of a composting site, but I'm concerned how it will work for us. I'm on the fence about a solar garden. I think more roofs on homes should have solar rather than taking up land for them. Lastly I am totally against the Jeffco Parkway. It is and has been a total waste of time and millions of dollars for 10 miles of road to nowhere!!!! Thanks for letting us have input, even though I have found in the past Arvada City Government does just what they want to do anyway.</p>

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6/9/2015 12:25:50	<p>As a representative of the Denver area disc golf community I would like to say that we are very happy to have Bird's Nest Disc Golf Course as a resource to play. We would love to see improvements out at this course and support from the city of Arvada to help make that happen. Improvements that include irrigation, trees, alternative course obstacles to trees, a shelter and benches on the course and a commitment to assisting with mowing. We have one of the only disc golf only areas in the Denver area that needs to have some extra support to make it a world class course. This course has potential to have two 18 holes courses on the property that can be used for all types of play. The Mile High Disc Golf Club and its community love the course, but feel that the type of work that is needed out there needs some support from the city to help us get it done. We want to invest in this disc golf course and we hope that Arvada is sincere in these goals also.</p> <p>Thank you for giving us a forum to provide suggestions.</p>
6/9/2015 12:42:15	<p>I'd like to see some funds go towards improving the Bird's Nest Disc Golf Course. With Johnny Roberts being redone to a small pitch and putt course, Bird's Nest is the only course in the area that has longer holes for those of us seeking more of a challenge. Bird's Nest also seems highly neglected compared to other parks and extra curricular areas I've seen through out Arvada.</p> <p>Maintenance and course improvement for Bird's Nest is badly needed with the influx of new players. Mowing, Trash Can and Trash removal, Benches, as well as more foliage (trees/shrubs) are all things I think the course needs.</p>

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6/9/2015 12:45:19	<p>I would really like to thank the city of Arvada for their support of disc golf. The land currently dedicated in the Blunn Pioneer area for the "Bird's Nest" disc golf park has been a great asset to the city of Arvada and wider Denver disc golf communities. This is a great piece of land and we are very thankful for the opportunity to use it for disc golf.</p> <p>The land could be greatly improved with the addition of some type of irrigation system to help preserve the current trees, and potentially support more trees to add to the challenge on the existing course. Also, permanent restrooms on the site would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to suggest some type of "pay to play" system where the money raised could be leveraged for additional maintenance and facilities such as restrooms, and for more frequent mowing of the property to increase the playability of the land. I think this model would allow the users of the land to pay for maintenance and upkeep on the property, while greatly enhancing the disc golf experience, making it easier to find disc and by adding additional challenge to the course. It is a great piece of property, and with a few additional improvements it could be used for a world class disc golf facility that could be used for luring major events/tournaments into the area supporting greater tourism and patronage of local businesses benefiting the city of Arvada.</p>
6/9/2015 12:48:09	<p>Disc golf would be an amazing upgrade to the current infrastructure. The plans for a pay-to-play course are already set in the ground from other local courses and this would be a great way to not only generate revenue but also make what could possibly be a nation wide draw for tourists.</p>
6/9/2015 13:15:11	<p>I live and work in Arvada and have come to really enjoy year-round use of the Bird's Nest Disc Golf Park. I am strongly in favor of expanding the course and upgrading the facilities, especially the planting of more trees and the implementation of an irrigation plan that will keep them alive. This disc golf park can be one of the best in the state of Colorado with just a small amount of additional resources dedicated to it. I look forward to what this course can become, as it is already a great facility that is used by people of all ages and abilities to get outside and enjoy some quality time in the park with friends and family.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to years of enjoyment of this facility.</p>
6/9/2015 13:26:33	<p>Irrigation for trees on the Bird's Nest Disc Park would help a great deal. This course is an important amenity to your city and provides a great, life long, low impact, fun, and inexpensive recreation outlet for citizens.</p>
6/9/2015 16:43:27	<p>The Bird's Nest Disc Golf Park could become a world class facility if it had some kind of irrigation system so that trees could grow. It already has volunteers (like John Bird) who mow it for free, and a huge Denver disc golf club that helps in other ways. Without water though this remains pretty close to a desert. With water you make the front page of a magazine. Ironically, the Blunn reservoir is just a few feet away.</p>
6/9/2015 16:45:24	<p>Irrigation for trees on Birds Nest Disc golf park would help a great deal! It is a great area that will provide low cost enjoyment for many for years to come! It lacks shade and trees which will make the course more fun and challenging. Think Championship Course! It has the potential for sure. Other possible improvements include new tee pads on the south end of the course, benches, and expand north towards the old house and silo area too! Disc golf courses in the Denver metro are very well used right now. Compared to many other cities, the Denver metro lacks disc golf courses in number and in quality. Make Birds Nest great! I live 3 minutes from the course and will gladly volunteer to help!</p>

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6/9/2015 17:39:14	<p>Hello! Thank you for your consideration re: the improvement and expansion of Bird's Nest disc golf course and the surrounding area in the coming years. I have been playing disc golf for 4.5 years and have seen it grow exponentially during that time. The courses in our area are always filled with eager players and this trend will only increase over time. These courses are very important for the viability of our beautiful sport into the future, so I encourage you to take a minute to look up the PDGA online to learn more, or to simply type in "Disc Golf" on YouTube to see how many people actually play and what a good course requires in terms of space and terrain (mostly trees, hills, and water if possible). I live in Boulder (I grew up near Golden/Red Rocks and Green Mountain), but frequently play here due to it being the most challenging course in our area. I have competed all over the United States and I have been to the "PDGA Amatuer World Disc Golf Championships" twice. Bird's Nest is one of only a few courses within a 30 minute drive that is large enough, and challenging enough to host competition worthy sanctioned (PDGA) tournaments, or to prepare us for such tournaments. This course is highly used and valued by many players in our community. Please support Disc Golf in the Arvada/Blunn Pioneer Master Plan!</p>
6/9/2015 18:04:09	<p>I would love to see some irrigation for the Bird's Nest Disc Golf course!</p>
6/9/2015 18:21:19	<p>The birds nest course is a great piece of property to play disc golf on. I would support a pay to play system to help improve the course. Irrigation, more benches, and adding land by the silo would be huge improvements. I feel this course could attract major national tournaments with improvement. This course really is a gem in Arvada.</p>
6/9/2015 19:01:25	<p>Thank you for the support you've demonstrated to the Disc Golf Community over the years, by granting John Bird the latitude to create and maintain the Bird's Nest Disc Golf Course on the property. It's my belief that John has many innovative and responsible ideas for expanding the use of the property, in order to make it an integral asset for the community. I urge your continued support of these ideas, such as establishing irrigation systems to assist in tree and plant growth, better utilization of the northern and southern edges of the property, and modernization of the tee pads and baskets used for the course.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.</p>
6/9/2015 19:38:34	<p>I love the Birds Nest disc golf course, but it could use some improvements to take it to the next level. The course could use more trees to add to the challenge as well as to provide shade for the players. This would be aided immensely by a proper irrigation system and regular mowing of the long grass.</p>
6/9/2015 20:10:45	<p>Upgrades to the Bird's nest disc golf course please!! Needs more trees, benches, maybe a real bathroom and a covered picnic area to get out of the rain. Thanks!</p>

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<p>6/9/2015 22:57:05</p>	<p>The uses proposed in the most recent plan are reasonable, and will be good for the community. These are just some suggestions that may already be in the planning requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Keep as much open space as possible, 2) Consider ways to reduce noise into residential areas. I really enjoy the quietness of Spring Mesa. Think about ways to berm around the shooting range to reduce noise pollution. Very concerned about traffic noise from the Jefferson Parkway. 3) Provide as much trail connectivity as possible with safe ways to get across the parkway. One of the reasons we moved to Arvada was because of the dedicated open spaces and extensive trail system. It is nice to get home, get on a bicycle, and ride without worrying about being ran over. 4) It would be nice if the public had access to the police track, or if another 1-mile track was provided for public use. Sometimes, for tracking fitness, it is nice to benchmark your walks or jogs with a known distance. 5) Drainage swales and streams should be buffered on each side and kept as natural as possible. 6) A public shooting range is a good idea. Many people have concealed carry permits and need a place to practice shooting. The design should consider landscaping, aesthetics, safety, and sound absorption. 7) I'm not a big prairie dog fan, but I do feel bad that they keep getting pushed out of their communities by development. They are important for diversity in the environment. <p>I'm pleased there is a planning process in place to prevent helter skelter development. Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinions.</p>
<p>6/9/2015 23:17:52</p>	<p>I am writing to encourage improvements to the Bird's Nest Disc Golf Course and the land it is on. I know good advice about improving the course is available to you, and I appreciate any efforts that are made. Thank you.</p>
<p>6/10/2015 0:20:28</p>	<p>Please please please make this disc golf course the best in Colorado. We are a Pioneer state in everything we do, and disc golf should be NO exception.</p> <p>Locals and tourists from all over the country come here to enjoy a day in Arvada, and have always found this course to be "new" but having a lot of potential. We are waiting for the trees to grow so one day our kids and grand kids can play this course in awe of what we do today.</p> <p>Ball golf is expensive, hence the growing popularity of our sport. You may have seen some ESPN top 10 plays with "disc golf" being in it, or maybe you don't watch ESPN as much as I do, but it doesn't change the fact that our sport is growing, and this course could be one of the best.</p> <p>You have a golden oppurtunity City of Arvada, dont FIU.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>A proud local who wants our state to be the best in Disc Golf. Starting with Birds Nest</p>
<p>6/10/2015 8:10:42</p>	<p>I don't believe a shooting range is in the best interest of the community and oppose the noise pollution it will create. I suggest installation of the proposed solar farm in this specific area of the planned development rather than adjacent to local homeowners.</p>

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6/10/2015 15:37:20	<p>I would love to see a community pool put into the plan for the Blunn Pioneer development. While many of the new developments are including pools in their designs, many of the existing communities do not have pools in their neighborhoods. Lake Arbor is probably the closest outdoor pool for the west Arvada area to use and that is close to 30 minutes away. Arvada is getting so big. Opportunities to meet other families in the area are welcome. While I'm sure that some families would gather together at a shooting range, I doubt that the majority would find this a place to gather with neighbors.</p> <p>Thanks for considering my suggestion.</p>
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6/10/2015 21:13:28	<p>Our top three choices are: Police Training Facility Shooting range Bike Park</p>
6/10/2015 21:35:30	<p>The dense developments approved for Leyden Rock and the new congestion to the area has made a major impact on our neighborhood in the last two years.</p> <p>In contrast the Spring Mesa Subdivision was well-planned and the community and the developers did a great job of upholding the open space for all to continue to enjoy. I would hope that careful thought of this new land development would warrant considerable conservation of the open space.</p> <p>A shooting range is not an ammenity that is consistant with the pristine Blunn Pioneer Land area. I can't fathom that this would be a great addition to our neighborhoods. People love this area for the open space trails, equestrian trails and incredible views. With the addition of 470, many of the habitats that surround us will be destroyed and disturbed. The charm of this area has always been the wide open spaces and mountain views.</p> <p>Please consider that a continued trail system would be in keeping with the existing area. Anything more than that would take away from the beauty and nature that West Arvada offers to its residents.</p>

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<p>6/10/2015 22:05:47</p>	<p>Thank you for soliciting public input. I grew up in Arvada and moved back with my family because I love Arvada's commitment to community and excellence. To me, that means parks, playgrounds, trails, open space, commitment to healthy lifestyles, and opportunities for the community (library, rec centers, etc).</p> <p>I'd love to see a bike park; the bike park was regularly used in it's former location and is missing from our community. I have no doubt it will be well used and mostly by taxpaying residents.</p> <p>I'm disappointed to see that the parking area of Westwoods golf course may be expanded. On most days, the lot can handle the need just fine. The clubhouse is rarely full--it seems to be the perfect size and gives a great neighborhood feel. For tournaments and events, please look at alternative options including utilizing neighborhood parking, cart shuttles, valet parking, etc. rather than spending a fortune on a small percentage of users (potentially non-residents) and upsetting homeowners.</p> <p>I know it's not on the list but I feel like there is a huge need for an outdoor pool in this area. It doesn't need to be fancy and would be a huge asset.</p> <p>I appreciate that you are looking at good options to develop the space.</p>
<p>6/11/2015 15:32:27</p>	<p>What, exactly was revised? I can see the solar farm was moved, and the prairie dogs were scooted a bit. But public comments are clearly and loudly anti shooting range and police training center, yet those items remain. In a community that is so badly in need of funding for a new school, wasting tax payers money on training facilities that already exist is insulting. We do not want our peaceful community made noisy by the sounds of gun shots and tactical driving courses bouncing off the mountains. Leave the space open, or turn it into something the whole community can enjoy.</p>
<p>6/12/2015 8:56:44</p>	<p>Great plan. Here are a few requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Shooting range needs enough property to include rifle lanes out to 400 yards. In total, the range should include ranges at 7 yards, 25 yards, 50 yards, 100 yards, 200 yards, 300 yards, and 400 yards. A covered and walled shooting house should be included for noise mitigation to nearby housing. 2) Shooting range should also include five combination Skeet & Trap ranges with their shooting direction oriented Westerly for noise mitigation to nearby housing (A 100 yard buffer is required down range from the shooting positions for safety.) 3) The Lake side recreation area should be expanded as large as property allows to included covered pavilions with BBQ grills. 4) The Lake(s) should allow unmotorized boat use such as Canoes, Row Boats, Rafts, Kayaks, and Float Tubes. This will allow enhanced fishing and unmotorized boating recreation. These types of boats are not a Zebra Muscle proliferation threat. 5) The multi-use trail coming out of Spring Mesa Subdivision, that heads Northwest, should also connect the trails heading Southwest towards the trail system North of Arvada Reservoir. 6) Tucker Lake should be authorized to allow unmotorized boat use such as Canoes, Row Boats, Rafts, Kayaks, and Float Tubes. This will allow enhanced fishing and unmotorized boating recreation. These types of boats are not a Zebra Muscle proliferation threat. <p>Thank you for your great work on this plan that greatly enhances the local communities recreational opportunities.</p>
<p>6/12/2015 9:42:17</p>	<p>Thank-you for emailing the revised plan. Thank-you for preserving the wetland area west of Spring Mesa and moving the solar garden. Reviewing the public comments, I noticed numerous requests to remove the outdoor shooting range. Why is the shooting range still in the plan?</p>

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6/12/2015 13:49:24	<p>It is unfortunate that we always think about progress by turning undeveloped areas into overdeveloped areas. Progress should also be valued based on the quality of life granted by nature as is; we should not over-transform it to our liking, or to the liking of few. The project area is largely in its natural state; a trail or two may be developed across the mesa connecting to the existing ones without disrupting its original layout and nature.</p> <p>Adding a shooting range is the ultimate man-made infrastructure against nature; the shooting range adds noise, human traffic, and disturbance to an area that lets you believe there is still an oasis of nature in Arvada.</p> <p>The additional lake will bring more traffic and congestion if seen as recreational area rather than water storage facility. Have you gone to Standley lake recently? It is a mad house, with people fighting from parking spots, to spots for launching and landing boats, and right of ways in the water.</p> <p>Please consider limiting the development of this area, consider the beauty of an accessible rural place where people can go for walks from adjacent neighborhoods, rather than creating new attractions.</p> <p>A shooting range between multiple residential developments and the highway seems an absurd idea and definitely against the nature of this site, please consider dropping that program.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>
6/12/2015 14:40:48	NO to the shooting range, NO to the shooting range, NO to the shooting range. NO, NO, NO! Leave more open space.
6/12/2015 18:51:10	Keep it open for future generations to decide. No shooting range, police facility or expanded golf course.
6/12/2015 22:04:13	I strongly favor a shooting range. My family of 4 will use it very frequently. And compared to the cherry creek facility it is less intrusive and a great use of the property for a very silent majority of house holds in Arvada. I support the other uses as well.
6/13/2015 5:08:20	The shooting range is a necessary recreation enhancement for our area. And will add not detract from neighboring property values.
6/13/2015 12:19:52	WE NEED A SHOOTING RANGE - YES
6/13/2015 16:18:49	We are concerned about the noise of the planes and the shooting range. We are happy with he other choices for the space.
6/13/2015 16:19:14	We are concerned about the noise of the planes and the shooting range. We are happy with he other choices for the space.
6/13/2015 16:22:42	The model planes are loud at our house in our current location in Spring Mesa. They are positioned too close to houses in your current plan.
6/13/2015 23:28:58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include a Play Ground, with Water Features (like Ralston Central Park) in Lake Side Recreation Area. - Ensure plan includes expansion of West 82nd Avenue to accommodate the extensive increase in use due to new housing developments and future housing developments. - Ensure plan includes expansion of West 82nd Avenue to incorporate the proposed Jefferson Parkway and the vehicle exiting/entering the proposed Jefferson Parkway. - Ensure the expansion of West 82nd Avenue include bike lanes traveling both East & West. Bike lanes should connect to Indiana Street at a minimum. - Modify West 82nd Avenue and Quaker Street Intersection to support the increase traffic and use on West 82nd Avenue.

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6/14/2015 9:18:05	<p>Several comments.</p> <p>First, the public comments seem to be against an outdoor shooting range. I agree. Gun shots are impulsive and the sound thus carries. It's also disruptive and alarming. Such ranges should be far from residences or main roads. An indoor range can be located almost anywhere.</p> <p>Second, the same comments seem to apply to a driving training track. The sound of engines roaring and tires squealing is alarming and carries a long way.</p> <p>I have a suggestion about that. The Colorado State Patrol has a training track only a few miles away on South Table Mountain. Why not form an inter-agency agreement and a land easement and co-locate your facility with theirs? Theirs is designed as a large, high-speed track, while yours could be a smaller, low-speed track located inside theirs. Then you could each cross train on each others track. This would make better use of available land, not add additional noise to a community that doesn't already have it, and allow for a more flexible training regimen.</p> <p>As for the water storage, I suggest you allow only electric or human powered boats (i.e. canoes) on the lake, thus almost totally eliminating any possible noise problems.</p> <p>I agree that prairie dogs are a pretty major nuisance, digging up anything they can. I'd locate them as far away from any residence or improved location as possible.</p>
6/14/2015 14:14:12	We strongly support a new public shooting range in Jefferson County and this appears to be an ideal location for such a range.
6/15/2015 12:17:17	<p>Please consider a splash park or a community pool for this area. It will bring more people together than a composting station and a gun range.</p> <p>Next time, please consider thoughtfully survey the actual community and residents who live here and ask us what we want/believe we need before allowing other interest groups to make first claim. This does not make me feel valued or welcomed to come late to the table when you plan is already in motion.</p>
6/15/2015 14:00:22	I am deeply anti shooting range and police training centers. Those will ruin our peaceful quiet homes. Our area really needs a community pool. So many west woods residents go to Golden to join Applewood for swimming. We should keep that money in our city and add a pool to this area. People will get much more use of this than a shooting range.
6/15/2015 17:45:07	I would like to voice my support of the public shooting range. As you probably know, the metro area is woefully short on public shooting ranges, and the Arvada area in particular has lost a number of ranges over the years. This forces shooters onto National Forest land and other open spaces, creating a dangerous shooting environment that puts hikers, bikers, campers, etc. at risk. The community needs safe places to shoot.

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6/15/2015 21:30:45	<p>A shooting range in a family environment? Why on earth would this location even be under consideration for this. What is the justification that this would improve, enhance or positively contribute to the Arvada citizens living in this area.</p> <p>Safety is of utmost concern as I do not want to be from a community that promotes the use of guns. Mistakes with guns are deadly. Our schools pour time and money into preventing and protecting students from these horrific school shootings that have taken place across the country yet we are going to put a facility less than 2 miles from a large elementary school???</p> <p>While a majority of gun owners are likely responsible and trained with their weapon, it's those that aren't that typically create mass tragedy. I feel as if we are just opening the doors to that type of possibility.</p> <p>The NW end of arvada experiences increased housing demand and pricing (ie property taxes) and despite overcrowding, offers top notch schools? Why degrade this successful community with a facility that will not only tarnish the demand for new homeowners but drive away current ones. This is not the neighborhood we signed up for.</p> <p>A shooting range absolutely contradicts everything this community represents and stands for.</p>
6/16/2015 8:54:27	<p>We live in Spring Mesa for the natural beauty and peace and quiet. Please no shooting range. It will frighten all of the wildlife as well as residents and their pets. As one other resident stated, we can sometimes hear the stadium and certainly hear the model planes. It's ridiculous to think that we won't hear the shooting range. Please NO shooting range. Solar garden is good if not intrusive on neighbors views. Compost site great. Please keep as natural as possible. Also opposed to community pool as APEX has one which can be expanded to outside if need be with their current infrastructure.</p>
6/16/2015 17:01:52	<p>You guys need to get talking to Excel about rerouting the 115kV power line that crosses the site to the East edge of the site with the other line. It ends up there at the South-East corner of the site anyway, but the current design has the line spanning nearly 2,000 feet of the lake and crossing the RC flying field's overflight area, neither of which is likely to be acceptable. It's going to have to cross the highway anyway, so maybe the place to do that is at the North edge of the site, and have it go East to the other line and then South.</p>
6/16/2015 19:17:36	<p>A solar garden does not make financial sense, utility rates are low, rebates are almost nothing, the tax credits maybe gone by the time the garden is built.</p>
6/17/2015 9:57:17	<p>My wife and I are adamantly opposed to an outdoor public shooting range and/or a police training facility so close to residential neighborhoods. There must be other locations in the city that are more suitable for these uses.</p> <p>We recently moved to Leyden Rock from Broomfield where we lived in close proximity to the Broomfield PD's training range off Ridge Parkway. The staccato sound of gunfire was non-stop and transmitted loudly and clearly across the open space behind our apartment, echoing off our walls, grating on our nerves, and forcing us to close our windows. We moved here to escape that barrage of noise, which was worse than the nearby airport! If this proposal is adopted in its current form the sounds of gunfire, sirens, and screeching tires will roll across the open space into our neighborhood, which is less than 1 mile away. In fact those sounds will be even more invasive since there is no background noise here to drown them out. These uses will destroy the tranquility of our neighborhood and ruin our property values,</p> <p>Again, there must be more suitable locations in this county for these incredibly invasive activities,</p>
6/18/2015 9:38:00	<p>Please approve this project! We need more places for people to train and it becomes more and more necessary to have proper self defense.</p>
6/18/2015 11:06:00	<p>I wanted to express my complete and total support for the new shooting range in Arvada.</p>

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6/18/2015 18:55:00	Since I will be unable to attend the public meeting concerning the land use development in Northwest Arvada next Tuesday, June 23, 2015.I want to express my full support of the plans that I have read about on line. I am especially in favor of the proposed tepee area and the public shooting range adjacent to the police training area. I believe Arvada desperately needs a shooting range and the proposed plans appear to be well thought out and very well planned. I support this planned facility 100 per cent.
5/19/2015 0:00:00	Move the fly circle south by the Arvada Modeler's.Add sledding hills to the north and cross country skiing.
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6/17/2015 20:16:29	I've lived at Ward Rd and 72nd Ave since 1993 and I welcome this range! Right now, Arvada residents who shoot have to travel pretty far to shoot at an outdoor range. I'm hoping they have skeet shooting...
6/18/2015 7:12:42	Regarding proposed shooting range: I believe that the proposed public shooting range and police training facility is a marvelous idea. The Jefferson County police shooting range near the hog back is very similar in mileage to elite homes and multiple businesses and the noise issue has not presented problems. New technology, the design of the facility and its location can and will most definitely eliminate a considerable amount of muzzle noise. Trains traveling through Arvada present more of a nuisance than will this range!!!
6/18/2015 9:11:44	Yes to the shooting range ! And the model aircraft park, the rest of the proposed facilities are great and will be a great asset to the area. An outdoor pool could also be a good idea to plan for as well.

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	<p>1. It seems numerous special interest groups have been incorporated into this plan; how did they get preference over the land and its use? Are comments on this web site and upcoming June 23rd public meeting the only vehicles for the citizens to express their needs and wishes for the use of this land?</p> <p>2. What is the motivation behind the solar garden? Are there federal requirements tied to green energy that the city of Arvada has to adhere in order to retain, maintain, or obtain federal funding in any form? Is it part of the city master plan? Who pays for it? Have there been any studies regarding the effect of the panels on the numerous bird species in the area? http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/solar-farms-threaten-birds/ I do not want any Solar Gardens in the area.</p> <p>3. How is this plan integrated with the master development of the Candelas, Leyden Rock, and Leyden Ranch? How much Open Space remains in the City of Arvada if this plan moves forward and is implemented? There is a parcel of land between the south side of Highway 72 and the railroad track that is designated as industrial/office wouldn't this be a better location for the police training center and shooting range?</p> <p>4. Will the new water storage facility be open to the public? Will it be managed similar to the existing Blunn Reservoir (gated, fees to use, hours).</p> <p>6/19/2015 9:30:01 5. Has anybody studied the effects of building the Highway Lakes reservoir and the current ground water? What impact will it have on Spring Mesa, the actual spring and the surrounding habitat? Will it dry up the ground water, bird habitat and water sources for the existing trees?</p> <p>6. Have any noise studies been conducted on the Jefferson Parkway? Any possibility of putting up a berm or some kind of noise barrier along the west edge of the Spring Mesa subdivision to mitigate noise from this entire development and the Parkway? Have any noise studies been conducted on the shooting range?</p> <p>7. Is there a Federal, State, or any other requirement to have a Prairie Dog Habitat? Wouldn't it be more in line with the spirit of the land and it's previous uses and coinciding with the preservation of the Teepee Ring site to use it as Buffalo/Bison Refuge? Since the Boulder City Council turned down the use of their open space to Buffalo/Bison, why not one up Boulder and use the Prairie Dog habitat and the area where the police training facility is designated as Buffalo/Bison Refuge? Genesee has a Buffalo Preserve, why not Arvada? Ok, this is tongue in cheek but let's think outside the box; and I don't care for prairie dogs.</p> <p>8. It seems to me there is very little land on the west side of Arvada that hasn't been developed and with the recent additions of Leyden Ranch, Leyden Rock, and Candelas, wouldn't it increase property values and add to the quality of life by leaving it as open space with a water storage facility and letting the existing Arvada Modelers stay?</p>
6/19/2015 11:51:12	I have read most of the comments you have provided. If 70% of the comment are against the Gun Range, why is it still on the plan?????

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6/19/2015 22:20:58	<p>I like the idea a lot. But the range looks very small with very limited services to serve a population of 1-2 million people. We have lost at least 10 ranges in the metro in the last 25 years even though there are at least twice as many people and firearms. When I was designing a range for Douglas Co the NRA Range builders said to expect people from a 45 minute commuting distance.</p> <p>Utah built a bigger range in sight of there capitol building, the Ben Avery range. It is visited by .5 million people a year. They also built one near by in Bonneville. It has .25 million visits/year. These ranges make money for the local towns and pay for themselves.</p>
6/20/2015 10:29:10	<p>As someone who visits the West Arvada Dog Park numerous times per week (even in the winter), I support the expansion of the dog park in the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan. Although, before the park is expanded, I would recommend parking lot improvement/maintenance, walking trail slope improvements and gate area erosion repair (between phases).</p>
6/21/2015 8:11:30	<p>In favor of the plan, and the gun range. The concerns about the noise and safety are unfounded -- it will be 1.3mi away from housing, and on the other side of the soon-to-be built freeway. Residents living by the freeway should focus our efforts on getting additional noise abatement, hills/concrete walls, as needed, as part of this plan.</p>

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<p>6/22/2015 0:08:16</p>	<p>Noise Assessment & Recommendations - Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan to Spring Mesa Subdivision The following is an objective review of science and math that can be applied to mitigate noise produced by activities proposed in the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan.</p> <p>The main noise producers from the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan, concerning local residence, are expected to be the Shooting Range, Police Training Area, Proposed Jefferson Parkway, the Modelers Overfly Area, and the Pioneer Sands Quarry. All other initiatives in the plan should be very low noise producing.</p> <p>While it appears, from other postings, that the Shooting Range is of highest noise concern to local residents it is actually the easiest to noise mitigate. In my first post, dated 12 June, I clearly stated that any shooting range should include noise mitigation.</p> <p>After factoring the sound mitigating techniques shown below, the shooting range sound level reaching the northwestern most property in Spring Mesa (17927 W 78th Dr) will be in the range of 26 to 48 dB (Figure 1). That equates to the sound levels of Rustling Leaves to Light Traffic (Ref 6). Keep in mind that this noise level is standing in the backyards of the western most houses along the top of Spring Mesa. Move indoors, or further east into the subdivision, and the noise is reduced. The analysis following shows that at the same location the noise from the Proposed Jefferson Parkway, and the currently proposed Modeler's Overfly Area, will be louder at approximately 39 to 54 dB.</p> <p>The advantage to the Shooting Range noise mitigation is that multiple techniques can be used. The techniques discussed here included; Distance Between Range & Housing (Ref 1, 2 & 3), Walled & Roofed Firing Shed (Ref 4, 6 & 7) , Westerly Shooting Direction (Ref 4 & 7), Interlane Barrier (Ref 4 & 7), and an Aft Range Barrier (Ref 4 & 7). Other variables effecting the noise propagation not accounted for is geography, vegetation, and weather effects. All of these additional effects will also decrease the sound arriving at Spring Mesa, except for a wind out of the west which will have an increasing effect.</p> <p>Other initiatives the Shooting Range should incorporate include (Ref 8 & 9): - Limiting the Max Caliber of firearms. e.g. Rifles and Rifle Caliber Pistols = maximum of 338 Lapua; Shotguns = maximum of 12 Gauge; Pistols = no limit - Limiting Hours of Operation. e.g. Mon-Fri: 1000-1600 hrs; Sat: 1000-1500 hrs; Sun: Closed - Informational and interactive Web Site: e.g. Hours of Operation; Caliber Restrictions; Noise Mitigation Initiatives; Special Event Notices for events that will increase local traffic and noise; a Complaint Resolution Process.</p> <p>About the only way to mitigate noise from the Proposed Jefferson Parkway is to use a Barrier on the east side between the traffic and Spring Mesa. It would be cost prohibitive to put a roof over the Parkway. With the Barrier decreasing the noise by about 10 dB (Ref 4 & 7), the noise of a Diesel Truck at 85 dB (Ref 5) to a Motorcycle at 100 dB (Ref 5) will be decreased to approximately 75 - 90 dB. Subtract the noise reduction by the Inverse Square Law (Ref 3) over the distance of approximately 0.7 mile, now the</p>
<p>6/22/2015 5:04:35</p>	<p>I do not support the idea of an out door shooting range as I do not want to have the sounds of nature replaced with the constant banging of firearms. Even if mitigated it would greatly reduce the amount of wildlife activity in the area.</p>
<p>6/22/2015 5:09:07</p>	<p>What would be the penalty for exceeding the time/sound limits associated with the shooting range? Would it be possible to perform some initial testing i.e. have a time where firearms would be fired in the proposed area so us residence could hear the possible impact sooner rather then later.</p>

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6/22/2015 9:35:22	Item #8 was left off previous inquiry? 8. It seems to me there is very little land on the west side of Arvada that hasn't been developed and with the recent additions of Leyden Ranch, Leyden Rock, and Candelas, wouldn't it increase property values on the west side of Arvada more by leaving it as open space with a water storage facility and letting the existing Arvada Modelers stay?
6/22/2015 16:02:17	I don't understand why the shooting range is still on the plan when the majority of residents are against it. One person commented on other states ranges having .5 million visitors!!! Colorado is about the beautiful landscape and wildlife. We are not know as a haven for the NRA. It would also be nice to move the bike park closer to the highway. Maybe swap it with the solar park location. Will the new paths be paved or dirt?

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6/22/2015 16:18:19	<p>Thank you for a VERY thorough review and technical analysis of the calculations associated with the expected noise levels from the firing range. That being said, I've also done some research and think your analysis employs some simplification based on very complex topic. While we can discuss the merits and deficiencies of the data and approach to compiling it, I'd like to completely disagree with the conclusion, even if we were to agree that the SPL of a gunshot at the closes houses is on the order of magnitude of rustling leaves. I don't believe that the sound of a gunshot can ever be considered equivalent to rustling leaves. One is a natural sound that is peaceful for almost all how hear it (they sell CDs with this sound for relaxation), the other is a sharp unnatural sound that causes anxiety for almost all who hear it. I'm looking for a measurement that relates elevation of anxiety level based on type of sound heard - I don't think it would be even close...</p> <p>1) The issue of the SPL associated with the firing range affects all of the areas around the range, not just at the nearest house. The recreation area is ~1/2 mile from the firing range which base on your calculations, will be subject to ~72-94 dBA. At 95 dBA, OSHA acceptable exposure is limited to 4 hours indicating sustained exposure can be hazardous. Further the type of sound and frequency are considered aggravating factors allowing a higher value to be used for the purpose of exposure calculation.</p> <p>2) The SPL data you utilized is measured from the point of the person firing which can reduce potential cumulative effects of the multiple sources of noise generation given the very short and sharp nature of the sound being generated.</p> <p>3) Your data is oversimplified because considerations such as environmental conditions affecting not only the speed of sound but the absorption rate, curving the sound, reflection , etc. (overcast vs. clear, humid vs. dry, etc.), the echo associated with the terrain (probably helpful to some but can make it worse for other areas), the gun and projectile specifics (super vs. sub sonic, likely contained within your firearm limitations), and different absorption rates based on frequency are all not included. The example further assumes a single source noise generation where as a shot has several sources that can potentially be cumulative based on distance, direction, frequency, multiple shots fired, etc.</p> <p>4) Empirically I can tell you that the sound of the top fuel drag race cars during the Mile High Nationals (155-160 dB per Wikipedia) can be heard very clearly at a distance of 4 miles (~D'Evelyn High School). It was always ok because it was only 2-4 nights per year but it'd be a vastly different conversation if it was every day...</p> <p>5) I measure the distance from the Jeffco ball fields to also be 1.5 miles to my house and I can hear them during games. Given the loudest college stadium before additional skyboxes were added was 100 dBA or 105 dBA per the chart you referenced, a sound 70X (10 dB per doubling of volume) would be quite unbearable.</p> <p>The bottom line is that in my view and substantiated by the public comments received, the shooting range and police training center do not serve the interests of the community and are not welcome. They will negatively impact the quality of any outdoor activity in the area, which the vast majority of our residents partake in.</p> <p>At the last meeting Mr. Sullivan claimed the public comments were the community's conduit to affect what was contained if the final version of the project. It's obvious to me that his version of community involvement is to reposition the items his team has already decided would be included in the project. I am very disappointed and am interested to attend the next meeting to</p>
6/22/2015 20:24:34	<p>No shooting range!!!!</p> <p>All for bike park and trail expansion. Shooting range not safe and doesn't fit with the neighboring activities and family community that adjoins this area.</p>

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6/22/2015 23:57:53	<p>Even after presenting my assessment on mitigating noise from an open air Shooting Sports Range, I've continued to witness considerable resistance from local neighbors still on the basis of noise. The only way to totally reduce the noise from a Shooting Sports Range is for it to be totally enclosed. Yes, an Indoor Shooting Sports Range. While I would expect the cost to be higher to build an indoor range verses an outdoor range with noise mitigation, perhaps the answer is to have a joint public & Police range. Funding options could then be expanded. While Police generally need a minimum of a 50 yard range for rifle & shotgun training, hunters generally desire 100 yards for sighting in a rifle. Such a range would need to accommodate close in shooting (<3 yards) for police weapons retention training and out to a minimum of 50 yard. However, out to 100 yards would be preferred for the public high powered rifle shooter. An Indoor Shooting Sports Range could eliminate 100% of the noise outside of the facility and would increase it's location options.</p> <p>To my earlier recommendations, please add an Outdoor Target Archery Range to the Shooting Sports Range agenda.</p> <p>According to the National Field Archery Association (NFAA®) Archery and Bowhunter Range Guidelines (https://www.nfaausa.com/sites/default/files/Archery-Range-Guidelines_0.pdf), "a 10-target NFAA 900 Round or American Round target range requires, at a minimum: Width=(10x3)+15+15=60yards & Length=5+5+60+40=110yards. This 10-target range requires less than 1 1/2 acres, of the right shape. It would fit nicely on a standard soccer or football field, including side and end zones."</p>
6/23/2015 6:33:08	<p>I am completely opposed to the shooting range. I think it sends the wrong message about Arvada, it would be noisy, dangerous, and unnecessary to have in such a beautiful area.</p> <p>My second concern is relocating the model airplanes to an area which is frequently visited by a pair of bald eagles who sit on the electric poles above the reservoir. These eagles are here year round, so their nest is nearby.</p> <p>My vote would be to keep the land as natural as possible. We have had enough urban sprawl in Arvada! Keep this area peaceful and beautiful.</p>
6/23/2015 7:39:03	<p>Has there been any thought on moving the noise producing venues from the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan (Jefferson Parkway, Police Training Facility, Shooting Sports Ranges, Modeler's Airplane Park) up to the Rocky Mountain Flats property? The Rocky Mountain Flats property is much larger then Blunn/Pioneer and much further away from established housing.</p> <p>The Blunn/Pioneer property could remain a "low noise" area that includes Lake, Lakeside Recreation, Water Park, Bike Park, & Muti-use Sports Fields.</p> <p>Both area could also incorporate Wildlife Refuge & animal habitat.</p> <p>I would suspect the above plan would gain greater support from residents in and around the Blunn/Pioneer property.</p>
6/23/2015 7:49:46	<p>The predominant wind direction will blow sound towards Spring Mesa and Leydan Rock. Learn from the lessons of Rocky Flats and don't put a nuisance upwind from a populated area.</p>
6/23/2015 7:52:17	<p>I find it interesting that 51% of the survey respondents and the majority of the public comments are against a public shooting range, yet it is labeled as "favored." I wonder if a gun lobby is funding the range? The City does not appear to be listening to the public.</p>
6/23/2015 10:17:47	<p>I do not want a gun range in our neighborhood. A gun range means a concentration of people coming through the area with guns and that does not make me feel safe! There are also consistently accidents and suicides at gun ranges.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/search?q=increased+crime+near+gun+range#q=increased+crime+near+gun+range&start=20</p> <p>https://www.google.com/search?q=increased+crime+near+gun+range#q=increased+accidents+near+gun+range&start=10</p> <p>I do not want this in my community</p>

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6/23/2015 13:52:48	<p>Please consider moving the bike park farther west and away from the Spring Mesa homes. If the bike park includes dirt ramps/trails etc., it will contribute to dust accumulation in the homes of that neighborhood where kids with Asthma problems live. The Pioneer land causes enough dust as it is, up to 1/16" of dust after wind events (that easily reach up to 100 mph on the mesa) accumulates on window sills alone.</p> <p>It is hard to comprehend for a non-resident, but that is the truth. The fact that vegetation was allowed to grow on the earth berms of Pioneer Sand&Gravel mitigated a much worse problem. The Bike park may create a much larger issue.</p>
6/23/2015 14:51:38	I want to go on record as opposed to the public shooting range. This piece of the project has the potential to compromise the quality of life for families and neighborhoods in the West Arvada part of town.
6/23/2015 19:42:12	Fully support the plan, especially the public gun range.
6/23/2015 20:18:19	Fully support the plan, especially the public gun range.
6/24/2015 5:31:26	<p>I encourage expansion of biking/hiking trails and the bike park. I encourage uses that don't introduce noisy and disturbing buzzing engines from model planes (does this include drones?!?), and certainly doesn't include a shooting range.</p> <p>I have had extremely annoying experiences caused by model planes at Robby Ferrufino park in the summer on a weekly basis. There, model plane users buzz the planes over people, install cameras on the planes, and the noise from the planes is very annoying, even when flying quite high overhead. The plot suggested is too close to trails and far too large. People who bike and hike in west Arvada far outnumber model plane users, and the dedication of that amount of acreage to this activity is poor decision-making, and not good governance.</p> <p>Similarly, the installation of a firing range is a horrible idea for three reasons: noise, injuring many for benefit of few, and promotes an unhealthy activity.</p> <p>1) NOISE: this facility will INEVITABLY produce annoying and shocking noise not in keeping with the appealing characteristics of peacefulness. Noise pollution (sharp cracking startling gunshots) at nearby housing developments would impact housing sales and property values, because people don't want that noise around them;</p> <p>2) ACTIVITY THAT BENEFITS FEW placing a facility on city land promotes a sedentary activity for a small group, whereas expanded trails, or a fun splash park would reach more, and certainly more of the people living in close proximity of the location.</p> <p>3) PROMOTES UNHEALTHY ACTIVITY that many residents oppose, including myself, on a philosophical basis.</p>
6/24/2015 5:44:43	I live in Leyden Rock, my husband is a police officer and we oppose a shooting range in our neighborhood. We do not want to hear gunfire as we take our kids on walks through the open space. We moved to this neighborhood for the family-friendly activities such as hiking and biking. None of which include guns. Please consider not putting a shooting range in this area.
6/24/2015 6:04:48	<p>Thanks for the work on the project.</p> <p>I do NOT want a shooting range in my neighborhood. The noise pollution is unwanted.</p> <p>The other proposed projects look interesting.</p>
6/24/2015 6:06:23	I am against the public shooting range component of the plan.
6/24/2015 6:22:01	<p>As of recent it seems there is a great deal of talk as to the potential of a shooting range in the Blunn Pioneer Agent. I for one am ALL for a Police training / shooting range in the area. Currently there is a strong need as there are a few in town and they are extremely busy. I have attended many indoor and outdoor ranges and if done properly the sound mitigation will limit the majority of the noise.</p> <p>Please add my Name to the YES I want a Shooting Range in Arvada list!!! Thanks</p>

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6/24/2015 6:37:55	I live in a community near the proposed shooting range. I strongly oppose placement of the shooting range so close to my community and others. I think the proposal places the range too close to communities and the noise will be a nuisance. We moved out here in part for the quite environment. This would be an unwelcome addition and I strongly encourage the shooting range to be dropped from the plan.
6/24/2015 6:54:10	I didn't see, on the aerial map, where the public shooting range would be located, but as a resident of Leyden Rock, I would NOT like to hear the sounds of firearms going off near me. Is the plan for this range to be an INDOOR range? If not, please locate it further away from this new, huge growing community.
6/24/2015 7:07:05	We live in the suburbs for a reason. We moved here to live in a family friendly, quiet, low key suburbia and a shooting range is out of the question. Please please please do not entertain this idea. If someone wants a shooting range they can go somewhere else!
6/24/2015 7:30:51	Please do NOT install a shooting range at Blunn. I do not want more guns in my neighborhood than are already here and I do not want to listen to the shooting either. Thank you.
6/24/2015 7:31:33	I think that it would be smart to take a look at what Jefferson County and Boulder County have done with Open Space Parks. I believe this is a great opportunity to preserve open space for generations to come. I think a series of low impact hiking and biking trails seem a very smart idea. Especially considering the huge explosion of population in this area.
6/24/2015 7:38:54	I am a homeowner and taxpayer in Arvada and I oppose the shooting range proposed for the Blunn Pioneer Plan. We bought our home to be in a nice quiet neighborhood and a shooting range does not fit in with the quiet of the northwest Arvada area. I do not want to go outside and hear gun shots ringing out from sun-up to sun-down. We used to live in Aurora near the Aurora Gun Club and it was a nuisance, but we understood since that shooting range was there long before we moved in. Here in Arvada we can prevent this from even being a part of our landscape.
6/24/2015 7:46:56	I want to see the proposed shooting range built as shown at the public meeting last night at RVHS. Shooting is a legal sport enjoyed by many. Practice is a key part of the sport, and a public range in west Arvada would be helpful to those of us who enjoy the sport. A public shooting range would be at least as useful to the public as a bike park. It would also help the police department by reducing the down time for officer training by not making them have to drive all the way to eastern Colorado to practice and to periodically requalify.
6/24/2015 8:12:32	We recently moved very close to this area and are opposed to having a public shooting range or police training facility located here. It would be great to have this land developed in to something useful but feel this would ruin the reasons we moved to this peaceful and quiet part of Arvada. Thank you.
6/24/2015 9:15:33	The gun range is an excellent idea. This will provide a tangible benefit to the community and allow us to raise our children to understand that firearms are a tool. Right now the choices are indoor ranges which have limited distances or long drives to enjoy shooting. The ability to exercise our 2nd Amendment rights should be given a high priority.
6/24/2015 9:41:29	As an Arvada resident, I am very much in favor of the development of a shooting range. We currently use the area for various types of recreation and adding a shooting range would benefit the area as well as take pressure off of shooting in the National Forests which I do not like. If I am in the forest, I want to be able to not worry about stray bullets and trash. An organized and controlled shooting range is a much better option in terms of resource management and safety.
6/24/2015 10:54:18	Though we could not make the meeting last night we are in support of a public shooting range.
6/24/2015 11:32:32	I would like to express my overwhelming support for the Blunn Pioneer Master plan, as it stands today (6/24/2015). Most notably and sadly, controversial, is the inclusion of a public shooting range. I am in full support of the shooting range. As a hunter (and fisherman), I'd very much welcome a safe and convenient range!

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6/24/2015 11:43:01	<p>As a long-term, nearby resident and native of Colorado, my first question is, why do so much development of this land to start with? None of the proposed uses are actually necessary in any way for most of the residents of the area, or of Arvada, to be able to enjoy the land, most of whom would prefer it to be left as natural preserve and park, and is that not the point of the city and county planning?</p> <p>All the current options appear to amount to a lot of traffic, noise and dust. And an outdoor shooting range so close to residential areas? Common!!</p> <p>Should not one of the options on the board be to leave the area as natural as possible, with a few low impact trails, and so provide a beautiful and natural park area?</p>
6/24/2015 11:47:40	An outdoor shooting range around this side of town would be very welcome to me and about 22 of my friends that would cancel our memberships to other outdoor shooting ranges that are always full and a far drive.
6/24/2015 11:59:11	I am against a shooting range. I think there are plenty of range options for people to practice. I think it will disrupt the quiet that we enjoy in west Arvada. I think we could use an outdoor community pool instead. Thank you!
6/24/2015 12:01:26	We live in Trail Village and are opposed to the shooting range proposed in the Blunn Pioneer Master Plan. We have a second home in Granby which is located a few miles away from a shooting range and do not appreciate the constant "pop, pop pop" we hear from our back deck. We are fortunate to live in Colorado where the weather allows us to be outside our homes. We do not want that experience marred because a few people want a shooting range.
6/24/2015 12:35:31	<p>The Open space south of Leyden from 82nd to hwy 93 should remain open space to preserve the beauty of this area and to provide open space for hiking and biking as it is today. Especially with the rise of house construction in this area it is imperative to keep nature resources and the land open to ensure environments remain. Maintaining as much open space and parks in this area will be imperative to prevention of heavy traffic and environmental concerns.</p> <p>Additionally, NO SHOOTING RANGE should be added to this area or around this area. The proposed suggestion of the shooting range in an area of high housing construction - mostly family oriented, with small kids and due to the openness and rolling hills, sounds travel at ease in these areas, and listening to shooting guns will damage the resale value, and the feel of these surrounding neighborhoods and will have damaging affects on kids who are not exposed to guns otherwise.</p>
6/24/2015 12:37:55	My family of five is NOT in favor of the proposed gun range. Noise is our number one concern.
6/24/2015 12:46:26	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I see that there is a proposed public shooting range and I am in favor of it. In having a range that is close and safe would be a great way for people to meet, shoot and learn safe firearms handling.</p>
6/24/2015 12:50:55	A shooting range would be great. Go for it.
6/24/2015 12:51:35	I would love to go to this shooting range. Please build it.

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06/24/2015 12:55	<p>Maintaining this land as a drinking water source, reserving acreage for future water storage and the future right of way of the Jefferson Parkway shows collective wisdom within the planning community.</p> <p>History has proven that preserving under developed areas that individuals wanted to develop for self serving purposes has resulted in national treasures.</p> <p>Golf courses consume water and introduce fertilizers and pesticides which runs contrary to appropriate water storage.</p> <p>I hereby request the planning commission to keep objectives in place for water storage and right-of-way and prevent development for any other purpose.</p>
06/24/2015 13:25	Definitely opposed to a shooting range installation near our home.
06/24/2015 13:49	Leave it as open space with trails!!!
06/24/2015 14:08	<p>In reviewing the Blunn Pioneer Plan Summary ("Proposed uses include a bike park, solar garden, regional composting facility, public shooting range, trails, West Woods Golf Course expansion, police training facility, and the relocation of the Arvada Modelers and prairie dog preserve."), it became very obvious that somebody neglected to mention the Bird's Nest Disc Golf Park. The park has been located in this area (next door to the dog park on 64th), for many years and only due to Arvada's negligence has not become the premier Colorado Disc Golf Course it could be.</p> <p>My wife and I have been playing on the course for 7 or 8 years now and have found it to be a relaxing and fun way to exercise (we are in our 70's). Lately it has been harder to utilize because it receives very little maintenance. I have no idea what the city's agreement with John Bird is, but I do know that one man and meager resources can't adequately maintain this beautiful area. Arvada needs to step up to the plate and include the need for Bird's Nest in the Blunn plan, and see to it that some funding is provided for its upkeep.</p> <p>We don't believe that Arvada has any idea what a potential jewel of a disc golf course Bird's Nest could become including possible state and national recognition. Please be sure that Bird's Nest is in the plan.</p>
06/24/2015 14:25	Please do not put a shooting range in our quiet neighborhood. Many of us have spent a lot of money on a quiet home in the foothills and we don't need to hear the sound of gunshots all the time. I oppose guns, and I oppose constantly hearing the sound of guns while trying to relax in my yard. Any one of the other options you have for this space is fine but a shooting range is the worst idea going. Anyone who says you won't hear it is lying. Thank you for your time.
06/24/2015 14:38	<p>I voiced my opinion earlier, but will do it again in light of recent updates. I, along with many others, still do not want an outdoor shooting range in the area, due to noise concerns, and also the effect on wildlife. Even though many concerns have been raised, the outdoor shooting range still seems to be on the plan. I hope you will listen to what the majority of people in the area want, and reconsider, or find a way to mitigate this.</p> <p>Thank-you.</p>
06/24/2015 15:03	Sandra, I was unable to make the meeting last night, but want to voice my concerns about the shooting range. Not only is the noise an issue, but there are also safety issues. Please place a vote of NO to the shooting range. Thank you so much.
06/24/2015 15:33	I would love to have a public shooting range available in the Aravda area. With the closing of left hand canyon publicly accessible areas are very limited. I think this would be a great use of the space and serve a large number of sporting enthusiasts.

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06/24/2015 19:33	<p>Hi There,</p> <p>I live in the western portion of Spring Mesa and am concerned with several aspects of the Blunn Pioneer Master Plan.</p> <p>First, the Gun Range needs to be relocated to another part of town. The noise from that alone will be very disturbing! Gun shoots carry over vast distances and out here it is easy to hear conversations thousands of feet away. The last thing I want to hear is the POW of guns going off in the distance. The NRA isn't the one to set the regs and best practices concerning how this will affect the neighborhood. They are far from unbiased.</p> <p>Second, what type of bike park are you planning? Will there be lights? Activity after dark? Will you allow motorized vehicles?</p> <p>Third, What is a "Teepee Site" Are these replica Native American dwelling structures? If so, why? What is the point/need?</p> <p>I am actually a member of the AAM airfield and the larger airplanes (gas powered) can be pretty loud at times. I know the club officers have been working hard to be good neighbors and keep the noise down. This is something that was in place long before our neighborhood was built and I believe most of the folks here are fine with them.</p> <p>In general, it seems like you are cramming many disparate activities together in a relatively small place. Coupled with the parkway it will completely destroy the quiet natural habitat that is the reason many of us moved here in the first place. Change is inevitable, but I ask the planners: would you want to live so close to all these facilities? Really?</p> <p>If you make only one change PLEASE remove the public shooting range.</p>
06/24/2015 19:55	<p>I would like to thank Jefferson County and the City of Arvada for their forward thinking initiative to support Shooting Sports enthusiasts. We have great facilities for a very large number of sports and recreational activities in Arvada. It is time to include a Shooting Sport Facility. I also strongly support our Police Department and their need for a combined training facility in Arvada. Count me for supporting the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan.</p> <p>Keep up the great work!</p>
06/24/2015 20:06	<p>As a resident of Leyden Rock I strongly oppose a firing range of any kind in this area, public or police training.</p>
06/24/2015 20:15	<p>I think that the proposed public shooting area in the Blunn Pioneer area is a fantastic idea! Safe local shooting areas are few and far between which drives shooters out into remote areas of the mountains. Having a public range here would bring in many patrons for local business, and is a great opportunity to promote shooting sports. I support the proposed master plan, and look forward to visiting the area in the future!</p>
06/25/2015 6:55	<p>We are opposed to the shooting range. We moved here from the city because it was quiet and had that mountain feel. A shooting range would absolutely ruin that.</p>
06/25/2015 11:26	<p>Excellent!! Great!! There needs to be some recreation in this area and I could not think of better use of the land. I'm sorry I missed the June 23rd meeting.</p>

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06/25/2015 14:43	<p>How will the planned Prairie Dog habitat be maintained and residence in the area property protected. Will the rodents population be controlled through the use of natural predators. Will neighbors to the habitat be provided health services in case of plague or other rodent carried diseases are spread with trails traversing the area? Are Prairie Dogs already native to this area or are they being imported (In my option an invasive species) to the area to get them out of someone else's back yard and placed into my back yard? Why are we as a city spending funds to accommodate a new pest?</p> <p>What guarantees will the city provide that a gun range within 1.5 – 2 miles to newly developed homes in the area will not decrease property values and possibly lead to an increase in foreclosures in the area (caused by upside down loans) due to the noise. Will an increase in reports of gunfire in the area cause issues to police responsiveness to real issues? What measures other than distance are being put into place to mitigate gun noise and increased and unwanted traffic to the area?</p>
06/25/2015 18:58	<p>Please do not build the proposed gun range and police training facility. My family and I moved to Leyden Rock for the tranquility and beauty. Not the sound of gun shot.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
06/25/2015 22:32	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Lifelong Jeffco resident here, I love the plan. Isn't part of this land the historic Pattridge Ranch? We should honor that history.</p> <p>I like the shooting range, nice, complimentary location to the Cherry Creek range!</p>
06/26/2015 10:15	<p>I am very concerned about your plan to put a gun range within 3 miles of my house. Noise pollution, safety, and an eyesore in what is currently beautiful Colorado landscape are my primary concerns.</p> <p>What can I do?</p>
06/26/2015 16:49	<p>I think that this is a long over due plan. It offers a upgraded Police training facility and a sportsman shooting range. I know that there have been some very detailed plan recommendations that should also be considered.</p> <p>I am in full support of this plan and I hope that it goes into action sooner rather than later</p>
06/26/2015 18:19	<p>I strongly support the developmwnr of the public shooting range in this plan. I hope that the Arvada City Council will recognize the need for this in our community and support the implementation of the range as is depicted in the current plan.</p>
06/26/2015 20:00	<p>This is a great idea. I am especially in favor of the shooting range as we badly need one in the area</p>

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06/26/2015 20:38	<p>Please be aware that the NRA alerted members about the public meeting on the Blunn-Pioneer master plan. The data collected at the meeting may be skewed. Here is a copy of the email:</p> <p>From: NRA-ILA Alerts <admin@nramedia.org> Subject: Colorado: Shooting Range Hearing Tomorrow Night</p> <p>view the web version of this email NRA-ILA: Institute for Legislative Action Colorado: Shooting Range Hearing Tomorrow Night</p> <p>Your NRA would like to remind you that tomorrow night is the public meeting for the proposed shooting range to be built in western Arvada. As previously reported, some neighbors are concerned about possible noise issues even though there will be appropriate noise abatement features in the design. Please attend to support the addition of this safe, new shooting range to the Arvada community as a place for Coloradans to exercise their Second Amendment freedoms.</p> <p>Where: Cafeteria of Ralston Valley High School (Enter into the School's front door and turn left) 13355 W. 80th Avenue 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Anytime during this time frame)</p> <p>Further details about the proposed shooting range and contact information for any questions you may have can be found here.</p> <p>NRA-ILA: Institute for Legislative Action FOLLOW NRA-ILA FacebookTwitterYouTubeInstagram © 2015 National Rifle Association of America, Institute For Legislative Action. To contact NRA-ILA call 800-392-8683. Address: 11250 Waples Mill Road Fairfax, Virginia 22030.</p>
	<p>I'd like to thank you all for your forward thinking as shown in the proposed Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan. It is time to bring a comprehensive Shooting Sports Facility to Arvada.</p> <p>You have done a fantastic job building and supporting recreational facilities and opportunities for the Arvada Community.</p> <p>Now is the time to build a Shooting Range to also support Arvada's Shooting Sports enthusiasts. I also strongly support your efforts to bring a combined training facility to Arvada in support of our brave and dedicated Police Force.</p> <p>Count my vote "in favor" of both initiatives as proposed in the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan.</p>
06/27/2015 6:58	<p>We live in west Arvada because it is a quiet setting close to nature. We don't need or want any significant development of the open space. Most important, we don't want guns or shooting ranges in our neighborhood!!!</p>

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06/27/2015 8:33	My suggestion is leave the area around the lake natural, so no maintenance and no chemicals need to be used, and give a break at the prairie dogs community here way before us. They are going to desappear becaouse all these development all over.Leave a piece of Colorado...so the new generations can see some wild land without having to go to boulder....where they seems to care more about nature than here.
06/27/2015 10:02	I attended the first meeting but could not make the second meeting. I just read through the majority of the comments and the strong majority are OPPOSED to the shooting range. The survey has 50+% OPPOSED to the shooting range and 30+% for. I do not see how there is still a strong case for it. I think the message is clear that we DO NOT want it near our community! Please reconsider your plans and DO NOT leave this in place.

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06/27/2015 13:03	<p>Updated Assessment & Recommendations: Noise Assessment & Recommendations - Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan to Spring Mesa Subdivision by: Eric Jenkins</p> <p>NOISE ASSESSMENT:</p> <p>The following is an objective review of science and math that can be applied to mitigate noise produced by activities proposed in the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan.</p> <p>The main noise producers from the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan, concerning local residence, are expected to be the Shooting Sports Facility, Police Training Area, Proposed Jefferson Parkway, the Modelers Overfly Area, and the Pioneer Sands Quarry. All other initiatives in the plan should be very low noise producing.</p> <p>While it appears, from other postings, that the Shooting Sports Facility is of highest noise concern to local residents it is actually the easiest to noise mitigate. Any Shooting Sports Facility should include noise mitigation.</p> <p>After factoring the sound mitigating techniques shown below, the shooting range sound level reaching the northwestern most property in Spring Mesa (17927 W 78th Dr) will be in the range of 26 to 48 dB (Figure 1). That equates to the sound levels of Rustling Leaves to Light Traffic (Ref 6). Keep in mind that this noise level is standing in the backyards of the western most houses along the top of Spring Mesa. Move indoors, or further east into the subdivision, and the noise is reduced. The analysis following shows that at the same location the noise from the Proposed Jefferson Parkway, and the currently proposed Modeler's Overfly Area, will be louder at approximately 39 to 54 dB.</p> <p>The advantage to the Shooting Sports Facility noise mitigation is that multiple techniques can be used. The techniques discussed here included; Distance Between Range & Housing (Ref 1, 2 & 3), Walled & Roofed Firing Shed (Ref 4, 6 & 7) , Westerly Shooting Direction (Ref 4 & 7), Interlane Barrier (Ref 4 & 7), and an Aft Range Barrier (Ref 4 & 7). Other variables effecting the noise propagation not accounted for is geography, vegetation, and weather effects. All of these additional effects will also decrease the sound arriving at Spring Mesa, except for a wind out of the west which will have an increasing effect.</p> <p>Other initiatives the Shooting Sports Facility should incorporate include (Ref 8 & 9):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Limiting the Max Caliber of firearms. e.g. Rifles and Rifle Caliber Pistols = maximum of 338 Lapua; Shotguns = maximum of 12 Gauge; Pistols = no limit- Limiting Hours of Operation. e.g. Mon-Fri: 1000-1600 hrs; Sat: 1000-1500 hrs; Sun: Closed- Informational and interactive Web Site: e.g. Hours of Operation; Caliber Restrictions; Noise Mitigation Initiatives; Special Event Notices for events that will increase local traffic and noise; a Complaint Resolution Process.
06/27/2015 13:38	<p>We have lived in west Arvada for 10 years. The primary reason we purchased was the tranquility of the open space and the nature habitats. I understand and support most of the plan; EXCEPT we are strongly opposed to an outdoor shooting range. This is ridiculous. Way too close to several subdivisions. The city needs to do it's homework. You can hear the sounds of pistol and long gun fire well over 2 miles. That is no place for a shooting range. As with many outdoor ranges, it should be located in the middle of no where; and gun users need to drive a bit to get there. A fact they need to accept. Still shocked at the consideration of this shooting range. Feels a bit political too. Makes no sense.</p>

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06/27/2015 13:39	<p>Dear Committee- Thank you for volunteering and giving your time to put together a master plan for the open spaces west of Arvada. I live in Spring Mesa and am an Arvada native (of 56 years).</p> <p>I am writing in support of the new water storage lake and associated picnic structure/play structure park, and of the shooting range. I love our quiet environment, and have paid a premium to live in this area of the city (my fourth home in Arvada), and would not want the quiet to be too disrupted, but I already hear the train that goes through Rocky Flats, and will soon hear a little of the highway noise when the Northwest Parkway gets built, and I don't think the shooting range will be any noisier than either of these two things. Any sound that comes from the shooting range will probably be overshadowed by the constant hum of noise from the highway, once it is built.(I used to live on 58th Avenue, in Candlelight, and the noise on that two lane road loud.)</p> <p>Arvada needs a place to practice sport shooting. I think people are just afraid of guns when they shouldn't be (more people are killed with knives than guns, if that is what folks are afraid of!).</p> <p>The more familiar people are with proper and safe use of firearms, the safer our city and county will be.</p> <p>We need a place to practice our hunting skills, since we don't have a lot of nearby open space left to hunt small game and varmints (which is how people used to bone up on their shooting skills) prior to big game hunting seasons, and a range (with sound mitigation as in a shooting shed) would be terrific!</p> <p>I like the idea of being able to boat (without motors- canoe, wind surf, kayak) and fish on Tucker Lake and the new lake/reservoir yet to be built. I also like the idea of connecting the trails to the Ralston trail system, and including horse trails wherever possible (protecting them from being spooked by fast bicyclists on the other trails).</p> <p>Thanks for hearing the usually silent, good citizens of Arvada. There are many of us who feel the same way as I've outlined above. We pay the city's taxes and appreciate being heard by our master planners.</p> <p>Best regards-</p>
06/27/2015 13:41	<p>The plan has some good aspects to it except the public shooting range. It is inconceivable to me that this is even being considered. This will be noisy and gun fire will echo for a long distance on the front range. We are very opposed to the outdoor shooting range, The police training academy also concerning; however, we recognized they are professionally trained in firearms etc. Hopefully we will not hear a lot of sirens and such with patrol car training.</p>
06/27/2015 13:42	<p>I VOTE NO ON THE OUTDOOR PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGE. A horrible part in this tranquil part of town.</p>

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06/27/2015 13:58	<p>Having lost their shooting range on Table Mountain nearly twenty years ago, hundreds of Jeffco area shooters crowded into the Golden Gun Club. Several years later, the Golden club lost their range on Coors property. The Golden Gun Club bought an existing facility in Watkins which requires a 60 mile round trip to go shooting. Making a safe, well designed shooting range available in Jefferson County would provide numerous benefits to residents. Eliminating time consuming travel to distant ranges will save us thousands of dollars spent on fuel and reduce emissions from cars and trucks. FBI statistics demonstrate that violent crime has been declining since common sense laws have allowed more Americans to carry firearms for self defense. A pleasant outdoor shooting range will allow responsible Jeffco citizens to practice safe gun handling while honing their shooting skills at a supervised facility. Women have been acquiring handguns for self protection and appreciate a range that is welcoming and secure. An often overlooked aspect of the shooting sports is that they can be enjoyed by the entire family. Less arduous than tennis or even golf, recreational shooting is an activity for people at every level of fitness. Jefferson county residents will benefit from a safe, supervised public shooting range.</p>
06/27/2015 19:37	<p>Fuuly support your plan especially the public shooting range.</p>
06/27/2015 21:01	<p>The public shooting range will be a welcome asset to the community. The range and the law enforcement training center appear to be in a suitable location.</p>
06/27/2015 22:06	<p>We desperately need a full bike park (similar to the one at Valmont in Boulder). We are a premier city in the Metro area and this type of amenity is what helps separate us from the wannabes.</p> <p>Strongly support the compost and other sustainable elements in the proposal.</p> <p>I also support the APD training facility.</p>
06/28/2015 8:24	<p>This is a wonderful multi-use plan, including the public shooting range. Please make it happen!</p>

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06/28/2015 15:23	<p>I support: teepee site compost transfer station for accepting all yard waste prairie dog habitat no development on steep slopes solar garden as a greening method for the city. dog park expansion bike park public shooting range - as long as noise and stray bullet concerns are mitigated preservation of the birds nest disk park highway 93 lakes</p> <p>I do not support: any golf course expansion due to water, fertilizer, environmental impact etc... I don't believe 2 new holes will relieve golfer crowding which can be managed in other ways by the course owners. police training area. I value the police but think they can find another lower value area in cooperation with one of the other city police departments.</p> <p>suggest: expand composting facility to include recycling drop-off center. Arvada needs to saddle up and again offer a drop-off recycling center like neighboring Westminster and Lakewood. SustainAbility has closed its Aravada West location making the single location in eastern Arvada impractical. I understand the city had problems with contamination of its former drop-off facility so punted to SustainAbility. Other neighboring cities have a successful program to why can't we? The better answer to increasing solar adoption is the city's promotion of Solar City's no cost residential solar panel systems. Allow for dog off leash / voice command policy for trails. Use dirt trail surface for as much distance as possible in this area. Minimize parking area size to encourage biking/walking to the area.</p>
06/29/2015 7:33	The public shooting range will be a great asset for our community.
06/29/2015 7:45	I fully support the proposed plan, including the Law Enforcement training facilities and shooting range. Jefferson county and western Denver are in need of a training facilities to take our youth to in order to safely train them in the use of firearms. I believe that appropriate planning needs to be taken in order to mitigate the noise levels. I have personally lived with 1/4 mile of a properly designed outdoor range and never heard any of the activities except a very occasional low level pop on very cool damp evenings, and even then it was only barely noticeable. Is it possible to have the sound studies publicized once completed so that the homeowners realize that all of the rumors of noise are unfounded and non-factual?
06/29/2015 9:00	We are OPPOSED to the shooting range option!! As a new homeowner in Leyden Rock, would like any future plans for our nearby land to be used for nature/outdoor friendly causes that will NOT create noise or controversy in our neighborhood. A bike park, expanding the golf club, etc. are more reasonable options.
06/29/2015 11:56	I am totally opposed to the gun range and would like to see the bike park moved east to the area of the proposed gun range. That would protect the peace and quiet of the neighbors. I wonder how many of the people that are for the shooting range actually live in the neighborhood or in the surrounding area? I know the NRA put a notice out for members to attend the second meeting. Is it fair to have so many organized voices outweigh the voice of the concerned that actually live in the neighborhood. Please keep as much of this property as natural as possible for a refuge for humans and wildlife alike.

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06/29/2015 18:36	<p>I understand that the shooting range is something that has been in the works since 1993 or so. The northwest section of Arvada is a vastly different landscape than it was even just 5 years ago. People moved to this area for it's beauty and tranquility and to enjoy low-impact recreation in open space. A shooting range does not complement this at all. Among my many concerns are noise, operating hours, management of, loss of wildlife, and it being deemed safe that putting this 1/4 mile from trails and 1/2 mile from homes is concerning. The lead contamination of a shooting range w/surface waters flowing directly into nearby water sources is also of concern. The findings of the working group states</p> <p>"Lead weathering has been found to also negatively impact surface waters. The mobile weathered remains of the bullets have been reported in contaminations of surface waters that greatly exceed USEPA drinking water standards (Stansley et al. 1992; Cao et al. 2003). Groundwater contamination can be a concern as well in areas where distance from topsoil to groundwater is very shallow (Hardison et al. 2003).</p> <p>They need to go back to exploring other locations....why is it not possible to expand on the site at Rooney Valley Law Enforcement and include a public aspect to the shooting range there? I could not find any information on why that was not more strongly pursued in this search.</p>
06/29/2015 19:14	<p>I am 100% in agreement with staff that have proposed a public use gun range for the NW corner of the Blunn property. A properly designed range can provide thorough noise mitigation. After the Jefferson Parkway is completed, traffic noise will entirely swamp any remaining noise from the range.</p> <p>Modern range backstop designs are safe and do not have issues with rounds escaping the range boundaries. There has been a range at Cherry Creek State park for decades. In Clear Creek County, a rifle and pistol range located 50 yards from I-70 has existed for almost forty years without incident. Most folks who drive I-70 have been caught in stop and go ski or summer sunday traffic yet are completely unaware of its proximity. That says a lot about how well ranges integrate with their surroundings. http://www.cccsclub.com/images/RangeMap.jpg</p>
06/29/2015 20:03	<p>Question - what is the white shaded area next to the upper Spring Mesa subdivision? Hopefully designated open space.</p> <p>General comment - please keep as much open space as possible. Introducing facilities that either visually or audibly detract from the natural state today will only decrease property values and the quality of life that we invested in and enjoy.</p> <p>A shooting range would be detrimental to the peace and quite of the area. While this area may be considered remote the sound from guns travels multiple miles and would be heard by residents in all surrounding communities. Please ask each Arvada City Council Member if they would like a shooting range built in their community.</p> <p>Solar arrays must be placed in an area not in the line of sight of homes as this would decrease property values.</p> <p>The entire area is basically prairie dog habitat. Will prairie dogs be controlled in the other areas?</p> <p>While increasing convenience a new police training facility is not needed based on currently available facilities. The facility will visibly detract from the area and will be a noise source.</p> <p>Other aspects of the plan seem reasonable and essentially preserve the current state of the area.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

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06/29/2015 22:36	<p>To own a gun is an American right. To learn how to use it safely and accurately is the duty of a gun owner. The safest place to learn gun owner skills is at a range set up by professionals and monitored for safe, enjoyable learning.</p> <p>The folks that don't want gun owners to practice must consider the alternative of a gun owner that doesn't know how to use his gun.</p> <p>Please keep the shooting range in the plans.</p>
06/30/2015 11:45	<p>I agree with the proposed plan for the Arvada Blunn Reservoir Master plan except for the Shooting Range. I am a neighbor and local Realtor and disagree with this type of use of the land. I believe that in order to maintain the correct image for this area of Arvada and not bring down the housing prices city managers should not include this as an option. However in keeping with our beautiful state, bike trails, golfing, trails and anything to do with healthy living is going to be in the best for our city and its future.</p>
06/30/2015 11:54	<p>Based on previous comments there is a lot of support for a shooting range in the area and a lot of opposition to a range in this location due to its close proximity to homes, including mine. If you move ahead with a shooting range in this location it will be very busy, and there will be significant pressures to expand the facility and expand the hours and days it will be open. Both pressures mean the impacts on the local community will increase over time. More homes are slated to be built in the immediate area, so there will be more residents to experience an increasingly invasive facility. Why waste money on a facility that will be forced to close, like all the other ones in the area, in the near future? Do we never learn from history? Spend the money instead on a more suitable location, serving the constituents desiring an outdoor range while not destroying the tranquility of a beautiful area with the staccato sounds of gunfire.</p> <p>Other responses have pointed to noise mitigation as a possible solution. The residents in this area will be the ones impacted by and probably challenging this facility, therefore they must be involved in meaningful way if you move forward with this ill-conceived facility.</p>
06/30/2015 12:28	<p>If you build a berm like the one the city built to prevent rain & storm runoff from the lake behind (west) Spring Mesa Park we are in trouble!</p>
06/30/2015 17:36	<p>Please don't let a vocal minority derail plans to set aside some property for a shooting range. Access to safe and target shooting areas on National Forest land is extremely hard to find, contrary to popular belief. With the heavy use of our National Forests, accessible areas close to Denver are often posted "no shooting" because of the proximity of mixed uses and residential areas. While they may be open for hunting, recreational or target shooting is not permitted in many areas.</p> <p>A properly constructed and supervised shooting range can certainly be designed and built that can accommodate even the most sensitive. I trust the city will require the appropriate controls whenever an actual design is contemplated.</p>

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06/30/2015 0:00	<p>I attended the first Pioneer/Blum presentation. Comments there and sent to the city ran greatly against the shooting range, yet the second draft presented showed no real changes in design. Looking deeper, Jefferson County has been in discussion with the Arvada (Gordon Reusink representing Arvada) since at least early 2014 and identified Pioneer/Blum in July 2014 as its top sight. It certainly seems this was predetermined before its "looking for input from residents" presentation.</p> <p>The July 2014 Jeffco presentation file:///C:/Users/rwallace/Downloads/2014-July-Jeffco%20Public%20Shooting%20Range%20Working%20Group%20Presentation.pdf shows it is unknown what the sound impact will be (pg 20). The presentation wants 30 shooting lanes, as well as trap and skeet if possible (pg 17). Before the City Council moves to accept this, perhaps the City should arrange a test, bring 30 shooters to the site and shoot for a half hour or so to judge actual rather than theoretical noise impact (yes - using blanks).</p> <p>I am concerned that Arvada would embrace this use of space, especially while essentially giving control to the County while such a major issues as noise pollution (pg 20), the desire by the county to have this be for profit (pg 21) and the desire to expand beyond what has been initially presented (pg 22) has been explored. As presented you have ignored the staff recommendation from the Jeffco planning group, (pg 24) a consultant was selected and a master plan developed before the public input process.</p> <p>From the City's point of view, why would you chose put some of your highest assessed valued properties at risk due to the large number of unknowns?</p>
06/30/2015 0:00	<p>I am deeply disappointed in the decision/proposal of an outdoor shooting range in the Pioneer Blunn area. I live in Spring Mesa and the areas of Fieldcrest, West Woods, Spring Mesa and other will be impacted by the addition of an outdoor shooting range. Perhaps one or two shooter would not be a noise impact, but multiple shooters is going to impact all of us. The noise carries in our open area. We can hear the noise of Pioneer Landscaping, we can sometimes hear a truck on Hwy 93, we can hear the train, we can hear the model airplanes, and we can hear a neighbor talking on their back deck approximately 300 yards across from us through the cottonwood trees in the summer over Moon Gulch. We will hear the shooting range and it will not be a pleasing sound in any way, shape, or form!. I also believe it will have a negative impact on the home values in our areas of western Arvada. Why in the world would you want to negatively impact some of Arvada's most desirable and highly assessed real estate? I do not see any evidence that the noise pollution and impact on the surrounding areas has been sufficiently examined and tested. Go use blanks in a scenario with 30 shooters, with different calibers, for 60 minutes and measure the noise. At a minimum, consider an indoor shooting range.</p> <p>And for your record and information, my family and I are supporters of the second amendment and gun right advocates.</p>
06/30/2015 0:00	<p>Letter representing 26 individuals containing comments and questions related to the Master Plan and three pictures. Letter will be included with comments.</p>
<p>Public Meeting #1 Comment Cards and Butcher Paper Comments</p>	
PM#1 Comment Card	<p>Solar panels directly next to homes will bring down property values due to the panels reducing the quality of the views from the homes</p>
PM#1 Comment Card	<p>Golf course expansion cuts of existing open space trail (multi-use) for local citizens! Please allow pass-thru for non-golfing locals.</p>
PM#1 Comment Card	<p>I'd like to see more space allocated to bike park. I hope current path up to Tucker Lake from the disc park will not be lost to golf course expansion. What about a community pool? Thanks!</p>

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PM#1 Comment Card	Great concern over golf course expansion. The area implicated has very high pedestrian, cycling traffic. It is habitat for waterfowl, coyotes, vegetation, such as milkweed for Monarchs, and it is a place of general natural beauty. Access to Tucker Lake at the summit of Virgil/72nd is overused and worn out. I am very concerned that, like on the rest of the golf course, the public will be prohibited for the benefit of the view and wildlife will suffer.						
PM#1 Comment Card	Plz consider equestrian needs and safety						
PM#1 Comment Card	Ensure that golf course does not encroach on Tucker Lake open space. Consider leaving the "concept plan" open space.						
PM#1 Comment Card	Leave it Land. Let's live in harmony with nature.						
PM#1 Comment Card	I have very grave concerns regarding the public outdoor shooting range. I believe the noise will detrimentally affect my quality of life and property value. I would ask that a shooting range not be a part of the plan.						
PM#1 Comment Card	Please reconsider the shooting range. The noise would be awful to the homeowners as well as people using the walking paths. We moved out here to get away from the noise. Thank you.						
PM#1 Comment Card	Please no more development. Arvada was beautiful because of all the unbuilt space 20-30 years ago. It has changed drastically and I'd love to see the master plan keep the <u>open</u> .						
PM#1 Comment Card	In the preliminary plan the public shooting range appears to be in a great location. I believe that the noise can be mitigated to an acceptable level. Need public ranges close to the population as many existing ranges have been shut down. Need to set aside more land for this use.						
PM#1 Comment Card	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publicize these meetings better 2. Put the solar farm on the south facing hillside! 3. lots of sound studies 4. For next/future meeting show what the land looks like now, and what it looks like if you do nothing. 						
PM#1 Comment Card	I have now learned the golf course expansion is a given. I plead with you to preserve the wetlands and habitat as much as you can.						
PM#1 Comment Card	Thank you for the presentation - I appreciate your time. I have the most concern about the shooting range. I am 100% against it. I understand others wanting it for the convenience but regardless of whatever safety requirements were presented, I absolutely do not want it near these neighborhoods. I am not opposed to the the modelers. They are really great neighbors and very respectful. I do not want to lose the trees just west of the power lines. Please, please, please do not tear those down. with all the new construction, we are losing the natural appearance of the beautiful big and glorious trees. We love them. I would like to see the solar array really moved further west to preserve those trees or not part of the plan at all. We moved into our house 2 years ago and its been our dream. Not because of the house but because of the beautiful location. I understand the need for the water and lake, as well as other groups/stakeholders. But as a resident and neighbor I want that area to stay as undeveloped as possible - no bike park, no shooting range - no solar array. Thank you for inviting comments and for listening! -						
PM#1 Comment Card	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do a survey open to the local community to assess reaction (for/against) for each component in the master plan. 2. Shooting range and police academy are going to be noisy. 						
PM#1 Comment Card	You are getting a lot of pushback on the solar garden. Move it to the west adjacent to the Pioneer Sand site and connect to the electric utility feeder to the west. The fact is it is now approx. 1/2 mile away from the homes, neighbor complaints should drop.						
PM#1 Comment Card	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Address noise on the track and gun range</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Indoor shared with police</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Misfires east into residences</td> <td>Limit on types/calibers of firearms</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Could golf put 18 on their current plat</td> <td>Live across from the disc golf. Do not want that space changed</td> </tr> </table> <p>Would prefer no changes</p>	Address noise on the track and gun range	Indoor shared with police	Misfires east into residences	Limit on types/calibers of firearms	Could golf put 18 on their current plat	Live across from the disc golf. Do not want that space changed
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PM#1 Comment Card	No mention about parking / personal car - bus - pollution from this / do not forget about high winds - noise moves east. All trash moves east.						

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PM#1 Comment Card	No Shooting Range
PM#1 Comment Card	1. Potential to multi-user trail or alternate schedule on the "Steep Slopes" for hike, bike, and horse. 2.
PM#1 Comment Card	Wildlife - buffer space between elements 3. More trail easements in and around area
PM#1 Comment Card	Concerned with the impact of the solar panels impacting property values in Spring Mesa
PM#1 Comment Card	I am concerned about some of the uses mentioned - especially the shooting range. I would rather have more of it left as open space. The idea of a community swimming pool has been raised - not sure if it would work here but is much more desirable than a shooting range. If you put this to a vote, many more neighbors would want a pool for the west side of Arvada.
Butcher paper (table) comments	Can the solar garden be moved west to preserve the existing bank of trees (and seasonal ponds) that are currently home to an abundance of wildlife? (ducks, owls, finches, blackbirds, songbirds, deer and wester chorus frogs as well as - yes - coyotes) Thank you for your considerations
	Concerned about the shooting range and the echo of the shots 1/2 mile away. Wildlife also.
	Size of the model air park seems out of scale in comparison to proposed bike park. 95 ac AAM vs. 15 ac bike park does not reflect size of population and users
	Shooting range disruption to homes and wildlife
	Please limit trail access down to homes. No new access from Spring Mesa.
	These home sites were chosen to view natural landscapes. NOT 20 acre solar ugliness!!
	Many homes negatively impacted by this choice of location.
	AGREE!!
	Ditto!
	Agreed with all of these comments
	Highly agree!!
Public Meeting #2 Butcher Paper Comments	
General	Thank you for your time in allowing public input. I am happy that the plan was revised. While I have concerns still about the shooting range - mainly as I am opposed to guns - but I appreciate all the awareness of the noise concerns and issues. (I am not happy about ___ etc. shooting - not happy about the shooting range) Thank you for allowing input.
	Public safety concerns - competing resources - competing uses
	I'm for it all....
Water Resources & Jefferson Parkway	We like the plan - all of it!
	More training = less accidents
	Try to keep trees in mine area
	Jefferson Parkway and dirt. While the dirt is being moved is it possible to add a land buffer along the Jefferson parkway to mitigate the sound and visual impact
	Animal 'bridge' or 'path' / shooting range. Ken Salazar when interior Sec. was looking to add an animal path from the mountains through Rocky Flats to Rocky Mtn. Arsenal. How would the shooting range effect those plans with the noise impact.
	More flood mitigation a plus.
Sustainability	I am absolutely against any solar panels - take them out
	My suggestion is to leave the land as is with exception of the water storage, the modelers club and the teepee site. I presume the Jefferson Parkway is a done deal. We need some open space in Arvada and this is the perfect location - west side of Arvada is overdeveloped. One possibility to truly bring it back to it's natural state is to have a herd of buffalo.

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	Totally support all aspects of sustainability plan (solar, water storage, compost)
	Need to ensure paved bicycle path connections and good North-South bike route from Golden to Flatirons / boulder paths.
	Solar panels should come out of plan will ruin total aesthetics of design.
Police Training	Great plan - our officers need this!
	Deceptive to not include tabulated pro/con responses...
	Why is the City of Arvada responsible for REGIONAL training?
	I support our officers and any efficient plans for their training :)
	I support our police officers training and shooting range in one safe and close-by location!!! This is the way to go.
	I completely support this training facility!
	Fully support training facility
	Great idea / needed for a safe place to train and shoot.
	Allowing areas for training for the brave men and women who protect and serve our community is always in the best interest of our community.
	THANK YOU I fully support a facility for our officers.
	I support a training area for police - they need a close-by facility
	Full support for this facility. I strongly recommend including it in the local Citizen Police Academy (CPA) courses.
	I support a police training facility which includes a shooting range only if the public has access to a shooting range as well.
	In support of facility. Materials provided don't allow for equal opportunity to express support.
	Yes, yes, yes, to both a Police facility and a training range. A visible police presence enhances community safety just by being visible. Responsible citizens with good training enhance that individuals peace of mind.
	Build the range!!! The people who are tasked with our public safety need adequate facilities to train.
	I support our officers and feel this plan will enhance their training and our safety. Thank you for being considerate to the noise effects in working on the final plan!
	These facilities already exist. Why waste tax payers money just so they don't have to commute to each location.
Shooting Range	I would like to see the sport of archery added to this plan. The sport of archery is the fastest growing shooting sport right now.
	No blue dots for me. I am very much in support of an outdoor range in Arvada. My experience with ranges and the people who go there is they are very safety oriented and consciencous. Noise can be mitigated substantially. - Kelly Bacon
	Shooting is recreation too. Besides, the 2nd amendment gives us the right to keep and bear arms. For those who choose to keep and bear arms, a shooting range means more training at an affordable cost.
	The concerns about noise are based on fear without evidence. The noise mitigation will be very effective. Not only that, when Jefferson Parkway goes in, the shooting noise will disappear in the din of cars and trucks! - Steve Baker
	Establish a private / non-government gun club to run the range - Bill Castle
	Jefferson County and Arvada lack a shooting sports facility. Support all residents and build a comprehensive shooting sports facility!
	So against shooting range. Keep this site beautiful and natural
	don't make Arvada a supporter of guns
	no shooting range! No guns in arvada! - Do not like this!
	Support the plan as is. Especially the shooting range.
	I support the shooting range. We need a place to safely enjoy and practice our sport.

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	I don't think the government should subsidize a public range that competes with the many small businesses that provide this service.
	yes for the range. As to need - many people are understandably reluctant to share their info in firearm ownership. Therefore, the rate of arms ownership, and therefore demands for ranges is probably twice what anyone thinks!
	Highly supportive of proposed gun range - location and plan
	Great job providing a place for shooting with family and friends.
	Definitely a need for supervised, public shooting facility - great place for it!
	As an ex-law enforcement, I know there is a great need for a good public range.
	75% of the adjacent homeowners are opposed to having a shooting range on this site
	Your surveys show people are opposed to a gun range.
	Why near our homes? There has to be a better place for this.
	How will noise be mitigated? The site is upwind.
	Good idea - needed for a long time!
	Who will manage - own - oversee range operations?
	Will public funds be used to develop the range?
	Yes to the shooting range. We need trained, careful citizens in addition to sharp shooting police.
	A facility like this has been needed on this side of town!!
	As a parent I have lamented the few and sparse range availability as I want a place to safely and responsibly educate my children in firearms.
	I am in complete support of a range so close to my home. A good public facility.
	I fully support having a public shooting range. It has been need for a long time.
	I do not support a shooting range so close to my home. Please find another more secluded, less populated place for it.
	as a parent , an instructor and as a citizen, I fully and enthusiastically support construction of this range. Long overdue in JeffCo and badly needed.
	As a parent living a little over a mile from the proposed range, I fully support having a range in our area to take our kids to in order to teach them responsible gun safety. I believe a proper design and noise study needs to be done.
	An outdoor Shooting range doesn't belong near a residential area. Alternatives are available. I oppose the Arvada proposal.
	Jeffco residents need a safe shooting facility that allows them to enjoy their recreation in a convenient proximity to their homes.
	We live very close to the proposed range. It will make us feel safer, not threatened!
	I don't understand the fear of noise from the proposed range. Other ranges with this level of noise abatement exist in harmony much closer to development. The Jefferson Parkway will completely mask an ambient residual noise!!!
	An outdoor range on this side of town, a sanctioned public range is a great opportunity to use this land for a good thing.
	We are completely against a gun range in our neighborhood
	I totally agree. I don't want a shooting range and I don't want Arvada to be associated with weapons!!
	Ladies are arming themselves and need a convenient place to learn to shoot.
	Need regional shooting area on West metro safely will be mitigated by design and PD training facility and noise by the traffic - positive location.
	Shooting is an outdoor sport that the entire family can enjoy!
	Shooting range is too small.

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	I live in spring mesa and this range seems to be in a good location. Need more area.
	Its been 25 years since the Table Mtn. Gun Club closed - Jeffco promised a public range then, it is time.
	strongly support development of the shooting range
	I strongly support developing the proposed shooting range.
	The community has numerous shooters competing ata national and international level at distances of 25m and 50 m. This includes wheelchair shooters. Rifle shooting juniors have the opportunity to get full college scholarships if they are able to train.
	A range closer to town than Watkins or Dumont would be great. Gas and time savings would be great.
	how many Residential properties are closer than 1.5 miles?
	Fuly support this range with every other nearby (<50 miles) range having waiting lists of 5-10 years, clearly there is a strong need.
	In support of range unfortunately materials presented don't allow for equal comments.
	support of ranges, public ranges are desired by locals.
	We support and will use this range! Thanks!
	I completely support this proposed range - please leave it in the plan.
	My daughter is a nationally ranked shotgun shooter. We have to travel 60 miles to a decent range since Golden Gun Club left.
	A large public gun range is needed for sport shooting. We have to wait hours and drive hours to the closest ranges which are always busy. No public range exists on this side of I25 except in high mountains. Dan Frank.
	We support the police their training and the range.
	will the recreation program be affected by the noise? Can noise mitigation support trails, teepee site, etc. (not just houses)
	Will the range be available for CCW training? Jeffco has thousands of CCW permits issued and no place available for training/safety.
Recreation	The prairie dog habitat is an invitation to disease and destruction of the land.
	Please connect existing trails to White Ranch
	Do not open Tucker Lake to rafts/canoes without some sort of lifeguard or supervision available.
	Although not centrally located with all the new housing surrounding area it could support a community pool.
	No expansion of Golf Course! It takes enough room! Leave Tucker Lake w/o development!
	Equestrian trails appreciated. Teepee site nice destination. Good loops and connectivity on revised plan. Connection to White Ranch is great.
	Big dirt jumps with lots of burms and rollers!
	The more trails, the better! Ralston Creek trail is so busy on the weekends.
	The Golf Course is big enough - prefer other uses horses, dog training, hiking?
	Please consider mitigating dust/dirt escaping from bike park and trails and impacting spring mesa homes under 90 mph winds! Consider swapping bike park with solar farm.
	Love the Golf Course expansion!
	Shooting is recreation too! Put the range in.
	Please parallel all paved trails with single track dirt trails.
	Please ensure that the bicycle trails are paved and connect to the other paved trails in the area. Completing a viable North-South like route.
	Keep our open space! Expand the dog park!
	Great that the park is eco-friendly and promotes well-being of prairie dogs. Love the bike park and hiking trails.

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	It shows a possible trailhead at Spring Mesa park. I would not like to see a parking lot at that trailhead.
	Please consider noise concerns for the bike park, consider relocating to the west of the lake. Please do not allow motorized boating and recreation on the lake.
	More bike park!
	Don't even consider a pool! Its not needed
	Please consider those who own and ride horses. Then provide wonderful rural fabric to our neighborhoods.
	This area is the home of 2 year round bald eagles. Extra noise, flying planes etc. is bad.
	Yes to bike park.. Make it even bigger!! No to the shooting range. And no need to expand the Golf Course.
	Use IMBA as a local cycling resource for planning the bike park!
	A par course might be fun on trails on the way up to the top by the reservoir.
	Dust from Bike Park - consider moving to 'solar array' location
	I'm happy to see preservation of the teepee site, also glad to read that signage will be included.
	Consider the addition of further mountain bike trails at north end of park where steeper terrain exists. Historically, trail conflict is hard to avoid with bi-directional trails, so dedicated bike use trails can help reduce conflict and/or injuries. Many bike park are unsuccessful when featuring predominantly flat terrain. Use the topography!

Noise Assessment & Recommendations - Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan to Spring Mesa Subdivision

by: Eric Jenkins

NOISE ASSESSMENT:

The following is an objective review of science and math that can be applied to mitigate noise produced by activities proposed in the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan.

The main noise producers from the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan, concerning local residence, are expected to be the Shooting Sports Facility, Police Training Area, Proposed Jefferson Parkway, the Modelers Overfly Area, and the Pioneer Sands Quarry. All other initiatives in the plan should be very low noise producing.

While it appears, from other postings, that the Shooting Sports Facility is of highest noise concern to local residents it is actually the easiest to noise mitigate. Any Shooting Sports Facility should include noise mitigation.

After factoring the sound mitigating techniques shown below, the shooting range sound level reaching the northwestern most property in Spring Mesa (17927 W 78th Dr) will be in the range of 26 to 48 dB (*Figure 1*). That equates to the sound levels of Rustling Leaves to Light Traffic (*Ref 6*). Keep in mind that this noise level is standing in the backyards of the western most houses along the top of Spring Mesa. Move indoors, or further east into the subdivision, and the noise is reduced. The analysis following shows that at the same location the noise from the Proposed Jefferson Parkway, and the currently proposed Modeler's Overfly Area, will be louder at approximately 39 to 54 dB.

The advantage to the Shooting Sports Facility noise mitigation is that multiple techniques can be used. The techniques discussed here included; Distance Between Range & Housing (*Ref 1, 2 & 3*), Walled & Roofed Firing Shed (*Ref 4, 6 & 7*), Westerly Shooting Direction (*Ref 4 & 7*), Interlane Barrier (*Ref 4 & 7*), and an Aft Range Barrier (*Ref 4 & 7*). Other variables effecting the noise propagation not accounted for is geography, vegetation, and weather effects. All of these additional effects will also decrease the sound arriving at Spring Mesa, except for a wind out of the west which will have an increasing effect.

Other initiatives the Shooting Sports Facility should incorporate include (*Ref 8 & 9*):

- Limiting the Max Caliber of firearms.

 - e.g. Rifles and Rifle Caliber Pistols = maximum of 338 Lapua; Shotguns = maximum of 12

Gauge; Pistols = no limit

- Limiting Hours of Operation.

 - e.g. Mon-Fri: 1000-1600 hrs; Sat: 1000-1500 hrs; Sun: Closed

- Informational and interactive Web Site:

 - e.g. Hours of Operation; Caliber Restrictions; Noise Mitigation Initiatives; Special Event Notices for events that will increase local traffic and noise; a Complaint Resolution Process.

About the only way to mitigate noise from the Proposed Jefferson Parkway is to use a Barrier on the east side between the traffic and Spring Mesa. It would be cost prohibitive to put a roof over the Parkway. With the Barrier decreasing the noise by about 10 dB (*Ref 4 & 7*), the noise of a Diesel Truck at 85 dB (*Ref 5*) to a Motorcycle at 100 dB (*Ref 5*) will be decreased to approximately 75 - 90 dB. Subtract the noise reduction by the Inverse Square Law (*Ref 3*) over the distance of approximately 0.7 mile, now the Truck & Motorcycle arrive at western edge of Spring Mesa at 39 to 54 dB. Louder than the noise from the more distant, and noise mitigated, Shooting Sports Facility of 26 - 48 dB.

It is much more challenging to mitigate the noise from the Model Airplanes since they are flying well above any barriers. Also, aircraft flying towards Spring Mesa has an apparent increase in noise, to the observer, due to the Doppler Effect (*Ref 10*). A Gas Powered Model Airplane's noise level is between 75 to 90 dB (*Ref 11*). That level will be decreased over approximately 0.7 miles, by the Inverse Square Law (*Ref 3*), to 39 to 54 dB.

Louder than the noise from the more distant, and noise mitigated, Shooting Sports Facility of 26 - 48 dB. The options to mitigate the noise from the Modelers Park include (*Ref 12 & 13*); Distance Between Park and Housing, Orient Flight Path to keep aircraft from flying directly towards housing, 3-Bladed Props, Engine Mufflers, Flight Turn Direction away from housing, Limit the Engine Size, and Limit the Hours of Operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) Relocate the Modeler's Runways and Overfly Area to the southwest corner with a west-northwest/east-southeast orientation. This area would be abeam the noise producing Proposed Jefferson Parkway and further from housing. Incorporate other model airplane noise mitigation techniques proposed in this study.

The orientation of having the flight path not directly towards housing is a major factor in mitigating noise to the housing areas to the east.

2) Relocate the Composing Center to just east of the southern side of the Modeler's Overfly Area. While I have no empirical data on composting center smells, keeping this a low noise activity in the southwestern area should help mitigate any associated smells to housing areas to the east.

3) Relocate the Solar Panel field to just east of the Composing Center and well south of the proposed Lake(s). Keeping this low noise activity, with its low profile signature, approximately 0.75 miles from housing to the east should minimize the potential "eye sore" to residents. This south central location, on the Blunn/Pioneer property, should also help maximize the sun exposure from the south and allow the arrays longer time out of the mountain shadows prior to sunset. The steep terrain just north of Arvada Reservoir could also be a great location for the Solar Panel Field.

4) Relocate the Lakeside Recreation Area to the eastern or southern side of the Lake(s). Both of these locations will move the low noise Recreation Area further away from the noise producing Proposed Jefferson Parkway and Modeler's Overfly Area. The eastern side of the Lake(s) could allow the parking areas for both the Lakeside Recreation Area and the Bike Park to be combined. Both the southern and eastern options for the Lakeside Recreation Area should be well clear of the safety zone for the Modeler's Overfly Area.

5) Include covered pavilion(s) with BBQ grills in the Lake Side Recreation Area.

6) Include a Play Ground with Water Features, like Ralston Central Park, in the Lake Side Recreation Area.

7) Consider adding multi-use Sports Field(s) near the Lake Side Recreation Area, south of the Bike Park.

8) The Lake(s) should allow unmotorized boat use such as Canoes, Row Boats, Rafts, Kayaks, and Float Tubes. This will allow enhanced fishing and unmotorized boating recreation. These types of boats are not a Zebra Mussel proliferation threat. No "check station" would be required also alleviating expenses associated with building and manning such a station.

9) The multi-use trail coming out of Spring Mesa Subdivision, that heads Northwest, should also connect the trails heading Southwest towards the trail system North of Arvada Reservoir.

10) Tucker Lake should be authorized to allow unmotorized boat use such as Canoes, Row Boats, Rafts, Kayaks, and Float Tubes. This will allow enhanced fishing and unmotorized boating recreation. These types of boats are not a Zebra Mussel proliferation threat. No "check station" would be required also alleviating expenses associated with building and manning such a station.

11) Ensure the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan is coordinated with the plan to expansion of West 82nd Avenue (Leyden Road) to accommodate the extensive increase in use due to new housing developments and future housing developments.

12) Ensure the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan is coordinated with the plan to integrate the West 82nd Avenue (Leyden Road) with the Proposed Jefferson Parkway and the vehicle exiting/entering the Proposed Jefferson Parkway.

13) Ensure the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan is coordinated with the plan to incorporate bike lanes traveling both East & West on, and adjacent to, West 82nd Avenue (Leyden Road).

14) Modify the West 82nd Avenue (Leyden Road) and Quaker Street intersection to support the increased traffic and to optimize traffic flow on both Quaker Street and West 82nd Avenue (Leyden Road).

15) Modify the West 82nd Avenue (Leyden Road) and Highway 93 intersection to support the increased traffic and to optimize traffic flow on both Highway 93 and West 82nd Avenue (Leyden Road).

16) Plan a revenue generating Shooting Sports Facility to include ranges at 7 yards, 25 yards, 50 yards, 100 yards, 200 yards, 300 yards, and 400 yards. The anticipated land required for such a range is 100 yards wide by 440 yards in length, approximately 9 acres (Ref 8 & 9). Incorporate all of the noise mitigation techniques proposed in this study.

17) As part of the Shooting Sports Facility, plan an Outdoor Target Archery Range. A 10-target range would be a "low noise" venue that requires an area of only 60 yards x 110 yards (Ref 14).

18) As a part of the Shooting Sports Facility, plan a 10-meter (10.94 yards) International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) Air-Rifle Range. This would be a low noise venue.

19) Plan a revenue generating combination Skeet & Trap Range with five combined skeet and trap ranges. The anticipated land required for such a range is 850 yards wide by 440 yards in length, approximately 77 acres (Ref 8 & 9). Incorporate all of the noise mitigation techniques proposed in this study.

20) If additional noise abatement is appropriate, the the Shooting Sports Facility could consist of indoor ranges. To help increase the options for funding, a combined Police & Public Shooting Sports Facility should be investigated.

21) Develop a "use fee" program that supports the management, maintenance and future development of the Park. This "use fee" program should include a discounted fee for Arvada Residence similar to the Apex fee program.

22) Ensure the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan is coordinated with the plan to integrate West 64th Pkwy/Ave with the Proposed Jefferson Parkway and the vehicle exiting/entering the Proposed Jefferson Parkway.

23) Ensure the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan is coordinated with the plan to incorporate bike lanes traveling both East & West on, and adjacent to, West 64th Pkwy/Ave.

Supporting Math & References

Ref 1:

"All gunfire noise ranged from 150 dB to 172 dB SPL." (dB=Decibels; SPL=Sound Pressure Level)
Distance from point source to measuring equipment approximately 1 Yard (3 feet).

Ref: Documented by William L. Kramer, Ph.D. in his "Gunfire Noise and Hearing" assessment published by the American Tinnitus Association in *Tinnitus Today*/June 2002.
<http://www.prep-blog.com/PDF/2-Gunfire-Noise.pdf>

Ref 2:

1.45 miles (2552 yards or 7656 feet) - Distance from eastern edge of proposed Jefferson County/Arvada, Shooting Range to western edge of Spring Mesa subdivision

Ref: Location relationship as shown on the Blunn/Pioneer Master Plan Preliminary Concept Design:
https://static.arvada.org/docs/05-14-15_Blunn_Preliminary_Concept-1-201505141819.pdf

Ref: Distance Measured on Quadrangle; Golden, CO; 2010; scale 1:25,000

Ref 3:

Inverse Square Law: For every doubling of the distance from the noise source, the sound pressure levels - L_p , will be reduced by 6 decibels.

Ref: http://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/inverse-square-law-d_890.html

Ref 4:

Insertion Loss: "The quantity used to characterize the amount of noise reduction achieved by a noise-shielding structure is "insertion loss." Insertion loss is defined as the difference in sound levels before and after the installation of the structure, and is the primary measure of the effectiveness of a noise-shielding structure."

Firing Shed Insertion Loss 17 to 18 dB.

Noise Absorbing Interior of Firing Shed Insertion Loss 3 dB.

Westerly Shooting Direction Insertion Loss 17 dB.

Interlane and Aft Range Barrier Insertion Loss 10 dB each.

Ref: An Investigation of Small-Arms Range Noise Mitigation: The Firing Shed and the Interlane Barrier; U.S. Corps of Engineers; <http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a259389.pdf>

Figure 1:

<u>Distance</u> (yards)	<u>Line-of-sight Propagation</u> (decibel)	<u>Firing Shed Walled</u> (-18 dB loss)	<u>Noise Absorbing Interior</u> (-3 dB loss)	<u>Westerly Shooting Direction</u> (-17 dB Loss)	<u>Interlane Barrier</u> (-10 dB loss)	<u>Aft Range Barrier</u> (-10 dB loss)
1	150 to 172					
2	144 to 166					
4	138 to 160					
8	132 to 154					
16	126 to 148					
32	120 to 142					
64	114 to 136					
128	108 to 130					
256	102 to 124					
512	96 to 118					
1024	90 to 112					
2048	84 to 106	66 to 88	63 to 85	46 to 68	36 to 58	26 to 48

Ref 5:

26 to 48 dB equates to the sound levels of Rustling Leaves to Light Traffic.

Ref: Noise Level Chart: <http://www.noisehelp.com/noise-level-chart.html>

Ref 6:

Firing Shed: The preferred shed design uses a typical roof over the shooting area with a 5-meter extension towards the targets, although a version with a 3-meter extension is also often constructed providing reduced sound attenuation. This shed provides an effective barrier to areas from the side of the shed and includes sound-absorbing material on the shed interior to reduce noise to the shooters as well as to outlying areas. The firing shed is least effective to areas directly downrange and, by enclosing the back of the firing shed, most effective to areas rearward. Intermediate attenuation is afforded to sideline locations.

Ref:

http://www.sccoplanning.com/Portals/2/County/Planning/devrev/LARGC_NoiseMitigation_Report_2.pdf

Ref 7:

American National Standard: Methods for Determination of Insertion Loss of Outdoor Noise Barriers, ANSI S 12.8-1987 (American National Standards Institute [ANSI]. 1987)

Ref 8:

National Rifle Association, "The Range Source Book – A Guide to Planning and Construction", January 2004.

Ref 9:

National Shooting Sports Foundation, "Environmental Aspects of Construction and Management of Outdoor Shooting Ranges", 1997.

Ref 10:

Doppler Effect

Ref: <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/sound/dopp.html>

Ref 11:

Gas Powered Model Airplane's noise level is between 75 to 90 dB

Ref: <http://allrcflight.com/model-aircraft-engine-noise/>

Ref 12:

<http://www.modelaviation.com/basicsofnoise>

Ref 13:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/927.pdf>

Ref 14:

According to the National Field Archery Association (NFAA®) Archery and Bowhunter Range Guidelines, “a 10-target NFAA 900 Round or American Round target range requires, at a minimum:

Width=(10x3)+15+15=**60yards** & Length=5+5+60+40=**110yards**.

This 10-target range requires **less than 1 1/2 acres**, of the right shape. It would fit nicely on a standard soccer or football field, including side and end zones.”

Ref: https://www.nfaausa.com/sites/default/files/Archery-Range-Guidelines_0.pdf

June 30, 2015

To the members of Arvada City Council,

As concerned homeowners residing near the proposed Arvada Blunn/Pioneer redevelopment, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the refined concept Master Plan ("Plan"). The open space in the proposed redevelopment area is a cherished and unique slice of land in Arvada. It is a place where mountain bikers, hikers, and horseback riders come to relax, recreate, and enjoy the solitude and peace that this open space provides. It is a place where wildlife abounds, including the occasional bald eagle soaring overhead. We, as members of this community, use and enjoy this land and wish to see it preserved.

The Plan puts forward a number of thoughtful site proposals that are not only in keeping with the character of this area, but that will enhance that very character—the new and expanded hiking trails, a new recreational lake, the expansion of the West Woods Golf Course, and a Teepee Site. We fully support these proposals and look forward to their implementation.

However, and unfortunately, we cannot fully support the refined Plan. The Plan includes a proposal for the development of a police training site and a public shooting range. These two proposals are fundamentally at odds with the character of this area and, if implemented, will create significant adverse impacts. With the recent and continuing sharp rise in the number of homes in the area, the need to maintain and develop land for recreation and open space is all the more important.

First, the Plan proposes that a significant portion of the proposed redevelopment be dedicated to a new police training site. Using the land in this fashion ensures that this area will never be available for public use. Yet, this area could be repurposed for new hiking, biking or equestrian trails. Additionally, the creation of a police training track will be accompanied by all the sounds and lights attendant with speeding emergency vehicles.

Second, the Plan proposes that a public shooting range be developed adjacent to the police training site. Placing a shooting range in this location raises numerous concerns. An outdoor shooting range, by its very nature, is loud. That noise travels, causing it to be heard not only in the immediately surrounding area but potentially miles away in residential communities. Hikers attempting to enjoy a peaceful walk will instead have to contend with the constant sound of gunfire. Homeowners will find themselves hearing blasts from firearms. Putting aside these noise impacts, lead particles from discharged ammunition could be carried by the wind and inhaled, be ingested by wildlife, seep into the groundwater, or be absorbed by vegetation.

For these reasons and others, the police training site and public shooting range proposals should be removed from the Plan. At a minimum, significant further study and consideration should be given to these two proposed uses before the City moves forward with the redevelopment. As part of that further study, the following list of questions should be answered:

I. General

1. Who owns the land?
2. What are the current zoning restrictions related to the land?
3. Does the Department of Fish and Wildlife have any involvement or level of participation related to the Plan? Has the Department issued any statement regarding the impact of this project?
4. Does the U.S. Forest Service have any involvement or level of participation related to the Plan?
5. Has a traffic study been completed?
6. What is the general consensus of the City of Arvada residents regarding tax dollars being spent on this redevelopment?
7. What is the proposed overall cost for this redevelopment?
8. Have you considered the safety to bikers who use the open space with model airplanes flying overhead?
9. Have you considered the impact of the noise from the Police Training Site and the Public Shooting Range on the local wildlife in the area including the bald eagles that nest, hunt and fish near the site? (Pictures attached).

See additional questions regarding noise in the Sections II and II.

II. Proposal to Include a Police Training Site

1. How many buildings are being proposed as part of the police training facility?
2. Given the potential noise impacts associated with this facility, will the city hire an acoustical engineering company and/or noise abatement expert to ensure maximum sound abatement? If so, has a company been hired and what is the name of the company?

3. Does the proposal include a felony vehicle stop track, *i.e.*, will police be trained at this site to operate patrol cars at high rates of speed using both flashing lights and sirens?
4. What entity will be managing this facility?
5. What are the revenue implications to the City of Arvada for having this facility in this location?

III. Proposal to Include a Public Shooting Range

A. General Concerns

1. What is the length of the range being proposed?
2. Who will own the range?
3. If the range is privately owned, who will bear the cost of funding noise mitigation / abatement strategies?
4. If the range is privately owned, who will bear the cost of hiring a noise abatement expert?
5. Are the police departments of the City of Lakewood and the City of Arvada planning to use the range for their open range qualifications?
6. Are the existing indoor and outdoor shooting facilities in the Denver metropolitan area at capacity? If existing facilities are not at capacity, why is there a need for a facility in this location?
7. Why build an outdoor shooting range in an area that is known for and prone to significant winds?

B. Noise Concerns

8. What caliber / type(s) of weapon will be allowed at the range?

Certain weapons emit louder, more piercing sounds that will transmit farther. For example, a .357 magnum when shot emits sound at 164.3 dB, while a 338 Lapua without a muzzle brake emits sound at 204 dB. To put these numbers into perspective, conversational speech typical registers around 60 dB, an emergency vehicle siren registers at 115 dB, a fighter jet launch registers at 150 dB, and a rocket launch registers at 180 dB.

9. Which direction will the range be situated?

The orientation of the range is relevant as the noise will be loudest downrange.

10. Will the range be situated on top of the hill or in the canyon?

11. Has a study been performed to assess how far sound from a given type / caliber of firearm will travel given the surrounding environment, e.g., terrain (lack of trees / shrubs, hillside, rock formations, nearby bodies of water), wind speed and direction? If not, is the City planning to commission a study to determine this information?

12. Are any noise abatement proposals currently being considered?

13. Given these significant concerns over the noise levels emitted from any outdoor shooting range, will the City hire an acoustical engineering company and/or noise abatement expert to ensure maximum sound abatement? If so, has a company been hired and what is the name of the company?

C. Environmental Concerns

14. What is the plan for environmental clean-up related to effects on the air, water, and/or the soil related to discharged ammunition?

Dust particles contaminated with lead can be carried by wind and be inhaled. Lead from discharged ammunition can be consumed by wildlife in the area as well as absorbed by existing vegetation. Lead particles can seep into the groundwater.

15. Has a study been performed to determine the potential effects on wildlife from the placement of a shooting range at this location?

16. Has a study been performed related to the impact from discharged ammunition on surface water and groundwater?

Characteristics of the proposed site including the proximity of the groundwater to the surface, the pH level of the soil, and where surface and groundwater flows should be considered.

17. Does the proposal allow for skeet shooting?

Shotgun pellets tend to travel well beyond the target and disperse.

IV. Proposal to Include a Bike Park

1. What is the intended use for the bike park?

The proposal does not specify whether the intended use is for non-motorized or motorized bikes.

2. Is a concrete / paved bike park being proposed? If so, why is a concrete bike park necessary in open space given the existence of a similar park already at the Apex?

V. Notice

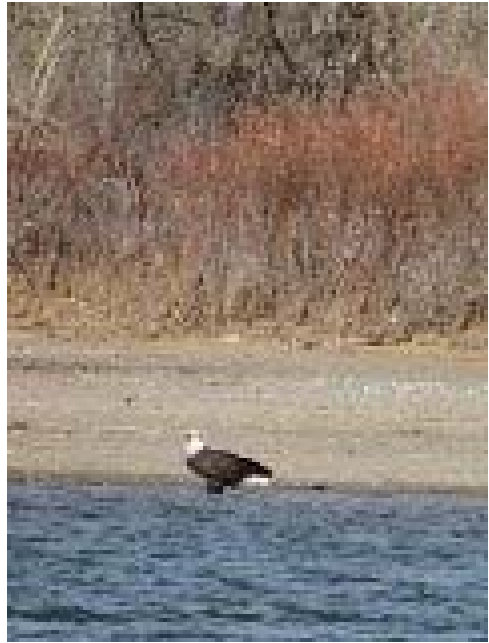
1. Who received notice regarding this development plan?

Depending on a variety of factors, gunshots from a firing range can be heard from many miles away. Given the potential far-reaching noise impacts, community members within a 2 to 5 miles radius of the proposed shooting range should have received notice of the proposal.

We hope our comments and questions will provide assistance to the Council in completing its analysis of the Plan.

Sincerely,

Concerned members of the community



June 25, 2015

To: City of Arvada

Subject: Master Planning Should Consider Archery

Archery is a sport that requires practice for an archer to become proficient at the skill. It is not a hourly sport where you can shoot 100s of arrows an hour, because it is a physical demanding activity. But, archery is an activity for everybody (adults, seniors, and youth; male and female; recreation and competitive and professional target shooters; recurve, long bow, and compound shooters; as well as preparing the fall hunter prior to going to the field in September). Archery is a year round outdoor activity that promotes strength training and fitness and requires a mental discipline, distance training, and bow skill development. 3D ranges are few in Colorado and are the most popular amongst active archers. Archery also is a business for local retailers.

There are several fee based indoor target ranges normally limited to 20 yards used to sell and repair equipment in the metro Denver area and some offer archery leagues; and a membership club, Golden High Country Archers, that has a target range as well as 20-station 3D target range on approximately 8 acres, but has a two year waiting list to join. Approximately 20% of the Club's current memberships have Arvada addresses.

Arvada archers have no place to practice: Generally open space areas do not allow weapons to be removed from vehicles (and open space considers bows weapons); some (but not all) mountain state parks and other mountain state property allow hunting on the front range, but do not allow archers to shoot targets. Boyd and Bear Creek Reservoir Parks have archery target ranges, but no 3D target ranges. The only other place for an archer to practice is on private property, or traveling to national forests, or traveling outside of the Front Range or even Colorado. For working people lack of leisure time to travel long distances is a luxury many Arvada residents do not have so they abandon their sport.

Neighborhood survey with surprising results: I attempted to surveyed residents in 14 houses on Garland Drive in Arvada Colorado (3 of which the residents were not home). Seven of the houses have minor children; four of the houses have adult children, two households have retired individuals, all 14 households have one or more persons employed. Seven of the household have bows in the houses with no local place to practice, and many others have sold their bows because of no practical and legal place to use them. The result of the survey is that all households surveyed expressed an interest in archery as a sport and that Arvada ought to consider it in any master planning the City should perform.

Don Gardner

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encl: Neighborhood Survey

Neighborhood survey of portion of Garland Drive residents

We are residents of Garland Drive and would like to encourage the City of Arvada to consider installation of an archery range in the City of Arvada. We are archers and/or would support an archery range in the City of Arvada to provide a safe and convenient area for the sport of archery. This is a neighborhood survey of households on a portion Garland Drive and extended family in the northeast area of Arvada which may reflect the interest of residents as a whole.

Name

~~Don Eubank~~
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~~Bob~~
Kathy Klimper
Jenny Free
Mick Mule
Jude Davis
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