JAMESTOWN OPEN SPACE
BUYOUT PROPERTIES

Jamestown Land Use and Housing Advisory Committee (LUHAC)

June 19, 2017
LUHAC : Research and Community Outreach : October 2016 – May 2017

• Researched various options
• Collaborative Meetings with Property Owners living next to properties
• April 3, 2017 Board Meeting : Community Presentation
• April – May 2017 : Informal ongoing conversations with Community
Reason for 6/19/17 Special Board Meeting

• After 4/3 Presentation: JT residents contacted LUHAC with ideas
• LUHAC realized more Community Conversation was needed to inform the Board’s decision
JT Open Space (buyout properties)

Background:

Jamestown has completed the buyout of several properties after the 2013 Flood through the FEMA Acquisition Program. These properties are owned by the Town and must remain “Open Space” with a number of restrictions based on the acquisition program. The term “open space” comes from the FEMA acquisition program guidelines.

Access and Usage of the JT Open Space (buyout properties) to be determined by the JT Board of Trustees in accordance with FEMA guidelines.
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The FEMA document that informs the Board of Trustee’s decisions on these properties says:

The Town “will dedicate and maintain the property in perpetuity for uses compatible with open-space (undeveloped), recreational, or wetlands management practices, and consistent with conservation of natural floodplain functions.”

Reference:
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Guidance/
Guidance on Property Acquisition and Relocation for the Purpose of Open Space
Open Space Restrictions – page 39
FEMA Uses:

Allowed:
Small-scale Recreational fields
Unimproved unpaved parking areas
Drainage facilities
Water and power to serve the allowable uses
Simple structures used exclusively for agricultural purposes

For more detail regarding uses please see the following FEMA document:
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Guidance/
Addendum Allowable Uses Open Space - pgs. 13 – 15 (February 27, 2015)
FEMA Uses:

Restrictions:

- Walled buildings or manufactured homes
- Fences and all other obstructions in the floodway; fences outside the floodway must be designed to minimize trapping debris
- Storage of inventory
- Cemeteries, landfills
- Above-or- below-ground storage tanks
- Paved roads, highways, bridges and paved parking areas that include materials that inhibit floodplain functions
- Installation of septic systems

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Maintenance:

Resources:
Sharon Bokan : CSU Extension Office (Longmont)
Small Acreage Coordinator

Jim Tolstrup: High Plains Environmental Center (Loveland)
Executive Director
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Status:

Uses previously approved by the Board of Trustees:
• 145/153 Main Street: Community Garden
• 150 Main Street: Howlett Memorial

Uses and Access to be determined by the Board of Trustees:
• 34 Lower Main, 135/146 Andersen Hill, 167 Main, 21 & 59 Ward St.
• 36 Ward Street (Awaiting Demolition by Boulder County)
LUHAC RECOMMENDATION:
Stewardship Advisory Body

• Volunteer residents appointed by the Board of Trustees by resolution
• The Stewardship Advisory Body will work with the Board of Trustees regarding the use, management and stewardship of the JT Open Space (buyout properties) with volunteer help from the Community and other organizations.
• The Board of Trustees retains decision-making responsibility for the properties
LUHAC now invites you to voice your views to the Board of Trustees and the Community concerning these questions:

• What considerations should be addressed by the Stewardship Advisory Body re: the use, management and stewardship of the JT Open Space (buyout properties)?

• Would you be willing to participate in the Stewardship Advisory Body to help the JT Board of Trustees to manage/maintain the JT Open Space (buyout properties)?
LUHAC : Next Steps

• LUHAC will review the 6/19 Conversation Comments
• LUHAC will review the Surveys completed at the 6/19 Meeting

• July 10, 2017 BOT Meeting:
  • Agenda Item : Discussion, Direction, Action
    JT Open Space (buyout properties):
      6/19 Conversation Summary and Survey results (LUHAC)