HUGHES: A MULTI-USE PARK & OPEN SPACE INCLUDING A BIKE PARK!

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### THE COMMUNITY BROADLY SUPPORTS A MULTI-USE HUGHES



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Overland Mountain Bike Association, Wolfpack We voted YES on Hughes Public Open Lands and supported the effort based on the uses in the ballot language: **parks, recreation, and conservation**.

- We represent families, local nonprofits, and tens of thousands who value outdoor recreation & bike culture in Fort Collins, a nationally recognized bike community
- Over 35,000 adult county residents are mountain bikers
  - Does not include vast youth riding bikes, or those who BMX, road, cyclocross, or ride around town

### A MULTI-USE VISION SHOWCASES THE VALUES OF FORT COLLINS



- A naturalized setting that offers the community an inclusive, multi-use space for all
  - Walking, running & rolling; disc golf; sledding; parks & open space; picnic areas
  - A learning environment: interpretive & educational exhibits with site history, ecological value of the area
- A bike park is a key part of this vision
  - Longstanding high-level of community support
  - Primarily trail-based, and include pump tracks, tot tracks/kid-friendly features, dirt jumps and more
  - More info within City of FC Bike Park Feasibility Study
  - Ideal site terrain character with sloping topography
- Highly accessible for all members of the community
  - Connected to the low stress bicycle network & existing soft-surface trails
  - Adjacent to planned West Elizabeth Transit extension

## A BIKE PARK AT HUGHES BENEFITS FORT COLLINS



- A bike park would not have negative environmental impacts
  - Categorized as a low impact use in other communities
  - Daytime hours only with no lighting
  - Coexistence of park & natural areas like many others around the city
  - Historically a heavily impacted & developed site
- A bike park does not only serve a limited population
  - Similar bike parks see use from all ages & abilities + all types of equipment
  - The community voice has been heard loud & clear; this serves a large population, *including thousands of youth who are too young to vote*
- A bike park would not take up a large section of the property
  - The footprint would be minimal, allowing space for all other community uses





### THE COMMUNITY UNITED IN 2021 TO STOP THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, NOT ON ONE SPECIFIC USE FOR THE PROPERTY

- Original PATHS members were united only in preventing the housing development
- Each dedicated a significant portion of their lives to achieve that outcome but most didn't stay involved
- Majority of original PATHS members support uses within Public Open Lands definition: parks, recreation, and conservation
- Multi-use vision clearly fits within the spirit of ballot language supported by 69% of voters
- Consider if remaining members may be a small group of neighbors adjacent to Hughes

# PLEASE, AND THANK YOU



Bike parks are highly valued amenities in communities throughout the country, yielding many positive benefits, and fit well in a multi-use space.

- Please listen to the voices within the entire community
- Please support uses which benefit the greatest number of community members
- Please consider the motives for all groups
- Please allow our collective values to carry forward

Review additional information at: <u>www.focobikeparks.org</u>