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TOWN OF EAGLE ADOPTS THE TOWN OF EAGLE RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN

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(Eagle, CO) – The Town of Eagle River Corridor Plan was officially adopted in a unanimous vote by the Town of Eagle Planning & Zoning Commission at their meeting on December 1, 2015. That adoption was ratified, also in a unanimous vote, by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on December 8, 2015.

Adoption of the plan establishes the document as the town’s guide for future growth and development along the Eagle River. The community’s vision and objectives set forth in the plan will play a key role in future projects along the Eagle River corridor.

“The Eagle River is a tremendous asset of the Town of Eagle and this plan will enable the community to take better advantage of this natural resource,” noted Town of Eagle Trustee and Steering Committee member Andy Jessen. “The community has made it clear that they want to connect the town with the river, while preserving it for future generations.”

More than a year in the making

The planning process for the Town of Eagle River Corridor Plan began in September 2014. The plan was prepared in partnership with Community Builders (formerly the Sonoran Institute) and under the guidance and direction of a steering committee, comprised of interested citizens, landowners, elected and appointed public officials and staff from the Town of Eagle and Eagle County. There were numerous opportunities for public input on the plan, including a visioning workshop, design charrettes, four steering committee meetings, meetings with stakeholders and

seven planning commission hearings. A total of five drafts of the plan were prepared over the course of the planning commission's review.

Highlights of the plan

The planning area encompasses approximately 3.4 miles of the Eagle River and over 300 acres. Design and construction of the Eagle River Park, much of which is located on what is now commonly referred to as "truck parking," was identified as a priority and is a project the town staff is actively working on. The town has hired an engineering firm, [S20 Design](#), to work on the design of in-stream and riverbank improvements and is negotiating with a landscape architect firm, [studioINSITE](#), to create a conceptual landscape plan of the Eagle River Park that will be used to guide future discussion with the public on what the park should include.

The plan envisions a recreation core that includes a variety of amenities such as a riverside park, beaches, river viewing areas, trails, and in-stream features to create a river park. The recreation core would be visible from I70, creating a "wow" factor.

Six Themes of the Plan

The plan identifies six major themes, which are used to describe the community's big picture ideas and serve as the framework for the plan. These six themes are:

1. Conservation

Protect water quality of the Eagle River and create a network of open space along the river to preserve important wetlands, riparian areas and wildlife habitat while allowing for active recreation in select areas.

2. Economic Development

Facilitate public and private sector investment within the river corridor that results in economic growth and community place making.

3. Recreation

Provide high quality, river oriented recreation amenities that allow for a wide variety of user groups to enjoy the Eagle River and its immediate environs.

4. Place Making

Create authentic and memorable places along the Eagle River for both residents and visitors.

5. Transportation and Access

Provide safe and convenient public access from Eagle’s neighborhoods to the Eagle River.

6. Education and Awareness

Use elements of the Eagle River and adjacent land to promote understanding of the river ecosystem and other qualities of the river corridor.

“The Eagle River is probably our most underutilized natural resource,” furthered Jessen. “We’ve seen success with our trail building efforts; the Town of Eagle River Corridor Plan allows for additional recreation opportunities in Eagle, as we continue to establish ourselves as a premier outdoor recreation destination in Colorado and provide a high quality of life for our residents and guests.”

For more information about the Town of Eagle River Corridor Plan, visit www.townofeaglerivercorridorplan.org or contact Matt Farrar, Assistant Town Planner at 970-328-9651 or matt.farrar@townofeagle.org.

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